

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

1968 was a busy year for the Police Department, with more than 3800 calls logged for assistance, complaints and reporting crimes of various nature received on the police line. There was a substantial increase in our crime rate, with breaking and entering up 275%. We had 22 B&E's in 1968 compared with 8 in 1967. The juvenile problem has greatly increased during the evening hours with "disturbance of the peace" and loitering topping the list. It seems that Hampden's unpaved back roads were being used by the youth of the Greater Springfield area as their parking places, causing not only a disturbance, but a littering problem. A concentrated effort by the Police Department has reduced this problem to a minimum and it has helped to reduce the litter thrown on our roads throughout the town.

A special effort was made this year to reduce the motor vehicle violations all over town especially at the Stop signs. This has proved valuable, not only to the Town Treasury, but to the safety of the citizens of Hampden.

During 1968 the new firearms law went into effect requiring ALL persons to register if they owned firearms. The Department of Public Safety was to handle this task, but it was thrown back onto the local Police Departments, adding hours of typing, filing, mailing, recording and signing each and every card. To date the Town has received \$742 in revenue from the firearms cards, with less than one-third of the residents registering.

A large number of residents availed themselves of our house check service during vacations and other absences, with a total of over 1,100 checks being made. There were 24 places of business found open and owners notified to come and secure them.

The following is a list of the arrests made during 1968:

	<i>Age Group</i>
Using a motor vehicle without authority . . . . .	3 male juveniles
Assaults . . . . .	2 male juveniles 1 female juvenile 1 male 21 1 male 52
Stolen property . . . . .	1 male 26
Vandalism . . . . .	2 male juveniles 1 female juvenile
Sex offenses . . . . .	2 female juveniles 1 female 25 1 male 28
Drunkenness . . . . .	1 female 21 1 male 25 1 male 44
Traffic violations . . . . .	141 males 28 females
	159 males 33 females
Total offenses . . . . .	192

The Auxiliary Police Department had a full year during which they assisted in patrol duty, church traffic, parade duty, dances and movies. They attended training sessions on Criminal Law, Motor Vehicle Law and First Aid with Registry of Motor Vehicles and Red Cross personnel acting as instructors. These public spirited men who receive no pay for their endeavors played a large part in the protection of our town and added strength to the Police Department when needed.

They conducted their Second Annual Ball which was a big success this year, and from their profits purchased new uniform shirts and rainwear for their use. Again this group did a fine job and deserves a well done plaudit. Below is a breakdown of their hours.

Patrol duty . . . . .	1,920 hours
Training . . . . .	2,440 hours
Church traffic . . . . .	600 hours
Dances, movies, parade . . . . .	290 hours

5,250 total manhours donated

We are hoping to add two (2) more fulltime police officers to man the cruiser 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I feel the town is in need of this fulltime protection. The larger cities and towns have added several men to their departments to combat the increase in crime, and the criminal element is moving out to the smaller towns to operate. I urge each and every citizen to support us in our endeavor at the Annual Town Meeting in March.

To the several department heads and the Board of Selectmen I would like to say thank you for your cooperation and assistance during 1968 in a combined effort for better service and protection for the citizens of the Town of Hampden.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. JOY,  
*Chief of Police*



**HAMPDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT, 1968—Seated: Officers R. Woods, P. Bouchard, J. Bethel. Standing: Officers R. Wiencek, M. Haggood, Chief W. Joy, Officers G. Stone, R. Newton.**

## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

In 1968 there were 33 grass and brush fires and 4 dump fires.

During the Spring and first part of the Summer, the fire department was kept busy with grass and brush fires. The Fall of 1968 was quiet thanks to the residents of Hampden for being careful while burning out of doors. Also for co-operating during fire bans.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BOYNTON,  
*Forest Fire Warden*

## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

Removal of trees included:

- 4 large maples on Main Street
- 2 large maples on Wilbraham Road
- 1 large maple on Somers Road

The dead wood was trimmed from trees on Scantic Road, Somers Road and Main Street. Northern Tree Expert Co. of Palmer, Massachusetts was hired for removal of all trees.

The ground froze before I could set out the maples on Martin Farm Road and Echo Valley Drive. I will set them out in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER,  
*Tree Warden*

## REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

1968 proved to be another active year for the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department. There were 59 calls answered during 1968, broken down as follows:

Forest and grass . . . . .	33
House . . . . .	7
Automobile . . . . .	3
Resuscitator . . . . .	1
Barn . . . . .	4
Dump . . . . .	4
False . . . . .	3
Mutual Aid . . . . .	2
Miscellaneous . . . . .	2

The multi-purpose fire truck approved by the voters at the 1968 Town Meeting has been ordered from the Howe Fire Apparatus Company and will be delivered in late March or early April, 1969.

A word of thanks is due the fire truck committee for the many hours of work involved to insure the purchase of the best type of fire fighting apparatus available.

Meetings of the Hampden County Mutual Fire Aid Association were attended faithfully by members of the Department. The October meeting of the Association was held in Hampden. A mutual aid drill with the East Longmeadow Fire Department was held in East Longmeadow. This drill worked out well, with each department learning how the other operates by working together. More drills of this type are planned for 1969.

I would like to take this opportunity to explain the makeup of the Fire Department. The Department consists of 39 regular members and 4 auxiliary members. These men, as well as attending the regular business meeting the first Monday of each month and training sessions the third Monday of each month, are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For their services they receive no monetary reward.

A more dedicated group of firemen is not to be found anywhere.

