

An aerial photograph of a town in autumn. The trees are in various shades of orange, yellow, and brown. A road or river runs through the center of the town. The overall scene is a dense residential area with many houses and buildings.

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TOWN REPORT

HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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ANNUAL REPORTS
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TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMPDEN



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FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 1971

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INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

Population of Hampden, January 1, 1970

Federal Census—4,572

State Census, January 1, 1971—4,293

Geographic Area—19.64 sq. mi.

Senators in U.S. Senate

Edward W. Brooke

Edward Kennedy

Address: United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510

Representative in Congress

Edward P. Boland

Address: U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515

State Senator

Philip A. Quinn

Address: Room 404, State House, Boston, Mass. 02133

Tel. 617-727-6862

or

Spencer, Mass. 01562

Representative in General Court

Alexander Lolas

Address: Room 481, State House, Boston, Mass. 02133

or

Upper Hampden Rd., Monson, Mass. 01057

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. Available at her home 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. other days	Tel. 566-3214
Town Treasurer	Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Collector of Taxes	Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Board of Assessors	Meets second Tuesday of each month at at 8 P.M. Clerk in office every Monday, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Friday 2 to 5 P.M.	Tel. 566-3223
Police Department	Open Monday through Friday 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Friday, and Saturday eve- nings 6 P.M. to 1 A.M.	Tel. 566-3535
Board of Selectmen	Meets every Monday at 8 P.M. Secretary in office every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.; every Wednesday and Friday 9 A.M. to 12 Noon	Tel. 566-3713

Conservation Commission	Meets second Monday of each month at 8 P.M.	
Planning Board	Meets second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 8 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
School Committee	Meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-8814
Regional School Committee	Meets 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.
Thursday	12:30 P.M. to 5 P.M.
Saturday	1:30 P.M. to 5 P.M.

The library will be closed Saturdays during July and August.

Hours of Laughing Brook

Tuesday through Saturday, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.
 Sunday, 1 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Hours of Town Dump

February 1, 1972

Tuesday	12 Noon to 6 P.M.
Saturday	9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Publications Available

Subdivision Control Laws	\$1.50 each
Zoning By-Laws	2.00 each

The following may be obtained from Town Clerk:

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	1.25
Street list	2.00
Voting list	1.25

Telephones

Green Meadows Elementary School, North Road	566-3263
Superintendent of Schools, Thornton Burgess Intermediate School	566-8814
Junior High School, Thornton Burgess Intermediate School	566-3931
Highway Department, Main Street	566-8842
Library, Main Street	566-3047
Minnechaug Regional High School, Wilbraham	596-6161
Welfare Department, 191 Main St., Monson	267-3717
Veterans Service Department, 200 Main St., Monson	267-9903

Church Directory

Federated Community Church, Main Street	566-3711
Rev. Sanford Fasth, Pastor	566-3402
St. Mary's Church, Somers Road	
Rev. Edmund Walsh, Pastor	566-8843

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS—1971

	<i>Term Expires</i>
<i>Moderator</i> DALTON E. PHILPOTT	1972
<i>Town Clerk</i> MARIE V. KROOK	1974
<i>Town Treasurer</i> GRACE L. KIBBE	1974
<i>Board of Selectmen</i>	SHERWOOD W. CRONK, Chairman 1972
	JOHN M. FLYNN 1973
	FRANK T. KIRK 1974
<i>Secretary to Selectmen</i> —RUTH W. WOODS	
<i>Assessors</i>	GEORGE AUDREN, Chairman 1972
	GEORGE MCGARRITY 1972
	STANLEY W. WITKOP, JR. 1974
<i>Clerk to the Assessors</i> —ALICE FULLER	
<i>School Committee</i>	YORKE PHILLIPS, Chairman 1972
	CARL A. SABIN 1973
	WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM 1974
	ROBERT SULLIVAN 1974
	NOLA D. LEONE 1972
<i>Secretary to School Committee</i> —DR. MAURICE HEFFERNAN	
<i>Hampden-Wilbraham Regional</i>	
<i>School District Committee</i>	GERALD A. HINCH 1972
<i>Trustees of the Hampden</i>	
<i>Free Public Library</i>	MILDRED ATTLETON 1974
	ELSIE W. THERRIEN, Chairman 1972
	MIRIAM P. BRYANS 1973
<i>Collector of Taxes</i>	DOROTHY S. FLYNN 1974
<i>Constables</i>	PAUL A. BOUCHARD 1974
	MILES M. HAPGOOD, JR. 1974
	MYRON F. STONE 1974
<i>Cemetery Commissioners</i>	HOMER FULLER, Chairman 1973
	ARTHUR GERRISH 1974
	ERNESTINE F. JOHNSON 1972
<i>Planning Board</i>	CARL F. LIBBY, Chairman 1973
	LAWRENCE W. HATCH 1974
	CLIFFORD KEENEY 1976
	CHARLES SHARPLES 1972
	FREDERICK MAHER 1975
<i>Clerk to the Planning Board</i> —LESLEY VERNEY	
<i>Tree Warden</i>	HOMER FULLER 1972
<i>Park Commissioners</i>	WILBUR J. JENKINS, Chairman 1972
	GENEVIEVE BOND 1972
	JAMES CAREY 1974
	GERALD E. DOTEN 1973
	FLORENCE E. KIRK 1972
<i>Clerk to Park Commissioners</i> —LUCILLE MCGUILL	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS—1971

