

Annual Report



TOWN OF
HAMPDEN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1950

Annual Reports
OF THE
Town Officers
OF THE
Town of Hampden



AND OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1950

THE PALMER REGISTER, Inc.

Palmer, Mass.

1951

Elected Town Officers --- 1950

Moderator

GEORGE W. INGLE

Clerk and Treasurer

GRACE L. KIBBE

Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

CLIFFORD R. GUNTHER, Chairman 1951
JAMES J. MORGAN, 1952

CHARLES R. MELVILLE, 1953
Clerk to the Selectmen, RUTH M. GAGNON

Assessors

GEORGE A. CHAPIN, Chairman 1952
PERCY FULLER, 1953 WILLIAM D. McCRAY, 1951
Clerk to the Assessors, ALICE FULLER

School Committee

WILLIAM HARRY BURNS, Chairman 1953
ELIZABETH BENNETT, 1952
HAROLD H. JENSEN, Jr., 1951

Trustees for Public Library

ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN, 1953
ELEANOR B. McCRAY, 1952
GERTRUDE LYONS, 1951

Collector of Taxes

RALPH B. HATCH

Constables

ARTHUR H. GERRISH JAMES P. LYONS
ALTON GREGORY

Cemetery Commissioners

JOHN B. ISHAM, 1951
MARCUS J. GOTTSCHÉ, Sr., 1953
HOMER FULLER, 1952

Planning Board

E. NORTON DAVIS, Chairman 1952
MARION WELLS GERRISH, 1953
GERALD WITKOP, 1951
WILLIAM P. PATULLO, 1955
ABRAHAM WILEY, 1954

Auditor

BERNICE E. BAKER

Tree Warden

AUSTIN K. HARRIS

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Town Bookkeeper

LESLIE WOODS

Forest Fire Warden

CLIFFORD R. GUNTHER

Inspector of Animals

PERCY FULLER

Inspector of Slaughtering

GEORGE A. PATRIC, Jr.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

WILLIAM L. BUEREAU

Moth Superintendent

CHARLES H. LEMON

Superintendent of Streets

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

Burial Agent

RALPH B. HATCH

Burial Agent for Soldiers and Sailors

FRED C. SAMBLE

Agent for Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves

RAYMOND DUNLEA

Agent for Veterans' Benefits

THOMAS J. FAULKNER

Measurers of Wood, Bark and Charcoal

HOMER L. HATCH

AUSTIN K. HARRIS

Dentist for Dental Clinic

DR. HAROLD I. FISKE

Pound Keeper and Field Driver

PERCY FULLER

Fence Viewers

WILLIAM D. McCRAY

GEORGE PATRIC, Jr.

WARREN DICKINSON

Welfare Agent

MARY CANTWELL

Building Commissioner

GORDON J. WILLCUTT

Electrical Inspector

DONALD A. GAGNON

Plumbing Inspector

WILLIAM P. PATULLO

Board of Appeals

HOMER L. HATCH, 1952

GEORGE CHAPIN, 1954

HAROLD GREEN, 1951

DAVID JOYCE, 1953

MARCUS GOTTSCHKE, Sr., 1955

Alternates

EARLE H. HARRIS, 1952 ALBERT LaBELLE, 1951

Advisory Board

HAROLD HELBERG, 1951

EDITH RANSOM, 1951 ERNEST L. WOODS, 1952

ROBERT S. PEASE, 1952

H. LAURENCE FOSTER, 1953

**Voters Liable for Jury Duty for the Year Beginning
August 1, 1950**

JOHN J. MORIARTY GERALD WITKOP

EARLE E. DICKINSON CHARLES LEMON

BEN F. LIBBY DANIEL FLYNN

EARLE H. HARRIS WILLIAM H. BURNS

JOHN F. WHITNEY RALPH B. HATCH

Board of Registrars

GRACE L. KIBBE

EDWIN BRENNAN, 1951 JOHN J. FLYNN, 1952

L. NORRIS FITZGERALD, 1953

Special Police

GEORGE FISHER, Sr. AUSTIN K. HARRIS

W. EDWARD BURLEIGH LEON COTE

HAROLD D. JONES EDWARD LARSON

In Memoriam

WILLIAM J. SESSIONS

1859 - 1950

SELECTMAN

1899 - 1904

WILLIAM S. HUNT

1868 - 1950

SELECTMAN

1901 - 1902

FREDERICK L. BEEBE

1867 - 1950

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1934 - 1939

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Hampden

Town of Hampden

To either of the Constables of the said Town of Hampden
in said County:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in elections of town officers to meet at the Town House on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of February, A. D., 1951 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the election officers of said Town, for the following officers, to wit:

To choose a Moderator for one year. To choose a Town Clerk and a Town Treasurer for one year. To choose one Selectman for three years who shall also be on the Board of Public Welfare; to choose one Collector of Taxes; three Constables; one Tree Warden; one Auditor, all for the term of one year; and one School Committee member, one Cemetery Commissioner, one Library Trustee, all for the term of three years; one member of the Planning Board for the term of five years. Also to choose all other necessary Town Officers. The polls open at 10 A. M. and shall close at 8 P. M.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Hampden qualified to vote

in Town Affairs to meet at the Town House, Hampden, on Monday, March 5th, A. D. 1951, at eight o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To hear the Annual Reports of all the 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, and to raise and appropriate the following sums to cover same or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the following amounts be raised and appropriated to pay the salaries of the Elective Town Officers.

Salaries			
Selectmen	\$300.00		
	200.00		
	200.00	\$700.00	
Treasurer		500.00	
Collector		550.00 500	
Assessors	200.00		
	100.00		
	100.00	400.00	
School Committee	60.00		
	30.00		
	30.00	120.00	
Auditor		15.00	
Moderator		10.00	
Town Clerk		100.00	

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

The Advisory Committee recommends that the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the several purposes

hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for the purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees, or officers of the town as follows:

General Government

Selectmen's Expenses	\$500.00
Accounting	550.00
Treasurer's Expenses	150.00
Collector's Expenses	300.00
Assessor's Expenses	600.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	150.00
Law & Claims	400.00
Building Inspector	210.00
Elections & Registrations	250.00
Town Hall	50.00
Town House Maintenance	2,300.00
Certifying Notes & Other Finance	50.00

Protection of Persons & Property

Police	500.00
Forest Fire Equipment	200.00
Forest Fires	200.00
Forest Warden	50.00
Tree Warden	200.00
Fire House	275.00
Fire Truck Maintenance	674.00
Scaler	35.00
Moth Eradication	400.00
Dutch Elm	210.00

Health & Sanitation

Meat Inspection	50.00
Animal Inspection	50.00
Health	2,750.00

Highways

Snow & Ice Removal	1,500.00
Bridges, Railings & Highways	1,500.00
Street Lighting	907.70
Garage Maintenance	100.00

Charities & Veteran's Benefits

Old Age Assistance	12,000.00
Public Welfare	3,000.00
Veteran's Benefits	1,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00

Town Fund \$ 200

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Library	1,100.00
Unclassified	
Memorial Day	200.00
Soldiers & Sailors Graves	120.00
Town Common	150.00
Printing Town Reports	429.20
Insurance	3,012.00
Reserve	2,000.00
Planning Board	97.50
Advisory Board	75.00
Cemeteries:	
Prospect Hill Cemetery	350.00

Article 4. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund, now in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this fund be paid to the Library Account.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2550.00 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.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 6. 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 action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that \$1,000 be raised and appropriated.

Article 7. 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 of a part of Ludlow Road, and a part of North Monson Road, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in conjunction with the money that was allotted by the State for storm damage.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the sum of \$500 be transferred from unappropriated available funds.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 & 90 Highways in the four preceding articles or take any action in relation thereto.

17,000

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to take action to proceed with the plans and specifications procured by the School Building Committee for the four room addition to the school building or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be dismissed.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for planting trees along the highways.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to make it compulsory that cement vaults be used in all cemeteries for burials to prevent the sinking of graves or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to publish the assessed valuation of all land and real estate in the Town of Hampden and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to print same or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to be expended in the Town by Hampden County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 128, Section 42, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the School Department or take any other action relative thereto.