Respectfully submitted,

**JAMES A. REARDON,**  
*Chief, Fire Department*



**HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
James Reardon, Chief, front center.

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

In 1968, through the combined efforts of the people of Hampden, Town Officials, and the Planning Board, in addition to the routine hearings and committee representation, the two major short range goals of the Planning Board were achieved. First, the updated and significantly revised Subdivision Rules and Regulations were formally approved and published. Secondly, the general revision of the Zoning By-Law which had been approved by Hampden residents at the last annual meeting received final approval by the Attorney General's Office, and is now in force. This Zoning By-Law has been published in booklet form and both the By-Law and the Subdivision Rules and Regulations are available at the Town House for a nominal fee—just enough to cover printing expenses.

The revised Subdivision Rules and Regulations, through the use of both Federal and State specifications covering pavement edging, surface drainage channels, pavement bases, pavement wearing surfaces, etc., assure that all such work in future housing developments in Hampden (Subdivisions) will meet approved high standards; hence, future repair and reconstruction *with Town money* should be kept to a minimum.

The purposes of a Zoning By-Law are many. These include, "to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town, to protect and conserve the value of property within the Town, etc." Your revised By-Law has increased lot sizes, as recommended by professional consultants, to assure sufficient area for proper septic tank drainage and non-contaminated water supply. Even further changes in lot sizes are recommended (see below). It should be emphasized that a major objection in all of the By-Law revisions is to protect and, where possible, increase the value of property within the Town.

Of extreme importance to all Townspeople is that completion of the above two goals is the *beginning, and the word beginning is emphasized, of Planned Growth for the Town of Hampden*. While the Subdivision Rules and Regulations and Zoning By-Law cannot be used to control the rate of growth of a Town, certain side benefits can and do occur. For example, both of the above documents are factors in the current stabilization of home construction at a level which the Town can readily absorb. From 1964 through 1966, an average of 101 homes per year were built. (Our present tax position reflects the effect of this high rate of home construction.) In 1967 and 1968, this figure was reduced to 55 and 32 homes per year respectively: thus stabilization of growth at a lower level has started. In addition, it is believed that the above revisions can and will lead to a better tax base by increasing the ratio of higher cost homes than currently exists. This is one approach which offers a realistic solution to the high current and potentially higher future tax rate.

Future Planning Board effort to meet the above challenge and swing the pendulum towards a more favorable tax base include:

- (1) Further revision and additions to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations as required to maintain the necessary high standards of construction so as to minimize future expenditures of Town funds.
- (2) Continual revision and addition to the Zoning By-Law to hold and increase the value of property within the Town. Current planned revisions or additions include:
  - (a) Establishment of a Flood Plain District
  - (b) Establishment of a Commercial District
  - (c) Revision of Business and Limited Industrial Districts



