

REPORT OF LIBRARY

In the three years since library patron cards have been in effect, we have issued over 2,500 cards. We order new books every week and each month we post a list of new adult books purchased. We have increased our non-fiction and reference sections to help students with their school work. Any book not found on our shelves can be obtained through the Western Regional Public Library System. Students should make their requests well in advance as some books are not immediately available. The Bookmobile is in Hampden every sixth week to further supplement our book selections. The staff continues to service shut-ins and keeps the yearly scrapbooks up-to-date with news clippings concerning Hampden.

The summer reading program was successful and as a treat for those who completed ten books in five weeks, we had a tour of Laughing Brook. In August, the Hampden Garden Club under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Sheehan, sponsored a two-day flower show. The Library never looked more beautiful!

Mrs. Miriam Bryans attended the New England Library Association Conference and the New England School Library Association Conference held concurrently at Wentworth-by-the-Sea in New Hampshire on October 8 and 9. Mrs. Curtis attended a once-a-week course on Library Administration for six weeks at Forbes Library in Northampton.

The Hampden Community Cooperative Kindergarten has given us its liquidation receipts which we have banked in anticipation of future expansion. Plans are for an all purpose room for story hours and special programs.

With donations received from the Edward Finn Memorial Fund, we have purchased a complete set of Beatrix Potter stories, seven figurines and poster pictures of characters from these stories as well as other fiction and non-fiction



HAMPDEN LIBRARY—(Left to right) Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis, Librarian; Trustees Mrs. Mildred Atleton, Mrs. Elsie W. Therrien, Mrs. Miriam Bryans.

books for the children's section. We have been decorating the children's section with art work from the second and third grades of the Green Meadows School.

As in past years, we have received many gifts of books, paperbacks, records and magazines for which we are very grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH J. CURTIS, *Librarian*
 ELSIE THERRIEN, *Trustee*
 MILDRED ATTLETON, *Trustee*
 MIRIAM P. BRYANS, *Trustee*

LIBRARY STATISTICS

I. GENERAL SERVICES

Circulation of Books and Magazines.....	25,452
Books Purchased.....	825
Periodical Subscriptions.....	48
Books and Magazines Donated.....	216
Total Attendance.....	15,128
Inter-Loan Books Borrowed.....	290
Bookmobile.....	2,640

II. FINANCES

Receipts

Appropriation by Town.....	\$10,008
Dog Tax Refund.....	732
State Aid.....	586
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	\$11,326

Expenditures

Books and Magazines.....	\$ 3,950
Wages.....	6,341
Supplies, Telephone, Incidentals.....	1,035
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	\$11,326

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Most of the 1971 Highway money was spent for general maintenance of all roads, such as scraping, drainage, brush cutting, patching, resurfacing, etc. Chapter 81 money contributed largely to this work.

Chapter 90 Maintenance Funds, which is made up by the town, county and state each contributing equally was \$9,000 last year. The entire amount was used on Somers Road from the intersection of Allen Street and Wilbraham Road to the intersection of Somers Road and Main Street, and from the intersection of Main Street and North Road east to the intersection of Scantic and Glendale Road, which was paved with a Bituminous surface.

The roads resurfaced with liquid asphalt and pea stone covered were: one half mile on South Road, one half mile on North Road, seven-tenths of a mile on Bennett Road, one half mile on Ames Road, and about three-tenths of a mile on Scantic Road.

Roads rebuilt with Town funds includes Cross Road and Wilbraham Road. Cross Road was rebuilt with gravel, and surfaced with asphalt and pea stone cover. Wilbraham Road was widened out to thirty feet, drainage was installed for a distance of 1800 feet, and was surfaced with a Bituminous surface. Burms were installed on both sides of the road, and space was allowed for a sidewalk on the west side of the street to Thornton Burgess School.

Chapter 90 construction money was used on Main Street from Station 82 east to Station 96, for drainage installation and widening to thirty feet. It was surfaced with a base coat of Bituminous concrete. Three Maple trees were planted to replace the trees that it became necessary to take down. It is planned that more trees will be planted in the spring.

The grounds care involved considerable time. This department is responsible for the maintenance of the grounds of the Town House, Fire Station, Town Common, Green Meadow School, Thornton W. Burgess School, Recreation Field, baseball diamonds, Gerrish Park and the two cemeteries. A second tractor was purchased for the use of the grounds department.

The town's winter work has become a major problem as new streets are being accepted by the town every year. The public today insists upon bare pavement year round which adds to the cost of snow removal. The cost for snow removal this past year was \$18,200.

All of the town equipment when used under Chapter 90 construction, Chapter 90 maintenance, and Chapter 81, is reimbursed by the state on an hourly basis. This automatically goes into the Machinery Account which helps to purchase new equipment such as the new Diamond Reo Dump Truck. This year we plan to purchase a used grader and a new Four-wheel drive, three-quarter ton pickup truck.

During this year my major problem has been a labor shortage. Good dependable men who take an interest and pride in the highways of their town are scarce.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER,
Superintendent of Streets



Main Street widening project under way.