School Committee Expense	\$75.00
Superintendent's Salary	875.00
Expenses of Superintendency	1,026.00
Supervisor's Salaries	1,403.00
Teachers' Salaries	16,310.00
Textbooks	700.00
Supplies	1,200.00
Janitors' Salaries	2,800.00
Fuel	2,000.00

Miscellaneous Operating	850.00	
Repairs & Replacements	700.00	
Health	915.00	
Transportation	13,840.00	
Tuition	19,070.00	
Miscellaneous Auxiliary	125.00	
New Equipment	500.00	\$62,389.00

The Advisory Committee recommends acceptance of the above budget subject to investigation of the transportation problem by the School Committee. (See Advisory Board Report)

Article 16. 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 III, General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the sum of \$600 be raised and appropriated for the Dental Clinic but that some action be taken in the way of establishing supervision.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Civilian Defense Act and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for Civilian Defense or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$601.74 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.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 820, Acts of 1950; an act to increase the

pension of those who retired under the Hampden County Retirement Act prior to November 1, 1949, by \$100 a year, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Recreation Field, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Account.

The Advisory Committee recommends that \$2,000 be transferred to this account.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury for the purchase of a Rubber Tired Loader or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the sum of \$5,500 be transferred for this purpose.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to invest such sums as are available from time to time in negotiable bonds or in savings account, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that \$10,000 be placed in a savings account subject to approval of Tax Commissioner Long.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV of the Zoning By-Laws so that in the future it will include Section IVA, Industrial District Uses.

1. Any use as in Residence A. Residence B or Business District.

2. Subject to permit by the Board of Appeals after public hearings for the following purposes or uses:

(a) Manufacturing employing unobjectionable motive power, utilizing hand labor or quiet running machinery or processes, free from neighborhood disturbing odors or agencies. No use shall be permitted which might prove offensive because of injurious or obnoxious noise, vibrations, smoke, fumes, gas, odors, dust or other objectionable features or which might prove hazardous to the community on account of fire or explosion or any other cause or which might prove injurious to the welfare or safety of the neighborhood in which it proposes to operate or which might prove destructive to property values because of excessive nuisance qualities.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be dismissed.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend and rewrite Sec. IX-3, so that in the future it shall read: "These By-Laws shall be administered by the Building Commissioner who shall be appointed annually by the Selectmen".

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to revise Sec. II, Par. 4, so that in the future it shall read: "Farms, not including a piggery or other objectionable type of farming detrimental or obnoxious to a neighborhood unless authorized by the Board of Appeals, nursery, greenhouses or accessory buildings, provided that any such building be a distance of at least twenty feet from any lot line, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to make a study of the school conditions of the Town of Hampden and to make recommendations for the betterment thereof and to transfer for the use of this committee the unexpended balance of the money which was originally transferred for the purpose of procuring plans and specifications for a four-room addition to the present school building, such 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 1952, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the Chairmen of the following town committees constitute a committee whose duty it shall be to appoint the investigating committee referred to in the above article: Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Advisory Board, Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 for administrative cost for the South East Hampden Welfare District.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,500 from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 30. 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, 1951 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 Sec. 17, Chap. 44, of General Laws.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at each of the three places designated by the Town. Whereof 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 Sixteenth day of February 1951.

CLIFFORD R. GUNTHER

JAMES J. MORGAN

CHARLES R. MELVILLE

Selectmen of Hampden

Report of Advisory Committee

February 5, 1951

The Advisory Board of the Town of Hampden held eight meetings during the past year and one public hearing.

Three members of the Board attended the last meeting of the Town Finance Committees recently held in Boston. These conferences are very valuable to Board Members, who hear problems that are pertinent to all discussed.

The Reserve Fund of \$2,000.00 was appropriated at the last town meeting and controlled by this committee to meet emergencies. The Committee approved the transfer of \$1,692.68. A balance of \$307.32 will be returned to the excess and deficiency fund.

A study of the budgets of all departments indicates that each held very close to actual requirements for the coming year. Unsettled general conditions make future commitments uncertain and it therefore seems wise to raise the Fund to \$3,500.00, thereby providing for contingencies without having to hold a special town meeting.

