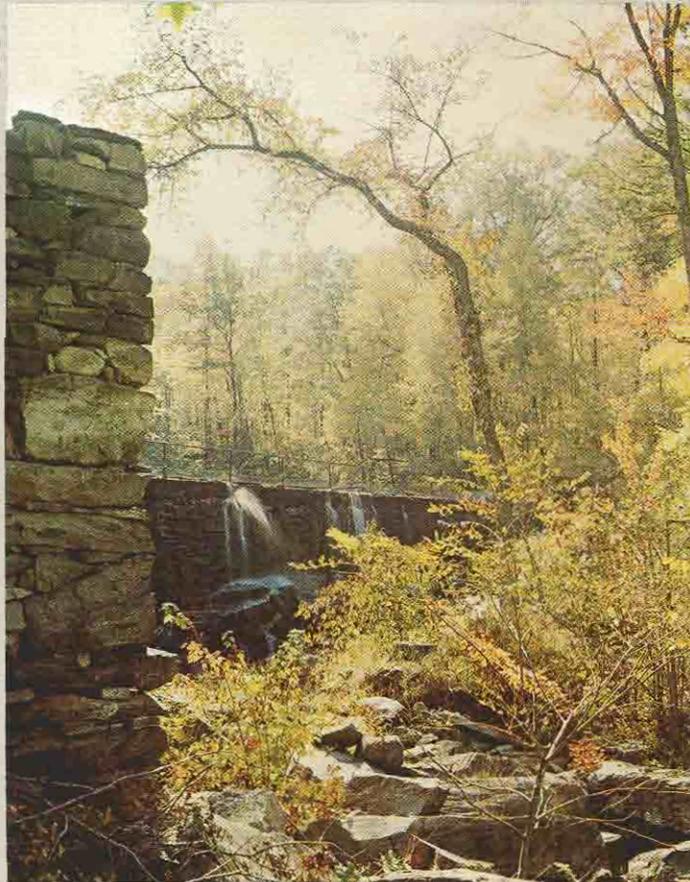


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HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS



MAP OF TOWN OF
HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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April, 1953

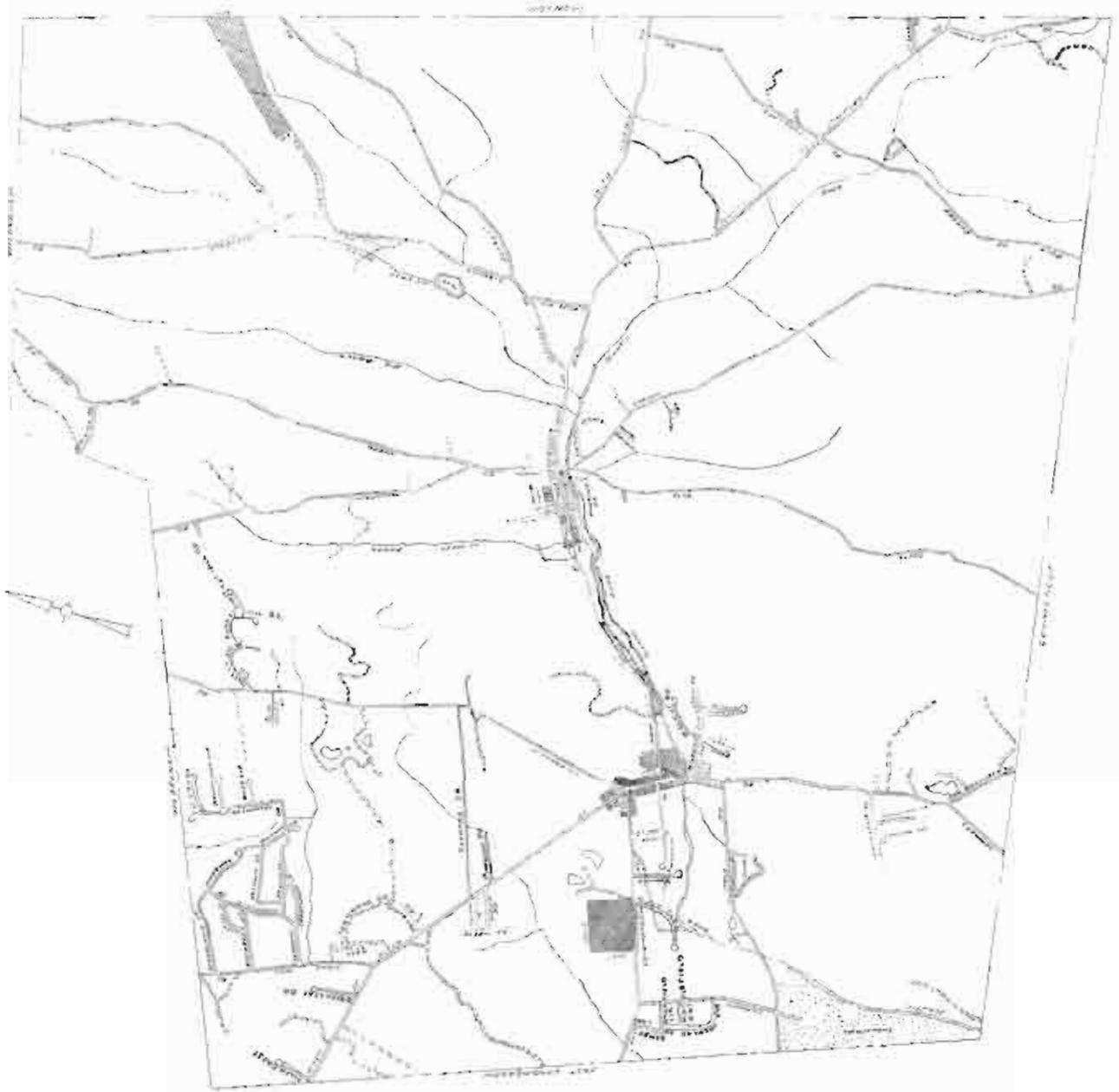
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The following information is intended as a guide for the Townspeople of Hampden, and it is hoped this Town Report will serve as a reference book throughout 1967.

