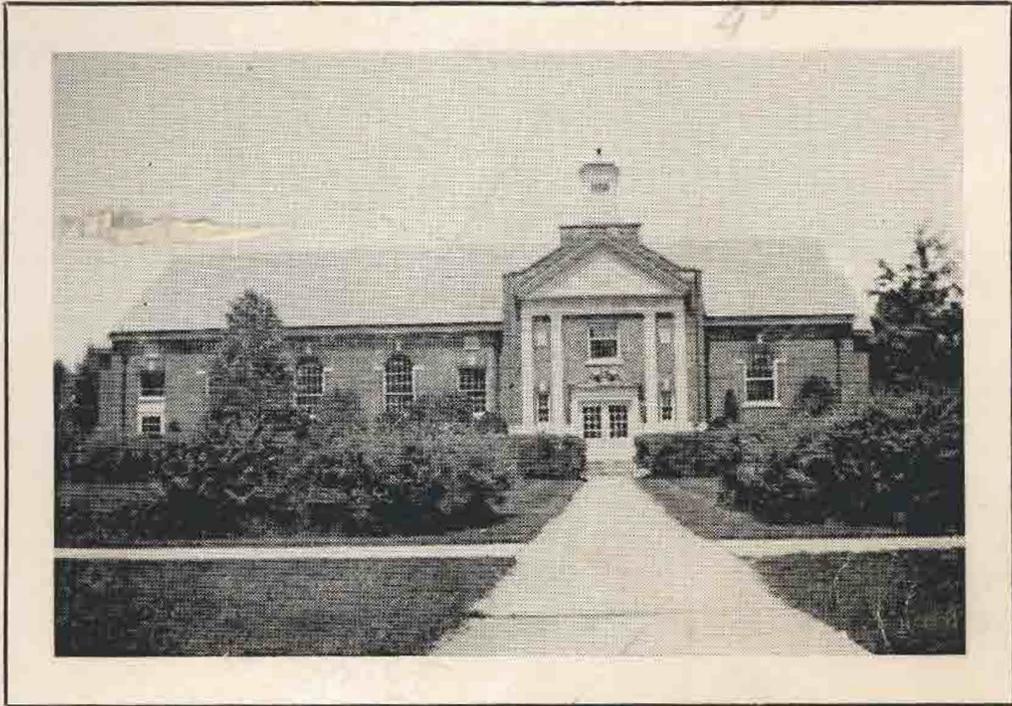


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ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF

HAMPDEN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1948

IN MEMORIAM

RAYMOND KIBBE

ASSESSOR

1918 — 1927

Park page 92 -
Last year warrant called for in Article 31,
to see if the town will vote to raise & appropriate
the sum of \$500 for the care & maintenance
of the Recreation field or such other sums as
seem best.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Hampden



AND OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1948

THE PALMER REGISTER, Inc.
Palmer, Mass.
1949

Elected Town Officers --- 1948

Moderator

HERBERT L. BURNHAM

Clerk and Treasurer

GRACE L. KIBBE

Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

CARL P. LARSON, Chairman 1950
JOHN J. MORIARTY, 1949
CLIFFORD R. GUNTHER, 1951

Assessors

GEORGE A. CHAPIN, Chairman 1949
PERCY FULLER, 1950 WILLIAM D. McCRAY, 1951
Clerk and Assistant Assessor, ALICE FULLER

School Committee

WILLIAM HARRY BURNS, Chairman 1950
ELIZABETH BENNETT, 1949
HAROLD H. JENSEN, JR. 1951

Trustees for Public Library

GERTRUDE LYONS, 1951
ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN, 1950
ELEANOR B. McCRAY, 1949

Inspector of Animals

PERCY FULLER

Inspector of Slaughtering

EDWARD THRESHER

Sealer of Weights and Measures

WILLIAM BUEREAU

Moth Superintendent

CHARLES LEMON

Superintendent of Streets

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

Pound Keeper and Field Driver

PERCY FULLER

Fence Viewers

ROBERT S. PEASE

GEORGE PATRIC, JR.

