



Hampden Police Department



Hampden Police Cadets

This was a very excellent training program, and I look forward to sending more of our men when it is held again.

Officer Kirk has attended a Chemical Gas Seminar sponsored by Federal Laboratories, Inc. in Indiana, Pa. This was made possible by Federal funding through the EEA program, from which funds Officer Kirk is being paid at the present time. He received training in the use of many types of chemical gas, which included field demonstration, during which the officers went through the gas to see and feel the effects of different types. They were also given instructions in the treatment of persons who have been exposed to gas.

Members of the Hampden Auxiliary Police Department were very active during the year. The Fifth Annual Ball was a complete success. During the summer they sponsored a three ring circus. This was a very big undertaking on the part of the Auxiliary Police and required many hours of hard work on the part of each man. The circus was a complete sellout and very successful. As a result of this success, the Auxiliary Police have established a Scholarship Fund. The fund will be available to young men and women wishing to continue their education in the Law Enforcement and related fields. Information regarding this Fund may be obtained from the Police Department or at Minnechaug Regional School.

The Auxiliaries have donated to the Town of Hampden Police Department a new camera. This was a very expensive and much needed piece of equipment, and will be used for accident and criminal investigation.

During the year the members of the Auxiliary Police have donated many hundreds of hours of work. This includes patrol duty, training, desk duty and handling of church traffic. To the members of this very fine organization I say "Thank you" for there are no other words I can find to express my gratitude to such fine men.

Our Police Cadet program has been a notable success in its first year of operation. Our first awards night was held in December, with a large turnout of parents and Town officials. The boys were very proud in showing the skills they had learned in their initial year. Officer Douglas Verney, the Police Cadet Advisor, has spent many hours in training with the boys; which training has included first aid, firearms, traffic control, and many other fields of police work. The Cadets were a great help to the Police Department during the summer months with house checks. Assigned to work with a regular Officer, they checked as many as 100 houses a night. I am very proud of our Police Cadets. They have worked to earn money to pay for their own uniforms and equipment. They attended a Police Cadet Academy in Connecticut during the summer for a week at their own expense. They were named the most outstanding unit at the Academy, which made them very proud, having been active for less than a year. At the present time our Police Cadet Post is the largest and most active in this part of the State. We hope to see other Police Departments in the area establish such programs in the near future so our Cadets will have organizations such as theirs to compete against in many of the activities they are involved in.

My thanks go to the Board of Selectmen, who are the Police Commissioners for their continued support and cooperation during this past year, and to the department heads and Town officials with whom I have worked.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE K. STONE, JR.
Chief of Police

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the year 1972 the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 42 alarms of which there were

Grass and brush	10
Dump (brush pile)	2
House	16
Car	3
Shed	2
Mutual Aid	1
Garage	3

There were 14 permits issued during the year for the installation of oil burners and 6 permits issued for the purpose of blasting.

I would like to stress to everyone that the Fire Department telephone number 3260 is for the purpose of reporting a fire or other emergency and should be used for this purpose only.

The year 1972 saw the retirement of George D. Fisher, Sr. from the Fire Department. George was a charter member of the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department and served the Town as a dedicated fireman for 45 years. I would like to wish George many happy years of retired life.

Members of the Fire Department spend many hours each year attending a monthly business meeting, as well as a monthly training session, and devote much time and effort in keeping the equipment and fire station in good repair.

I would like to thank Homer Fuller and the members of the Highway Department who answer all alarms during the weekday daylight hours when firemen are most likely to be out of town. They have been most helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. REARDON
Chief of Fire Department

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

In the year 1972 there were 12 (twelve) grass and brush fires in all. Two of these were the brush pile at the dump.

I wish to thank the residents of Hampden for cooperating with the new burning law. It has helped to keep the grass and brush fires down, also the cost of fighting these fires.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD J. BOYNTON
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

The Hampden Board of Health has made every effort to keep ahead of all conditions pertaining to public health during 1972.