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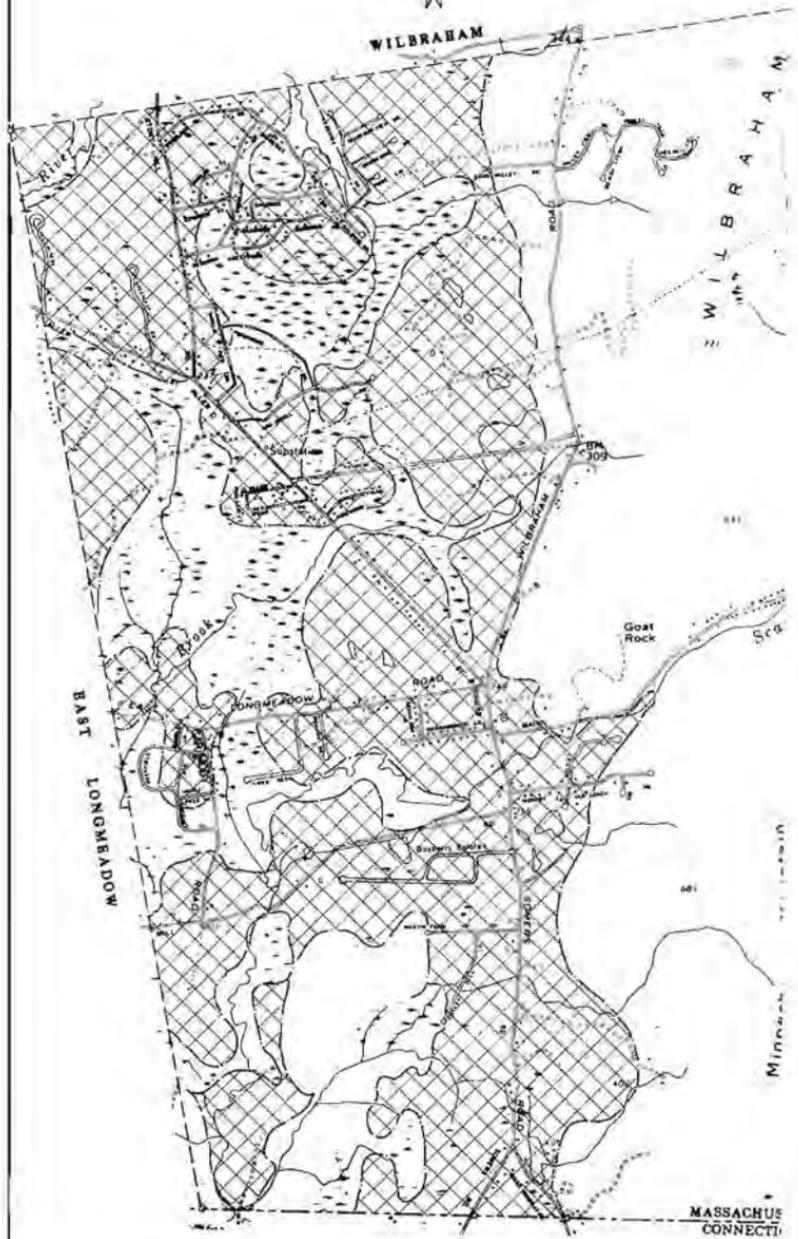
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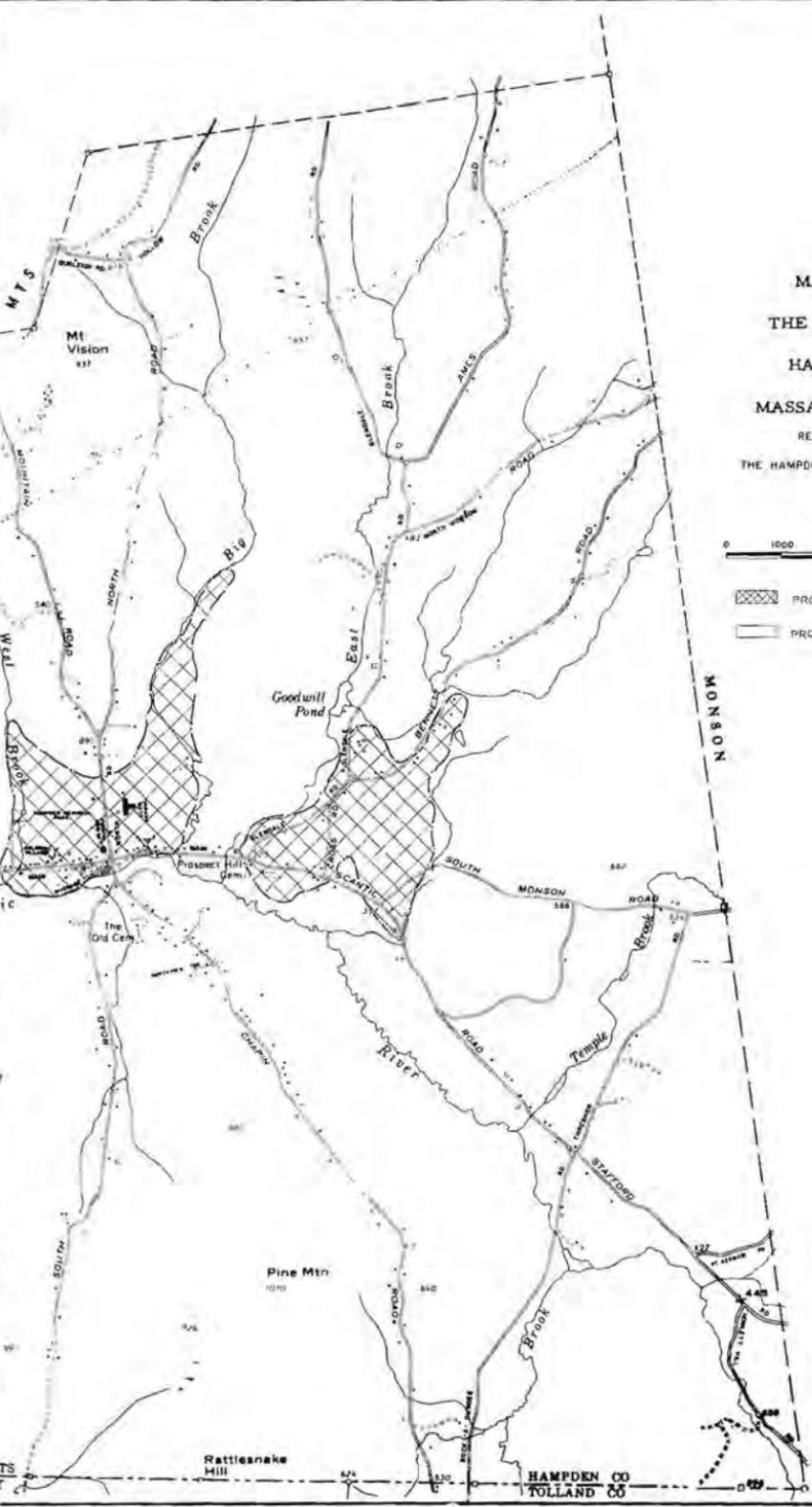


MAP OF  
THE TOWN OF  
HAMPDEN  
MASSACHUSETTS

REVISED 1967  
BY  
THE HAMPDEN PLANNING BOARD



-  PROPOSED RA DISTRICT
-  PROPOSED RG DISTRICT



- (3) Develop a total Town Plan so as to assure orderly future growth. This plan will include:
- (a) An inventory of current land use, vacant land, rate of population growth, and locations of future maximum population densities.
  - (b) Using information from 3a above develop an overall plan for:
    - (1) Optimum location for and the number and type of future schools, fire houses, recreation and conservation areas.
    - (2) Need for and location of new streets, highways, parking areas, etc.
    - (3) Study possibility of future town services such as water sewage and drainage.
    - (4) Review potential future growth of neighboring communities and its possible effect on Hampden's future.

The successful completion of a plan such as that outlined above requires professional assistance. Provision has been made to obtain this assistance through a Federal Funded Program commonly referred to as the 701 Fund. The Planning Board requests your support in assuring passage of the 701 Fund Article at the March Town Meeting.