WARREN DICKINSON

Welfare Agent

MARY CANTWELL

Building Commissioner

IRWIN H. GIFFORD

Electrical Inspector

WALTER LUNDEN

Plumbing Inspector

THOMAS HART

Board of Appeals

HOMER L. HATCH

GEORGE CHAPIN

EDWARD THRESHER

JAMES J. MORGAN

ROBERT S. PEASE

Alternates

HAROLD GREEN

DAVID JOYCE

Advisory Board

HAROLD J. BENNETT, Chairman, 1950

DORVAL VIGER, 1949 CHARLES R. MELVILLE, 1949

EDITH RANSOM, 1951 HAROLD HELBERG, 1951

**Voters Liable for Jury Duty for the Year Beginning
August 1, 1948**

JOHN J. MORIARTY

GERALD WITKOP

CARL P. LARSON

CHARLES LEMON

EARLE E. DICKINSON

RAYMOND KIBBE

BEN F. LIBBY

GEORGE D. FISHER

HOMER FULLER

DANIEL FLYNN

Article 1. To hear the annual reports of all officers of the Town and any committee whose duty it may be to report at said meeting and act thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws.

Article 3. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$100.00 for the perpetual care of the John Kenworthy cemetery lot.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$50.00 for the perpetual care of the Marcus or Harriet Chaffee cemetery lot.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$50.00 for the perpetual care of the Agnes Viggers cemetery lot.

Article 7. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund, now in the hands of the Treasurer.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a new typewriter, and other office equipment.

Article 9. To see if the Town will appoint an agent or agents to institute or prosecute or defend suits and actions at law to which the Town may be a party, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the 40 hour week for Town Highway Employees, as provided for by law.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2250.00 for the repair and maintenance of Town Roads, and instruct the Selectmen to petition and contract with the Commissioners of the Department of Public Works, under the provisions of Chapter 81, Section 28 of the General Laws.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in conjunction with any money that may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for the widening and surfacing a part of Ludlow Road, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for the widening and surfacing a part of Mill Road, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 15. 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 other action in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for widening and surfacing a part of Bennett Road.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for widening and surfacing a part of Chapin Road.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for widening and surfacing a part of Mountain Road.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for widening and surfacing a part of South Road.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for widening and surfacing a part of Isaac Bradway Road.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept Pinewood Road as a public way, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of Pinewood Road.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the Advisory Board, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for planting trees along the highways.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectman to sell the 1929 Chevrolet Fire Truck.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of a Dental Clinic, in accordance with provisions of Section 50, Chapter 111, General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to allow the auditorium of the Town House to be used for basketball, other indoor games, and gymnastics.

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Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 to be expended in the Town by the Hampden County Trustees For Aid to Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 128, Section 42.

Article 29. To see if the Town will appropriate \$500. for the Recreation Field or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be paid to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampden County Retirement System as provided by Chapter 658, Section 22, of the Acts of 1945.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for eradication of the Dutch Elm disease.

Article 32. IT IS PROPOSED that the voters at the Town Meeting authorize the regular Town Moderator to select immediately a committee to be known as "THE SCHOOL SURVEY COMMITTEE" consisting of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, the Chairman of the Planning Board, the Chairman of the Finance Board and the three (3) members of the School Committee, for the purpose of making an investigation into and survey of the future school needs of the Town of Hampden. Said committee to report its findings and recommendations at some future Special Town Meeting, and in any event, not later than the Annual Town Meeting for the year 1950.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January

1, 1949 and to issue a note or notes and renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of General laws.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmn to appoint a committee of five to draw up a set of by-laws for the Town of Hampden, subject to the approval of the voters; said by-laws to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting in 1950.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at each of the three places designated by the Town. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of January, 1949.