	<i>Term Expires</i>
<i>Town Accountant</i>	THEODORE I. BALLARD 1974
<i>Dog Officer</i>	PAUL BOUCHARD 1972
<i>Forest Fire Warden</i>	RICHARD J. BOYNTON 1972
<i>Inspector of Animals</i>	HOMER FULLER 1972
<i>Superintendent of Insect Pest Control</i>	JAMES A. REARDON 1972
<i>Veterans' Graves Officer</i>	JOHN R. SCHMUCK 1972
<i>Board of Health Agent and Investigator</i>	ROBERT H. SABBIDES 1972
<i>Agent for Veterans' Benefits</i>	RICHARD N. BILLODEAU 1972
<i>Civil Defense Director</i>	LEE H. TAFT 1972
<i>Pound Keeper and Field Driver</i>	HOMER FULLER 1972
<i>Fence Viewers</i>	DONALD E. DICKINSON 1972
	WILLIAM H. PATRIC 1972
	WARREN W. DICKINSON 1972
<i>Sanitary Landfill Supervisor</i>	WALTER J. LYONS 1972
<i>Welfare Agent</i>	ALBERT R. DUPSHA
<i>Town Counsel</i>	JOSEPH R. JENNINGS 1972
<i>Building Commissioner</i>	GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT 1972
<i>Electrical Inspector</i>	ALBERT W. MIREAULT 1972
<i>Plumbing Inspector</i>	WILLIAM P. PATULLO 1972
<i>Board of Appeals</i>	RICHARD A. JALBERT, Chairman 1972
	BERT NIETUPSKI 1973
	WALTER W. LUNDEN 1974
	DALTON PHILPOTT 1974
	GARFIELD TRACY 1972
	FREDERICK W. BERRY 1973
<i>Alternate</i>	
<i>Clerk to Board of Appeals</i> —MONA PLAATEN	
<i>Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee</i>	
	NOLA LEONE 1972
<i>Advisory Committee</i>	JOHN L. MATTHEWS, JR., Chairman 1973
	RAYMOND A. BARKHUFF 1972
	DANIEL M. FLYNN 1974
	WILLIAM T. OLMSTEAD 1973
	ROBERT J. SICBALDI 1972
	<i>Clerk to Advisory Committee</i> —JEAN MCGEE
<i>Board of Registrars</i>	MARIE V. KROOK, Town Clerk
	FAYE FLYNN, Chairman 1973
	VIRGINIA REED 1974
	MARGARET ROCHFORD 1972
<i>Chief of Police</i>	WILLIAM G. JOY