**PLANNING BOARD**—Left to right: David S. Spencer, Carl F. Libby, Francis T. Buckley, Chairman, Frederick Maher, Jr., Jane Bishop, Clerk, Gordon J. E. Willcutt.

## PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROPOSED REVISION TO THE ZONING BY-LAW

Two articles have been proposed by the Planning Board regarding revisions in the Zoning By-Law. The first reads as follows:

"To see if the Town will vote to accept a proposed amendment to the Hampden Zoning By-Law and Zoning District Map which establishes an R-6 Residential District as set forth by the Planning Board."

In the 1968 Annual Town Meeting the Town voted to adopt the framework of an R-6 District. This framework detailed uses (Single family—residential) and lot sizes (200 ft. frontage and a minimum of 60,000 sq. ft. per lot). However, only the framework for *this District* was approved, the specific area to which the R-6 would apply had not been established on the zoning district map. Now, the proposed location of the R-6 district is being presented for your approval. Attached to this report is a map which designates the R-6 District. The R-6 District which represents approximately 80 per cent of the town area is clear; the R-4 District is cross-hatched. Formerly, all residential area was classified as R-4. (Single family residence—170 ft. frontage and a minimum of 40,000 sq. ft. per lot.) For simplification, the present multi-unit dwelling district, business district, and limited industrial district which currently exist on the zoning district map are not shown. There is no change in these districts.

Based on a General Soils Survey of Hampden conducted by the Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, which has been studied in depth by Thomas Associates, professional consultants, it is their recommendation that the clear area in the attached map (R-6) be residential lots with a minimum frontage of 200 ft. and a minimum size of 60,000 sq. ft. as long as septic tanks are in use. Because of soil conditions in the proposed R-6 area, the only alternative, if satisfactory health standards are to be maintained is to provide a public water supply or public sewage disposal system or both. Since neither of these approaches are practical at present, it is again strongly recommended that the Town vote in the affirmative when this article is presented.

The second article proposing a revision in the Zoning By-Law reads as follows:

"To see if the Town will vote to accept a proposed amendment to Section 7.4 (pertaining to swimming pools) of the Hampden Zoning By-Law as set forth in the Planning Board and Planning Board Sub-Committee on Zoning."

The complete proposed revision of Section 7.4 is attached to this report (following the Zoning Map). In essence this change involves a safety feature in the form of a fence or barrier four feet in height for above ground swimming pools containing water 18" or more in depth. Safety barriers for swimming pools below ground depth with water 18" or more in depth are already covered in the Zoning By-Law. The Zoning Sub-Committee which handled this revision, David S. Spencer, Emory A. Ford and James F. Sulham, spent considerable time in reviewing and studying all pertinent literature available before submitting the above revision; hence, both the Planning Board and the Planning Board Sub-Committee recommend favorable action on this article.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS T. BUCKLEY, *Chairman*  
GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT  
FREDERICK MAHER, JR.  
CARL F. LIBBY  
DAVID S. SPENCER

ATTACHMENT #1  
(R-4, R-6 DISTRICT MAP)

ATTACHMENT #2  
COMPLETE PROPOSED REVISION TO SECTION 7.4  
OF THE ZONING BY-LAW

*7.4.6 Safety Devices*

All swimming pools which contain more than eighteen (18) inches of water (below grade) or any above ground swimming pool with a wall height of more than eighteen (18) inches, but less than forty-eight (48) inches above the underlying ground shall be made inaccessible to small children by means of enclosures.

Such enclosures, including any gates, shall be secured against unauthorized entry, and must not be less than forty-eight (48) inches in height, except as provided by Article 7.4.2.3. No enclosures shall be built or constructed in such a manner so as to render it easy to climb.

A dwelling or accessory building may be used as part of such enclosure, provided there are no windows, doors or other openings which open into the pool enclosure that cannot be made secure against unauthorized entry.

Above the ground swimming pools having a wall height of forty-eight (48) inches or more above the underlying ground shall be considered to have complied with the above regulations, provided that any decks, docks, ladders, or catwalks within six (6) feet of said pools, may be secured to prevent unauthorized entry.

*7.4.7 Permits*

No swimming pools shall be constructed, installed, enlarged, or altered unless a permit has been granted by the Building Inspector.

All electrical installations to a swimming pool must have a permit granted by the Electrical Inspector.

The remainder of Article 7.4.7 will be included herein.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

This has been one of the busiest years for the Board of Health. Many accomplishments were achieved in the field of Environmental Health. Not only the quality of the basic necessities—food, water, and structures for human habitation—required action in some instances; but also, the control of waste by-products, solids and liquid, were of prime concern.

During the year many complaints in regard to health nuisances were investigated and resolved as follows:

- 2 Dwellings were condemned as unfit for human habitation and were vacated.
- 2 Septic Tank Installations (new construction) permits were denied, due to poor soil conditions, based on percolation testing.
- 2 Septic Tanks were found to be leaching into the Scantic River and were properly corrected.
- 6 Concerns were granted permits to pump and clean septic tanks.
- 8 Septic Tank installers permits were issued.
- 1 Septic Tank installers permit was withdrawn for repeated failure to comply with Local and State regulations.
- 14 Residents were given assistance in well water problems.

To eliminate the nuisance of mosquitos in several areas of the town, weekly spraying was initiated. This control effort reduced the number of complaints and will be continued.

The number of users at the Town Dump for the last six months of 1968 are as follows: June—1,280; July—1,268; August—1,189; September—1,143; October—1,105; November—1,269; December—850.

After many complaints of unauthorized use of the Town rubbish disposal area by out of town residents, the Board voted to issue automobile stickers or permits, to prevent free access to the site effective May 1, 1969. Use of the Town's facilities will be permitted only to the town businesses and residents who have obtained "stickers" or permits. Stickers will be issued at no charge from March 15 through May 1, 1969 at the Town Office.

I wish to thank the Board for its encouragement and support.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. SABBIDES, R.S.,  
*Health Agent*

*Board of Health:*

PAUL D. HUNTER, *Chairman*  
JOSEPH J. ZAHER  
JOHN M. FLYNN

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE

In accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth—Chapter 128—The Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture are empowered to receive, on behalf of the County, money appropriated by any town or by the Federal Government for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

Their agents have made contacts during the past year in every community either by public meetings, individual visits, group discussions, demonstrations or otherwise in attempting to assist the needs of the citizens toward helping to solve management problems, better living and better community service and have been ably assisted by hundreds of local volunteer leaders to this end.

A total expense of \$4.00 was incurred during the year for either travel or purchase of material needed in carrying on the various projects by the local leaders. The appropriation made by your town was used for only residents of the town.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1968 Appropriation .....	—
Total Expenditures in 1968 .....	\$4.00
Recommended Appropriation for 1969 .....	—

Respectfully submitted,

TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE  
ALBERT H. FULLER, *Clerk*

## REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN LIBRARY

This year the Library has been very busy, with attendance on the increase.

In February, Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Therrien attended the annual spring meeting and luncheon of the Massachusetts Library Association in Boston.

During the week of April 22, National Book Week was celebrated with many new books on display plus a collection of scrapbooks and pictures showing the town of Hampden and its residents a century ago. During this week Mrs. Walter Schwabe held a story hour for the Kindergarten and Mrs. Harold Helberg discussed and exhibited antique glass. On April 27, Mr. R. G. Vliet, poet, gave a recitation of his works. Afterwards, Mrs. John Flynn and a committee of Friends-of-the-Library sponsored the annual library tea. Mrs. George Krook was on hand to sell dog licenses; these license fees are given each year to the Library.

Also on April 27, Mrs. Attleton and Mrs. Therrien attended a Trustee Workshop at Springfield College.

The children's summer reading program lasted from July 8 to August 5. Fifty children completed the reading and reporting on ten books each. They were rewarded with a picnic, games, prizes and certificates of achievement.

In July, the Library began issuing library cards for use in the new check-out machine. Books may be taken out for four or six weeks as well as two. As of December 28, 951 library cards have been issued.

During the week of September 26, the Library moved to temporary quarters in the Town House Auditorium. The Hampden Boy Scouts were extremely helpful in moving all the books. The reason for the move is the Town House remodeling which will greatly expand our present library. This is proceeding on schedule. Plans and specifications were released for bidding (for shelving and furniture) in October and the contract for the entire job was awarded to Library Bureau.

The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Library Trustees Association was held this year at Sturbridge, on October 19, attended by Mrs. Winetrout and Mrs. Therrien.

Starting October 31, Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Melville attended once a week for six weeks an in-service course on Cataloguing and Classification at the Palmer Public Library.

During Children's Book Week, November 16 to 23, many new books were exhibited. On November 23, Mrs. Schwabe held a story-hour and afterwards, refreshments were served to the children and parents.

The Green Meadows School and the Community Kindergarten continue to use the library facilities.

On December 14, Santa Claus paid his annual visit to the Library. Each child received a candy cane.

The family of Capt. Edward Breck, USAF, after his death in February, has started a fund for the library in his memory. For this and for all gifts and donations of books we are sincerely grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH J. CURTIS, *Librarian*

MILDRED ATTLETON, *Chairman*

KENNETH WINETROUT

ELSIE W. THERRIEN

*Trustees*

## LIBRARY STATISTICS

### I. GENERAL SERVICES—1968

Circulation of books and magazines.....	20,628
Books purchased.....	780
Periodical subscriptions purchased.....	56
Magazines and books donated.....	318
Total attendance.....	16,079
Interloan books borrowed.....	154
Bookmobile.....	56

### II. FINANCES

#### Receipts:

Appropriation by the Town.....	\$ 6,955
Dog Tax Refund.....	930
State Aid with transfer.....	2,345
	\$10,230

#### Expenditures:

Books and Magazines.....	\$ 3,148
Wages.....	5,392
Supplies and Incidentals.....	647
Library Consultant.....	650
Revert to Veterans' Fund.....	165
Typewriter.....	228
	\$10,230

## TRUST FUNDS

Morton L. Day Fund.....	\$ 558.55
Interest.....	26.10
Withdrawn for Christian Herald subscriptions to shut-ins.....	15.00
	\$ 569.55
Grace M. (Pease) Carew Fund.....	\$3,304.60
Interest.....	171.50
	\$3,476.10
Johanna Burleigh Holt Fund.....	\$ 521.87
Interest.....	24.37
Withdrawn.....	24.37
	\$ 521.87



**LIBRARY TRUSTEES—Left to right: Elsie Therrien, Kenneth Winetrou, Mildred C. Attleton, Chairman.**



**LIBRARY STAFF—Left to right: Elizabeth Curtis, Librarian, Adina V. Johnson, Cecilia C. Melville (seated).**

## REPORT OF OLD TOWN HALL RESTORATION COMMITTEE

The OLD TOWN HALL RESTORATION COMMITTEE was formed as a sub-committee of the Board of Selectmen with a membership representing most local organizations and many interested citizens.

In 1967, the HAMPDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY met with the Selectmen regarding the "OLD TOWN HALL" and what could be done with it. After an open meeting at the Hampden Federated Church and a general survey of Hampden citizens, the consensus was to restore the structure as it was a hundred years ago. This is the only old public building in Hampden dating back before the town incorporation.

The first floor would contain a Museum in the large room with the small room available for small meetings. A Museum would attract many artifacts of early HAMPDENCANA. The Town has already been offered many items with the stipulation they be preserved in a secure location.

The second floor would become a school-room of the 1800's with schoolmaster's and students' desks similar to those used when the building was an Academy.

In restoring the building, the wainscoting, casements, mouldings, and general decor will be consistent with its original state.

Estimates were made in conjunction with professional advice.

Article 13 of the Warrant requests the Town Meeting to formalize this Committee and authorize it to continue until completion of the work.

Article 14 requests the funds to perform the restoration and it is planned to do this work over a period of three years. It is hoped to have much labor donated to help reduce the dollar request of the Town Meeting. A brief history of this building is on the inside cover of this TOWN REPORT.

Your interest and support of this project will be very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

THE OLD TOWN HALL RESTORATION COMMITTEE

MR. SHERWOOD CRONK  
MR. LEONARD W. DICKINSON  
MRS. BERYLE DOTEN  
MISS MARY DUNLEA  
MR. JOHN M. FLYNN, *Chairman*  
MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR H. GERRISH  
MR. AND MRS. HAROLD F. HELBERG  
MRS. HAROLD D. JONES  
MR. FRANK J. T. KIRK  
MR. BEN F. LIBBY  
MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK MAHER  
MR. DAVID S. SPENCER  
MR. FRANK H. SULHAM

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 1968 there were three hundred permits granted.

These were as follows:

### Building:

New houses . . . . .	32
New garages . . . . .	2
New barns . . . . .	4
New sheds . . . . .	4
Additions to houses . . . . .	24
Alterations to houses . . . . .	13
Addition to barn . . . . .	1
Addition to V.F.W. . . . .	1
Addition to store . . . . .	1
Alterations to Town House . . . . .	1
Remove barn . . . . .	1
Remove sheds . . . . .	3

### Electrical:

New houses . . . . .	31
Additions and alterations . . . . .	29
Oil burners . . . . .	3
Dryers . . . . .	3
Service changes . . . . .	20
Water heaters . . . . .	13

### Plumbing:

New houses . . . . .	30
Alterations . . . . .	18
Additions . . . . .	6
Gas . . . . .	60

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, SR.,  
*Building Commissioner*

## REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The Animal Inspector wishes to report that he has inspected the barns and animals which are required by State law.

The following number of animals were found:

Dairy cows . . . . .	153
Beef cattle . . . . .	72
Horses . . . . .	114
Swine . . . . .	2
Goats . . . . .	1
Sheep . . . . .	25

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER,  
*Animal Inspector*

## GYPSY MOTH REPORT

The search for gypsy moth in 1968 yielded a very light infestation. Upon completion of the search, 65 clusters were found and destroyed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. REARDON,  
*Supt. of Insect Pest Control*

## DUTCH ELM REPORT

The Town continued to lose a large number of elm trees in 1968. The spraying of elm trees for elm bark beetles which spread Dutch Elm Disease was done in June. During the year we were able to remove 8 large elm trees. We were able to obtain the services of a crew from the Department of Natural Resources to help in the removal of a large elm tree. This crew worked two days at no cost to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. REARDON,  
*Supt. of Insect Pest Control*



**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**—Left to right: Gordon J. E. Willcutt, Building Commissioner; Albert W. Mireault, Electrical Inspector. Absent when picture was taken: William P. Patullo, Plumbing Inspector.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals held five public hearings during 1968.

The request of Fred Hauck for a variance from the Zoning By-Laws was granted with restrictions.

Walter A. Ross was granted a variance from the Zoning By-Laws with restrictions.

A petition of Donald L. and Lorraine G. Gregory for a variance was denied.

Both the request for a variance from the Zoning By-Laws and request for a Special Permit to board horses were granted with restrictions to Mrs. Irene B. Mandrus.

The petition of Efreim A. Gordon and A. Gordon for a variance from the Zoning By-Laws and the request for a Special Permit to remove loam were both granted with restrictions.

We again express our appreciation to Mrs. Charles N. Snow for her clerical assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

DALTON E. PHILPOTT, *Chairman*  
RICHARD A. JALBERT, *Vice Chairman*  
WALTER W. LUNDEN  
BERT B. NIETUPSKI  
STANLEY W. WITKOP, JR.

*Alternates:*

GARFIELD W. TRACY  
FREDERICK W. BERRY



**BOARD OF APPEALS**—Standing, left to right: Frederick W. Berry, Bert Nietupski, Walter W. Lunden, Stanley W. Witkop, Jr., Garfield Tracy. Seated, left to right: Dalton E. Philpott, Chairman; Richard A. Jalbert.

## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Cemetery Commissioners wish to report the following:

Both cemeteries were mowed four times. Lots with Perpetual care were mowed as needed. We hope to paint the picket fence at Prospect Hill Cemetery this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER, *Chairman*  
ERNESTINE JOHNSON  
ARTHUR H. GERRISH

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

I have not had any requests to inspect slaughtered animals for the year 1968.

I have filed monthly reports with the State Department of Public Health as required by State law.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD E. DICKINSON,  
*Inspector of Slaughtering*



**Inspector of Slaughtering**  
**DONALD E. DICKINSON**

## REPORT OF DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

The Hampden Refuse Disposal Planning Committee has been active in two areas. These are disposal planning on a regional level (Pioneer Valley) and, evaluation of and future planning for our local disposal facility.

Since the formation of the committee in December 1967, the committee has met twice with East Longmeadow and Longmeadow, and once unilaterally with East Longmeadow. The meetings were primarily educational. The following disposal techniques were discussed: sanitary landfill, "haul away", hydro-pack, and incineration. With the exception of sanitary landfill, the committee felt the disposal techniques held little significance for Hampden. Further, the aspect of Hampden's role in a regional effort is questionable. The most probable regional site—Bondi's Island—is approximately 15 miles from Hampden, which is considered to be too far to make hauling economically feasible. One local source indicated a 12-mile radius is a maximum feasible hauling distance.

Having studied the present disposal facility it appears that some improvements could be made. These improvements include installation of a drain tile through the disposal site, prevention of the burning of combustibles, and improved supervision at the site. Originally the committee felt the dump was adequate for 8-10 years, but if the rate of "fill-in" during the last 6-8 months continues its lifetime will be 3-4 years. The Selectmen are implementing the use of bumper stickers for residents of the town in an attempt to insure that only Hampden residents use the facility.

Garbage disposal is a problem in the town; it should not appear at the dump, but it is common knowledge that it does. Until an alternative is provided to the town for garbage collection and disposal there will be a problem with garbage at the dump. A canvass of the townspeople showed little interest in a garbage collection service. Because of the poor response from the town the committee has not studied garbage collection services further.

Prepared by E. A. FORD for

HAMPDEN DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

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## REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Elementary School Building Committee in January, retained the services of Alderman and MacNeish Company to prepare a feasibility study relative to building options available to the town. This study resulted in three options, namely, build a new elementary school, add to the intermediate school or add to the elementary school.

These options were presented to the School Building Assistance Commission in Boston and to the Hampden Advisory Board for consideration. On the basis of the opinions gathered, the Committee felt that the best solution was the construction of a new elementary school.

This option was formally voted by the Committee at its April 15th meeting and an article requesting funds for preliminary drawings was forwarded to the Selectmen for inclusion on the warrant for the April 24th town meeting. This article was accepted by the town meeting.

At its June 27th meeting, the Committee by formal vote retained the services of Alderman and MacNeish as project architects. Following this action, a project

timetable calling for a completion date of September 1970 was drawn up. Formal Committee action authorized the preparation of preliminary drawings and the survey of the site. Following this, educational specifications were developed by the Committee and forwarded to School Building Assistance Commission for approval.

In the latter part of September, the Committee was notified by the School Building Assistance Commission that approval of the project would be withheld until after a formal proposal relative to the State Department Guidelines for School District Reorganization had been submitted and approved. Presently, this matter is being discussed and developed by the Hampden School Committee.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Expenditures to 12/31/68</i>	<i>Closing Balance</i>
Committee Expenses .....	\$ 76.70	\$ 32.00	\$ 44.70
Feasibility Study .....	500.00	400.00	100.00
Preliminary Drawings .....	15,000.00	.00	15,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

YORKE PHILLIPS, *Chairman*  
 MRS. ANDREA GRINDAL  
 DONALD SAFFORD  
 JOHN GRINDLE  
 CHARLES MELVILLE, JR.



**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**—Left to right: Dr. Maurice Heffernan, Superintendent of Schools, Robert L. Sullivan, Rene G. Burque, William H. Cunningham, Yorke P. Phillips, Chairman. Absent when picture was taken: James E. Kirk.

## REPORT OF THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Thornton Burgess Intermediate School was formally dedicated on Sunday, January 28, 1968. After the formal dedication program, the Building Committee presented the facility to the Community for their inspection.

The Intermediate School Building Committee formally turned the building over to the Hampden School Committee at its February 12th meeting.

The Committee during the remainder of the year worked with the architect and the contractor to clear up all open items. This process still continues.

Additionally, the Committee continued to purchase the materials and equipment essential to the operation of the new plant.

The Intermediate School Building Committee again wishes to thank all who have assisted in this building project and to thank the people of Hampden whose support and understanding made this project possible.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/68</i>
Committee Expenses.....	\$ 363.40	\$ 300.80	\$ 62.60
Construction Fund.....	124,788.70	90,594.52	34,194.18

Respectfully submitted,

CARL F. LIBBY, *Chairman*  
EDWIN LOMBARD  
FRED MAHER  
YORKE PHILLIPS  
FRED WARMAN

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The year 1968 was marked by many changes in the Hampden Public School System. First, it witnessed the formal dedication of the Thornton Burgess School. This fine building with its excellent facilities has greatly enhanced the educational program offered Hampden students. Most significant in this regard are the advantages accrued from the new library. This facility is now the focal point of all programming at Thornton Burgess School. The new facilities in the Art, Music, Home Economics, Industrial Arts and Physical Education departments have allowed the development of more comprehensive programs in these areas. The Language Lab and the Science Labs have also allowed the presentation of more sophisticated programs. Essentially, the new Burgess School assures that the educational standards demanded by the community will be maintained.

Second, the Committee accepted with deep regret the resignation of Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Kenneth Johnson. "Ken" Johnson served the town of Hampden for eleven years. Under his leadership and direction the system progressed educationally and physically to the excellent system that it is today. The new Thornton Burgess School stands as a tribute to the abilities of this able administrator. The Committee wishes to thank Mr. Johnson for his contribution to the community and to wish him continued success in all future endeavors.

