

Town Clerk's Report

Birth:

Male	8
Female	5
	—
	13

Deaths:

Male	11
Female	9
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	20

Marriages: 15

Documents Recorded 50

Dog Licenses:

100 Male	@	\$2.00	\$200.00
28 Female	@	5.00	140.00
61 Spayed	@	2.00	122.00
1 Kennel			25.00
1 Kennel			50.00

\$ 537.00

Paid County Treasurer June 1, 1946 \$ 225.00

Paid County Treasurer Dec. 1, 1946 273.80

\$ 498.80

Clerk's Fees 191 @ 20¢ 38.80

\$ 537.00

2 Licensed free under Service Men's Act.

Library Trustees' Report

MRS. ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN	Term expires 1947.
MISS GERTRUDE M. LYONS	Term expires 1948
MRS. ELEANOR McCRAY	Term expires 1949

Appropriation by the Town	\$ 650.00
Dog Fund from the Town	382.94
Available from the Holt Fund	10.00
Fines	4.23
	\$ 1,047.17

Expended

Salaries	\$ 565.80
Books	311.85
Magazines	124.24
Incidentals	45.33
	\$ 1,047.22

DAY FUND

Balance in Fund Dec. 31, 1945	\$ 511.57
Withdrawn for Christian Herald subscriptions for 1946	10.00
	\$ 501.57
Interest Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946	10.07
	\$ 511.64

Withdrawn for Christian Herald subscription for 1947	10.00
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Balance	\$ 501.64

We recommend for the maintenance of the library for the coming year an appropriation of \$700.00 and the Dog Fund. We ask again for the reappropriation of the money turned in for fines.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE M. LYONS, Chairman

ELEANOR B. McCRAY

ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN

Library Trustees

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Counter Scales Sealed	2
Beam Scales Sealed	2
Spring Scales Sealed	1
Computing Scales Sealed	2
Liquid Measures Sealed	5
Oil Measuring Pumps Sealed	6
Kerosene Pumps Sealed	3
Gasoline Meters Sealed	10
Fees Collected	\$7.15

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. BUEREAU

Sealer

Librarian's Report

Circulation of Books	11,430
Total Attendance	7,530
Average Daily Attendance	50
Books Bought	204
Books Donated	165
Magazines Bought	30
Magazines Donated	54

Donors of books: Frederic M. Jones, 25; H. H. Thresher, 1; Alma Temple, 10; Janice Chaffee, 3; H. O. Smith, 1; Mrs. Kimmel, 13; Mrs. H. Helberg, 1; Lora Willey, 1; Beatrice Wakefield, 5; B. L. Scheibler, 1; Betsy Jones, 8; Althea Woods, 17; Mrs. W. L. Kibbe, 1; Prof. W. V. Sessions, 16; G. Lyons, 2; Fred McCarthy, 60.

Donors of magazines: Mrs. J. Morgan, 15; B. Wakefield, 2; Mabel Fiske, 1; Mrs. Gunderman, 1; G. Lyons, 21; B. Scheibler, 1; Althea Woods, 12; E. Goodwill, 1; Linda French, 24 old Town Reports.

Circulation of books was divided as follows: Magazines, 1429; Adult Fiction, 2857; Juvenile Fiction, 4951; Adult Non-fiction, 634; Juvenile Non-fiction, 1559. The total attendance was 7530 and the daily average was 50.

Registered borrowers	344
From the School	174
Others	162

Books Reviewed by the
School Children

748

State Reading Certificates issued: 125 small and 24 large.

Money collected for the loss or damage to books and paid to the Town Treasurer, \$8.25

We have added, this year, subscriptions to three new magazines "Current Biography", "Holiday" and "Junior Bazaar".

In celebration of Book Week, in November, we were fortunate to obtain the services of Mr. Pual Noffke, the magician, of Springfield. He entertained the school children, and friends, the afternoon of November fourteenth. His performance was well enjoyed by all present. During the week we had displays of new books, both adult and juvenile. Our attendance, as usual, was high all week.

We have had many compliments during the year, on our efforts to acquire the newest books on the approved lists. Any requests will be welcomed at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

MIRIAM BRYANS, Librarian

MARGERY BATTIGE

ARLINE HOWLETT

Assistant Librarians

Report of Assessors

TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF POLLS, PROPERTY, AND TAXES AS ASSESSED JANUARY 1, 1946

		All	
Number of Persons assessed	Individuals	Others	Total
On Personal Estate Only	27	5	32
On Real Estate Only	294	2	296
On Both Personal and Real Estate	109	1	110
Total number of Persons Assessed			438
Number of Polls Assessed			399
Value of Assessed Personal Estate			
Stock in Trade		\$ 17,000.00	
Machinery		14,675.00	
Live Stock		34,455	
All Other Tangible Personal Property		33,127.00	
Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate			\$ 99,257.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate			
Land exclusive of Buildings		\$254,875.00	
Buildings exclusive of Land		533,855.00	
Total Value of Assessed Estate			\$887,987.00

Tax Rate per \$1,000.00—\$54.00

Taxes for State, County, and Town
purposes including Overlay:

On Personal Estate	\$ 5,359.87
On Real Estate	42,501.42
On Polls	798.00

Total Taxes Assessed	\$ 48,749.29
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Number of Live Stock Assessed

Horses	46
Cows (Milch)	338
Bulls 21; Yearlings 58; Heifers 56	135
Swine	28
Fowl	8239
All Other—Mink 125; Goats 9	134

Number of Acres of Land Assessed (More or Less)	12,225
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Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	402
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(Each building used as a dwelling counted as ONE
without regard to number of families housed).

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1946

General Government:

Legislative	\$ 5.00	
Selectmen	675.00	
Accounting	450.00	
Treasurer	575.00	
Collector	150.00	
Collector's Salary	500.00	
Assessors	700.00	
Town Clerk	150.00	
Law	175.00	
Building Inspector	50.00	
Elections and Registrations	200.00	
Town Hall	15.00	
Town House Maintenance	1,400.00	
Certifying Notes	15.00	
	\$5,060.00	

Protection of Persons and Property:

Forest Fire Equipment	\$125.00	
Police	150.00	
Sealer	35.00	
Forest Fires	200.00	
Forest Warden	25.00	
Tree Warden	100.00	
Moth Eradication	350.00	
Fire House	500.00	
Fire Truck Maintenance	800.00	
	\$2,285.00	

Health and Sanitation:

Meat Inspection	\$150.00	
Animal Inspection	50.00	
Dental Clinic	362.00	
Health	400.00	
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Highways:

Chapter 81	\$2,550.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	400.00	
Chapter 90 Construction	1,750.00	
Snow & Ice Removal	1,400.00	
Bridges, Railings, Highways	1,400.00	
Street Lighting	591.96	
Road Machinery	1,700.00	
South Monson Road	300.00	
Stafford Road	500.00	
Bennett Road	300.00	
Chapin Road	300.00	
Mountain Road	200.00	
Ames Road	500.00	
Garage Maintenance	125.00	
	<hr/>	\$12,016.96

Charities and Soldiers and Sailors Benefits:

Old Age Assistance	\$6,000.00	
Public Welfare	1,400.00	
Aid to Dep. Children	300.00	
Schools	37,250.00	
Library	650.00	
Soldiers Relief	250.00	
	<hr/>	\$45,850.00

Unclassified:

Memorial Day	\$75.00	
Soldiers & Sailors Graves	75.00	
Town Common	30.00	
Printing Town Reports	250.00	
Insurance	500.00	
Reserve	1,000.00	
Planning Board	30.00	
Art. 9 Street Lights (Allen St.)	187.50	
Art 20 Planting Trees	50.00	
Art. 26 Firehouse Land	100.00	
Art. 27 Town Dump	300.00	
Art. 35 Recreational Committee	10.00	
Art. 36 School Repairs	1,079.50	
Art. 40 Veterans Services	100.00	
Art. 42 Honor Roll	25.00	
Art. 43 Reserve	131.85	
Art. 31 New Truck	4,000.00	
		\$7,943.85

Cemeteries:

Prospect Hill	\$200.00
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Interest & Debt:

Interest	100.00	
Debt	400.00	
		\$700.00

Total Appropriations	\$74,817.81
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Art.14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 and 90 Highways in the

four preceding articles, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 14 Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$14,600.00 for Chapters 81 and 90 Highways.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase land from Bernard Ackerman for an addition to the Firehouse property, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 26. Voted to transfer the sum of \$100.00 from the Real Estate Revenue Account to purchase land for the Firehouse property from Bernard Ackerman.

Art. 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 31. Voted to transfer \$4,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account and authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds an amount of money for the purpose of carrying on veterans services during 1946.

Art. 40. Voted to transfer the sum of \$100.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for carrying on veterans services for the year 1946.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Overlay Account to the Reserve Account.

Total Appropriations as Certified by Town Clerk	\$74,817.81
Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds	20,650.00
State Tax	750.00
State Parks and Reservations	40.41
State Audit of Municipal accounts	283.17
County Tax \$1,409.98 plus underestimate 1945 of \$29.11	1,439.09
Tuberculosis Hospital assessment	29.71
Overlay of current year	708.59
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Gross Amount to be Raised	\$98,718.78

Total Estimated Receipts	
Amounts Voted to be taken from Available Funds (Approved by Commissioner Long)	\$20,650.00
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Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds	\$49,969.49
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Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Polls and Property	\$48,749.29

Number of Polls 399 at \$2.00 each	\$798.00
Total Valuation	
Personal Property \$ 992.57 Tax	\$5,359.87
Real Estate 7,887.30 " Tax	42,541.42
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Total Taxes to be levied on Polls and Property \$48,749.29

Tax Rate \$54.00 per \$1,000.00

Omitted Assessment

Real Estate	\$450.00 Tax	\$24.30
Poll Tax	1 Tax	2.00

Total Taxes Committed on Polls and Property \$48,775.59

Taxes Abated during 1946

Commitment of 1946	Polls	\$154.00
Personal Propert		1.08
Real Estate		248.13

Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed 532

Commissioners Value \$68,100.00

Motor Vehicle Excise 1,981.51

ABATEMENTS:

Commitment of 1946	\$18.43
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The Town owns the following Real Estate

Long Hill	11 Acres	\$100.00
North Rd.	1/4 Acre	50.00
Wilbraham Mt.	25 Acres	600.00
Wilbraham Mt.	6 Acres	100.00
Ames Rd.	6 Acres	60.00
Bumpstead Hill	40 Acres	400.00
Lookout Mountain	42 1/8 Acres	1,050.00

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY A. FULLER

GEORGE A. CHAPIN

HOMER L. HATCH

Board of Assessors

Report of Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hampden:

Early in 1946 the Selectmen and State Engineers made out a budget for the Maintenance of the various highways of the Town, under Chapter 81. The following represents the work done during the year:

1946 CHAPTER 81 EXPENDITURES ON ROADS

1	Springfield Road	\$ 44.00
2	East Longmeadow Road	30.00
3	Wilbraham Road	102.60
4	Somers Road	68.83
5	Ludlow Road	61.00
6	Isaac Bradway Road	0.00
7	Mill Road	237.88
8	Carmody Road	17.00
9	Main Street	373.26
10	South Road	734.87
11	Chapin Road	921.69
12	Rockadundee Road	6.00
13	Scantic Road	623.61
14	Cross Road	6.00
15	South Monson Road	767.76
16	Thrasher Road	52.00
17	Isadore Ricard Rd. (abandoned)	0.00
18	Hendee Road	68.00
19	Howlett Hill Road	30.56
20	Stafford Road	372.18

21	North Monson Road	436.00
22	Bennett Road	896.07
23	Ames Road	2,897.62
24	Glendale Road	405.70
25	North Road	765.09
26	McCray Road	222.30
27	Burleigh Road	60.00
28	Riverside Drive	0.00
	Total	<u>\$10,200.02</u>

ALLOTMENTS:

State	\$7,650.00
Town	2,550.00
Total	<u>\$10,200.00</u>

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1947

General Government:

Legislative	\$ 10.00
Selectmen	650.00
Accounting	450.00
Treasurer	575.00
Collector	150.00
Collector's Salary	500.00
Assessors	700.00
Town Clerk	150.00
Law	175.00
Building Inspector	50.00
Elections and Registrations	200.00
Town Hall	15.00
Town House Maintenance	1,400.00
Certifying Notes	15.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police	\$200.00
Forest Fire Equipment	125.00
Sealer	35.00
Forest Fires	200.00
Forest Warden	25.00
Tree Warden	200.00
Moth Eradication	400.00
Fire House	300.00
Fire Truck Maintenance	800.00

Health and Sanitation:

Meat Inspection	\$150.00
Animal Inspection	50.00
Dental Clinic	362.00
Health	400.00

Highways:

Chapter 81, Maintenance	\$2,550.00
Snow and Ice Removal	1400.00
Bridges and Railings and Highways	1,400.00
Chapter 90, Maintenance	400.00
Chapter 90, Construction	1,250.00
Street Lighting	591.96
Road Machinery	1,800.00
Garage Maintenance	125.00

Charities and Soldiers' Benefits:

Old Age Assistance	\$6,500.00
Public Welfare	1,250.00
Soldiers' Relief	250.00
Aid to Dependent Children	300.00
Schools	40,000.00
Library	650.00

Unclassified:

Memorial Day	\$75.00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	75.00
Town Common	30.00
Printing Town Reports	
Insurance	1,000.00
Reserve	1,000.00
Planning Board	30.00

Cemeteries:

Prospect Hill Cemetery	\$300.00
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Under Chapter 90. South Monson Road was widened, graveled and sealed with tar for a distance of 1600 feet, which completes the taring of this road to the Monson line.

Under Chapter 90. Glendale Road was widened to 24 feet and graveled for a distance of 2200 feet. Considerable ledge work was also done.

Also under Chapter 90 Maintenance, Main Street was sealed with asphalt for a distance of one mile.

Under Chapter 81. Ames Road widened and graveled for a distance of 2000 feet, and 1500 feet was sealed with tar. Culvert pipes were also installed.

New work was done with Town money on the following roads —

Stafford Road—Widened and surface treated with tar for a distance of 1300 feet.

Chapin Road — Widened and graveled for 1300 feet.

Bennett Road — Widened and graveled for 1300 feet.

Mountain Road — Graveled for a distance of 500 feet.

Under Chapter 81. Four miles of road was sealed with asphalt.

Boiler room has been constructed at Fire House and heating apparatus has been installed and will be in operation as soon as controls can be secured and installed.

Respectfully submitted,

NEIL S. KIBBE

JOHN J. FLYNN

JOHN J. MORIARTY

Selectmen of Hampden

**REPORT OF
INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING**

During the year 1946, I have inspected 37 pigs, and 47 beef.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. THRESHER

Inspector of Slaughtering

Report of the Board of Public Welfare

During the year 1946, seven (7) persons were aided at a cost of \$624.72. The pro rate cost will be as follows:

State's Share	\$299.83
Other Cities	40.21
Town's Share	253.18

Paid to other cities for Hampden settled cases \$31.50

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

On January 1, 1946, there were 24 cases on the payroll. During the year 2 cases were closed and five cases added. Total cases on payroll December 31, 1946, 27 cases.

The cost of Old Age Assistance was \$11,472.28.

Federal Grants	\$5,488.72
State's Share	4,335.05
Rec'd from other cities	90.14
Town's Share	1,588.37

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

There was one case opened during the year 1946.

Total cost of aid \$58.25.

Federal Share	\$33.63
State Share	19.42
Town's Share	5.20

Tax Collector's Report

1945 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX

Balance due January 1, 1946	\$29.59	
Committed January 18, 1946	6.00	\$35.59
Collected and paid Town Treasurer		35.59
Interest paid Town Treasurer		.14

1945 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Balance due January 1, 1946		\$544.83
Collected and paid Town Treasurer		544.83
Interest paid Town Treasurer		9.89

1945 REAL ESTATE

Balance due January 1, 1946		\$4,466.55
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$4,450.45	
Under Tax Title	16.10	4,466.55
Interest paid Town Treasurer		97.86

1946 POLL TAX

Total Commitments		\$800.00
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$644.00	
Abatements	154.00	798.00
Balance due December 31, 1946		2.00
Interest paid Town Treasurer		1.39
Demands paid Town Treasurer		19.95

1946 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX

Total Commitments		\$1,975.51
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$1,841.81	
Abatements	18.43	1,860.24
Balance due December 31, 1946		26.40

Balance due January 14, 1947	88.87
Interest paid Town Treasurer	1.96

1946 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Total Commitments	\$5,359.87
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$4,685.68
Abatement	1.08
Balance due December 31, 1946	673.11
Interest paid Town Treasurer	1.70

1946 REAL ESTATE

Total Commitments	\$42,615.72
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$36,142.73
Abatements	241.65
Balance due December 31, 1946	6,231.34
Interest paid Town Treasurer	6.87

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA S. LYONS

Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

Rock Maples have been set out on the highways and the usual amount of tree trimming was done.

Respectfully submitted,

L. O. HOWLETT

Tree Warden

1946 REPORT
of the
Trustees For County Aid to Agriculture
and the
Hampden County Improvement League
HAMPDEN, MASS.

AGRICULTURAL WORK

During the year the services of the County Agents were available to all farmers in the town. Information has been distributed at county-wide and twilight meetings, also an orchard tour. These meetings were supplemented by circular letters, telephone, published articles, as well as individual visits covering livestock and crop production. Upon request, farmers were assisted in all problems of general farm management.

HOME DEPARTMENT WORK

During the year 47 women attended 14 meetings or demonstrations conducted by 11 local leaders assisted by the County and State Extension Agents. There were 8 different projects undertaken during the year; Food Preservation, Money Management, **Make A Coat, Make A Dress**, Making of Curtains, Home Choristers, Family Life, and Christmas Greens. The following local leaders assisted the county and state agents in conducting the above projects: Mrs. W. R. Breck, Mrs. Claude Goodwill, Mrs. Earl Dickinson, Mrs. Walter Robinson, Miss Gertrude Lyons, Mrs. W. E. Burleigh, Mrs. Carl Hatch, Mrs. Harold Jones, Mrs. W. E. Robinson, Mrs. Benjamin Libby, and Mrs. Wells Carver. The follow-

ing incurred expenses amounting to \$31.75: Mrs. Earl Dickinson, Miss Gertrude Lyons, Mrs. W. E. Burleigh, Mrs. Carl Hatch, Mrs. Harold Jones, Mrs. Benjamin Libby, and Mrs. Wells Carver.

4-H CLUB WORK

During the year there were 34 young people enrolled in 4-H Club Work from the town. There were 5 different projects undertaken during the year; Garden, Clothing, Child Care, Poultry, and Swine. There were three organized clubs and three leaders. Mrs. Donald B. Howlett led a very enthusiastic Child Care Club. Miss Jean Libby led a clothing club and Mr. Ben Libby led a Poultry Club. The Clothing and Child Care clubs held local exhibits in the spring and some of the members exhibited at County Girls' Day in May. The following incurred expenses amounting to \$8.72: Mr. Ben Libby, Norman Hatch, and Mrs. Ben F. Libby.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1946 Appropriation	—
Balance carried over from 1945	\$69.01
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	\$69.01
Expended in 1946	40.47
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Balance available for 1947	\$28.54
Appropriation recommended for 1947	\$50.00

NOTE:—The town appropriation is deposited with the County Treasurer and held to the credit of the town for reimbursing local town leaders for their necessary expenses in conducting such work as may be assigned them.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture

LBB:cd

L. B. BOSTON, Clerk

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board held eleven regular monthly meetings and two special meetings during the year 1946.

In response to requests from innumerable townspeople, the Planning Board drew up a set of amendments to liberalize the zoning by-laws which were voted upon at the last town meeting. A public hearing on these amendments was held on December 19, 1945 and as a result of the vote of the town, beauty parlors, barber shops, studios of artists and musicians, offices of lawyers, architects, public accountants and real estate agents are allowed in Residence "A" districts subject to approval of the Board of Appeals and certain restrictions. Home occupations which might be customarily carried on in one room of a private residence were also allowed under the same conditions as the above. However, offices for physicians, surgeons and dentists were also included in Residence "A" districts, it not being necessary to have the approval of the board of appeals.

At the same time, the powers of the Board of Appeals were broadened under Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

In October, the Planning Board received an application from Dominic Conti for a real estate sub-division of his property on East Longmeadow Road which includes nine building lots. The abutters were duly notified and a public hearing was held on November 19. Since the abutters offered no objections and since the plan submitted for the sub-division conformed to the zoning by-laws, the application was approved and the

proposed new street was named Cedar Lane pending some future change if desired. The plan drawn up by Harold S. Helberg offers an attractive development which should prove an asset to the town.

The Planning Board held another public hearing on December 27 on the application of Thomas F. Downs for a change of zoning from Residence "A" to Business on a portion of his farm on Wilbraham Road; said Business Zone to begin at a point fifty feet north of the barn on the easterly side of the road and to extend fifty feet south of the house on the easterly side of the road and 385 feet back from the road in an easterly direction.

The hearing was well attended by abutters and townspeople. All abutters present objected strenuously to the change of zone. It was brought out that they all feared future developments in the face of the fact that if it were once zoned for business, any type of business could be operated which might prove wholly detrimental to a neighborhood. One abutter who had purchased one of Mr. Downs' highly restricted lots read the restrictions which promise for a most attractive development.

The Planning Board held a short business meeting following the hearing at which it was unanimously decided that the Board could not approve the application for two reasons. In the first place, the Board does not approve of so-called "spot" zoning which is wholly incompatible with the principles of good civic planning. In the second place, the decision was inevitable in justice to the abutters and in the face of such vigorous objections.

In April the Planning Board met with the Recreational Committee, appointed at the 1946 town meeting, to discuss various available sites. It was finally agreed

that the Ackerman property which lies in back of the fire station offered the most possibilities for the recreational units which are the dream of the committee such as a wading and swimming pool, tennis courts, an athletic field, picnic tables, nature trails, ski jumps and tobaggan slides and the like.

Respectfully submitted,

E. NORTON DAVIS, Chairman

MARION W. GERRISH, Secretary

ALAN R. PHILLIPS

C. KILBOURNE BUMP

GERALD V. WITKOP

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

Upon completing the Gypsy Moth work there have been about 12,000 found and destroyed.

The west side of the town had a large increase of moth clusters above the preceeding year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. LEMON

Moth Supt.

REPORT OF THE RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

The Recreational Committee which was appointed by the Town Moderator after the 1946 town meeting has organized and held various meetings during the past year. Several sites for a living memorial recreational center were discussed and the unanimous opinion of the members was that the 30-acre site on the Bernard Ackerman farm in the rear of the fire station was best adapted for the future requirements of Hampden.

One of our meetings was held in conjunction with the Town Planning Board and that Board also agreed that the Ackerman was suitable as to location and contour.

The committee had but the \$10 appropriated at the town meeting to work with during the year so it was impossible to take any decisive steps toward acquiring a site. However, the committee talked to Mr. Ackerman and were told that the 30-acre tract might be purchased for \$3000. An adjoining lot on the hillside, suitable for a tobaggan shoots or ski jumps, has been offered to the town as a gift by Frank Isham.

Recently, a volunteer committee headed by John B. Isham felt that it would be possible to raise the \$3000 by popular subscription among Hampden residents and friends of Hampden and thereby purchase this tract from Bernard Ackerman and deed it to the town for park purposes if the town voted to accept it.

Up to the time of this report going to press, the sum of \$2200 has been contributed.

The committee feels that for the present, only a site is essential for this memorial and does not believe that money should be raised at town meetings to develop the athletic fields, tennis courts and the like in face of the high tax rate.

It has been suggested that civic groups might gradually develop some of the various recreational units. It is also possible that once the site has been acquired, that Federal grants will be available for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. GERRISH, Chairman
CARL OFFICER, Secretary
EARLE H. HARRIS
HAROLD S. HELBERG
CARL P. LARSON
JAMES P. LYONS
CHARLES H. LEMON

Recreational Committee

REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

After a lapse of five years the annual inspection of animals and barns has been resumed. I have inspected 72 barns, 603 head of cattle, 51 horses, 24 goats and 98 pigs.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY A. FULLER

Animal Inspector

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT

January 10, 1947

To The Board of Selectmen

Hampden, Mass.

For the year ending December 31, 1947, there were one hundred and fifteen permits granted and one hundred eighty-nine inspections made.

The following permits were granted:

New Houses	7
Additions	10
Alterations	16
Garages	10
Barns	3
Poultry House	1
Warehouse	1
Electrical	43
Plumbing	22
Buildings Demolished	2
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The estimated cost of these permits was \$58,165.00.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. R. MELVILLE

Building Inspector

Report of the School Committee

ORGANIZATION

Wm. Harry Burns, Chairman	1947
Wilfred R. Breck	1948
Elizabeth Bennett	1949
Harold A. Truell, Secretary and Superintendent of Schools	

During 1946 reimbursements on account of schools were received as follows:

From the Commonwealth:

General School Fund, Part II	\$2,895.98	
General School Fund, Part I	2,055.50	
Superintendent's Salary		
Reimbursement	386.67	
High School Tuition	6,768.01	
High School Transportation	2,696.53	
Trade School Tuition and Transportation	1,430.32	
		\$16,233.01

From other Sources:

Tuition refunds, 1946	\$69.86	
Tuition refunds, 1945	43.00	
Miscellaneous credits	5.05	
		117.91
		\$16,350.92