<i>Patrolmen</i>	JAMES KIRK ROBERT A. NEWTON GEORGE K. STONE, JR. LEE TAFT ARTHUR BOOTH PAUL A. BOUCHARD CHESTER CHAPIN MILES E. HAPGOOD, JR. LAWRENCE HATCH ROLAND W. HODGDON JAMES OLEND RICHARD A. ROSS MYRON STONE ALFRED S. TAYLOR GEORGE VERMETTE DOUGLAS VERNEY
<i>Special Policewomen</i>	JOYCE B. BETHEL RUTH W. WOODS
<i>School Crossing Guard</i>	FRANCIS B. MORSE
<i>Special Sanitary Landfill Officer</i> .	WALTER J. LYONS
<i>Fire Chief</i>	JAMES A. REARDON
<i>Building Code Revision</i>	
<i>Survey Committee</i>	GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, Chairman WILLIAM P. PATULLO ALBERT W. MIREAULT HAROLD F. HELBERG ROBERT M. FORTUNE CHARLES P. SHARPLES CHARLES R. MELVILLE, SR., ex-officio
<i>Academy Hall Restoration</i>	
<i>Committee</i>	JOHN M. FLYNN, Chairman BERYL DOTEN FRANCES S. JONES SHERWOOD CRONK FRANK J. T. KIRK MARGARET HELBERG HAROLD HELBERG ARTHUR GERRISH LEONARD DICKINSON BEN F. LIBBY NEIL S. KIBBE MARY E. DUNLEA JAMES SULHAM BETTY ANN JOHNSON A. CARLETON JOHNSON

	<i>Term Expires</i>
<i>Conservation Commission</i>	MARILYN BLIZARD, Chairman 1972
	CAROLYN DOUGAN 1973
	ARTHUR GERRISH 1972
	STEPHEN LECLAIR 1973
	JOHN MIKKOLA 1974
	LELAND PROCTER 1972
	LOUIS SICBALDI 1974
<i>Sewage Disposal Study Committee</i>	BRYCE NORWOOD, Chairman
	HENRY BAUSH
	GEORGE W. LAVALLEE
	JOHN MIKKOLA
	FRANCIS PHANEUF
<i>Insurance Committee</i>	WILLIAM T. OLMSTEAD, Chairman
	BERNICE BAKER
	GERALD HINCH
<i>Town Report Committee</i>	GORDON BUFFETT, Chairman
	HENRY BAUSH
	DAVID GIBB
	VICTORIA RICH
	DON SAFFORD
<i>Housing for the Elderly Study Committee</i>	CHARLES P. SHARPLES, Chairman
	HELEN LARSON
	GERTRUDE LYONS
	DONALD WILCOX
<i>45-15 School Plan Committee</i>	DORIS BARON
	JAMES W. MATTHEWS
	WILLIAM BLIZARD
	WILLIAM O. DALTON
	NOLA B. LEONE (Appt. by School Committee)
	FREDERICK COOPER, Wilbraham (Appt. by Regional School Committee)

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM CANFIELD
Town Counsel—1959-1971

MARION GERRISH
Planning Board—1939-1966

LEO ROCK
Highway Department—1967-1971

**VOTERS LIABLE FOR JURY DUTY
FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 1971**

CHARLOTTE AUDREN	OLIVER M. KNODE
JAMES C. AXTELL	MARGUERITE L. MASTERSON
STANLEY O. BARNES	CHESLEY METCALF
HENRY P. BAUSH	JAMES W. MUNSELL
RONALD G. BILLINGS	ALBERT H. NAUGHTON
KATHLEEN FLYNN BOONE	LEOPOLD J. PARENT
EDITH J. CASEY	E. STANLEY PEARSON
DONALD I. CHAPMAN	LELAND PROCTER
ROY CLIFFORD	VIRGINIA S. REED
JOHN R. DENTON	QUENTIN A. RICHTER
GERALD E. DOTEN	ARTHUR J. RYAN
LOUISE L. ERTEL	ROBERT F. SAZAMA, SR.
HAROLD F. GREEN, SR.	PETER SHAJENKO
WALLACE E. HUNTINGTON	HARRY N. SQUIRE, SR.



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—February 2, 1971

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to add a new subsection IV D (3) to the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Agreement as follows:

"All capital costs incurred after those incurred in connection with the school bonds issued November 1, 1970, whether or not incurred in connection with construction of an addition to or the remodeling of or the making of extraordinary repairs to said initial school building or additional school buildings or incurred in connection with the construction of additional school buildings shall be apportioned as hereinafter provided; namely, (a) payment of principal of and interest on bonds or other obligations issued by the District to finance such capital costs shall be apportioned to the Member Towns on the basis of their respective pupil enrollments in the regional schools. Each Member Town's share of the annual installments of principal and interest shall be determined by computing the ratio which that town's pupil enrollment in the regional schools on October 1 next preceding the date on which the principal repayments and interest payments are to be assessed to the Member Towns in respect to such bonds or other obligations bears to the total pupil enrollment from all the Member Towns in the regional schools on the said October 1.

(b) All other capital costs shall be apportioned to the Member Towns on the basis of their respective enrollments in the regional schools. Each Member Town's share shall be determined by computing the ratio which that town's pupil enrollment in the regional schools on October 1 next preceding the date on which such apportionment is determined bears to the total pupil enrollment for all the Member Towns in the regional schools on the said October 1. In the event that enrollment in the regional district schools has not been accomplished on October 1 of any of the applicable years referred to in clauses (a) and (b) above, pupil enrollment shall be the number of pupils in grades nine through twelve residing in each Member Town and receiving education at such town's expense on October 1 of the applicable year."

Defeated by vote of 96 yes; 138 no.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$6,085,000. indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District on Wednesday, January 13, 1972, for the purpose of constructing and equipping an addition to the Minnechaug Regional High School.

Defeated by a vote of 92 yes; 142 no.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District for the purpose of constructing and equipping an addition to the Minnechaug Regional High School and to determine how such sum shall be raised.

Voted unanimously to withdraw this article.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—March 1, 2, 1971

ARTICLE 1. No action taken; Town Reports not available at this time.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to raise and appropriate necessary sums to cover budget for 1971; no changes in amounts.

- ARTICLE 3. Voted to raise and appropriate \$500. for the 1978 Centennial.
- ARTICLE 4. Voted to take negative action; no bills outstanding.
- ARTICLE 5. Defeated.
- ARTICLE 6. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000. to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County, or both, for Chapter 90 Maintenance.
- ARTICLE 7. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,800. to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County for installation of storm drains on a portion of Main Street under Chapter 90, Section 34.
- ARTICLE 8. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,250. for repair and maintenance of Town Roads under Chapter 81, Section 26.
- ARTICLE 9. Voted to borrow \$29,775. for the State share of Chapter 81 and State and County share of Chapter 90 Highway program.
- ARTICLE 10. Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with approval of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of revenue for 1971 and 1972 in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to renew notes for less than one year.
- ARTICLE 11. Voted unanimously to transfer \$15,246. from Stabilization Fund to resurface a portion of Wilbraham Road, beginning at the intersection of Wilbraham Road and Allen Street.
- ARTICLE 12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$11,000. to purchase a new truck with dump body, plow frame and hoist for Highway Dept.
- ARTICLE 13. Voted unanimously to take by eminent domain for the purpose of extending Town facilities, property owned by Gertrude M. Lyons, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1750. as damages.
- ARTICLE 14. No action taken on this article.
- ARTICLE 15. No action taken on this article.
- ARTICLE 16. Voted to engage a consultant to study and recommend best solution to sewage disposal problem, and raise and appropriate \$3,500. for this purpose.
- ARTICLE 17. Defeated. (Rubbish pickup.)
- ARTICLE 18. Voted to transfer \$15,000. from unappropriated available funds to the Reserve Fund.
- ARTICLE 19. Voted to take negative action on this article. (Money into Stabilization Fund.)
- ARTICLE 20. Voted to transfer \$762 (Dog Fund) from the Treasurer to Library account.
- ARTICLE 21. Voted to transfer from Library Fund \$879. (State Aid) to Library Account.
- ARTICLE 22. Voted to take negative action (Legal counsel for School Committee).

ARTICLE 23. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to construct two shuffleboard courts at Hampden Memorial Park.

ARTICLE 24. Voted to authorize Selectmen to sell and convey for not less than \$1500 Swenson property on Main Street, as described in article.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—June 14, 1971

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year 1970 or previous years, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Defeated.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500. for the Veterans Benefits Account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate this amount.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hampden Zoning By-law (1968) by establishing thereunder provisions for a Golf Recreational District contained in a proposal dated May, 1971 entitled, "Golf Recreational District—recommended amendments to the Zoning By-law" on file in the Planning Board office, a copy of same being affixed to and made part of the copies of the warrant for this meeting posted on the bulletin boards as required by Hampden by-laws, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Complete text of new zone on file with Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen as well as Planning Board.)

Voted favorably; 362 yes; 14 no.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to change from Residential (R4 and R6) District to Golf Recreational District, a parcel of land owned or optioned by Northeast Land Development Trust (and described in full in copies of warrant on file with Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen).

Unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to add a new subsection IV D (3) to the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Agreement as follows: (For text refer to Special Town Meeting of February 2, 1971, Article 1).

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$5,052,000. indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District on May 26, 1971, for the purpose of constructing and equipping an addition to the Minnechaug Regional High School.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve the additional \$1,388,000. indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District on May 26, 1971, for the purpose of constructing and equipping an addition to the Minnechaug Regional High School.

Defeated.

ARTICLE 8. (As amended) To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee of seven members to study the feasibility of the (45-15) School Plan or other school use plan they may consider pertinent, in conjunction with a similar committee as may be formed in Wilbraham; four committee members to be appointed by the Moderator and one member appointed by the Hampden School Committee from its membership and one member appointed by the Regional School Committee from its membership and the Superintendent of the Hampden Public Schools; and direct said committee to report to the Town no later than at the 1973 Annual Town Meeting and raise and appropriate the sum of \$250. for committee use.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to change from a Business District and a Residential (R4) District to a Commercial District a parcel of land owned or optioned by Paul D. Hunter and described (text on file with Town Clerk and in the office of Board of Selectmen).

Defeated.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to change from Residential (R4) District to Multi-Unit Dwelling District, a parcel of land owned or optioned by Paul D. Hunter and described (text on file with Town Clerk and in the office of Board of Selectmen).

Voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to approve the filing by the Board of Selectmen of a petition in the General Court under Section 8 of Article 2 of the Articles of Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution, or otherwise in accordance with law, for the granting of authority to the Town of Hampden to deed land hereinafter described as Parcel 1, now held for recreational park purposes and no longer needed for those purposes, in exchange for a similar parcel of land hereinafter called Parcel 2, to be thereafter held for recreational park purposes and without the payment or receipt by the Town of any monetary consideration; or take any other action in relation thereto: (text on file with Town Clerk and in the office of Board of Selectmen).

Voted favorably.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—September 27, 1971

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to change the Zoning District of a portion of the property of John M. McGuill and Lucille G. McGuill northerly of East Longmeadow Road as described below, from R-4 District to Business District or take any other action relevant thereto: (description on file with Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen).

Voted favorably 401 in favor; 14 opposed.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to change the Zoning District of a portion of the property of Florence L. McGuill northerly of East Longmeadow Road as described below, from R-4 District to Business District or take any other action relevant thereto: (description on file with Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen).

Voted favorably 391 in favor; 5 opposed.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to change from Residential R-4 District to Business District the following described parcel, owned by Raymond and Jean E. Carroll: (description on file with Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen).

Voted favorably 391 in favor; 5 opposed.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to change from Residential R-4 District to Business District the following described parcel, owned by Domingos and Marilyn Joaquin: (description on file with Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen).

Defeated.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to change from a Business District and a Residential (R-4) District to a Commercial District a parcel of land owned or optioned by Paul D. Hunter and described as follows: (description on file with Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen).

Defeated.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to change from Residential (R-4) District to Multi-Unit Dwelling District, a parcel of land owned or optioned by Paul D. Hunter, and described as follows: (description on file with Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen).

Voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1600. for the purpose of obtaining an engineering study of storm drains for portions of and intersections of Somers Road, East Longmeadow Road, Allen Street and Wilbraham Road, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$2,000 (amended to \$3,000) to the Law and Claims Account or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted favorably as amended.



DALTON PHILPOTT
Town Moderator

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Once again the Selectmen have the privilege of submitting their annual report to the residents of Hampden. The Board has completed all its legal responsibilities as voted at the annual and special Town Meetings.

Under Article 12 at the last annual Town Meeting, voters approved an appropriation of \$11,000 to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department. A bid of \$10,464. was accepted from Springfield Trucks, Inc. for a Diamond-Reo. The Highway personnel is pleased with this piece of equipment. The new parking area and driveway at the rear of the Town House has been graded and resurfaced. Cross Road was surfaced with an application of asphalt and pea stone. This project has improved the area of the sanitary landfill. Studies are continuing to devise methods to reduce the volume of material at the sanitary landfill caused by the no burning regulations. Preliminary plans are being discussed to provide a chipper, perhaps on a monthly basis, to eliminate brush and other combustible material deposited at the landfill. It is anticipated the chips will be available for residents to use as mulch around shrubs, flower beds or garden paths. This may well result in Hampden's contribution to the recycling process.

Academy Hall has survived the tearing out process, and the in-put part of the program has started. The complete new wiring and electric heat installation is in progress; the insulation work will follow. Then the new window sash will be re-glazed. Interested citizens are urged to join this hard working committee anytime.

The Selectmen are pleased with the continuing interest of the Housing for the Elderly Study Committee.

The Board is also actively a part of the Sewage Disposal Study Committee and engages in many of their deliberations. This Committee will soon have an important recommendation for the voters to consider.

A request was made to the County Commissioners of Hampden County for a special grant, and \$1,000 was received for special work by the Highway Department. The Swenson property on Main Street, known as the Old Blacksmith Shop, was sold to the highest bidder and is again taxable property. Appreciation has been expressed to G. Fox and Co. of Hartford for the planting of the flowering crab on the lawn of Academy Hall. A planting program of flowering, ornamental and maple trees is scheduled for Main Street at the appropriate time in the spring. The high bank on Main Street opposite the Veterans of Foreign Wars was planted last year with crown vetch. After this year it is expected this roadside area will be a mass of color. A complete Chapter 90 program will be outlined at the annual Town Meeting.

The Selectmen are questioned many times concerning underground utilities and wires in particular. A special meeting with officials of the Massachusetts Electric Company was scheduled prior to the beginning of construction on Wilbraham Road. Legislation passed in 1969 allows towns and cities to enter into an agreement with power companies to place their service underground. The legislation also states that a 2% surcharge will be placed on all metered service in town, should this be done. After the service is buried, each individual resident must change the

overhead service to underground and stand the expense. This cost averages \$250 to \$300 per home or entrance. The cost appears to be high for the aesthetic value achieved. Companies in charge of overhead utilities have been cooperative with your Board of Selectmen in an attempt to preserve the natural beauty along their rights of way.

Several meetings with septic tank pumpers, both individually and in groups, have been held. The Selectmen, as the Board of Health, full realize the problems that arise within a town without a sewer system.

An annual Town clean up day for interested citizens, groups and organizations, including the services of Town employees and equipment, has been scheduled in early spring for the past two years. The response and public acceptance has been very disappointing each time.

Many hours and reams of correspondence have been spent on both the Economic Development Act and the Emergency Employment Act. These are both Federal programs and Hampden has three positions funded at present for a total of \$19,624 annually for two years under the EEA program. These positions are two police officers and one position to be shared by Parks and Recreation and the Highway Department. It presently appears that the Town may not benefit under the EDA program.

Hampden will receive approximately \$25,000 this year under Chapter 497, Acts of 1971 for highway purposes as a share of the gasoline tax. It is recommended that this amount be applied to continue the reconstruction of Wilbraham Road. Joint meetings and negotiations have been held with the Wilbraham Board of Selectmen concerning the elimination of the small sharp curve on Burleigh Road at the Town line. Both towns are contributing \$1500 and Wilbraham has agreed to do the engineering.

An appropriation is being requested to replace the present culvert and widen the bridge on Main Street located adjacent to the Reginald Davis and Mrs. Ruth Sheehan properties. The bridge is too narrow for the present width of large trucks and school busses. Information and layout material is being prepared for an application to the Mass. Dept. of Public Works for a stop sign on Stony Hill Road at the intersection of Allen Street.

Your Board of Selectmen has been represented at all Mass. Dept. of Public Utilities hearings, Air Pollution Control hearings, Hampden County Selectmen's Association meetings and Mass. Selectmen's Association meetings.

The maintenance of the Town House requires constant attention. Emergency lighting will be installed in the lower corridor and the fire alarm systems completely reactivated this year. The building never fails to present its maintenance surprises during each budget period.

The law and claims department and Town Counsel Joseph R. Jennings have had an exceptionally active year. Many cases that have accumulated as far back as 1967 are now coming up for trial.

The Selectmen are appealing for your cooperation in the restraint of all dogs. As in all towns, dogs create various problems within neighborhoods. The dog officer, Mr. Paul Bouchard, is commended for his ability and diplomacy in controlling the dog population.

Further cooperation is needed to prevent the plowing of snow and ice onto town streets and roads. (The Town reserves the right to plow it into your driveway, but please don't plow it back.)

The Board of Selectmen is conscious of the spirit of cooperation of all other boards, departments, commissions, officials and employees. With this feeling of togetherness, the community of Hampden will continue to be a typical New England town.

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

Collector of Taxes	\$1,291.00
Board of Selectmen	3,549.00
Police Department	336.00
Town Clerk	814.00
Treasurer (Building Permit fees)	1,611.00

Respectfully submitted,

SHERWOOD W. CRONK, *Chairman*
JOHN M. FLYNN
FRANK J. T. KIRK
Board of Selectmen



BOARD OF SELECTMEN—Left to right: Ruth Woods, Secretary; Sherwood W. Cronk, Chairman; Frank J. T. Kirk, John M. Flynn.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Number of registered voters January 1, 1971		1,961
Number of new voters during 1971.		230
		2,191
Number of voters dropped from voting list during year.		111
		2,080
 Voter attendance at Caucus and Elections during the year:		
	1970	1971
Republican caucus.	86	91
Democratic caucus.	53	187
Town election.	971	1,202

The annual street list of residents of voting age was compiled as of April 15, 1971. The number listed was 2,618.

Respectfully submitted,

FAYE W. FLYNN, *Chairman*
 VIRGINIA REED
 LUCILLE DRAPEAU
 MARIE V. KROOK, *Clerk*





REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following is the yearly report of the Police Department for 1971.

The year 1971 was a busy and fruitful year for the Police Department. There were 8,784 calls logged on the police phones for assistance, complaints and reporting crimes of various natures. Our biggest problem was the increase of Breaking and Entering and Larcenies. We were very fortunate and with the excellent cooperation of Monson and Wilbraham Police Departments we were able to solve 11 of our breaks and stem the tide of Breaking and Enterings in the general area. Monson caught 2 men and 1 woman and we caught 4 men and 2 women—all of whom were working together as a gang. The last two members of this gang were caught by Springfield Police Department in a holdup.

We were very fortunate in recovering stolen property in the amount of \$23,620 including 12 stolen cars and 2 stolen motorcycles. General breakdown:

Larcenies (over \$25.00)	45	Motor Vehicle arrests	283
Obscene calls	14	Arrests other than motor vehicle	41
Breaking and Entering	29	Fire Department assists	15
Family problems	64	Lost persons searched for	16
Ambulance assists	32	Misc. Thefts (under \$25.00)	35
Missing Persons	14	Bomb threats	5
Vandalism	55	Bombings	1
Suicide	1	Prowlers	58
Suicide attempts	3		

We investigated 40 motor vehicle accidents during the year. This is about a 50% reduction from 1970's 88 motor vehicle accidents. Constant patrol of high accident rate areas has reduced our total and we will continue this form of enforcement during 1972.

There were 2,700 house checks made during the year—an increase of 500 over last year. We are happy to report our project Neighbor Alert is working very well. The residents of the town have been very helpful in calling in suspicious cars and persons. A continuing effort by all will help reduce crime in our town.

Officer George Stone and I continued courses in Criminology and Sociology at Springfield College this year and were in the top ten of our class. We were again chosen to be the recipients of Federal Grants for 1972 to allow us to continue our education.

Officer George Stone has been appointed Safety Officer and is now implementing a full scale safety program in all grades. We feel we have been amiss in this area in the past, but due to the shortage of manpower we were unable to produce such a program.

The Board of Selectmen applied for Federal Funds and we were granted two additional full time patrolmen which allowed us, for the first time in the history of our town, to have 24-hour cruiser coverage. This was an excellent move on their part and they are to be congratulated for their many hours of effort, meetings and phone calls to bring this funding to our town. Officers James Kirk and Lee Taft were appointed to fill these new positions and are now working the second and third shifts on patrol.