Population of Hampden, January 1, 1965
(Official State Census)—3,211

Estimated Population of Hampden, December 31, 1966
3,300

Senators in U. S. Senate

Edward W. Brooke
Edward Kennedy

Representative in Congress

Edward P. Boland

State Senator

Philip A. Quinn

Representative in General Court

Alexander Lolas

Annual Town Meeting

First Monday in March

Annual Election of Officers of Hampden

Second Monday in March

Business Hours of Town Officers and Committees, unless otherwise announced:

| | | |
|---------------------------|--|---------------|
| Town Clerk | Wednesdays, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. | Tel. 566-3214 |
| Town Treasurer | Fridays, 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. | Tel. 566-3214 |
| Collector of Taxes | Wednesdays, 7 to 8 P.M. and Thursdays, 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. | Tel. 566-3214 |
| Board of Assessors | Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 P.M. Clerk in office every Monday, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Friday, from 2 to 5 P.M. | Tel. 566-3214 |
| Board of Selectmen | Meets every Wednesday at 8 P.M. Secretary in office every Tuesday and Thursday, 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.; every Wednesday and Friday, 9 A.M. to 12 Noon. | Tel. 566-3713 |
| Planning Board | Second Wednesday of each month at 8 P.M. | Tel. 566-3214 |
| School Committee | First and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 P.M. | Tel. 566-8814 |
| Regional School Committee | Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. | Tel. 596-6161 |

Hours of Hampden Free Public Library

| | |
|-----------|---|
| Monday | 12:30 P.M. to 5 P.M. and 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. |
| Wednesday | 12:30 P.M. to 5 P.M. and 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. |
| Saturday | 1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. |

Summer Hours of Library

| | |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Wednesday | 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. and 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. |
| Saturday | 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. |

Hours of Town Dump

When Standard Time is in effect:

| | |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Monday | 1 P.M. to 6 P.M. |
| Wednesday | 1 P.M. to 6 P.M. |
| Saturday | 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. |

When Daylight Saving Time is in effect:

| | |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Monday | 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. |
| Wednesday | 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. |
| Saturday | 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. |

Publications Available

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|------------------------------------|----------|
| Subdivision Control Laws | 25 cents |
| Zoning By-Laws | 25 cents |
| Map of Hampden | 25 cents |

The following may be obtained from Town Clerk:

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|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Certified copy of birth | \$1.00 |
| Certified copy of death | 1.00 |
| Certified copy of marriage | 1.00 |
| Marriage license—resident | 2.00 |
| Trade Name Registration | 1.00 |

Telephones

| | |
|--|------------|
| Elementary School, North Road | 566-3263 |
| Superintendent of Schools, North Road | 566-8814 |
| Junior High School | 566-3931 |
| Highway Department, Main Street | 566-8842 |
| Library, Main Street | 566-3047 |
| Minnechaug Regional High School, Wilbraham | 596-6161 |
| Welfare Department, Main Street, Monson | 1-267-3717 |

Church Directory

| | |
|---|----------|
| Federated Community Church, Main Street | 566-3711 |
| Rev. Robert VanGorder, Pastor | 566-3402 |
| St. Mary's Church, Somers Road | |
| Rev. Cornelius Donahue, Pastor | 566-8843 |