CARL P. LARSON

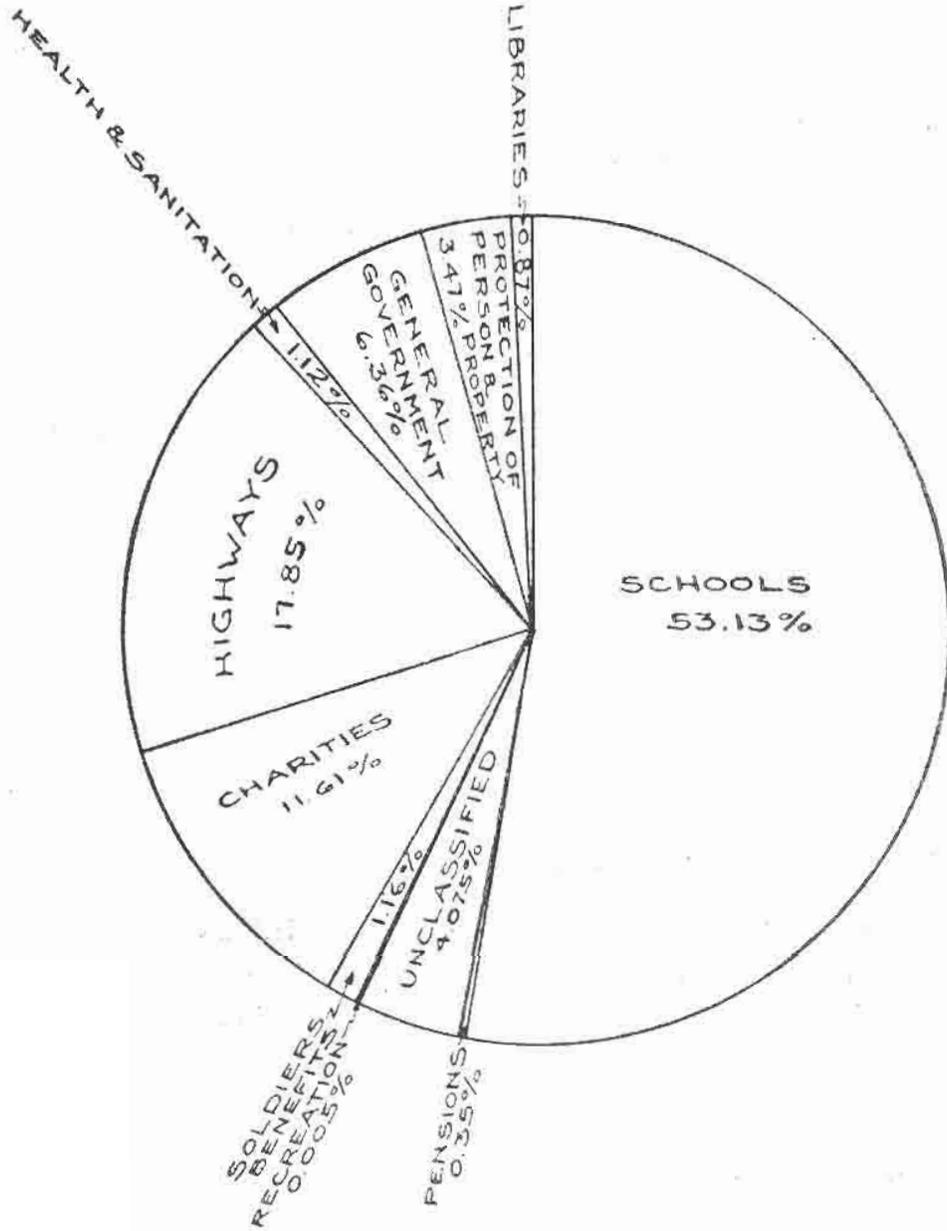
JOHN J. MORIARTY

CLIFFORD R. GUNTHER

Selectmen of Hampden

NOTE:—This warrant appears as a matter of information only and the official warrant may include changes and additions.

TOWN OF HAMPDEN 1948



WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLAR GOES

Report of Advisory Committee

Recommended
Appropriations
1949

General Government

Selectmens compensation:

Chairman	\$ 300.00
2nd selectman	150.00
3rd selectman	150.00
Expenses	50.00

\$ 650.00

Auditor:

Salary	15.00
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Town Accountant:

Salary	500.00
Expenses	50.00

550.00

Town Clerk and Treasurer:

Town Clerk	150.00
Treasurer Salary	500.00
Expenses	150.00

800.00

Collector of Taxes:

Salary	500.00
Supplies and postage	200.00

700.00

Recommended
Appropriations
1949

Assessors:

Salary

Chairman	200.00
2nd assessor	100.00
3rd assessor	100.00
Clerk	200.00
Printing, stationery, postage and transportation	275.00
Recording cards	30.00
Dues	6.00