The Advisory Board, in approving the School Budget, feels that the cost of school transportation is excessive. At a joint meeting of the School Committee, Board of Selectmen and members of this Board, it was

the unanimous decision of all present that the matter of transportation cost should be investigated and it was left to the School Committee to do so. No report has been returned and our approval of the budget is made subject to the above.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. HELBERG, Chairman

ERNEST L. WOODS

ROBERT S. PEASE

H. LAURENCE FOSTER

EDITH M. RANSOM

Report of Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

The Board of Selectmen submit the following report for the year 1950. Regular meetings have been held and weekly warrants to the Treasurer have been made.

Early in the year the Selectmen felt that a Clerk to the Board would be very helpful, and in March applications were solicited through the local papers. Consequently, Mrs. Donald Gagnon was hired at the rate of seventy-five cents an hour, and she has proved a very efficient and co-operative Clerk.

In the Spring the bridge over the Scantic River on Chapin Road was rebuilt with lumber from the Town wood-lot at a conservative cost.

Bids were solicited for repairs to the fire house and new fire house doors, and the contract was subsequently awarded to C. H. Hardy & Son of Springfield. Bid requests were published covering the painting of the Old Town Hall, and this contract was awarded to Alton Gregory of Hampden. The contract for a new belfry roof and new belfry beams was also given to C. H. Hardy & Son. The Selectmen feel that the outside of the Old Town Hall is now in satisfactory condition to withstand the elements.

A meeting was held with the Recreation Committee and rules and regulations governing the Recreation Field were drawn up and adopted. The Selectmen, with

the approval of the State Department of Public Works, have also drawn up and adopted a set of traffic laws for the Town of Hampden. Copies of these laws have been made and will be published in the near future. The Board met with the Constables and Special Police and each officer was presented a copy of these laws. Officers were stationed at various points in the town during the summer and traffic was slowed to a certain extent. It is evident that there is a need for traffic duty, since Hampden has become a busy town. Officers are now stationed in front of the two churches on Sunday mornings to facilitate the orderly flow of traffic.

Several meetings were held with the Selectmen of Monson and Wales regarding the formation of a Welfare District comprising the three towns. On September 18th a special Town Meeting was called and it was voted that Hampden should join this District, which is now known as the South East Hampden Welfare District. Hampden is now reimbursed fifty per cent of its administrative cost from the State, which it did not receive heretofore.

The Selectmen, with the co-operation of Mr. Rockwell Keeney, Jr., of Springfield, were instrumental in setting up a new insurance system for the Town of Hampden. Liability coverage and that on the Town House were both increased, and coverage for the Highway Garage was added, since this building had previously been uninsured. One appropriation will now cover the cost of all insurance. This present system is much more simplified, since previously insurance costs were paid out of various appropriations.

In December the Selectmen received a letter from the State Department of Public Works allotting the Town the sum of five hundred dollars for repairs to roads

damaged in the November storms. This contract was signed by the Selectmen, returned to the Department of Public Works in Boston for approval, and has since been returned to us.

The Board of Selectmen, in conjunction with the Recreation Committee and the Scout Committee, have granted the use of a portion of Recreation Field for Scout activities.

The Board of Selectmen wish to thank the various other boards and departments for their help and cooperation during the year, which was of such assistance in the performance of our duties.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD R. GUNTHER

JAMES J. MORGAN

CHARLES R. MELVILLE

Selectmen of Hampden

Report of the Board of Health

12 cases of diseases dangerous to the public health were reported during the year as follows: pulmonary tuberculosis, 1; dog bite, 2; chicken pox, 9.

All communicable diseases must be reported to the local Board of Health by the attending physician, or in the event a doctor is not called, the case must be reported direct to the local Board of Health by the parents.

This past year the selectmen's office took over the task of issuing bills for work done by the Dental Clinic. The total of unpaid bills issued for 1949, and for 1950 bills was \$139.25, but only \$50.00 has been collected as of Jan. 1. The Dental Clinic is maintained for the convenience of local parents. It affords an opportunity to have the highest grade work done for a fraction of the cost of similar work done privately elsewhere. It is not practical for the town to maintain a set of books for the purpose of following up the many small unpaid dental bills, so it becomes necessary to depend on the thoughtfulness of parents to pay their bills promptly. All persons using the dental clinic are asked to bear this in mind.

A movement is under way to establish health unions throughout the state. This law is known as Chapter 662 Acts of 1949, An Act Relative to the Organization of Union Health Departments. Ten years is the time set during which a town may join a Health Union of its own choosing. No action has been taken by the town, but it is a matter that must eventually come up for consideration.

JAMES J. MORGAN

Report of the Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		1,300.00
		\$4,300.00

Expenditures

Cash		\$1,638.20
Medical		376.68
Fuel, Light, Ice		393.78
Rent		130.00
Labor		67.96
City of Springfield		691.15
Board		624.00
Clothing		15.53
St. Pierre Funeral Home		150.00
Administration		116.00
Social Service Index		2.00
		\$4,205.30
Balance to Surplus		4,205.30
Persons Aided	10	94.70

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation		2,000.00
Cash Paid, Payrolls		1,389.95
Administration		58.00
Transferred to Welfare District		500.00
		1,947.95
Unexpended Balance		52.05

FEDERAL GRANT

Balance January 1, 1950		149.82
Cash Received, Federal Government		380.50
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		530.32
Cash paid on payrolls	196.60	196.60
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Unexpended Balance		333.72

FEDERAL GRANT ADMINISTRATION

Received from Federal Government		20.81
Administration	4.15	
Transferred to Welfare District	16.66	
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	20.81	20.81
Active Cases January 1, 1950	1	
Transferred to Hampden	1	
Closed	1	
Active January 1, 1951	1	

Respectfully submitted,

MARY H. CANTWELL, Agent

Report of Bureau of Old Age Assistance

Appropriation:		\$12,000.00
Expenditures		
Town Cases	(25)	\$6,145.36
State Cases	(3)	2,416.10
Other Cities and Towns	(5)	3,308.23
Paid for Settled Hampden Case to other Town Administration		71.24 58.00
		11,898.93
Balance to Surplus Revenue		1.07
FEDERAL GRANT		
Received from Federal Government		8,397.75
Cash Payments		8,345.08
		56.67
FEDERAL GRANT ADMINISTRATION		
Received from Federal Government		516.65
Expenditures		
Administration	\$297.00	
Transferred to Welfare District	219.65	516.65
Cases active January 1, 1950	25	
Applications received	5	
Applications approved	5	
Applications pending	0	
Applications closed	6	
Cases active December 31, 1950	24	

Respectfully submitted,

MARY H. CANTWELL, Agent

Report of Superintendent of Streets

The most outstanding project of the Highway Department for the year 1950 was the rebuilding of Ludlow Road under Chapter 90 Funds. The total money available for this work was \$8000 of which \$2000 was allotted by the County and \$4000 by the State. This enables us to complete the tar road to the Naughton place and also to widen and gravel the remainder of the road to the Wilbraham line. All that is needed now is a finish gravel and tar to complete this road and with it, every road on the West Side or "Over the mountain" will have been hardened except Carmody Road. It might be interesting to townspeople to know that the first tar in Hampden was applied to the East Longmeadow Road in 1924. The summary of costs for the Ludlow Road includes the following: labor, \$1962.60; materials such as gravel, culverts, tar and sand, \$2161.28; and equipment including hired and town trucks, shovels, spreaders, grader, roller, bulldozer and power saw, \$3876.03.

The \$3000 for maintenance of Chapter 90 roads was divided equally amongst town, county and state. This was used to resurface all of Springfield Road with asphalt and quarter-inch trap rock and nearly one-half of Wilbraham Road. Of this \$2024.56 was paid for materials, \$491.16 for labor and \$484.20 for equipment.

The Chapter 81 Fund was spent for general maintenance and improvements such as scraping, patching, gravelling, cutting brush and drainage as in previous years. Shoulders were hardened on Main Street thereby

not only making a wider hardened surface but lessening the amount of continual patching of the edges of the street. The Stafford Road was hardened from the Dr. Furcolo property to Rubber Neck Corner.

All of the main bridges are in fairly good condition now. The Chapin Road bridge in the village over the Scantic River now has a new deck built last summer of four-inch oak planks which were sawed from trees on the town wood lot just east of Cross Road. They were laid on top of 24 inch metal I-beams and then covered with 3 inches of bituminous mix. This floor should last many years without repairs.

Many guard rails all over town are in need of replacing. Most of the old chestnut posts have rotted completely off. They are gradually being replaced with permanent posts although during the past year on account of the cement shortage, reinforced concrete posts were difficult to obtain.

Last summer the department purchased 15 tons of salt for snow removal. This with about 3 tons left over from 1949 helps immeasurably in snow and ice removal.

The summary of Chapter 81 expenditures are as follows: labor, \$4281.48; materials including salt, \$5570.10; and equipment, \$2048.35. The town raised \$2550 for Chapter 81 and the Department of Public Works added \$9350, making a total of \$11,900. The amounts spent on various roads are as follows: Springfield Road, \$241.24; East Longmeadow Road, \$10; Wilbraham Road, \$428.55; Somers Road, \$172.17; Ludlow Road, \$243.93; Isaac Bradway Road, \$78.20; Mill Road, \$451.65; Carmody Road, \$63.85; Main Street, \$1469.17;

South Road, \$622.42; Chapin Road, \$1046.11; Rock-a-Dundee Road, \$354.34; Scantic Road, \$1005.83; Cross Road \$41.75; South Monson Road, \$130.42; Thresher Road, \$160.55; Hendee Road, \$27.92; Howlett Hill Road, \$166.41; Stafford Road, \$928.76; North Monson Road, \$656.22; Bennett Road, \$1040.95; Ames Road, \$616.16; Glendale Road, \$238.59; North Road, \$632.64; Mountain Road, \$775.02; Burleigh Road, \$25.82; and Riverside Drive, \$16.92.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

Superintendent of Streets

Report of Assessors

TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF POLLS, PROPERTY,
AND TAXES AS ASSESSED January 1, 1950

	All		
Number of persons assessed	Individuals	Others	Total
On Personal Estate Only	11	5	16
On Real Estate Only	364	3	367
On Both Personal and Real Estate	90	2	92
Total number of persons assessed			475
Number of Polls Assessed			444
Value of Assessed Personal Estate			
Stock in Trade	\$17,165.00		
Machinery	98,372.00		
Live Stock	31,053.00		
All Other Tangible Personal Property	50.00		
Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate			\$146,640.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate			
Land Exclusive of Buildings	\$281,250.00		
Buildings exclusive of Land	760,568.00		
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate			\$1,041,818.00
Total Value of Assessed Estate			\$1,188,458.00
Tax Rate per \$1,000.00—\$62.00			

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

On Personal Estate	\$9,091.66
On Real Estate	64,592.71
On Polls	888.00

Total Taxes Assessed	\$74,572.37
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Number of Live Stock Assessed

Horses	34
Cows (Milch)	337
Bulls 13; Yearlings 61; Heifers 78; Steers 6	158
Swine	27
Fowl	6,754
Sheep	9
All others—Goats 4, Mink 231	235

Number of Acres of Land Assessed,
(More or Less)

12,142

Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed

456

Each building used as a dwelling counted as ONE
without regard to number of families housed.

Board of Assessors,
Hampden, Mass.

I hereby certify that the following appropriations are the true amounts voted at the annual Town Meeting held February 13, 1950.

General Government:

Salaries in Art. 2	\$2,345.00	
Selectmen Expenses	300.00	
Accounting	550.00	
Treasurer's Expenses	150.00	
Collector's Expense	225.00	
Assessor's Expense	550.00	
Town Clerk	200.00	
Law & Claims	400.00	
Building Inspector	150.00	
Elections & Registrations	500.00	
Town Hall	200.00	
Town House Maintenance	2,500.00	
Certifying Notes & Other	50.00	\$8,120.00

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police	\$300.00	
Forest Fire Equipment	200.00	
Forest Fires	200.00	
Forest Warden	50.00	
Fire House	425.00	
Fire Truck Maintenance	914.00	
Sealer	35.00	
Moth Eradication	400.00	
Tree Warden	200.00	\$2,724.00

Health & Sanitation:

Meat Inspection	\$50.00	
Animal Inspection	50.00	
Health	1,750.00	\$1,850.00