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS—1966

Moderator

GEORGE W. INGLE

Town Clerk

MARIE V. KROOK

Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

JOHN M. FLYNN, Chairman, 1967

CHARLES R. MELVILLE, 1968 JOSEPH J. ZAHER, 1969

Secretary to the Selectmen—RUTH W. WOODS

Assessors

GEORGE AUDREN, Chairman, 1969

EDWARD H. DAYTON, 1967 FRANK J. T. KIRK, 1968

Clerk to the Assessors—ALICE FULLER

School Committee

JEANNETTE S. GREEN, Chairman, 1969

DEWITT ACKERMAN, Vice-Chairman, 1968

HILLARD H. CLARKSON, 1967 EDWIN N. LOMBARD, 1968

YORKE PHILLIPS, 1969

Clerk to the School Committee—DOROTHY ROY

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee

ANDREW J. MULCAHY, JR., 1969

Board of Trustees of the Hampden Free Public Library

ELSIE W. THERRIEN, Chairman, 1969

C. KILBOURNE BUMP, 1967 MILDRED ATTLETON, 1968

Collector of Taxes

DOROTHY S. FLYNN

Constables

PAUL A. BOUCHARD, 1968

ARTHUR H. GERRISH, 1968 MILES HAPGOOD, 1968

Cemetery Commissioners

HOMER FULLER, Chairman, 1967

DANIEL ISHAM, 1968 ERNESTINE F. JOHNSON, 1969

Planning Board

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, Chairman, 1969

GARFIELD W. TRACY, 1967 FREDERICK MAHER, 1970

MARION W. GERRISH, 1968 FRANCIS BUCKLEY, 1971

Clerk to the Planning Board—IRENE BALSER

Auditor

ROLLYN H. HATCH

Tree Warden

HOMER FULLER

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS—1966

Town Accountant

THEODORE I. BALLARD, 1968

Dog Officer

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

Forest Fire Warden

RICHARD BOYNTON

Inspector of Animals

HOMER FULLER

Inspector of Slaughtering

DONALD E. DICKINSON

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

JAMES A. REARDON

Superintendent of Streets

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

Memorial Park Commissioners

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, Chairman, 1968

DALTON PHILPOTT, 1967

WARREN REED, 1968

LEE H. TAFT, 1967

WILBUR JENKINS, 1969

DAVID JOYCE, 1969

JAMES R. LAW, 1969

Veterans' Graves Officer

JOHN SCHMUCK

Board of Health Agent and Investigator

ROBERT H. SABBIDES

Agent for Veterans' Benefits

THOMAS J. FAULKNER

Measurers of Wood, Bark and Charcoal

ROLLYN H. HATCH

AUSTIN K. HARRIS

Civil Defense Director

HARRY JOHNSON

Deputy Director

HAMILTON DELISLE

Shelter Officer

HARRY JOHNSON

Pound Keeper and Field Driver

HOMER FULLER

Fence Viewers

DONALD E. DICKINSON

WILLIAM PATRIC

WARREN DICKINSON

Dump Supervisor

WALTER J. LYONS

Welfare Agent

MARY CANTWELL, Retired
ALBERT R. DUPSHA

Town Counsel

ATTY. WILLIAM D. CANFIELD

Dentist for Dental Clinic

DR. H. W. MARTINEAU

Building Commissioner

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT

Electrical Inspector

ALBERT W. MIREAULT

Plumbing Inspector

WILLIAM P. PATULLO

Board of Appeals

DALTON E. PHILPOTT, Chairman, 1967

WALTER W. LUNDEN, 1967

LAWRENCE F. SULLIVAN, 1967

BERT NIETUPSKI, 1967

RICHARD A. JALBERT, 1969

Alternates

JOHN R. OWENS, 1967

STANLEY WITKOP, 1967

Clerk to the Board of Appeals—JEAN SNOW

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee

EDWIN N. LOMBARD

Advisory Committee

WILLIAM T. OLNSTEAD, Chairman, 1967

SHERWOOD CRONK, 1967

DANIEL M. FLYNN, 1968

ROBERT J. SICBALDI, 1967

RAYMOND A. BARKHUFF, 1969

Clerk to Advisory Committee—JEAN SNOW

Voters Liable for Jury Duty for the Year

Beginning August 1, 1966

WALTER A. BARBOUR
RAYMOND A. BARKHUFF
STEPHEN BARTLETT
ERROL BEEBE
ROBERT L. BRYANS
MARY E. DUNLEA
GEORGE FISHER, SR.
FRANCES F. HOWLETT
HAROLD F. HELBERG
GEORGE JEFTS
DAVID JOYCE
ALBERT A. LABELLE
FRANCIS H. LATTRELL
FREDERICK D. WOLCOTT
ELIZABETH W. ARDISON
CHARLOTTE H. AUDREN
JUNE BANDOSKI
ADA R. BOHLKE

LOUIS LEVINE
CARL F. LIBBY
ELMER MASTERS
ROBERT D. MEACHAM
CHARLES R. MELVILLE, JR.
FREDERICK R. MOORE
JOHN F. MORIARTY
ANDREW J. MULCAHY, JR.
DONALD M. SAFFORD
EDWARD SIMKINS
PHILIP A. STANGER
GEORGE F. VESTER
DOUGLAS G. WILCOXSON, JR.
ELIZABETH S. CRONK
JULIA WINETROUT
OLIVE V. MERTZ
MABEL E. FISKE
OMER TALBOT