Environmental interests — air, water and noise pollution regulations — plus local health requirements are constantly being reviewed and changed. Many discussions and deliberations are required before arriving at satisfactory practical solutions which are best for the Town of Hampden.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

Clinics sponsored by the Board of Health in 1972:

1. Anti-rabies immunization clinic for dogs — held April 15 under the direction of Dr. Stewart K. Harvey — 75 dogs inoculated.
2. Mumps immunization vaccine clinic conducted in June — 44 children.
3. Rubella (German measles) immunization vaccine clinic conducted in June — 64 children.

Vaccine was supplied by the State Department of Public Health.

PERMITS

Septic tank installations (new)	14
Septic tank installations denied (poor soil conditions)	7
Repair of sewage disposal systems	17
Public swimming permits	2
Septic tank pumping operators	6

Septic tank conditions — Board of Health officials fulfilled their promise to arrange for the disposal of septic tank pumpings at properly designed facilities out of town. A series of negotiations were carried on with the City of Chicopee and final approval was granted to use their new sewage treatment plant. A few months later, adverse publicity severed our relations with the City of Chicopee. Your Board diligently pursued this problem again and with the assistance of State representatives and other officials, the cooperation of the City of Chicopee was restored. In the interim, facilities have improved at Bondi's Island and the City of Springfield is accepting effluent from pumpers on a fee basis.

All of these negotiations and arrangements have provided the necessary solution to the local septic tank problem. The emergency filter beds off Somers Road have been eliminated and the area returned to its natural state.

Sanitary landfill — All directives concerning the sanitary landfill as voted at the last Special Town Meeting have been completed. The entire top surface has been covered with an impervious material. This material is also used as a final cover over newly compacted sections. The excessive rainfall during 1972 has caused unusual situations that have taxed the engineering ability of all concerned. A berm on Cross Road adjacent to the fence has been constructed which guides all surface water away from the landfill. A 200 foot snow fence has been erected to confine the blowing papers and other loose or light refuse.

The contractor is presently experiencing some difficulty in obtaining on site cover material, due to large boulders and ledge. Town forces have been most cooperative in clearing the wooded area where fill is obtained. This method was decided upon to reduce the overall cost of the second contract bid.

Compacting and covering is very difficult and dangerous during the winter months when darkness occurs an hour before closing time. The Selectmen are engaged in hearings with the Massachusetts Electric Company, due to excessive installation charges for lights on Cross Road.

The Board of Health earnestly requests the full cooperation of all residents to use the landfill area during legal hours:

Tuesdays 12 noon to 6 PM

Saturdays 9 AM to 6 PM

Illegal and disinterested disposal at or near the area is unsightly. A country club atmosphere cannot be fully realized, due to cost. Resident interest and cooperation can save the town hundreds of dollar at this disposal facility.

Respectfully submitted,

SHERWOOD W. CRONK, *Chairman*

JOHN M. FLYNN

FRANK J. T. KIRK



Installing culvert on Wilbraham Road

REPORT OF THE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY STUDY COMMITTEE

The year 1972 has been a busy one for the Housing for the Elderly Study Committee and several changes have taken place within the Committee. In January of 1972 the Selectmen appointed Gertrude Lyons as a member. In September Charles Sharples, then chairman of the Committee, tendered his resignation, as he was moving out of town. At that time Mrs. Helen Larson was appointed chairman. In October of 1972 the Selectmen appointed two new members; Mrs. Virginia Fasth and Mr. James Brennan, so that we now have our full quota of five members.

Back in 1970 the Selectmen appointed the Study Committee to make a survey of the needs of our elderly citizens. Of the 197 questionnaires sent, we received 61 in return with only 30 persons indicating an interest in a Housing for the Elderly project. These figures did not seem to warrant further action at that time.

However, changes in the State laws have occurred, particularly in the State supported Program for the Elderly of Limited Income. A single person's allowable income has been raised from \$2500 to \$3500, and that of a couple from \$3000 to \$4000. We then decided to conduct a further survey, and found a very definite change.

We mailed out 240 questionnaires; 123 were returned and 68 people indicated an interest in a housing project in Hampden. We also broke down the information according to income, and the time when housing is needed. The facts are tabulated as follows.