Third, the year saw the formulation of new guidelines for school district reorganization by the State Department of Education. The implications and the ramifications that these State Department directives will have on the town of Hampden and its educational system are presently the matter of prime concern to the School Committee. Briefly stated, all school systems in Massachusetts that are not organized on a kindergarten through grade twelve basis and/or that have a student population under 2000 pupils must relate to the State a long range plan stating how they intend to conform to the following guidelines.

### GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL REORGANIZATION

1. Each community shall constitute, or be a part of, a school district maintaining and operating a complete Kindergarten-Grade 12 educational program, governed by a single school committee with one superintendent of schools.
2. Each school committee shall make provisions for participation in an approved vocational-occupational program.
3. Each school committee shall provide an educational program which meets the minimum standards mandated by the Board of Education. Each school committee shall be encouraged to exceed these minimum standards.
4. Each school district shall contain at least 2,000 pupils unless prevented by extenuating circumstances acceptable to the Board of Education.
5. Each school committee with less than 2,000 pupils under its jurisdiction on December 31, 1968, shall submit a plan to implement these Guidelines to the Commissioner of Education by December 31, 1969.

In reference to the above, the School Building Assistance Commission, is presently withholding approval of all new school construction from communities with less than 2,000 pupils or that are not organized on a kindergarten through grade twelve basis, until such time as a formal plan of compliance has been submitted and approved.

Locally, this means that approval for the new proposed elementary school is being withheld until Hampden indicates how it intends to comply. The same situation prevails in terms of the proposed new elementary school in Wilbraham and the proposed expansion of Minnechaug Regional High School. The Hampden School Committee is presently meeting jointly with both the Wilbraham Committee and the Regional Committee in an effort to determine the alternatives that are open to them.

Again in 1968, the School Committee and the Hampden Teachers Club were able to communicate effectively on all matters relative to salary and professional improvement. The Committee is appreciative of this relationship and looks forward to continuing it in the future.

The Hampden Custodians' Association has been certified by the Massachusetts Labor Relations Commission as the sole bargaining agent for Hampden custodians. The School Committee accordingly has recognized the Association as the bargaining agent for local custodians. The Committee and the Custodians' Association have, through the bargaining process, negotiated a new work contract and salary arrangement. The new contract will become effective on January 1, 1969.

The School Committee, in September, expanded the pilot program in ungraded education from a single first grade class at Green Meadows School to a total of six first and second grade classrooms. The program, under the able direction of

Mrs. Enslin, Building Principal, and Mrs. Harris, Program Coordinator, has demonstrated the desirability of this approach to primary education. The Committee plans to further extend this program in September 1969.

The Burgess School has instituted a broad program of after school activities for students. An intramural sports program, consisting of soccer, basketball, volleyball, baseball and field hockey, and an activity program consisting of glee club, art club, newspaper club and student government are presently in operation. It is the desire of the Committee to expand the program to a point where meaningful activities can be provided for every Hampden student.

In conclusion the Committee wishes to express its appreciation to all school personnel, town officials, parents and citizens of Hampden for their cooperation over the past year.

#### COMPARISON OF PUPIL ENROLLMENT

Year	Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	SC*	Total
1967		152	124	120	101	122	116	84	90	9	918
1968		121	146	126	114	101	115	114	82	9	928

\* SC indicates Special Class.

#### PROJECTION OF FUTURE SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS BASED ON PRE-SCHOOL CENSUS OCTOBER 1, 1968, PLUS AN EXPERIENCE FACTOR OF 10 PUPILS ADDED EACH YEAR UNTIL ENTERING GRADE ONE

Year	Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	SC*	Total
1969		126	121	146	126	114	101	115	114	10	973
1970		147	126	121	146	126	114	101	115	10	1006
1971		146	147	126	121	146	126	114	101	10	1037
1972		154	146	147	126	121	146	126	114	10	1090
1973		153	154	146	147	126	121	146	126	10	1129

#### PROJECTION OF HAMPDEN STUDENTS ATTENDING MINNECHAUG HIGH SCHOOL BASED ON OCTOBER 1, 1968 ENROLLMENT

Year	Grades	9	10	11	12	Total
1969		82	90	75	64	311
1970		114	82	90	75	361
1971		115	114	82	90	401
1972		101	115	114	82	412
1973		114	101	115	114	444

Respectfully submitted,

HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
 YORKE PHILLIPS, *Chairman*  
 RENE BURQUE  
 JAMES KIRK  
 ROBERT SULLIVAN  
 WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:  
 DR. MAURICE HEFFERNAN

REVENUE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FOR SUPPORT  
OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	1968 <i>Receipts</i>	1969 <i>Estimates</i>
#01010—State School Fund . . . . .	\$144,266.87	\$137,374.00*
#01230—Public School Transportation . . . . .	19,712.00	15,000.00
#01240—State Wards . . . . .	1,195.23	1,200.00
#01260—State-aided Vocational Education— Transportation and Tuition . . . . .	3,022.00	3,500.00
#01293—Special Education . . . . .	4,426.00	5,000.00
	\$172,622.12	\$162,074.00

\* Entitlement to the Town under provisions of Chapter 70, as amended by Chapter 14, Acts of 1966, is \$190,583.81. The actual amount which will be received depends upon the revenue from the sales tax and is estimated at \$137,000.

LOCAL RECEIPTS

#01140—Rent of School Facilities . . . . .	\$	266.75
#01121—Tuition from Individuals . . . . .		175.00
	\$	441.75