Board of Registrars

MARIE V. KROOK

FAYE FLYNN, Chairman, 1967

IDA LAMB, 1969

VIRGINIA REED, 1968

Chief of Police

WILLIAM G. JOY

Patrolman

ROBERT A. NEWTON

Special Police Officers

PAUL A. BOUCHARD
ARTHUR H. GERRISH
WALTER J. LYONS
GEORGE J. KEALY

CHARLES FAIRBANKS
ROBERT A. NEWTON
CLARKE E. WARREN, JR.
MILES HAPGOOD

Fire Chief

R. GORDON CASEY

Water Study Committee

DONALD SAFFORD, Chairman

JOHN FLYNN
CHARLES R. MELVILLE, SR.
JOSEPH J. ZAHER
SHERWOOD CRONK

DANIEL FLYNN
GORDON JOHNSON
DONALD COLOMBO
EVERETT S. WOODS

GARFIELD TRACY

Recreational and Conservation Needs Committee

RICHARD H. BRECK, Chairman

CHARLES R. MELVILLE, SR.
WILLIAM MORIARTY
JANE JOHNSON
LUCILLE MCGUILL

A. CARLETON JOHNSON
DEWITT ACKERMAN
DALTON PHILPOTT
WILBUR JENKINS

Zoning Committee (sub-committee of Planning Board)

FRANCIS T. BUCKLEY, Chairman

PAUL D. HUNTER
ANDREW J. MULCAHY, JR.

WILLIAM J. MORIARTY
DALTON E. PHILPOTT

Hampden Development Committee

RICHARD H. BRECK, Chairman

GORDON WILLCUTT
FREDERICK WARMAN
WILLIAM BUEREAU
WILLIAM BLIZARD
WILLIAM MORIARTY
JOHN M. FLYNN

RAYMOND BARKHUFF
GEORGE AUDREN
YORKE PHILLIPS
A. CARLETON JOHNSON
MARILYN BLIZARD
PHILIP SCHNEIDER

Master Plan Committee

GORDON WILLCUTT, Chairman

FREDERIC WARMAN
WILLIAM BUEREAU
RICHARD H. BRECK
WILLIAM BLIZARD
WILLIAM MORIARTY

School Survey and Site Committee

HILLARD CLARKSON, Chairman

RENE G. BURQUE
THOMAS W. MCGOWAN
DR. WILLIAM J. OSBORN
MARION W. GERRISH

School Building Committee

CARL F. LIBBY, Chairman

YORKE PHILLIPS, Vice-Chairman

EDWIN N. LOMBARD
FREDERICK MAHER, JR.
FREDERIC WARMAN

Community Action Committee

R. PETER LANDON, Chairman

REV. CORNELIUS DONOHUE
KENNETH E. JOHNSON
JOHN C. KAYNOR
ANDREW J. MULCAHY, JR.
WINIFRED LOMBARD

Building Code Revision Survey Committee

GORDON WILLCUTT, Chairman

WILLIAM P. PATULLO
ALBERT W. MIREAULT
HAROLD F. HELBERG
ATTY. WILLIAM D. CANFIELD
ROBERT M. FORTUNE
CHARLES P. SHARPLES

CHARLES R. MELVILLE, *ex-officio*

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1966 was the most active year thus far for the Board of Selectmen, in its capacity as administrator of the various departments under its jurisdiction. Several innovations were necessary to provide better service to the townspeople and closer cooperation among Town Departments and officers. One of these was the keeping of the Town Offices open each day, with a representative from one of the departments on duty. With the help of an expanded telephone system, calls to either the Town Office or Selectmen's telephone are always answered, and information is available to aid the citizens.

Meetings have been held with the heads of all departments invited to attend, and mutual problems have been discussed, to the enlightenment and clarification of all concerned. It is planned to continue these meetings in the interests of keeping all departments informed as to long range plans.

In addition to the Annual Town Meeting, three Special Town Meetings were held, on January 17, May 2 and October 3. The summaries of these meetings will be found at the end of this report.

It was felt that our Building Code needed revision, and to that end the Selectmen appointed a Building Code Revision Survey Committee, which is presently at work on this task. We have met several times with the Department of Public Works and the Board of Selectmen of East Longmeadow at their request to discuss their request to search for water in our Town. A Water Study Committee was appointed to assist with this problem, which has now been resolved, as East Longmeadow has withdrawn its request. The Town of East Longmeadow gained sufficient water from other sources and the Town of Hampden could not economically afford it at this time, either jointly with East Longmeadow or on its own. It is felt that until a much larger density of population is achieved, even a water district would not be feasible. An Insurance Committee is presently at work studying possible revision of this portion of Town expenses.

Exterior work was done on the Town House, which included repair and replacement of roofing on flat roof, repair of rain leaders, and removal and replacement of two exterior sets of front steps and some sidewalk replacement and repair.

Next year we would hope to continue with renovations to the interior of the Town House. As soon as the school department is able to move to the Intermediate School, now under construction, it is planned to use the entire basement area of the Town House for Town offices, the Police Department, hearing rooms, etc. This has been needed for some time, as all departments are operating in crowded conditions, and there has been forced sharing of office equipment, due to lack of space and money. In the interests of obtaining the most efficiency from all departments, it is hoped the voters will agree this is the time to expand Town facilities. The two classrooms on the east side of the Town House adjoining the Library facilities will be made a part of that department. As a temporary measure during this school season, the Town House auditorium is being used for two classrooms. Last summer the Univent heater in the auditorium had to be replaced.