<i>Income Ranges</i>	<i>Time When Housing is Needed</i>		
	<i>Immediately</i>	<i>Within 2 yrs.</i>	<i>Within 5 yrs.</i>
Singles 0-\$3500	8	7	5
Couples 0-\$4000	4	5	5
Singles \$3500-\$5700	2	3	1
Couples \$4000-\$7000	2	7	7
Singles \$5700 and over	0	1	0
Couples \$7000 and over	1	4	8

To be eligible for this type of housing a person must be 65 years, or over, and be a citizen of the United States.

The first duty of our Committee was to ascertain whether there was a need for Housing for the Elderly of limited income. Our second survey convinced us that there is a need. We have met with the Selectmen and Mr. McCarthy from the State Department of Community Affairs. They were in agreement that further steps should be taken. In order to do this a Housing Authority must be approved by the Town.

The Committee has spent much time in contacting Housing Authorities in neighboring towns and visiting them. We have written to towns in the Commonwealth, similar in population to Hampden. Practically every town contacted has a Housing Authority, and one or two projects completed for Housing for the Elderly. Those who had Housing Authorities, but no Housing Projects, are in the process of getting one started.

Financing of the Housing Project would be provided for by bonds guaranteed by the Commonwealth. In addition to its guarantee the Commonwealth provides an annual subsidy which can be up to 6% of development

costs. This is taken from the general fund of which Hampden pays its share, whether or not it has a Housing Project. The Town is not required to provide any funds and it assumes no liability. The cost to the Town would be only the loss of taxes on the land used.

A Housing Authority is a corporation chartered by the State which would be the legal entity that would acquire land, enter into contracts for construction, subject to approval of the Selectmen and the State. It would be responsible for overseeing the operation of the facility.

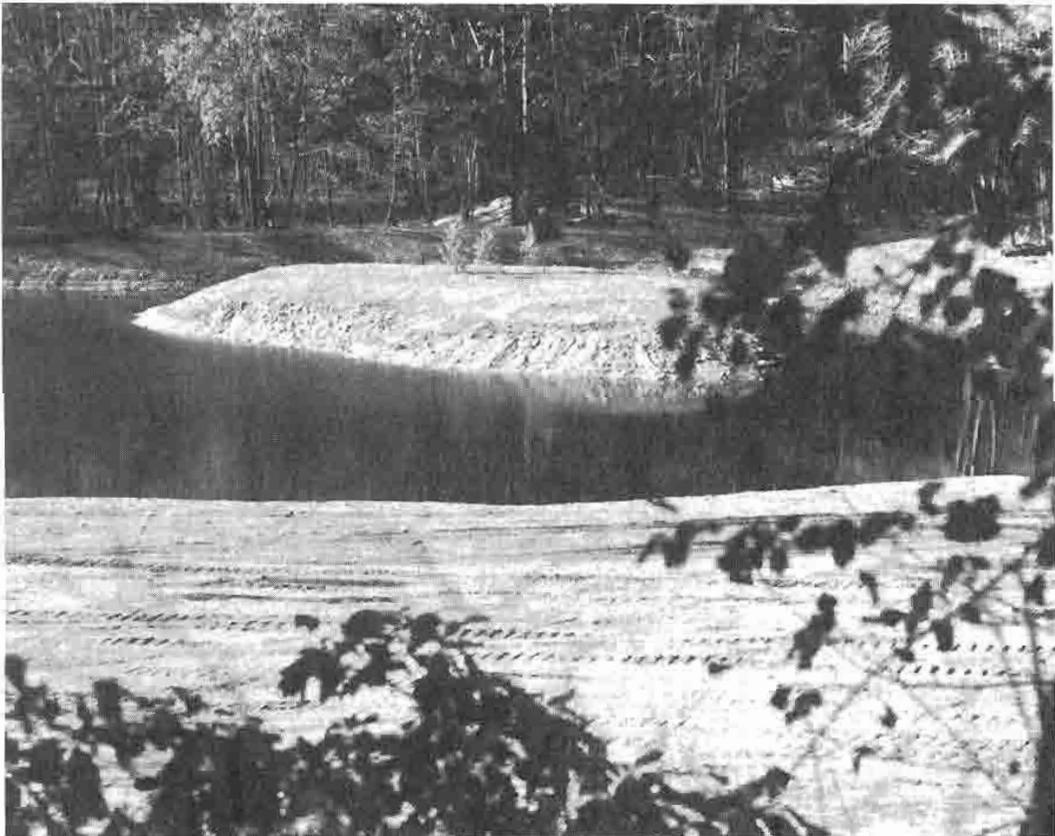
A Housing Authority consists of five members; four elected by the Town and one appointed by the Governor. The Selectmen have the authority to appoint the town members the first year.