EXPLANATION OF HIGHWAY MONEY FOR 1972

For the benefit of the voters of Hampden, the following is an explanation of Chapter 81 and 90 Highway money; how it is obtained, allotted and spent:

CHAPTER 81—These funds were established to assist small towns primarily on maintenance, and this fund may be used on any road. This fund was inaugurated by the Legislature, and is based on road mileage ratio valuation.

At the present time, the State contributes \$275. per mile of road and Hampden must raise \$50 per mile each year. We have 45 miles of road.

Therefore, in 1972 Hampden must raise:

	\$ 50 × 45 miles = \$ 2,250 (Art. 7)
State will contribute:	\$275 × 45 miles = 12,375

Total available for work under Chapter 51	\$14,625
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This money may be used for drainage, scraping, patching, cutting brush, etc. and some is expended on each road in town during the course of the year.

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE—This money is used for maintenance of the roads built or rebuilt with Chapter 90 Construction money, and is usually spent for resurfacing:

The State, County and Town each contribute one-third.

In 1972 Hampden expects to receive from the State	\$ 3,000
from the County	3,000
and must raise	3,000 (Art. 5)

thus making a total of \$ 9,000

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION—This money is used to construct and reconstruct main roads, and particularly those roads which are connecting links between towns. State funds for all Chapter 90 work are derived from gasoline tax, registration and operator license fees, fines, etc., and these funds are divided among 351 towns and cities in the Commonwealth.

The State contributes one-half the total allotted for each town, the County contributes one-fourth and the Town contributes one-fourth.

In 1972 Hampden has been allotted from the State	\$ 7,700
from the County	3,850
and must raise	3,850 (Art. 6)

for a total of \$15,400

This year we plan to use this \$15,400. mentioned above, together with a balance of \$11,761. held over from 1971, making a total of \$27,161. for widening and surfacing a portion of Main Street.

Since the State and County payments are not made to Hampden until much later in the year, we must transfer from available funds or borrow these State and County amounts; and this money is returned to our Treasury, or the loan is repaid, when received from the State and County. Thus we have Article 8 for this purpose and the figure is arrived at as follows:

State share of Chapter 81	\$12,375
State share of Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,000
County share of Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,000
State share of Chapter 90 Construction	7,700
County share of Chapter 90 Construction	3,850
	\$29,925

REPORT OF HAMPDEN SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Prior to the 1971 Annual Town Meeting, the Committee met with three different consulting engineers to discuss with them possible studies to be undertaken to resolve the existing sewage disposal problem. The discussion with these engineers centered around the scope of a proposed engineering study and the areas such a study should include. Based upon a distillation of the recommendations from the various consultants, a request for funds was made at the Annual Town Meeting. These funds were to be used for a study by an engineering firm to determine possible remedies to the sewage disposal problem.

Subsequent to the 1971 Annual Town Meeting, at which time funds were appropriated for a study, the Committee engaged the services of Tighe & Bond, Consulting Engineers of Holyoke, Mass. to first of all act on our behalf in contacting surrounding communities with sewage disposal systems to investigate the possibility of reaching a contractual arrangement with these communities whereby the scavenger waste from the Town of Hampden would be allowed to be disposed of at their plant. The responses to the inquiries of the engineer were uniformly negative. Based upon this information, the Committee felt that we should engage the services of Tighe & Bond to conduct a larger engineering study to determine what could be done within the Town limits of Hampden.

The Committee felt that such a larger engineering survey should encompass the following points. The preliminary selection of site or sites, provisions for future growth, and future application of any system selected for the Town, an investigation of suitable systems which could be utilized within the Town, and finally the estimated investment cost and annual operating cost of each of the systems deemed feasible for use within the Town limits.

In early December of 1971, Tighe and Bond furnished the Town with a report outlining two possible sites and five systems that could be utilized within the Town. These systems have various operating costs and various initial investment costs. It is the intent of the Committee to meet with the various Town Boards involved with such matters and to ask for a special Town Meeting at an early date at which time the Committee will make proposals to the Town which would effect a solution to the sewage disposal problem.

Respectfully submitted,

BRYCE A. NORWOOD, *Chairman*
Sewage Disposal Committee

REPORT OF HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY STUDY COMMITTEE

During the past year the committee has concerned itself primarily with keeping abreast of changes which have taken place in public and private housing programs for the elderly.

Approximately two years ago, our committee conducted a survey, based on low income housing. We found, as did many other towns, a group of elderly people who did not qualify because of the limit on income levels. Since these people were not eligible for the State Housing Program, it seemed feasible to investigate a program for them.

Since the survey many new programs have developed, not only for the low income group, but also for the middle income group. Such a program is being sponsored in East Longmeadow.

Because of the changes which have occurred in housing programs, and because a number of town residents who responded to the 1970 survey indicated either an interest at a later date, or an interest if eligibility based on annual income changes; a further survey is contemplated this spring.