Following the appointment of William Joy as Chief of Police, a fulltime Police Department went into operation on May 2.

Under the direction of Harry Johnson, a Civil Defense program was set up for the Town of Hampden.

After many years of faithful service, Miss Mary Cantwell retired as Welfare Agent. At the Special Town Meeting of October 3 it was voted that Hampden join in a Welfare District to include Brimfield, Holland, Wales, Monson and Hampden, whose offices are in Monson.

Permission was granted by the Selectmen for the Springfield Gas Light Co. to lay gas mains in Pinewood Road, Martin Farms Road and Mill Road.

The Chapter 90 Construction program continued with work being done on South Monson Road. In 1967 it is planned to widen and resurface a portion of Main Street from the vicinity of Walter Black's Auto Body Shop to the home of Austin Harris. This will necessitate blasting of rock on the north side of the road. We plan to use a Special Grant from the State for this work, in addition to the regular Chapter 90 Construction money. In order not to extend this work over too long a period of time, the Selectmen are hoping the voters will agree to an additional sum of money to be raised and used in conjunction with the above mentioned funds. We consider this a vital project, since this road is the main entrance into Hampden, and the condition of that section of Main Street is poor, due to undermining by the river at the time of the 1955 flood.

In 1966, Chapter 90 Maintenance money was spent on Mill Road, North Monson Road and Glendale Road. With the aid of a special grant from the County Commissioners, the curve near the home of Charles Lemon on Glendale Road was straightened.

The new fire truck was received in February; and in addition the Selectmen advertised for bids for purchase of the following: police cruiser, asphalt for paving, rock salt, gasoline.

The Memorial Day parade was the biggest ever, including local youth groups, Scouts, Fire and Police Departments, school bands, Cyclonauts Club and a contingent of Highlanders from Melha Shrine Temple in Springfield.

The Lions Club donated two new bulletin boards to be used for posting Town notices; one at the Town line on Allen Street and one at the junction of Somers Road and Main Street.

Report of the State Auditor's office indicated that their representatives found all books and accounts in good order at the time of their audit early in 1966.

Improvements were made in the Town Garage, with additional wiring and insulation being installed.

In order that safe speeds may be enforced throughout the main roads in Hampden, the Selectmen are requesting a sum of money to pay for the necessary preliminary surveys prior to the erection of State approved speed signs. We have received permission from the State for necessary pavement markings and regulatory signs.

The following fees have been reported as received and turned over to the Town Treasurer:

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| Town Clerk | \$2,644.35 |
| Tax Collector | 689.00 |
| Treasurer (Building Permit Fees) | 5,171.00 |
| Selectmen | 1,481.00 |
| Police Department | 134.25 |

And so, with thanks to the Town officials, departments and committees who have worked with us so cooperatively during this past year, we look forward to the new year, which will inevitably bring with it more problems to be solved, and the satisfaction of having a part in the growth and progress of Hampden.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. FLYNN, *Chairman*
CHARLES R. MELVILLE
JOSEPH J. ZAHER

Board of Selectmen

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—JANUARY 17, 1966

ARTICLE 1—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain or purchase, for school purposes, two parcels of land, supposed to belong to the heirs of Francis H. Barry and supposed to belong to Faye Realty Trust located on the westerly side of Wilbraham Road, described as follows:

(Barry Parcel) Bounded on the north by land supposed to belong to Daniel R. and Beatrice B. Isham; on the east by Wilbraham Road; on the south by land supposed to belong to Raymond and Christine M. Koncitik and land supposed to belong to Joseph A. and Louise Vallee; and on the west by land supposed to be owned by Faye Realty Trust; containing 16.727 acres, more or less.

(Faye Realty Trust Parcel) Bounded on the west by Allen Street; on the north by land supposed to be owned by Edward F. and Edna G. Stauffer and land supposed to be owned by Daniel R. and Beatrice B. Isham; on the east by land supposed to belong to the heirs of Francis H. Barry; and on the south by land supposed to be owned by Joseph A. and Louise Vallee; containing 20.4 acres, more or less; and will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,600 for this purpose.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 2—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain or purchase, for school purposes, two parcels of land, supposed to belong to the heirs of Francis H. Barry and supposed to belong to Faye Realty Trust, located on the westerly side of Wilbraham Road, described as follows:

(Barry Parcel) Bounded on the north by land supposed to be owned by Daniel R. and Beatrice B. Isham; on the west by Wilbraham Road; on the south by land supposed to belong to Raymond and Christine M. Koncitik and land supposed to be owned by Joseph A. and Louise Vallee; and on the west by land supposed to be owned by Faye Realty Trust; containing 16.727 acres, more or less.

(Faye Realty Trust Parcel) Bounded on the east by land supposed to belong to the heirs of Francis H. Barry; on the south by land supposed to be owned by Joseph A. and Louise Vallee; on the west by other land supposed to belong to Faye Realty Trust; and on the north by land supposed to belong to Daniel R. and Beatrice B. Isham; containing 5.9 acres, more or less; and will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,400 for this purpose.