It should be stated again that in order to start a Housing Project, the Town must first have a Housing Authority.

We are therefore recommending to the Selectmen that an article be placed in the Town Warrant which will provide that a Housing Authority be established in the Town of Hampden.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN E. LARSON, *Chairman*
DONALD WILCOX
GERTRUDE LYONS
VIRGINIA FASTH
JAMES BRENNAN



Pond at Laughing Brook

REPORT OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The first and third Tuesdays of each month throughout the year were our regular meeting nights — with a few special meetings when various other Town organizations met with us.

In April the RAH Baseball League started. May found the Men's Softball League in progress. The Cub Scouts held an "Overnight" at the "REC" in June. The tennis program was activated and our ten week Summer program officially opened the last week of June. In July our Annual July 4th Town Activity day was held. Many organizations took part; and we look forward each year to others who might want to join us. The Elks Band held forth once more during late afternoon and a Walt Disney movie "The One and Only Genuine Original Family Band" was well attended in the evening. A four week Day Camp program was held from July 10th through Aug. 4th. \$642.16 was turned back to the Town from this venture. On July 28th, 29th and 30th the Regional Tournament of Boys' Baseball Inc. was held in cooperation with the Scantic Valley Pony League, Recreation Association of Hampden and the Park Commission. August found our Softball Season concluding and the "REC" officially closing on Labor Day. Then the Fall and Winter activities were set into action — Soccer — Roller Skating — Girls' gymnastics — Womens' program — 4th, 5th and 6th grade Boys' Basketball — Boys' High School Basketball — Boys' Volleyball and Adult Basketball.

The winter program policy remains the same — no school-no organized recreation. Roller skating is the only exception.

Ice-Skating will be permitted at the "REC" when the gates are unlocked — otherwise it will be unsafe. . . .

In October Frederick T. Waterhouse, Jr. was appointed as a member of the Commission due to the resignation of Genevieve Bond.

In late fall our new sign, with appropriate shrubs surrounding it, was erected at the Main St. entrance to the Park.

Our outstanding improvements this year have been the addition of the two dug-outs at the Baseball Field, (\$165.00 of the total expense of these was from the proceeds of the Refreshment Concession handled on July 4th by Jack McGuill) and the Sliding Hill — left of the softball field — for the Small Fry.

The Commission accepted with appreciation 1 Norway Maple from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barkhuff, Jr. of the Hampden Garden Club, 6 Refuse Barrels "Keep Hampden Beautiful" compliments of the Hampden Garden Club and 5 various shrubs from the former Jack and Lucille McGuill property.

There has been a very high percentage of vandalism, breaks and stolen items this year; and we wish to thank the Police Dept. for their efforts and cooperation in helping us to curb the situation.

Again we wish to acknowledge all the free time and experienced assistance given by many town residents for our cause. It is sincerely appreciated.

You are invited to attend any of our regular meetings.

WILBUR JENKINS, *Chairman*
F. EVELYN KIRK
JAMES CAREY
JAMES WHIPPLE
FREDERICK WATERHOUSE, JR.
LUCILLE MCGUILL, *Clerk*

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

Town Counsel handled a number of matters for the Town during 1972, in addition to the regular service of conferring with and advising various Town officials.

Trial in the Patullo case, involving landfill property, was successfully concluded by a \$2,000. court judgment on an original claim of \$10,500.

The Black Publishers claim against the School Department, involving payment for certain books, was settled for one-half the amount of the claim.

In the Bennett land taking case, where the original claim was \$19,000., settlement was achieved just before trial at \$9,350.

Several tax appeals were tried and in all but one the Town's position was maintained, and in particular, the petitions related to the Mary Lyon Nursing Home for very substantial reductions were denied.