Persons eligible for public housing include former residents, and parents of present town residents. The number of such persons is presumed to be small, but the committee has no adequate measure of the number, except as residents advise us of qualified people who may desire to apply for rentals.

The committee would appreciate having the names of any persons in these categories who may have a need for, and an interest in, low and middle income housing.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. SHARPLES, *Chairman*

HELEN E. LARSON

DONALD E. WILCOX



"Roller Skating" at Thornton Burgess School.

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Commission met on the first and third Tuesdays of each month throughout the year with a few special meetings with various other Town organizations. These covered the usual scope of Commission business and maintenance procedure plus our planned activities such as: APRIL: RAH Baseball League—MAY: Men's Softball League—JUNE: the starting of our regular 10 week summer program—JULY: July 4th and another successful day of events at the "REC". One of the highlights: the new RAH building at the park was officially turned over to the Town and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Also in JULY: a summer soccer program for older boys and adults. A tennis program got under way—Charles Therrien as instructor for the adults and John Jenkins instructing the younger group. AUGUST's special event was the Pony League Baseball Tournament on the 6th, 7th and 8th. In SEPTEMBER a 7 week fall boy's soccer program was in full swing with David Grieve in charge. The popular Roller Skating nights started in NOVEMBER: 3 sessions of 1½ hours each running from 4:30 to 9:00 P.M. on Tuesdays at Thornton Burgess Intermediate School.

Other winter activities at the same school were: MONDAYS: Girls' Gymnastics from Dec. 6th thru Feb. 14th—Sandra Jarvis, Instructor. TUESDAYS: High school boys' basketball and men's volleyball from Dec. 7th to Feb. 15th—handled by Peter Swenson. WEDNESDAYS: women's fitness Dec. 8th to Feb. 16th—instructor Sandra Jarvis. THURSDAYS: men's basketball from Nov. 4th to Feb. 18th—Peter Swenson. SATURDAYS: 4th, 5th and 6th grade basketball Dec. 11th to Feb. 19th with David Grieve in charge.

Winter program policy: No school . . . no organized recreation . . . with the exception of roller skating. The Commission also helped to support the Hockey program throughout its season. Unsupervised Ice Skating at the "REC" remains the same . . . if and when weather and existing conditions permit. If the pond is safe the gate will be unlocked.

Accomplishments over and above the normal working of the Commission: 2 Shuffleboards installed . . . new bleacher unit and 10 settees . . . new sign for the park entrance to be installed in the spring . . . 4 Spring Animals for playground use especially for young people . . . these were made available to us from the proceeds of the Refreshment Concession on July 4th manned by Jack McGill. A stone wall was built along the edge of the brook by the culverts and shrubs were planted at the Office building and the new RAH building.

A total of \$321.91 was turned back to the Town—monies from the Roller Skating and Soccer fees.

Memorial Park may be used by various Town activity units such as Cub, Girl and Boy Scouts, Indian Guides, group picnic outings, etc., providing permission has been granted by the Commission.

We are pleased to report that vandalism this past year has been at a very low ebb.

We again wish to acknowledge and do sincerely appreciate all the free time and experienced assistance given by many town residents for our cause.

We invite you to attend any of our regular meetings.

OUR STAFF FOR 1971-1972:

DAVID GRIEVE—*Year-round Director*

Summer Program Personnel:

JOHN JENKINS, *Director*

BEVERLY BRIDGEMAN, *Swim Instructor
and Arts and Crafts*

PATRICK TWOMEY

LYNN SHAW

ELIZA GUEST

RICHARD BARKHUFF

} *Lifeguards*

MICHAEL McMILLAN, *Sports and
Recreational Activities*

OUR COMMISSION:

WILBUR JENKINS, *Chairman*

F. EVELYN KIRK

GENEVIEVE BOND

JAMES CAREY

GEROLD DOTEN

LUCILLE MCGUILL, *Clerk*



PARK COMMISSIONERS—(Left to right) Mrs. Genevieve Bond; Mrs. Lucille McGill, Clerk; Wilbur Jenkins, Chairman; James Carey, Mrs. Evelyn Kirk; David Grieve, Year-around Recreation Director.

REPORT OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Monthly meetings of the Conservation Commission were held on the second Monday throughout the year. Important additional local meetings were held, including sessions with several boards of the Town. A number of state and regional meetings were also attended, including a seminar on conservation sponsored by the University of Massachusetts.

The Conservation Commission joined with the Selectmen in questioning the flood control dams being proposed in Hampden by the Army Corps of Engineers in the Connecticut River

Basin Study. The fact that the environment has not been given adequate attention has been raised.

Well tests were conducted as a public service in the months of May and July. Chemical quality of the water was compared with federal and state standards under the direction of Professor Carlos Carranza, past chairman of the Commission, who has training in this field. Residents were notified of any significant findings. Follow-up studies of some high chloride readings were made.

A new section of the Hampden Scout Trail was blazed by the Boy Scouts southerly from the Scantic River to South Road in preparation for the Third Annual Autumn Hike of the Commission.