911.00

Elections and Registration:

250.00

Old Town Hall:

Repairs	700.00
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Town Touse:

Maintenance	2,100.00
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Planning Board:

Supplies	50.00
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Certifying notes:

20.00

Legislative

10.00

Building Inspector:

Salary and expenses:

Building inspector	50.00
Electrical inspector	50.00

	Recommended Appropriations 1949
Plumbing inspector	50.00
Printing building codes	100.00
Postage	7.00
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	257.00
Protection to Persons and Property:	
Police Department	200.00
FIRE Department:	
Sunday watch, wages	\$ 104.00
Accident Insurance— for members	410.00
Tires for Ford Truck	250.00
New Hose	300.00
Miscellaneous repairs	100.00
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	\$ 1,164.00
Fire House Maintenance:	
Fuel	300.00
Lights, telephone	75.00
Miscellaneous repairs	50.00
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	425.00
Forest Fires:	
Portable pump	315.00
Fire fighting, labor	200.00
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	515.00

	Recommended Appropriations 1949	
Forest Fire—Warden:		
Salary	50.00	50.00
Tree Warden:		200.00
Moth Eradication:		400.00
Sealer, Weights and Measures:		
Salary	25.00	
Expenses	10.00	
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Health and Sanitation:		
Meat Inspection	50.00	
Animal Inspection	50.00	
Health	400.00	
	<hr/>	500.00
Highways:		
Snow removal	1,800.00	
Bridges, Highways and Railings	1,600.00	
Road Machinery	2,000.00	
Highway Garage	125.00	
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Charities and Veterans' Benefits:		
Old Age Assistance	8,000.00	
Aid to dependent children	500.00	

	Recommended Appropriations 1949
Public Welfare	2,500.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,500.00
	\$ 12,500.00
School Department:	
General Expenses	
School Committee—Salaries	\$ 120.00
School Committee—Expenses	50.00
Expenses of Superintendent—	
Salary	1,080.00
Other Expenses	885.00
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	\$ 2,135.00
Expenses of Instruction:	
Salaries,—Supervisors	1,283.00
Teachers	17,770.00
Textbooks	500.00
Supplies	1,000.00
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	20,553.00
Expenses of Operation:	
Janitor	2,385.00
Fuel	1,900.00
Miscellaneous	825.00
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	5,110.00
Maintenance:	
Repairs	1,200.00
	1,200.00

Recommended
Appropriations
1949

Auxiliary Agencies:

Health	825.00	
Transportation	8,932.00	
Tuition	14,378.00	
Miscellaneous	50.00	
		24,185.00

Outlay:

New Equipment	750.00	750.00
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Library:

Salaries	\$ 700.00	
Expenses	100.00	
		\$ 800.00

Unclassified:

Memorial Day	125.00	
Sailors and Soldiers	120.00	
Town Common	50.00	
Printing Town Report	375.00	
Insurance	1,000.00	
Reserve account	2,000.00	
Street lights	600.00	
		4,270.00

Cemetery:

Prospect Hill Cemetery		350.00
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REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Article 4:

RECOMMENDED: That this article be accepted.

Article 5:

RECOMMENDED: That this article be accepted.

Article 6:

RECOMMENDED: That this article be accepted.

Article 7:

RECOMMENDED: That this tax be paid to the Library Fund.

Article 8:

RECOMMENDED: That \$150. be appropriated.

Article 9:

The Advisory Board recommends the appropriation of \$300 as a retaining fee for a town counsel.

Article 10:

RECOMMENDED: That this article be accepted.

Article 11:

RECOMMENDED: \$2,550.00 be appropriated.

Article 12:

RECOMMENDED: \$500.00 be appropriated.

Article 13:

RECOMMENDED: That this article be dismissed.

Article 14:

RECOMMENDED: \$1,000.00 be appropriated.

Article 15:

RECOMMENDED: That \$3,050.00 to be taken from the Excess and Deficiency Fund.

Article 16:

RECOMMENDED: That \$500. be appropriated.

Article 17:

RECOMMENDED: That \$800. be appropriated.