In the Superior Court, the lengthy and complicated Hunter cases were tried and the Board of Appeals' decision was sustained, subject to appeal; the Rushlow case against the Board of Appeals was dismissed; and the Regional School Committee case against the Town on the budget cut has been tried, with the eventual outcome uncertain on this date.

There are still pending tax appeal cases including an important one involving the Springfield Gas Light Company, as well as a new Board of Appeals case.

Town officials were advised generally on gasoline storage, retroactive raises, package store licenses, sale of used cars, several Board of Appeals decisions, drainage problems and several School Department matters.

JOSEPH R. JENNINGS, *Town Counsel*



Moving McGuill House

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Dogs licensed in 1972:	
205 Male	\$ 615.00
39 Female	231.00
134 Spayed Female	402.00
2 Kennel @ \$10	20.00
3 Kennel @ \$25	75.00
1 Kennel @ \$50	50.00
	\$1,393.00
Fees paid to Treasurer	134.40
Paid to County Treasurer	\$1,258.60
Clerk fees paid to Treasurer:	
Sporting licenses (531 issued at \$2,916.65) fees	\$ 119.15
Dog licenses and kennels (384 issued at \$1,393) fees	134.40
Recordings	524.00
Certified copies	116.00
Marriages	104.00
Trade in Name	3.50
	\$1,001.05

VITAL STATISTICS

Births recorded:	1970	1971	1972
Male	38	31	27
Female	39	37	20
	77	68	47
Deaths recorded:			
Male	10	23	7
Female	15	19	17
	25	42	24
Marriages recorded	40	37	47

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE V. KROOK, *Town Clerk*

1972 REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Town of HAMPDEN, MASS.

In accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth — Chapter 128 — The Trustees For County Cooperative Extension Service 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 \$5.50 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

1972 Appropriation	none
Total Expenditures in 1972	\$5.50
Recommended Appropriation for 18 Months:	none
<u>Jan.-June 1973</u> <u>July-Dec. 1973</u> <u>Jan.-June 1974</u>	
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Respectfully submitted,

Trustees For County Cooperative Extension Service
WALTER MELNICK, *Clerk*



Aerial view of Hampden Country Club

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 1972 there were one hundred and ninety-permits granted.

These were as follows:

Building:

New houses	13
Mini Mall	1
New garages	4
New barns	3
New sheds	5
Pump house	1
Maintenance building	1
Additions to houses	30
Alterations to houses	8
Remove sheds	6
Remove swimming pool	1
New swimming pools	8
Alterations to Academy Hall	1

Electrical

New houses	13
Additions and alterations	23
Appliances	9
Service changes	21
Commercial	4
Swimming pools	3

Plumbing:

New houses	17
Alterations	1
Additions	12
Gas	6

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, SR.
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

The excellent help and cooperation of the people of Hampden and the Town Officials, has permitted the Planning Board to move ahead in 1972 on three major projects in addition to routine hearings and the usual Planning Board business. These major projects are as follows:

1. An amendment to the Zoning By-law entitled Limited Recreational District
2. Town Map
3. Updating the Zoning By-law

On June 13, a Special Town Meeting approved a Limited Recreational District Amendment to the Zoning By-law. The progressive aspects of this amendment are 1) the controls the Town has over the operation of the enterprise for the protection of neighboring areas and 2) that there must be approval by a Town Meeting before a substantial change in the operation can be made.

The Town Map Project to draw a Town Map at 1" = 200' showing all property is about 60% completed. We are indeed indebted to Mr. Harold Helberg for his kind assistance on the project. We hope to complete the Town Map next summer. We would appreciate the loan of any property survey you may have.

During the course of the year, the Zoning Subcommittee concentrated on three areas 1) Review of the R-6 District Boundaries, 2) Review of the whole Zoning By-law, and 3) Revision of the Flood Plain Section of the Zoning By-law. After a thorough discussion with the Planning Board to assure satisfactory follow-up of prior commitments by the Board to the Townspeople, and a complete review of the current Zoning By-law, the Zoning Subcommittee makes the following report and recommendations:

1) *Review of R-6 District Boundaries*

The present R-6 District boundaries were based on a general soil survey of Hampden (conducted by the Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture). A detailed soil survey conducted by the same U. S. agency is now available and the current R-6 District boundaries were reviewed in view of the more detailed information. Based on this review, no changes in the R-6 District boundaries are recommended.