Throughout the summer and fall work was conducted on Jonathan's Mill. A ten year gift of land of the Federated Church, this river frontage is located south of Academy Hall. Research on the history of this site was conducted by the Historical Society. According to the special study of Mrs. Harold D. Jones and Mr. Carl Howlett, it was here in 1797 that Jonathan Flynt built a two story fulling mill, one of Hampden's first industries.

A student work team from Minnechaug High School spent considerable hours removing brush and debris beginning the renewal of this open space. They served under the direction of Mr. Porter Smith and Miss Karen Simpson of the Experimental Individualized Instruction Program. The Highway Department provided able assistance as well. Flowers and shrubs were donated by Garden Club members and others. Stairways and a picnic table were installed. A stone wall was rebuilt and completion of stone work is scheduled for the spring under the guidance of Mr. Leon LaPierre, an experienced stone mason. The question of returning the large slab stones to the adjacent waterfall is being given study by the Commission.

The Hampden Garden Club invited us to present an exhibit at their Flower Show in August. The Commission appreciated this opportunity to provide information of public interest.

In October twelve large trees were removed from Main Street. With the support of citizens concerned at this loss of public trees, the Conservation Commission, Selectmen and County Commissioners were able to secure several modifications from state regulations with allowance for the wishes of the Town in maintaining its natural appearance.

A recently announced grant of \$385,000 to assist conservation commissions is being provided by the Ford Foundation. The Hampden Commission is preparing proposals to this program.

In November the Commission provided assistance to Moth Inspector James Reardon in destroying gypsy moth egg clusters.

The Hatch Act, as of February 7, 1972, is now amended by the State Legislature to be under the local attention of the Conservation Commission. Should anyone wish to fill or dredge a wet piece of land, he must register his plan with the Commission so that a hearing can be conducted. The results of this hearing are forwarded to the Department of Natural Resources which in turn issues a permit when and if the water supply has been properly considered. The quality of Hampden's ground water as well as surface waters are now given attention by this Act. Those planning to alter wetland are asked to acquaint themselves with the details of this newly revised law so they may fully comply.

The Town Plan for Open Space, a Phase II of our Natural Resources Inventory is underway. This will be a major study for the coming year. Gifts and purchases of land will be considered. The Commission will seek to do all in its power to sustain and enhance an environment of quality for both the present and long range needs of the people of Hampden.

The Conservation Commission wishes to express our sincere thanks to all who have helped us to make a successful year of 1971 for the environment of Hampden. A special thanks to the Associate members and to those members who have retired from the Commission. Their many hours of service were genuinely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

MARILYN BLIZARD, *Chairman*
STEVEN LECLAIR
LOUIS J. SICBALDI
CAROLYN DUGAN
ARTHUR H. GERRISH
JOHN D. MIKKOLA
LELAND H. PROCTER



CONSERVATION COMMISSIONERS—(Left to right) Carolyn Dugan, John Mikkola, Louis Sicbaldi, Arthur Gerrish, Steven LeClair, Marilyn Blizard, Chairman. Absent when picture was taken—Leland Procter.

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 \$5.70 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

1971 Appropriation	None
Total Expenditures in 1971	\$5.70
Recommended Appropriation for 1972	None

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture
ALBERT H. FULLER, *Clerk*

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSION

The cemetery commissioners wish to report the following:

Both cemeteries were mowed five times.

This year we hope to paint the fence in Prospect Hill Cemetery, and hope to regrade part of the Old Cemetery to make it easier to mow. Three large dead elm trees were removed from Old Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

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

DUTCH ELM REPORT

During the year 1971 we removed 10 large elm trees; one of these trees was over 90 feet tall and 6 feet in diameter.

Diseased elm trees were removed from the following streets: Main Street—3; Scantic Road—2; Chapin Road—1; Wilbraham Road—2; Glendale Road—1; and Riverside Drive—1.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. REARDON,
Superintendent, Insect Pest Control

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

The tree warden wishes to report that the dead wood was trimmed from the trees on Wilbraham Road, Somers Road, Scantic Road, Bennett Road, and Glendale Road.

Removal of trees included:

- 2 Maple trees on Glendale Road
- 1 Elm tree on Glendale Road
- 2 Maple trees on Somers Road
- 1 Maple tree on Main Street
- 2 Maple trees on Bennett Road
- 2 Large Elm trees on South Road
- 1 Large Elm tree on East Longmeadow Road
- 1 Large Elm tree and 1 Maple tree on Mountain Road
- 1 Large Elm tree on Mountain Road
- 4 Maple trees on Wilbraham Road
- 1 Maple tree and 1 Elm tree on Scantic Road

Five Maple trees were set out on Main Street. Several different varieties of trees have been ordered to be set out in the Spring, as weather conditions did not permit the planting this past fall.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER,
Tree Warden

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

The past year was one of the worst ever for infestation of gypsy moths. The area of Chapin Road, South Road and the Rockadundee area were the hardest hit.

In the fall much work was done to control the infestation within the town, well over 400 clusters were found and destroyed.

I would like to thank the Conservation Commission, who were most helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. REARDON,
Superintendent, Insect Pest Control

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

During 1971, 43 stray dogs were picked up and confined to the dog pound; 10 were redeemed and the rest destroyed after the required 10 day period, during which time they were advertised in the newspaper.

Of the \$1,000 appropriated, \$870 was spent; returns to Town Treasury totaled \$644—\$594 being reimbursed by County Commissioners and \$50 received in pound fees.

Many hours have been spent in answering complaints and tracing dogs being complained about, and soliciting cooperation of residents in restraining their dogs. Calls averages 2 per day.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL A. BOUCHARD,
Dog Officer

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.....	157
Beef Cattle.....	73
Horses.....	90
Ponies.....	61
Swine.....	0
Goats.....	5
Sheep.....	27
Donkey.....	1
Oxen.....	2

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER,
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

In addition to the usual and normal business of the Planning Board, we have concentrated on three projects, namely the Hampden Master Plan, Zoning, and the Town Map.

The Hampden Master Plan final draft, as conceived by the consultants, Thomas Associates, was received during the summer of 1971. Due to the scope of the original project, the plan is a substantial volume with many pages devoted to inventories and research. To make the Hampden Master Plan a working tool that can be kept current and easily usable, a sub-committee has begun editing the report and isolating those parts needed for planning. The following excerpt is from the sub-committee's report:

Part III—Municipal Services and Facilities have been analyzed as to the short and long range objectives, projects, and recommendations, and the sub-committee will suggest ways to implement them.

Zone changes were voted by the townspeople for two areas. The golf course and the Hampden House. For the golf course, a new section of the zoning by-laws was drafted entitled "Golf Recreational". This zone is restricted to golf and its associated activities and is designed to protect the abutters with buffer strips and large set backs.

The Hampden House zone change essentially updated the original (1942) business zone that extended only 120 feet back from the street. This zone change allows for practical business development of the Hampden House corner.

Hampden zoning by-laws are being studied and updated by a zoning sub-committee headed by former Planning Board Chairman, Fran Buckley, aided by Board member Chuck Sharples, Dalton Philpott and Hank Hammer.

The Town Map project got a good start in 1971. We plan to further this project in 1972. With the help of the Massachusetts Department of Commerce Affairs, we had the basic C.G.S. map enlarged to a scale of 1" = 200'. On this enlarged base map we will be drawing the individual property (lots and acreage), subdivisions, zones, storm drains, gas lines and other physical information. When this is completed, it will be valuable for planning orderly development of the town, be it town facilities, residential, business or construction development. Other town departments will find this a valuable tool for their work. Every property owner can be a great help to the Planning Board if he will loan us the plan of his property for including in the town map.

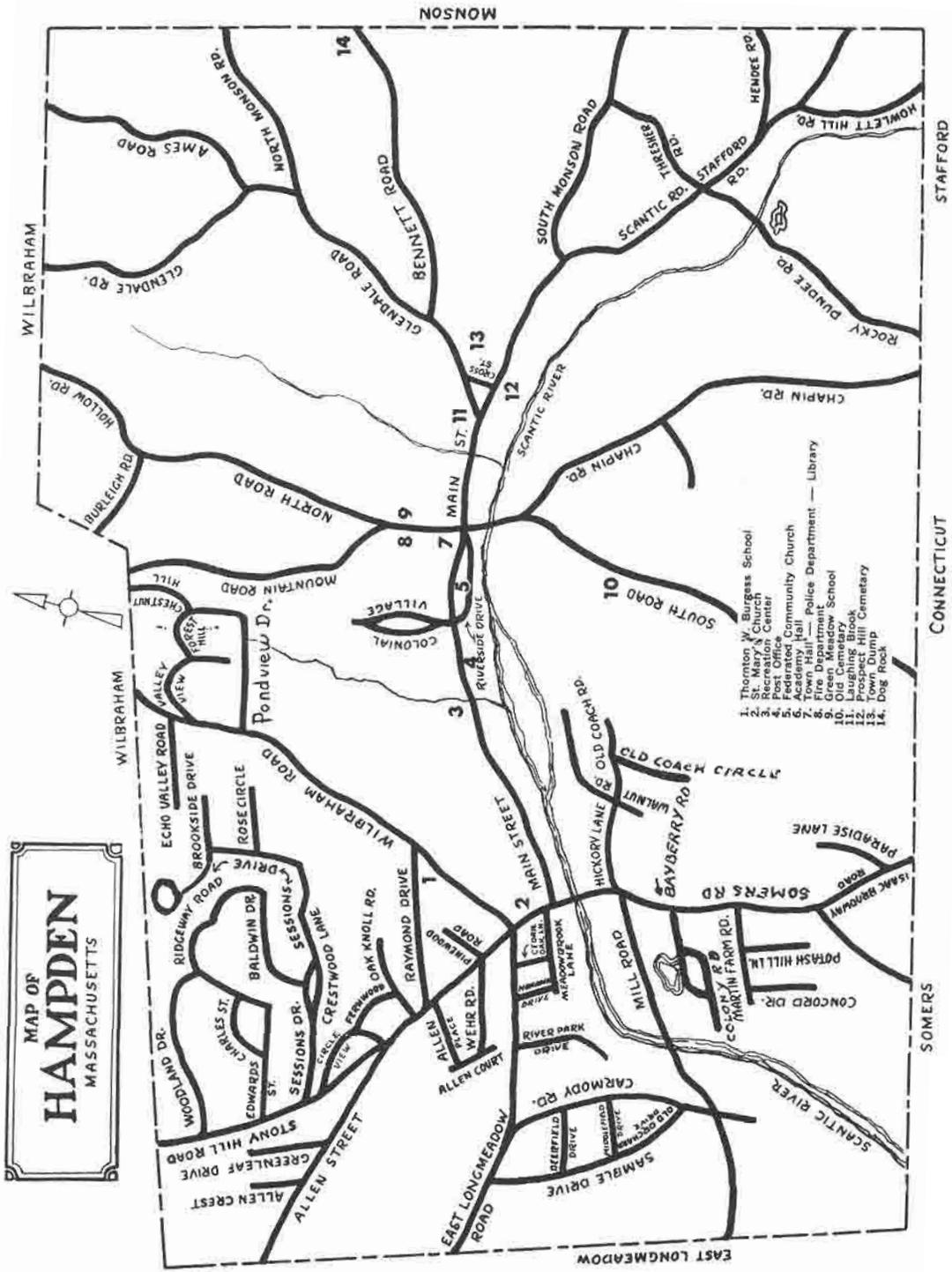
We wish to express our appreciation to all those who have helped us in various tasks during 1971, including but not limited to, the Citizens Advisory Committee, the Zoning and Master Plan sub-committees and our former Clerk, Mrs. Doris Baron.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL F. LIBBY, *Chairman*
CLIFFORD E. KEENEY
LAWRENCE HATCH
CHARLES SHARPLES
FREDERICK MAHER, JR.
MRS. LESLIE VERNEY, *Clerk*



PLANNING BOARD—(Left to right) Clifford E. Keeney; Lawrence Hatch; Charles Sharples; Mrs. Leslie Verney, Clerk; Frederick Maher, Jr.; Carl F. Libby, Chairman.



REPORT OF BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 1971 there were two hundred and twenty-four permits granted.

These were as follows:

Building:

New houses	26
New business building	1
New garage	1
New barns	6
New sheds	8
Additions to houses	22
Addition to V.F.W.	1
Alterations to houses	7
Alterations to sheds	2
Remove house	1
Remove porch	1
Remove sheds	2
Remove swimming pool	1
Swimming pools	6
Sign	1

Electrical:

New houses	24
Additions and alterations	24
Appliances	19
Service changes	18

Plumbing:

New houses	21
Alterations	4
Additions	7
Gas	21

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals held six public hearings during 1971.

A request by J. Mikkola concerning the sewerage disposal permit was deemed to be beyond the authority of the Board of Appeals—no discussion.

A special permit was granted to N. Keddy to remove gravel with restrictions.

A variance sought by P. Shajaeko was granted.

A special permit concerning a gasoline station operation by Village Associates Group was denied.

The permit to operate an Antique Shop was granted to P. Westcott with restrictions.

A request by D. Rushlow aggrieved by a Planning Board decision was heard and decided that sole authority was with the power of the Planning Board in this matter.

The Board of Appeals has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Stanley Witkop, Vice Chairman and Anne Kane, Clerk, and thank them for their hard work over the past years. The clerk's position is filled by Mona Plaaten and a new member to our board is Fran Buckley.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. JALBERT, *Chairman*
STANLEY WITKOP, *Vice Chairman*
WALTER LUNDEN
DALTON PHILPOTT
BERT NETUPSKI
GARFIELD TRACY
FREDRICK BERRY, *Alternate*
FRANCIS BUCKLEY, *Alternate*



REPORT OF ACADEMY HALL RESTORATION COMMITTEE

It's the fourth Saturday of the month, and the last of the 120-year old plaster is being scraped from the grand split lathe of Academy Hall. "Look! Here's another section of the black painted plaster which they used for blackboards!" cries one of the thirteen volunteers who is struggling to get the walls ready for the "drillers." The "drillers" are making the holes in the studs for the BX which will help bring back to a useful life Hampden's oldest public building.

"And what do you suppose George Driscoll and John Flynn were up to when they scribbled their names on these walls?" "Some monkeyshines, no doubt," says an old timer as he explains that George Driscoll was the brother of Miss Mary Driscoll of Somers Road (who will be 100 years young this May) and that penman, John, was the grandfather of Selectman Flynn.

The heavy reconstruction of the floor beams has been finished and as soon as the wiring and insulation are installed, a small kitchen and plumbing will be set up.

Work days are scheduled for the fourth Saturday of each month and Chairman John Flynn would love to have more brawny young men to help carry the load. Maybe your grandchildren will get the thrill of finding your name inscribed on a beam. And oh, yes, men have a way of getting hungry around noon, so the women's contributions of sandwiches, coffee, and finger desserts are always quickly disposed of—"Cover up that coffee before something falls down from the open rafters!"

To date approximately \$3,000 has been expended.

Work completed includes:

- Total reconstruction of a granite foundation wall
- Painting of the building exterior
- Connecting of the septic system
- Grading of the lawn
- Connecting of the artesian well
- Replacement of all sash and transferring of glass
- Installing new front steps

The interior of the building was completely gutted; two beams received major repairs. At present rough wiring for light, power, and heating is being completed. Shortly, the building will be insulated in preparation for dry wall.

All work has been performed by donated labor on the part of the ACADEMY HALL COMMITTEE and HAMPDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The HAMPDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY will hold its May meeting at Academy Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES STOCKTON JONES
January 1st, 1972

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

1971 RECAPITULATION SHEET

Total appropriation to be raised by taxation.	\$1,570,468.00	
Total appropriation voted to be taken from available funds in 1971.	31,887.00	
Total appropriation to be taken from available funds in 1970 after 1970 rate was fixed.	6,640.00	
Offset to Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts:		
School Lunch Program.	7,160.76	
Free Public Libraries.	586.25	
Natural Resources, Self Help Program.	3,805.00	
Racial Imbalance Program.	11,362.75	
Other Amounts to be Raised:		
Veterans Service District.	1,299.90	
Regional Planning District.	544.56	
County Tax.	17,890.40	
State Recreation Areas.	5,861.00	
1970 Underestimates of State Recreation Areas.	319.02	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills.	526.20	
State Assessment System.	182.88	
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control.	349.83	
Overlay of current year.	25,556.83	
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GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED.		\$1,684,440.38

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

1971 Estimated Receipts as certified by the Commissioner on Cherry Sheet.	\$399,657.24	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise.	99,435.10	
Licenses.	5,436.00	
Fines.	291.00	
Veterans' Services.	597.00	
Interest: On Taxes and Assessment.	2,857.00	
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise.	177.00	
Overestimate of 1970 County Tax.	1,921.39	
Available Funds taken by vote.	38,527.00	
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TOTAL ESTIMATES AND AVAILABLE FUNDS.		\$ 548,898.73
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NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY.		\$1,135,541.65

TAX RATE PER THOUSAND DOLLARS = \$40.50

Total Valuation			
Personal Property	\$ 1,603,339.00	Tax	\$ 64,935.48
Real Estate	26,434,635.00	Tax	1,070,606.17
	Total.	Total Taxes Levied	\$1,135,541.65
Omitted Assessment			
Personal Property	\$14,800	Tax	599.40
Real Estate	16,550	Tax	670.27
		Total Taxes Levied	\$1,136,811.32
Taxes Abated in 1971			
1969 Personal Property		\$	1.22
1970 Personal Property			161.91
1971 Personal Property			585.23
1970 Real Estate			359.66
1971 Real Estate			3,187.10
Statutory Exemption Granted in 1971 on Real Estate		\$	15,360.08
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise			
Committed in 1971		\$	193.83
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Committed in 1971			
1970 Commitments		\$	19,920.79
1971 Commitments			120,914.01
Commissioners' Value of Vehicles			
1970 Commitments		\$	54,120.00
1971 Commitments			1,933,170.00
Motor Vehicle Abated Granted in 1971			
1969 Commitments		\$	207.35
1970 Commitments			6,117.73
1971 Commitments			13,188.47

The Town owns the following real estate:

		<i>Valued.</i>
Ames Road	6 acres	\$ 150.00
Cross Road (Dump)	13.42 acres	1,500.00
Baldwin Drive Lot 122	1.06 acres	1,000.00
North Road	1/4 acre	600.00
Wilbraham Road	22 acres	2,000.00
Thresher Road	4 acres	400.00

The Assessors meet the second Tuesday evening of each month in the Assessors office at eight o'clock. The clerk is on duty each Monday from 9 to 5 o'clock and on Friday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. AUDREN, *Chairman*
 STANLEY W. WITKOP, JR.
 GEORGE W. MCGARRITY

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Dogs licensed in 1971:	
243 Male	\$ 722.00
56 Female	335.00
171 Spayed Female	513.00
3 Kennel @ \$10	30.00
2 Kennel @ \$25	50.00
1 Kennel @ \$50	50.00
	\$1,700.00
Fees paid to Town	131.70
	\$1,568.30

Clerk Fees paid to Town:	
Sporting licenses (310 issued @ \$1,765.65) fees	\$ 68.65
Dog licenses and Kennels (476 issued @ \$1,700) fees	131.70
Recordings	516.00
Certified copies	102.50
Marriages (36)	72.00
Trade in name	3.00
	\$ 893.85

VITAL STATISTICS

Births recorded:	<i>1969</i>	<i>1970</i>	<i>1971</i>
Male	35	38	31
Female	30	39	37
	65	77	68
Deaths recorded:			
Male	19	10	23
Female	25	15	19
	44	25	42
Marriages recorded	41	40	37

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE V. KROOK, Town Clerk

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

1968 REAL ESTATE TAXES	
Balance due January 1, 1971	\$ 342.76
Transferred to Tax Title Account	342.76
1969 REAL ESTATE TAXES	
Balance due January 1, 1971	\$ 5,206.20
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	4,795.42
	\$ 410.78
Transferred to Tax Title Account	410.78

1970 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Balance due January 1, 1971		\$ 59,825.88	
	Refunds	347.20	
			\$ 60,173.08
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$ 56,706.07		
Abatements	358.75		
Transferred to Tax Title	384.65		
	\$ 57,449.47	57,449.47	
Balance due January 1, 1972		\$ 2,723.61	

1971 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Total commitments		\$1,071,276.44	
	Refunds	3,364.34	
			\$1,074,640.78
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$ 992,411.35		
Abatements	18,547.18		
Transferred to Tax Title Account	609.36		
	\$1,011,567.89	1,011,567.89	
Balance due January 1, 1972		\$ 63,072.89	



Left to right—Grace L. Kibbe, Treasurer; Marie V. Crook, Town Clerk; Dorothy S. Flynn, Collector of Taxes.

1969 MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE		
Balance due January 1, 1971		\$ 438.57
	Rescinded abatement	29.70
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		\$ 468.27
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$ 260.92	
Abatements	207.35	
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	\$ 468.27	\$ 468.27
1970 MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE		
Balance due January 1, 1971		\$ 15,460.43
	Commitments in 1972	19,920.79
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		\$ 35,381.22
	Refunds	1,177.09
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		\$ 36,558.31
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$ 30,414.00	
Abatements	6,117.73	
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	\$ 36,531.73	36,531.73
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Balance due January 1, 1972		\$ 26.58
1971 MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE		
Total Commitments		\$ 120,914.01
	Refunds	1,816.80
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		\$ 122,730.81
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$ 88,133.81	
Abatements	13,188.47	
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	\$ 101,322.28	101,322.28
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Balance due January 1, 1972		\$ 21,408.53
1970 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX		
Balance due January 1, 1971		\$ 2,664.90
	Refunds	.91
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		\$ 2,665.81
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$ 2,498.65	
Abatements	161.91	
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	\$ 2,660.56	2,660.56
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Balance due January 1, 1972		\$ 5.25

1971 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX			
Total Commitments		\$	65,534.88
	Refunds		214.65
		\$	65,749.53
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$ 62,128.76		
Abatements	585.23		
	\$ 62,713.99		62,713.99
Balance due January 1, 1972		\$	3,035.54
1971 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE TAX			
Total Commitments		\$	193.83
Collected and paid Town Treasurer			133.08
Balance due January 1, 1972		\$	60.75
ITEMS COLLECTED AND PAID TOWN TREASURER BUT NOT COMMITTED			
Interest on delinquent taxes		\$	3,724.22
Fees on delinquent taxes			1,291.00
		Total \$	5,015.22

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY S. FLYNN,
Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF TREASURER

Balance January 1, 1971	\$ 168,815.40
Receipts	2,378,878.64
	\$2,547,694.04
Payments	2,352,517.71
Balance December 31, 1971	\$ 195,176.33

TRUST FUNDS

Bumstead Cemetery Fund:	
Balance January 1, 1971	\$ 2,106.68
Interest	112.82
	\$ 2,219.50
Withdrawn	112.82
Balance December 31, 1972	\$ 2,106.68
Holt Library Fund:	
Balance December 31, 1971	\$ 521.87
Interest	27.93
Balance	\$ 549.80

Town Common Fund:

Balance December 31, 1971. \$ 895.94
 Interest. 49.19

Balance. \$ 944.73

Day Fund, Library:

Balance December 31, 1971. \$ 578.52
 Interest. 31.64

Withdrawn. \$ 622.34
 24.00

Balance. \$ 598.34

Cemetery Trust Funds:

Balance December 31, 1971. \$ 12,166.14
 Interest. 655.17

Withdrawn. \$ 12,821.31
 655.17

Balance. \$ 12,166.14
 C. I. Burleigh Perpetual Care 200.00
 Robert Stacy 100.00

Balance \$ 12,466.14

Centennial Fund:

Balance December 31, 1971 \$ 2,227.45
 Interest 145.31
 Article 3. 500.00

Balance \$ 2,872.76

Stabilization Fund:

Balance December 31, 1971 \$ 116,257.37
 Withdrawn 15,246.00

Interest. \$ 101,011.37
 7,940.97

Balance. \$ 108,952.34

Retirement Deductions—31 Members. \$ 6,893.01

Blue Cross Deductions—57 Members. 9,122.95

Federal Taxes Withheld 87,512.17

Massachusetts Taxes Withheld. 24,144.09

Insurance Deductions—57 Members 538.74

Building Permits issued, Revenue. 1,611.00

Respectfully submitted,
 GRACE L. KIBBE,
 Treasurer