Article rejected.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—MARCH 7, 1966

ARTICLE 20 was considered first. Article amended to provide for a 9 member Recreation Committee to be appointed; one member of the Master Plan Study Committee and 4 citizens be appointed; that the Town raise and appropriate

\$5,000 and borrow \$10,000 to be paid within the next 3 years. Voted to improve swimming pond at Recreation Field with vote of 128 in favor and 22 against; Method 1 used for financing.

ARTICLE 1—Voted that Annual Reports be accepted with thanks to William Moriarty included in the Report of the Planning Board; and that future issues of

the Annual Town Report include the warrants for special town meetings and the actions taken at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE 2—Voted that the Dog Fund in the amount of \$925.29 be paid into the Library Account.

ARTICLE 3—Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for repair and maintenance of Town roads under the provisions of Chapter 81, Section 26 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 4—Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,500 to be used in conjunction with money from the State and/or County for Chapter 90 Maintenance work on highways.

ARTICLE 5—Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,378.28 to be used in conjunction with money from the County and/or State for the widening and surfacing of South Monson Road and a portion of Main Street under the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 34.

ARTICLE 6—Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow \$26,200 for the State share of Chapter 81 and the State and County share of Chapter 90 Highway programs.

ARTICLE 7—Voted to transfer \$9,000 from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 8—Voted to transfer \$10,000 from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 9—No action necessary, as there were no outstanding bills from 1965 or previous years.

ARTICLE 10—Voted to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for repair and replacement of roofing and insulation and flashing on flat roof and repair of rain leaders at the Town House.

ARTICLE 11—Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 97A of the General Laws (refers to Police Chief).

ARTICLE 12—Rejected. Article to set aside \$500 to start a fund for Centennial Celebration in 1978, because it was learned this is contrary to the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 13—Voted to raise and appropriate necessary sums to cover budget for 1967 (some changes in figures made).

ARTICLE 14—Defeated article to hold annual business meeting of the Town the first Saturday in March.

ARTICLE 15—Voted to amend Section 1 of the By-laws for the Town of Hampden so that in the future the Annual Town Election shall be held on the second Monday in March.

ARTICLE 16—Voted to continue in force indefinitely the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 167 which pertains to the restraining of dogs from running at large.

ARTICLE 17—Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a School Survey and Site Committee consisting of five members, including a member of the School Committee and a member of the Planning Board, said Committee to investigate possible school sites and study future school needs, make recommendations to the Selectmen, and report its findings at the next annual Town Meeting, and the sum of \$100 was appropriated for this Committee.

ARTICLE 18—Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of the revenue of the financial years beginning January 1, 1966 and January 1, 1967 in accordance with provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4.

ARTICLE 19—Defeated article to reimburse Aili and Lawrence Sullivan for the cost of the excess 20 feet of paving instructed by Planning Board.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—MAY 2, 1966

ARTICLE 1—To see if the Town will vote to rescind that portion of the vote on Article 20 taken at the Annual Town Meeting of March 7, 1966, which reads "and the Town borrow \$10,000 to be paid within the next three years."

Voted to rescind a portion of the vote as above.

ARTICLE 2—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be used in conjunction with the sum of \$5,000 already appropriated; said money to be used to carry out Method #1 for improvement of the swimming pond at Hampden Memorial Park.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 3—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the construction and original equipping and furnishing of a new intermediate school, and to determine whether said appropriation shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer of available funds, and by borrowing.

Voted favorably by a vote of 181 to 1 that the sum of \$1,830,000 be appropriated for the construction and original equipping and furnishing of a new intermediate school and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$899.51 be transferred from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund; the sum of \$47.10 be provided from the current year's tax levy; the sum of \$5.20 be transferred from the School Building Committee expense account as voted under Article 12 of the annual town meeting in March, 1962; the sum of \$500 be transferred from the School Building Committee Planning account as voted under Article 12 of the annual town meeting held in March, 1963; the sum of \$3,548.19 be transferred from the School Building Construction Account as voted under Article 12 at the annual town meeting held in March, 1964; and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$1,825,000 under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor, payable in accordance with said Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue of the first bond or note; and it was further voted that this appropriation is to be expended in conjunction with the \$20,000 appropriated for preliminary plans under Article 4 of the town meeting held on December 27, 1965, and that the School Building Committee appointed under Article 5 of the town meeting held on September 27, 1965 be hereby authorized to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to construct, equip and furnish said school.

ARTICLE 4—To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of Lawrence F. and Aili A. Sullivan of the land in Hampden, duly recorded in the Registry of Deeds as Walnut Road, but later changed to an extension of Hickory Lane by the Selectmen of the Town of Hampden, as shown on Subdivision Plan approved by the Planning Board of June 23, 1965; drawn by Harold F. Helberg, Engineer; said plan being duly recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 99, Page 123 and incorporated herein by reference.

This article was rejected.