2) *Review of the Zoning By-law*

Several changes in both the definitions section and other sections of the Zoning By-law are proposed to clarify and strengthen the present Zoning By-law. These changes are detailed in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

3) *Revision of the Flood Plain Section of the Zoning By-law*

Section 6.7 Flood Plain District was reviewed and the proposed revision entitled Flood Plain/Wetland District will be presented for approval at the Annual Town Meeting in March. The Subcommittee recommends that the Town presently consider adopting boundaries for the Wetland District. No Flood Plain District boundaries are proposed at this time.

The Planning Board intends to continue updating and clarifying the Zoning By-law and will engage in an intensive campaign, together with the other Town Officials, to see that these Zoning By-laws are adhered to. This can best be done with the fullest cooperation of everyone in Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoning Subcommittee

FRANCIS BUCKLEY, *Chairman*
DALTON PHILPOTT
CHARLES SHARPLES
HENRY HANMER
JUDITH MIKKOLA

CARL LIBBY, *Chairman*
FREDERICK MAHER, JR.
CLIFFORD KEENEY
LAWRENCE HATCH
CHARLES SHARPLES



*Hank Williams Country and Western Show
Sponsored by The Boy Scouts*

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION



The Conservation Commission held monthly meetings on the second Monday throughout 1972. The Commission also conducted four public hearings in behalf of the Hatch Act, a newly ammended state law, which requires review of any plans to develop wetlands. Legislation effective September 1972 has given local conservation commissions increased responsibility for instrumenting the details of this act. Commission members attended workshops and area meetings on this and other conservation matters. We also had the pleasure of hosting

a meeting of the Scantic River Watershed Association, a new organization established to serve the well being of our river. The group, representing 8 towns in Massachusetts and Connecticut, was pleased with a tour of the river in Hampden. Two members of our Commission have been elected to serve as officers of this association.

In March 1972 the Commission was given care of a small parcel of wetland on Baldwin Drive by Town vote. At the coming town meeting we are planning to ask for transfer of another piece of property presently owned by the Town for lack of payment of taxes. This lot of about 22 acres consists of wooded hillside off of Wilbraham Road. The Commission believes that preservation of such land is in keeping with wise watershed protection as well as assuring natural green spaces for future generations of the Town.

The Commission has spent several years in preparing an open space plan for Hampden. It is being made ready for publication so all townspeople can become acquainted with the areas proposed for long range preservation as open space. Although the Commission was prepared to request that the Town sponsor this printing, we also sought funds from the Ford Foundation for the work. Word has just been received that the Ford Foundation will fund this \$750.00 project.

At the suggestion of the Commission the Town has contracted with a local salvage firm to provide a truck at the Sanitary Landfill so that newspapers and magazines can be collected there for the purpose of recycling. This will alleviate a significant amount of bulk at the dump site. It also provides the Town with a small source of revenue. To date three truckloads have been filled making 71,640 pounds of paper recycled. The Town treasury received \$146.94 in payment.

During the year the Commission worked to improve the site at Jonathan's Mill. A historically detailed sign, hand carved by Mr. William Blizard, now identifies this popular picnic and fishing site south of Academy Hall on the Scantic River. Minnechaug students in the Experimental Individualized Instruction Program took footage of a documentary film being made by them at their volunteer workday this summer. A new gift of land by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson assures access to the waterfall at Jonathan's Mill.

In observance of Arbor Day the Commission purchased 250 pine tree seedlings for distribution to Hampden's elementary school children. A further planting was made in the fall in order to provide a much wanted "shady spot" on the school grounds. The gift of trees and shrubs was made possible by Mr. and Mrs. Tower and the Highway Department. During the summer the Commission conducted a Champion Tree Contest. This and related conservation

information was exhibited at the Hampden Garden Club Flower Show. In October the 5th Annual Autumn Walk was conducted on a segment of the Boy Scout Trail. (The final link of this wonderful footpath is expected to be ready for next year's walk.) Nature is so unblemished and abundant in our good Town. The Commission feels fortunate to be able to be a part of these projects which extend the enjoyment and awareness of our natural heritage.