The Hampden Veterans of Foreign Wars Post donated a new resuscitator to the Police Department along with four oxygen tanks as backups. With the addition of this new equipment the cruiser is now ready to handle any emergency. We wish to publicly thank the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for their fine public spirit and their donation. We would also like to thank Austin K. Harris, Jr., owner and operator of Harris Ambulance Service, for the many hours he donated in training the regular and special officers in the use of this machine and instructing the first aid classes. This man, who gives so freely of himself and his equipment, deserves a well done plaudit from everyone.

The Auxiliary Department had a very active year starting with their 4th Annual Ball in April which was a sell out for the 4th straight time. Listed below is a breakdown of the hours they donated during 1971.

Patrol duty.	2,250 hours
Training.	2,300 hours
Church traffic.	410 hours
Special events.	350 hours
Total man hours.	<u>5,310</u>

To the members of this fine organization, I cannot say enough. I take the greatest pride of any Chief of Police in this organization. They not only function as back-ups, fill-ins and stand-bys but are ready to assist any group at any time and have great public spirit. In November this group formed, for the youngsters of our town, a Police Cadet Program for boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 18. The youngsters are taught police science, fingerprinting, shooting, safety and other functions necessary to operate a Police Department. They will handle the equipment, answer the phones, dispatch the cruiser and perform other police-oriented duties during 1972.

During 1971 the Police Department issued pistol permits, firearms identification cards, gun dealers licenses, junk car permits and copies of accident reports for a total of \$336.00 in fees which were turned over to the Town Treasurer.

I would like to thank the several department heads for their fine cooperation and especially the Board of Selectmen, who are the Police Commissioners, for their continued support during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. JOY,
Chief of Police



HAMPDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department responded to 56 calls during 1971.

Forest and grass	17
House	23
Car	7
Barn	2
Shed	1
Mutual Aid	1
Miscellaneous	5

The past year was one that saw the number of grass fires decrease sharply over other years; I feel this is due mainly to the ban on all open air burning that was put into effect in 1971. On the other hand, we had an increase in house fires, with a total insurance loss of \$47,768.

I would like to stress the importance of calling the Fire Department immediately upon the detection of a fire, no matter how small the fire may be. Early detection and response is the only way we can keep fire losses to a minimum.

The Fire Department Staff consists of 38 regular members and 5 auxiliary members. As well as answering all alarms, the members attend monthly training meetings. The members of the Fire Department have also been active in the Hampden County Fire Mutual Aid Association, attending all regular meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES A. REARDON,
Chief



HAMPDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT—(Left to right) Fire Chief James A. Reardon, Officers Warren Reed, Richard Boynton, Richard Hatch, Howard Cutting.

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

In the year 1971 there were only 17 grass and brush fires. The significant decrease in fires of this type was attributable to the new law on outdoor burning which became effective July 1, 1971.

The new law which has been observed with fine cooperation by town residents, effectively states that no person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit the open burning of any combustible material.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD J. BOYNTON,
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

The year 1971 was a busy one for your Board of Health. The protection of the health of our residents is the Board's primary duty, keeping in mind new State regulations which come into law and affect our Town. All communicable diseases are investigated and reported to the State Board of Health as required.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

Clinics sponsored by the Board of Health in 1971:

1. Anti-rabies immunization clinic for dogs—held April 10 under the direction of Dr. Stewart K. Harvey—50 dogs inoculated.
2. Mumps immunization vaccine clinic conducted in June—35 children.
3. Rubella (German measles) immunization vaccine clinic conducted in June—227 children.
4. Mantoux Tuberculin skin tests—a total of 115 were tested.

All supplies for the Mantoux tests and the mumps and rubella vaccine were provided by the State Department of Public Health.

PERMITS

Septic tank installations (new)	16
Septic tank installations denied (poor soil conditions)	3
Repair of sewage disposal systems	7
Public swimming permits	3
Septic tank pumping operators	6

Our sanitary landfill operation has been working well, and hopefully will serve the townspeople for a few more years. The new dump hours and days are listed in the front of this Town Report. Over 27,000 deposits were made by residents at the sanitary landfill in 1971.

In conclusion we wish to gratefully acknowledge the services of our administrative assistant, Mrs. Ruth W. Woods, and those of our Health Agent, Mr. Robert H. Sabbides.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. T. KIRK, *Chairman*
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