Article 18:

RECOMMENDED: That this article be dismissed.

Article 19:

RECOMMENDED: That \$1,000. be appropriated.

Article 20:

RECOMMENDED: That this article be dismissed.

Article 21:

RECOMMENDED: The adoption of this article, provided the town can obtain the necessary release from damages by the abutters.

Article 22:

RECOMMENDED: The appropriation of \$200.00 if the town can obtain the necessary release.

Article 23:

RECOMMENDED: That \$50.00 be appropriated.

Article 24:

RECOMMENDED: That this article be accepted.

Article 25:

RECOMMENDED: That the proceeds from the sale of the truck be paid to the Firemen's Relief Fund.

Article 26:

RECOMMENDED: \$350. for salary and \$25. for supplies.

Article 27:

RECOMMENDED: This article be accepted if properly sponsored and supervised.

Article 28:

RECOMMENDED: That this article be accepted.

Article 29:

RECOMMENDED: That this article be accepted.

Article 30:

RECOMMENDED: That \$321.45 be appropriated.

Article 31:

RECOMMENDED: That this article be postponed indefinitely.

Article 32:

RECOMMENDED: That this article be accepted.

Article 33:

RECOMMENDED: That this article be accepted.

Article 34:

RECOMMENDED: That this article be accepted.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN

Your committee has held during their administration a total of twenty-one meetings, averaging about four hours each.

The committee has attended three meetings held by the Association of Town Finance Committees of Massachusetts and benefited from information obtained and material gathered. On January 21, 1949 a public hearing was held at which all persons interested had an opportunity to express their views on articles in the 1948 Warrant. The recommendations of the committee on these budget estimates and all articles in the Warrant are submitted as part of this report.

Department heads have sat with us and discussed their requirements and problems and we feel reasonable adjustments have resulted.

With the information available to this committee at this time we are of the opinion that if its recommendations are followed the tax rate should not increase over 1948.

We ask the voters to keep in mind that each additional \$1,000 raised by taxation over its recommendations will add approximately \$1.00 to the tax rate.

In closing we thank the Selectmen and the heads of various departments who have cooperated with us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Advisory Committee
DR. HAROLD J. BENNETT
HAROLD F. HELBERG
EDITH M. RANSOM
CHARLES R. MELVILLE
DORVAL E. VIGERS

Report of Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its report for the year 1948. The regular meetings have been held throughout the year, and weekly warrants to the Treasurer have been made.

It should be of interest to the townspeople that this is the first time in twenty-seven years that the Board has had a new chairman; Mr. Neil S. Kibbe having ably served in that capacity. The present good financial standing of the Town is due in large part to his knowledge, ability and generous contribution of his own time.

There are several changes that have taken place during the past year in Town affairs. It was with deep regret that the Board accepted the resignation of Hazel Fisher as Town Bookkeeper and Clerk for the Selectmen. She has served the Town well in that capacity for the past six years.

On October 1st Emma Lyons was appointed to fill the vacancy, but due to the illness of her father, she was unable to continue the work. Edwin Stacy has been appointed to take over the duties of Town Bookkeeper and Clerk for the Selectmen, effective January 1, 1949.

In February 1948 the Board also received the resignation of Edith Ransom as Town Auditor, and Wells Carver was appointed to fill the vacancy.

At our organizational meeting we decided to vary the usual procedure of one man being chairman of the Boards of Selectmen, Health, and Welfare, and to have each member assume the duties of chairman of one of these boards. Carl P. Larson was chosen Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, John J. Moriarty, Chairman Board of Public Welfare, and Clifford R. Gunther, Chairman Board of Health.

Formerly the Board of Selectmen and two other members constituted the Board of Appeals. The Selectmen felt that the Town could be better served by appointing five members and two alternates from amongst the townspeople. This was done and has worked out satisfactorily. The Board of Appeals is a very important one, in that its decisions vitally affect those who are granted a hearing from them.

Another change is in the administration of our building inspections. Charles R. Melville having served as our Building Inspector since the adoption of the Building Code and not wishing to continue to serve, was replaced by Irwin R. Gifford as Building Commissioner, and he was ably assisted by Walter Lunden as electrical inspector, and Thomas Hart as plumbing inspector. These men are to be commended for the many hours they have devoted to this work.

At the last annual Town meeting, it was voted to purchase a new fire truck. An Oren fire truck on a Dodge chassis has been ordered through the Zabek Motor Sales of Palmer. Due to the shortage of materials they have not been able to deliver the truck at this writing, but we are told by the company that delivery will be made soon. With this new equipment, and the apparatus we now own we believe that Hampden will have one of the best equipped fire companies for towns of our size in this area.

Much credit is due the members of our Fire Department who voluntarily give their services in fighting fires and maintaining equipment. Recognition is also due to Alton Gregory who gave of his time this past summer to paint the exterior of the fire house.

The problem of maintenance of town buildings is a big one. Our Town House is now sixteen years old, and the need for repairs is apparent to all who use it. We are asking for a larger appropriation for Town House Maintenance in order that some of these necessary repairs may be made. We feel that it is poor business to allow the old Town Hall to remain in its present condition. We are therefore asking for an appropriation to repair the roof and belfry, and to give the building two coats of paint to make it weather tight. The town may have need for use of this building in the future.

Early in 1948 the Selectmen and State Engineers made out a budget for the maintenance of the various highways of the Town, under Chapter 81. At this time hourly rates of pay were fixed for the Highway Department, labor to receive 80 cents per hour; truck drivers 90 cents per hour; and superintendent \$1.10.

The following represents the work done during the year:

1948 CHAPTER 81 EXPENDITURES ON ROADS

1	Springfield Road	\$ 68.20
2	East Longmeadow Road	42.80
3	Wilbraham Road	172.74
4	Somers Road	64.80
5	Ludlow Road	457.62
6	Isaac Bradway Road	568.09
7	Mill Road	236.48

8	Carmody Road	14.04
9	Main Street	601.81
10	South Road	642.88
11	Chapin Road	743.37
12	Rock-a-dundee Road	477.68
13	Scantic Road	244.78
14	Cross Road	12.80
15	So. Monson Road	524.61
16	Thresher Road	120.00
18	Hendee Road	25.20
19	Howlett Hill Road	95.15
20	Stafford Road	1055.44
21	North Monson Road	101.10
22	Bennett Road	615.17
23	Ames Road	1647.90
24	Glendale Road	55.60
25	North Road	1278.39
26	Mountain Road	96.08
27	Burleigh Road	157.96
28	Riverside Road	00.00
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		\$10,120.69
	Signs and salt	79.31
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	Total	\$10,200.00
	The Town's share of "81" money is	\$2550.00
	The State contributes	7650.00
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	Total	\$10,200.00

We feel that the Highway Department has done a splendid job of maintaining our roads this past year, especially considering the few men employed.

We know that all our living costs have increased considerably, and it goes without saying that the cost of maintaining Town Government has also increased. With

this thought in mind it is quite apparent that our taxes will be higher.

School expenses have been rising for many years, and still continue to rise. A need for an expansion of our school facilities seems to be necessary in the near future.

With practically all the money raised having to come from taxes on houses and farms, the ability of this Town to expand its facilities and services is limited. We suggest that the voters of the Town consider transferring from available funds only a small part of that available, until such time as we may have a greater need for these funds.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1949

General Government:

Legislative	\$ 10.00
Selectmen	650.00
Accounting	565.00
Treasurer	650.00
Collector	200.00
Collector's Salary	500.00
Assessors	911.00
Town Clerk	150.00
Law	200.00
Building Inspector	160.00
Elections and Registrations	250.00
Town Hall	700.00
Town House Maintenance	2100.00
Certifying Notes	20.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police	\$ 200.00
Forest Fire Equipment	315.00
Sealer	35.00

Forest Fires	200.00
Forest Warden	50.00
Tree Warden	200.00
Moth Eradication	400.00
Fire House	425.00
Fire Truck Maintenance	1614.00

Health and Sanitation:

Meat Inspection	50.00
Animal Inspection	50.00
Dental Clinic	400.00
Health	400.00

Highways:

Chapter 81, Maintenance	\$ 2,550.00
Snow and Ice Removal	1,800.00
Bridges and Railings and Highways	1,600.00
Chapter 90, Maintenance	
Chapter 90, Construction	
Street Lighting	591.92
Road Machinery	2,500.00
Garage Maintenance	125.00

Charities and Veterans' Benefits:

Old Age Assistance	\$ 8,000.00
Public Welfare	2,800.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	500.00

Schools \$ 53,933.00

Library 800.00

Unclassified:

Memorial Day	\$ 125.00
Soldiers and Sailors Graves	120.00

Town Common	50.00
Printing Town Reports	
Insurance	1,000.00
Reserve	2,000.00
Planning Board	50.00

Cemeteries :

Prospect Hill Cemetery	\$ 500.00
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Respectfully submitted,

CARL P. LARSON

JOHN J. MORIARTY

CLIFFORD R. GUNTHER

Selectmen of Hampden

Report of the Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		\$2,500.00
Homer L. Hatch (groceries)	\$643.26	
Mrs. Florence Newth (board)	473.00	
Cash	374.00	
Mrs. Florence Rock (board)	364.00	
Norman Yosko, M. D. (medical)	229.00	
Hampden Garage (fuel)	125.24	
East Longmeadow Pharmacy (drugs)	106.68	
Homer L. Hatch & Son (clothing)	66.48	
Lester Kibbe (rent)	28.25	
Lester Kibbe (wood)	25.00	
Dr. A. E. Palmer (exam. and glasses)	25.00	
Central Mass. Electric Co.	18.00	
Albert Shaker (ice)	6.65	
W. J. Kisiel, M.D.	3.00	
Social Service Index	1.50	
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	\$2,489.06	\$2,489.06
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Unexpended balance		\$ 10.94
Paid for Hampden cases	\$2,117.61	
Paid for State case	371.45	
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	\$2,489.06	
Receipts—		
Received from State case (to estimated receipts)		\$352.93

AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation		\$500.00
Cash paid on Payrolls	\$166.80	166.80
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		\$333.20

FEDERAL GRANT

Balance January 1, 1948		\$ 34.82
Received from Federal Government		139.80
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		\$174.62
Cash paid on Payrolls	91.00	91.00
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		\$ 83.62

FEDERAL GRANT ADMINISTRATION

Balance January 1, 1948		\$ 4.82
Received from Federal Government		9.76
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Unexpended balance		\$14.58

Receipts—

Received from State (to estimated receipts)		\$162.65
Active cases January 1, 1948	1	
Applications received	0	
Active cases December 31, 1948	1	

MARY H. CANTWELL, Agent
Board of Public Welfare

Report of Bureau of Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		\$7,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		420.00
Appropriated from Surplus Revenue		1,500.00
		\$8,920.00
Cash paid on Payrolls	\$8,363.50	
Salary and Travel, Agent	500.00	
Paid other Cities and Towns	56.50	
	\$8,920.00	\$8,920.00

FEDERAL GRANT

Balance January 1, 1948	\$293.40	
Audit adjustment	18.53	\$ 274.87
Cash received from Federal Government		6,343.37
		\$6,618.24
Cash paid on Payrolls	\$5,993.82	5,993.82
Unexpended balance		\$ 624.42

FEDERAL GRANT ADMINISTRATION

Balance January 1, 1948		\$ 19.13
Received from Federal Government	\$143.53	
Audit adjustment	18.53	162.06
		\$181.19

Salary and Travel, Agent	\$100.00	
Envelopes Town Treas.	16.87	
Supplies and envelopes	18.66	
Expense to conference, Agent	3.50	
Social Service Index	1.50	
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	\$140.53	140.53
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		\$ 40.66

RECEIPTS

Cash received from State		
(to estimated receipts)		\$4,809.91
Received from Cities and Towns		
(to estimated receipts)		198.58
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		\$5,008.49
Account receivable		66.92
Active cases January 1, 1948	23	
Applications received and approved	5	
Cases closed	2	
Cases active December 31, 1948	26	

MARY H. CANTWELL, Agent

Report of Superintendent of Streets

The past year has been a very busy one for our department. With a minimum of labor, we accomplished practically all of our program. One of the worst winters for snow removal was experienced and, for a time, it looked as if some of the narrow and drifted places would remain blocked as our equipment for such deep snow was then inadequate. It would seem that the town should sometime have a V-type plow which could be attached to one of our Brockway trucks since our present V-type plow will only fit the old 1934 International which is not sufficiently heavy to break through huge drifts. During the emergency last year, we borrowed from the town of Monson. The new town truck which the town voted to purchase last February, arrived two weeks later so the department now has two good trucks.

In the Spring, about 90 tons of bituminous patch were used to repair and smooth up holes and broken edges of the hard-surface roads. The motoring public could assist immeasurably in cutting down the patching bill by avoiding the soft edges in the Spring when the frost is coming out.

We only had \$1500 for Chap. 90 Maintenance last year which was the same amount as for several previous years. Meanwhile, the Chap. 90 mileage in town has been increasing every year. Therefore, the Chap. 90 assistance from county and state should be greater to properly

maintain those particular roads. Carl P. Larson and I, at the annual hearing in Springfield on Chap. 90 work for 1949, have requested more aid. Most of 1948 Chap. 90 Maintenance money was used to complete the resurfacing of Somers Road.

Under Chap. 90 Construction last year, the rebuilding of Mill Road was continued easterly as far as the big bridge over the Scantic River or about 1200 feet. The sum of \$2000 was available for this piece of work.

Also under Chap. 90 Construction, the Temple bridge on Scantic Road was rebuilt. The new structure is a multi-plate steel arch, 34 feet wide. The old abutments were entirely removed and new concrete ones installed 4 feet below the bed of the stream. The Highway Department could not do this work in September and October as it would have preferred when the water was low and the weather mild. Because of state regulations and the uncertainty of the date of delivery of the steel, we were forced to wait until cold weather. However, we were favored with an unusually mild fall to install it and the project will be completed in the Spring.

The tar surfacing mileage of our town roads increased somewhat last year so that now out of a total of 35 miles of road, about 26 of those are improved with hard surface. The Ames and Burleigh Rds. are completed to the Wilbraham line. We made quite a start on Ludlow Rd., tarring about 800 feet with the town appropriation and using some Chap. 81 money. Also a start was made on the Isaac Bradway Rd.

About 8 miles of town roads were resurfaced last year under Chaps. 81 and 90 in addition to the new work so one can easily understand that a large portion of the money was spent for materials.

It might be of interest to townspeople to know how the Chap. 81 money was spent last year. The town raises \$2550.00 for this purpose and the state allots \$7650.00, making a total of \$10,200. Out of this sum, \$3257.10 was spent for labor, \$5705.52 for materials and \$1236.38 for equipment.

The South and Chapin Rds. received an additional amount of hard surfacing, too. It would be advisable to continue the work on these roads in 1949 as they are narrow and it is difficult to plow snow or to maintain them properly.

A small appropriation on Mountain and Bennett Rds. was used to blast a few stones and ledges. These appropriations of \$200 are too small to make any noticeable improvement. Last year the cost of equipment rentals, such as shovels, bulldozers and compressors increased as well as the costs of materials such as gravel, sand, tar and asphalt.

Along with our regular highway work last year, our department surfaced the Town House playground, parking spaces and driveways and also graveled the roadway to the Recreational Field and maintained the town dump.

An old poultry house was given to the Highway Department by Mrs. Mary Lyons which has been converted into a wood shed thereby giving us much-needed additional space in the garage.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. GERRISH,

Supt. of Streets

Report of Assessors

TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF POLLS, PROPERTY, AND TAXES AS ASSESSED JANUARY 1, 1948

	Individuals	All Others	Total
Number of Persons assessed			
On Personal Estate Only	15	5	20
On Real Estate Only	337	0	337
On Both Personal and Real Estate	84	1	85
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Total number of persons assessed			442
Number of Polls Assessed			411
 Value of Assessed Personal Estate			
Stock in Trade		\$20,290.00	
Machinery		59,357.00	
Live Stock		30,807.00	
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Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate			\$110,454.00
 Value of Assessed Real Estate			
Land exclusive of Buildings		\$250,890.00	
Buildings exclusive of Land		670,910.00	
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Total Value of Assessed Real Estate			\$921,800.00
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Total Value of Assessed Estate			\$1,032,254.00