We wish to express our genuine thanks to all who have helped to make the past year a most rewarding one. Please feel welcome to attend any of our regular meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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



Conservation Commission

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

The past year found a large infestation of gypsy moths still with us, even with the large amount of work done in 1971.

During the year 1972 over 450 clusters were found and destroyed throughout the town.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. REARDON
Supt., Insect Pest Control

DUTCH ELM REPORT

During 1972 we cut down and removed 14 large elm trees and 10 smaller diseased elm trees.

Trees were cut down and removed on the following roads: Wilbraham Road, Allen Street, Carmody Road, Memorial Drive, Main Street, Bennett Road and Chapin Road.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. REARDON
Supt., Insect Pest Control

ACADEMY HALL RESTORATION COMMITTEE

The inside colors of Academy Hall are changing. A few months ago all was rough beams and dusty siding, with even a few broken windows. So we got "Chet" Dickinson to install all of the new sash. He followed plans drawn by John Tracy and partitioned a kitchen and toilets and did other carpenterial chores. Next thing we knew the upstairs room and those below were aglow with heavenly pink insulation. What a change the Committee saw after the dirt and dust of the past three years! And the December committee meeting found all of the walls lined with pristine white "dry wall."

The newly completed electric heat installed by Carlton Paulk and "Dick" Hatch kept the discussions warm as the group figured out what colors to use for the final wall finish and the type of ceiling coating to use.

This year's projects have been expensive ones, as professionals had to be hired for these jobs. However, all local people did contribute a portion of their time "for free." The kitchen and plumbing facilities are ready to be equipped and we hope the townspeople will cooperate and permit us to complete the restoration of this part of the town's heritage so that Academy Hall may again be a part of our small town life.

FRANCES S. JONES
Academy Hall Restoration Committee

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals held eleven public hearings in 1972 compared to six in 1971. Of the eleven hearings held, six were denied and five were approved. The following dispositions were made.

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| Norman B. Keddy | — A request for a permit to remove surplus earth from his farm was denied. |
| James & Odela Manzi | — A request for a variance to construct an addition to a dwelling was approved with restrictions. |
| Harold & Jeannette Green | — A request for a variance to construct a residence in a business zone was denied. |
| James Kibbe | — A request for a variance to construct a dwelling without the required frontage was denied. |
| Frederick I. Ross | — A request for a variance to construct a swimming pool without the conforming side setback was approved with restrictions. |
| Daniel K. Ross | — A request for a variance to erect an addition without the required side lot clearance was approved with restrictions. |
| Richard Jonelis | — A special permit to remove surplus earth from his farm was approved with restrictions. |



Board of Appeals

- Elliot C. Markham — A request for a variance for an oversized lighted sign was denied. This decision is being appealed in Superior Court.
- Robert A. Bilton — A request for a variance to permit a sign not in conformance with the front setback requirements was denied.
- Brian Longey — A request for a variance to construct a dwelling without the required side lot setback was granted with restrictions.
- A. Robert Draymore (White Birch Apartments) — A request for a variance to permit parking nearer than the required frontage and side lot setback was denied. Also, a request to permit a sign totalling more than 144 square inches in a residential zone was denied.

For the Board of Appeals,

DALTON E. PHILPOTT, *Chairman*

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

1970 REAL ESTATE TAXES			
Balance due January 1, 1972.....		\$	2,723.61
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....			2,723.61
1971 REAL ESTATE TAXES			
Balance due January 1, 1972.....		\$	63,072.89
	Refunds		56.30
		\$	63,129.19
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	\$ 57,936.03		
Abatements.....	299.30		
Transferred to Tax Title Account.....	609.36		58,844.69
Balance due January 1, 1973.....		\$	4,284.50
1972 REAL ESTATE TAXES			
Total commitments.....		\$1,072,841.25	
	omitted commitment		45.63
		\$1,072,886.88	
	Refunds		2,743.30
		\$1,075,630.18	
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	\$1,004,731.48		
Abatements.....	21,100.30		
Transferred to Tax Title.....	545.61		1,026,377.39
Balance due January 1, 1973.....		\$	49,252.79