ARTICLE 5—To see if the Town will vote to accept a way as laid out by the Selectmen on April 23, 1966, which way is substantially described as follows: Walnut Road, from the intersection of Hickory Lane, running south 376 feet, more or less, and including the turnaround at the end.

This article was rejected.

ARTICLE 6—To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of Lawrence F. and Aili A. Sullivan of the land in Hampden, described as follows: Old Coach Circle as shown on Subdivision Plan approved by the Planning Board of the Town of Hampden on June 23, 1965, drawn by Engineer Harold F. Helberg, said plan being duly recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 99, Page 123 and incorporated herein by reference.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 7—To see if the Town will vote to accept a way as laid out by the Selectmen on April 23, 1966, which way is substantially described as follows: Old Coach Circle, from the intersection of Old Coach Road, running south a distance of 455 feet, more or less, and including the turnaround at the end.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 8—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75 to be used to pay the salary of the Forest Fire Warden for the year 1965.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 9—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of surveying the water needs in the Town of Hampden, and will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Water Study Committee to use this money, together with any Federal aid which may be available.

Voted favorably; \$100 raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 10—To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of the appropriation made at the annual Town Meeting of March 7, 1966 for the repair of Town House roof to an account to be used for the replacement of two exterior sets of front steps and sidewalk replacement and repair at the Hampden Town House.

Voted favorably; balance of \$3,165 to be transferred.

ARTICLE 11—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Hampden Development Committee, to explore and recommend at the 1968 Annual Town Meeting, or earlier, objectives and programs for the economic, esthetic and environmental improvement of Hampden. This Committee will comprise five members, including one each from the Advisory Committee and Planning Board. For the costs of this Committee, including travel and consultation with outside planning and legal authorities until the 1967 Annual Town Meeting, the sum of \$500 is to be raised and appropriated

Voted to establish a subcommittee to be known as the Hampden Development Committee, which committee shall report at the 1967 Annual Town Meeting or earlier. This Committee shall include the present members of the Master Plan Study Committee and one each from the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee and the Board of Assessors, one School Committee member and one realtor. The sum of \$1,200 was raised and appropriated for travel and consultation with outside planning and legal authorities.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—OCTOBER 3, 1966

ARTICLE 1—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with one or more towns or combinations of towns in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 118B of the General Laws, as amended, to form a Welfare District.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 2—To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, to elect a Board of Park Commissioners consisting of five persons to be elected for a term of three years; two of whom shall be elected for a three year term at the next annual Town Election; two for two years, and one for one year. Thereafter, as the term of each commissioner expires, he or she, or his or her successor to be elected for a three year term.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 3—To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C as amended, and direct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Conservation Commission for the promotion and development of the natural resources and for the protection of the watershed resources of said Town.

Voted to reject the article.

ARTICLE 4—To see if the Town will vote to change from Residence A to Business District a parcel of land owned by Barbara K. Hatch of 546 Main Street, Hampden; said parcel abutted northeasterly for approximately 240' (two hundred forty feet) along the present Business District and owned by Barbara K. Hatch; southerly 388' (three hundred eighty-eight feet) along land owned by Francis B. Haynes; southerly 222' (two hundred twenty-two feet) by the Scantic River; thence westerly 340' (three hundred forty feet) by land owned by Jeannette S. and Harold F. Green, Sr. to the point of beginning.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 5—To see if the Town will vote to change from Residence A to Business District a parcel of land owned by Jeannette S. and Harold F. Green of Hampden, Mass.; said parcel abutted on the east for a distance of 340' (three hundred forty feet) by land owned by Barbara K. Hatch; on the south 240' (two hundred forty feet) by the Scantic River; on the west 210' (two hundred ten feet) by land owned by William L. Buereau; and on the north by the present Business District for 235' (two hundred thirty-five feet) along land owned by Jeannette S. and Harold F. Green.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 6—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure from available funds in the Police Account the sum of \$100 for out-of-State travel expenses for the Chief of Police.

Voted favorably.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Among the major accomplishments of the year 1966 was the completion of the rebuilding of South Monson Road under Chapter 90 funds. This makes a 24 ft. and 30 ft. highway paved with Type I from Scantic Road to the Monson Town Line.

An adequate drainage system was installed on "Cemetery Hill" on Scantic Road and completed with Type I resurfacing 30 ft. wide with necessary berms. This project was accomplished with Chapter 81 and town funds, and should eliminate the washing of gravel and stones down onto the intersection of Glendale Road after every heavy rain.

Fifteen hundred feet of 15 inch and 12 inch drainage pipe with manholes and catch basins and a drop inlet on Glendale Road were installed.

Chapter 90 Maintenance money was used to resurface Glendale Road from the Wilbraham town line southerly for one and one-half miles to the Gerrish home. The material used was liquid asphalt with covering of pea stone. Glendale Road in front of the Charles Lemon place was widened and the bank near the Roger Harris property was sloped for better vision on the curve. Glendale Road from the intersection of North Monson Road was paved with Type I asphalt southerly for about 1800 feet. Hopefully this paving can be continued in 1967 south to the junction of Bennett Road, and a start made on paving on North Monson Road. Chapter 90 money was used to resurface a portion of Mill Road with asphalt covering and pea stone.

All of Baldwin Drive, Old Coach Road, Isaac Bradway Road, Wehr Road, Chapin Road, Bennett Road from Glendale Road easterly to the old John Lunden farm; North Road northerly from Main Street to Flynn's hill and one-half mile on South Road were all resurfaced with MC-5 asphalt and pea stone cover.

In addition to the above, the Highway Department did roadside mowing, grounds maintenance on schools, ball diamonds, line marking and two cemeteries; signs, repair of base of Soldiers' Monument, Christmas tree lights, equipment maintenance; all of which was accomplished with the same Department members as in past years.

Snow removal has also become one of the major tasks of the Highway Department with the constantly increasing number of new streets. It has become necessary to hire additional equipment to do the job properly; and even then it is not done as the motoring public demands; *for they sometimes forget this is New England in winter; and not Florida.*

The Department extends its appreciation for the excellent cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, the County Commissioners and the State Department of Public Works, which cooperation was necessary in order to accomplish all of the above.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. GERRISH,
Superintendent of Streets

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF PROPERTY AND TAXES AS ASSESSED JANUARY 1, 1966

| | <i>Individuals</i> | <i>All Others</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Number of Persons Assessed: | | | |
| On Personal Estate Only | 6 | 11 | 17 |
| On Real Estate Only | 829 | 16 | 845 |
| On Real Estate and Personal | 199 | 13 | 212 |
| Total Number of Persons Assessed | | | 1074 |
| Value of Assessed Personal Estate: | | | |
| Stock in Trade | \$ 18,580.00 | | |
| Machinery | 51,855.00 | | |
| Live Stock | 34,755.00 | | |
| All Other Tangible Personal Property | 1,017,310.00 | | |
| Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate | | | \$ 1,122,500.00 |
| Value of Assessed Real Estate: | | | |
| Land exclusive of Buildings | \$ 1,927,560.00 | | |
| Buildings exclusive of Land | 11,984,460.00 | | |
| Total Value of Assessed Real Estate | | | \$13,912,020.00 |
| TOTAL VALUATION OF ASSESSED ESTATE | | | \$15,034,520.00 |
| TAX RATE PER \$1,000 | \$33.00 | | |

TAXES FOR STATE, COUNTY AND TOWN PURPOSES INCLUDING OVERLAY

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|---------------------|
| On Personal Estate | \$ 37,042.53 | | |
| On Real Estate | 459,097.86 | | |
| Total Taxes Assessed | | | \$496,140.39 |

NUMBER OF LIVE STOCK ESTIMATED UNDER SECTION 36, CHAPTER 59

| | <i>General</i> | <i>Farm Animals Assessed \$5 Excise</i> |
|---|----------------|---|
| Horses | 74 | 0 |
| Cows | 32 | 106 |
| Bulls—8; Steers—44; Heifers—15 | 55 | 5 |
| Swine | 9 | 0 |
| Sheep | 29 | 0 |
| Fowl | 0 | 1800 |
| All Others: Ponies—31 | 31 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF ACRES OF LAND ASSESSED | | 12,090 more or less |
| NUMBER OF DWELLINGS ASSESSED | | 1,060 |

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

1966 RECAPITULATION SHEET

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|--|--------------|--------------|
| Total appropriation to be raised by taxation | \$691,122.98 | |
| Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds in 1966 | 28,043.19 | |
| Total appropriation voted to be taken from available funds in 1965 after 1965 tax rate was set | 20,350.00 | |
| Deficit in 1965 in School Lunch, Libraries and Fire Department | 8,794.89 | |
| State Parks and Reservations | 1,669.82 | |
| State Audit of Municipal Accounts | 1,041.50 | |
| State Assessment System | 128.44 | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills | 323.85 | |
| County Tax | 9,460.14 | |
| Overlay of current year | 7,717.36 | |
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| GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED | | \$768,652.17 |

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise | \$ 65,940.00 | |
| Licenses | 1,458.00 | |
| Fines | 1,251.00 | |
| General Government | 2,000.00 | |
| Protection of Persons and Property | 1,300.00 | |
| School | 591.00 | |
| Interest: On Taxes and Assessment | 660.00 | |
| Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise | 169.00 | |
| Local Aid Fund | 145,390.53 | |
| Building Permits | 4,661.00 | |
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| TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS | \$223,420.53 | |
| Overestimates of previous year to be used as available funds: | | |
| County Tax | 587.71 | |
| State Parks and Reservations | 110.35 | |
| Available Funds Taken by Vote: | | |
| December 30, 1965 | 20,350.00 | |
| March 7, 1966 | 19,925.29 | |
| May 2, 1966 | 8,117.90 | |
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| TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS | | \$272,511.78 |
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| NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY | | \$496,140.39 |
| Total on Personal Property | \$ 37,042.53 | |
| Total on Real Estate | 459,097.86 | |
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| TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON PROPERTY | | \$496,140.39 |