1971 MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE		
Balance due January 1, 1972.....		\$ 21,408.53
commitments in 1972		16,446.56
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		\$ 37,855.09
	Refunds	497.16
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		\$ 38,352.25
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	\$ 30,131.18	
Abatements.....	6,850.04	36,981.22
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Balance due January 1, 1973.....		\$ 1,371.03
1972 MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE		
Total Commitments.....		\$ 92,583.58
	Refunds	1,084.77
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		\$ 93,668.35
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	\$ 65,345.56	
Abatements.....	7,505.63	72,851.19
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Balance due January 1, 1973.....		\$ 20,817.16
1971 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		
Balance due January 1, 1972.....		\$ 3,035.54
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	\$ 2,176.93	
Abatements.....	858.61	3,054.54
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1971 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
Balance due January 1, 1972.....		\$ 60.75
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....		60.75
1972 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE.....		
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....		\$ 232.75
		232.75
1972 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		
Total Commitments.....		\$ 64,862.08
	Refunds	52.65
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		\$ 64,914.73
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	\$ 60,204.99	
Abatements.....	2,822.91	63,027.90
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Balance due January 1, 1973.....		\$ 1,886.83
ITEMS COLLECTED AND PAID TO TOWN TREASURER BUT NOT COMMITTED		
Interest on delinquent taxes.....		3,427.08
Fees on delinquent taxes.....		1,031.76
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		\$ 4,507.94

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY S. FLYNN
Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF HAMPDEN SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

In December 1971, Tighe & Bond furnished the town with a report entitled, "Night Soil Study, Town of Hampden, Massachusetts." This report outlined two possible sites and five systems that could be utilized within the town for sewage disposal.

A verbal review and discussion of the report and possible systems was presented at the June 13, 1972 Town Meeting.

It is the committee's belief that should the town again be faced with the need for a solution within the town limits, the town should pursue a supervised sand drying bed system on town property.

Respectfully submitted,

SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE



Dorothy S. Flynn, Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

During 1972, 67 stray dogs were picked up and confined to the dog pound; 27 were redeemed and the rest destroyed after the required 10 day period, during which time they were advertised in the newspapers.

Funds available included \$1200 appropriated and \$500 transferred from Reserve Fund. A total of \$990 has been returned to the Town Treasury; \$880 being reimbursed by the County Commissioners and \$110 received in pound fees.

A dog cage was purchased for transporting dogs in the Town pickup truck, and it is hoped to obtain an approved dog trap for catching strays.

A great deal of time goes into answering complaints, picking up strays, and generally endeavoring to keep the dog population under control. Residents are reminded that dogs are to be under the control of their owners at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL A. BOUCHARD
Dog Officer

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Most of the 1972 Highway money was spent for general maintenance of all roads, such as scaping, 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. From intersection of Main Street and North Road east to the intersection of Scantic Road and Glendale Road was resurfaced with Bituminous concrete. Also, six tenths of a mile on East Longmeadow Road was paved with a leveling course of Bituminous concrete.

The roads resurfaced with liquid asphalt and pea stone covered were: eight tenths mile on Mill Road, one mile on Glendale Road from Ames Rd. intersection to Town Line, Ames Road one-quarter mile, all of Ridgeway Road, all of Edwards Street, three-tenths of a mile on Woodland Drive and all of Riverside Drive. The parking lot at the Rec Field was graveled and regraded. Also it was surfaced with two applications of pea stone and liquid asphalt.

Roads built with town funds was Wilbraham Road. Drainage was installed and widened out to thirty feet for a distance of 2000 feet and was surfaced with a Bituminous surface and berms were installed on both sides of the road.

Chapter 90 construction money was used on Main Street from Station 75 to 100. It was widened out from thirty feet to fifty-six feet to the intersection of main Street and North Road to allow for parking in center. A tree belt was allowed on both sides plus sidewalks from intersection of North Road and Main Street to the Rec driveway. It would be appreciated by the Highway Department if property owners whose land abuts the tree belt would mow the grass.

The following trees and shrubs were planted along Main Street from VFW east to Town House to replace trees taken down: