

New greenhouses.....	2
Additions and alterations.....	23
Addition to Telephone Co.....	1
Service changes.....	7
Water heaters.....	8
Swimming pools.....	5

Plumbing:

New houses.....	16
New caretaker's house at country club.....	1
New cabana at country club.....	1
New bank.....	1
Alterations and additions.....	4
Addition to Telephone Co.....	1
Gas.....	16

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, SR.
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

During 1974, 51 stray dogs were picked up and confined to the dog pound. This is a decrease from 1973. 22 dogs were redeemed or sold, and 29 were destroyed, after the 7 day period which is now required by law.

Income to the Town Treasury was as follows:

- \$110. in pound fees and dogs sold.
- \$480. in reimbursement from County Commissioners.

During the year, a change had to be made in the pound to which dogs are confined; from Red House Kennels to Palmer Kennels in East Longmeadow.

Residents are reminded that dogs are to be under the control of the owner at all times, and their cooperation is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL A. BOUCHARD
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Dogs licensed in 1974:

220 Male.....	\$ 660.00
23 Female.....	138.00
126 Spayed Female.....	378.00
2 Kennel at \$25.....	50.00
2 Kennel at \$100.....	100.00
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	\$1,326.00
Fees paid to Treasurer.....	130.55
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Paid to County Treasurer.....	\$1,195.45

Clerk fees paid to Treasurer:	
Sporting licenses (497 issued at \$4,314.40) fees.....	\$ 114.40
Dog and Kennel licenses (373 issued at 1,326) fees.....	130.55
Recordings.....	237.00
Certified copies.....	125.00
Marriages.....	160.00
Trade in Name.....	8.75
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	\$ 775.70

VITAL STATISTICS

	1972	1973	1974
Births recorded.....	47	44	35
Deaths recorded.....	24	30	34
Marriages recorded.....	47	47	40

Respectfully submitted,
 MARIE V. KROOK, *Town Clerk*

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

1972 REAL ESTATE TAXES	
Balance due January 1, 1974.....	\$ 3,235.18
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	\$ 3,180.58
Abatements.....	54.60
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	3,235.18
1972 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES	
Balance due January 1, 1974.....	666.62
commitments in 1974	246.48
refunds	108.90
payments after abatements	27.03
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	1,049.03



Town Treasurer, Town Clerk and Collector of Taxes

Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	\$ 602.88	
Abatements.....	446.15	1,049.03
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1973 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		
Balance due January 1, 1974.....		2,120.55
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	\$ 1,816.32	
Abatements.....	304.23	2,120.55
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1973 REAL ESTATE TAXES		
Balance due January 1, 1974.....		57,254.82
	Refunds	56.76
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		57,311.58
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	\$ 52,387.85	
Abatements.....	152.44	
Transferred to Tax Title Account.....	601.57	53,141.86
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Balance due January 1, 1975.....		4,169.72
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1973 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES		
Balance due January 1, 1974.....		21,072.85
	commitments in 1974	27,319.71
	refunds	915.64
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		49,308.20
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	38,409.56	
Abatements.....	6,721.18	45,130.74
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Balance due January 1, 1975.....		4,177.46
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1974 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES		
Total Commitments.....		110,513.63
	Refunds	966.45
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		111,480.08
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	86,775.87	
Abatements.....	8,410.89	95,186.76
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Balance due January 1, 1975.....		16,293.32
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1974 SIX MONTHS REAL ESTATE TAXES		
Total Commitments.....		607,702.57
	Refunds	2,600.22
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		610,302.79
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	\$ 588,922.91	
Abatements.....	10,733.76	
Transferred to Tax Title Account.....	288.98	599,945.65
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Balance due January 1, 1975.....		10,357.14
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1974 SIX MONTHS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		
Total Commitments.....		39,108.64
	Refunds	98.74
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		39,207.38
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	38,125.88	
Abatements.....	678.88	38,804.76
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Balance due January 1, 1975.....		402.62

1974 SIX MONTHS FARM ANIMAL EXCISE TAXES		
Total Commitments.....		136.25
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....		136.25
FISCAL 1975 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		
Total Commitments.....		83,628.37
	Refunds	1.12
		<u>83,629.49</u>
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	40,197.14	
Abatements.....	102.43	40,299.57
		<u>43,329.92</u>
Balance due January 1, 1975.....		43,329.92
FISCAL 1975 REAL ESTATE TAXES		
Total commitments.....		1,318,726.35
	Refunds	2,346.57
		<u>1,321,072.92</u>
Collected and paid Town Treasurer.....	616,018.72	
Abatements.....	21,445.49	
Transferred to Tax Title Account.....	314.79	637,779.00
		<u>683,293.92</u>
Balance due January 1, 1975.....		683,293.92
ITEMS COLLECTED AND PAID TOWN TREASURER BUT NOT COMMITTED		
Interest on delinquent taxes.....		3,078.29
Fees on delinquent taxes.....		837.00

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY S. FLYNN
Collector of Taxes

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance January 1, 1974.....	\$ 404,948.69
Receipts 1974.....	2,721,226.95
	<u>3,126,175.64</u>
Payments 1974.....	2,678,803.11
	<u>\$ 447,372.53</u>
Balance December 31, 1974.....	\$ 447,372.53
Bumstead Cemetery Fund.....	2,343.20
Interest Withdrawn.....	— 236.52
	<u>2,106.68</u>
Day Library Fund.....	619.69
Interest.....	33.83
	<u>653.52</u>
Holt Library Fund.....	610.92
Interest.....	10.92
	<u>644.23</u>
Balance.....	644.23

Library Fund.....	5,104.74
Interest.....	306.30
Garfield Gift.....	500.00
Balance.....	5,911.04
Centennial Fund.....	4,542.72
Interest.....	249.26
Balance.....	500.00
Town Common Fund.....	5,291.98
Interest.....	985.71
Balance.....	49.16
Withdrawn.....	1,034.87
Balance.....	7.36
Perpetual Care Fund	
Balance.....	12,466.15
Frederick Berry.....	50.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1974.....	12,516.15

Respectfully submitted,
 GRACE L. KIBBE, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Most of the 1974 Highway money was spent for general maintenance of all roads, such as scrapping, drainage, brush cutting, patching, resurfacing, etc. Chapter 81 money contributed largely to this work.

The roads resurfaced under Chapter 81 with liquid asphalt and pea stone were Bennett Road, one-half mile, South Road, one-half mile, Mountain Road, one-third mile and Scantic Road, one-half mile.

Chapin Road was widened and drainage installed for a distance of 1100 feet. This year, we hope to continue with more drainage up the hill.

The town's winter work has become a major problem. The public today insists upon bare pavement year round which adds to the cost of snow removal. Due to a mild winter \$9,000.00 was transferred back into the Revenue Sharing Account. The new sand body purchased this year helped immensely in keeping the roads clear.

Wilbraham Road was widened to thirty feet for a distance of 3400 feet with a base of Bituminous Concrete. The final surface of Type I Bituminous Concrete will be done this coming year. Catch basins and 5000 feet of drainage were installed. Berms were installed on both sides. The shoulders will be graded, seeded and trees planted this spring.

A large pipe-arched culvert was replaced in Wehr Brook on Allen Street. Also, one was replaced on Bennett Road.

During this year, I've had good dependable men who take an interest and pride in the highways of their town.

Respectfully submitted,
 HOMER L. FULLER
Superintendent of Streets



Highway Department

DUTCH ELM REPORT

During 1974 we were able to take down and dispose of 27 elm trees throughout the town. Many of these infested elm trees were big trees and quite expensive to have taken down.

I would like to thank the Highway Department for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES A. REARDON
Supt. of Insect Pest Control

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

The Tree Warden wishes to report the following trees removed:

- 5 maple and 5 elm trees on Wilbraham Road
- 2 maple trees on Somers Road
- 4 small maple trees on Main Street
- 2 large maple trees and 1 elm tree on Glendale Road
- 2 maple trees on Allen Street
- 4 elm trees and 2 maple trees on East Longmeadow Road
- 3 maple trees on North Road
- 1 elm on Chapin Road.

Trees on Glendale Road, Wilbraham Road, Somers Road, Main Street, South Road, Scantic Road and North Road were trimmed of dead wood.

Trees were set out on Wilbraham Road, Martin Farms Road, Raymond Drive, Main Street and North Road. These plantings represent 14 crabtree, 7 beech, 2 Norway maples and 30 sugar maples.

Respectfully submitted,
HOMER L. FULLER
Tree Warden

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESORS

Total appropriation to be raised by taxation	\$2,201,533.35	
Total appropriation to be taken from available funds		226,444.50
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay of following years		
1966 \$2,310.88 1969 \$3,513.87		
1967 4,177.75 1970 2,294.74		
1968 4,105.70 1972 2,878.70		
Total overlay deficits		19,281.64
Offsets to Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts		
School Lunch Program	7,587.89	
Free Public Libraries	1,714.50	
Racial Imbalance Program	45,000.00	
Chapter 766	22,359.00	
Other Amounts to be Raised		
Veterans Service District	1,596.00	
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District	548.64	
County Tax	108,969.84	
Underestimates of County Tax for 1973-74	1,989.17	
State Recreation Areas	18,669.87	
Audit of Municipal Accounts	10,663.22	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	655.20	
State Assessment System	171.72	
Air Pollution Control District	296.34	
Overlay of current Fiscal year	23,356.58	
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		\$2,690,837.46

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

1975 Fiscal Year Estimated Receipts certified by the Commission on Cherry Sheet	\$ 902,505.49
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	143,025.89
Licenses	8,906.50
Fines	2,257.50
School (local receipts of School Committee)	1,139.82
Interest: On taxes and Assessments	2,549.87
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise	210.95

Available Funds taken by vote	226,444.50	
Overestimate of State Recreation Area and Air Pollution Control Districts for 1973-74	1,442.22	
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS		\$1,288,482.74
Total Valuation		
Personal Property	\$ 1,858,375.00 × \$45.00 = Tax	\$ 83,628.37
Real Estate	29,305,015.00 × 45.00 = Tax	1,318,726.35
Total	\$31,163,390.00	Total Tax Levied \$1,402,354.72
Taxes Abated in 1974		
1973 Personal Property		\$ 304.23
1974 Personal Property (Jan. 1, 1974—June 30, 1974)		678.88
1975 Personal Property (Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1975)		102.43
1972 Real Estate		54.60
1973 Real Estate		152.44
1974 Real Estate (Jan. 1, 1974—June 30, 1974)		1,213.74
1975 Real Estate (Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1975)		715.50
Statutory Exemption Granted in 1974 on Real Estate		
1974 Real Estate (Jan. 1, 1974—June 30, 1974)	\$	9,870.02
1975 Real Estate (Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1975)		20,499.19
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise		
Committed in 1974	\$	136.25
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Committed in 1974		
1972 Commitment	\$	246.48
1973 Commitment		27,319.71
1974 Commitment		110,513.63
Commissioners' Value of Vehicles		
1972 Commitment	\$	11,850.00
1973 Commitment		793,950.00
1974 Commitment		1,685,950.00
Motor Vehicle Abatements Granted in 1974		
1972 Commitment	\$	446.15
1973 Commitment		6,721.18
1974 Commitment		8,410.89
The Town owns the following real estate		
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	¼ acre	600.00
Wilbraham Road	22 acres	2,000.00
Thresher Road	4 acres	400.00

OFFICE HOURS

Monday.....9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
Wednesday.....2 P.M. to 5 P.M.
Friday.....2 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Assessors meet the second Tuesday of each month except in August in the Assessors' office at eight o'clock.

A copy of the real estate valuation book has been put in the library for public inspection.

Hampden, along with 350 other cities and towns, has been ordered by the State officials to implement a program to bring the full fair cash value of each parcel of property to 100%. This Board is happy to state that although as of 1975 Hampden is not at 100% full fair cash value, our town does have 100% equity and because of our complete equity we will be able to arrive at 100% full fair cash value through clerical adjustments.

It is important that the residents of Hampden know of this program and understand why we are implementing it. The Board of Assessors are requesting an additional sum of money to pay for the updating process that will be involved. Because of the uncertainty of the details and costs of the updating process, a request for an exact sum to cover these expenses shall be made at the Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. JALBERT, *Chairman*
HENRY BAUSH
STANLEY WITKOP



Board of Assessors

REPORT OF LIBRARY 1974

The Hampden Public Library continues to grow with an increase in attendance, books purchased, circulation of books, magazines, inter-loan books and bookmobile books borrowed. Children from the Green Meadows School continue to come weekly to the library. The Summer Reading Club had another successful year. Forty-one children completed the required reading of ten books in six weeks and were rewarded with a new book. Santa came again this year to see and talk to the children of the town. Over one hundred youngsters enjoyed telling of their wants and received a candy cane. Many new books were purchased during the year as well as for Childrens' Book Week and National Library Week. The library added to the Magazine Section the following new magazines: Highlights for children, Country Journal, Early American Society, Americana and People for the adults.

In September the library cancelled all previous back fines in order to start a new system. Fines on late books must be paid upon return before more books may be checked out. This has helped greatly on the return of books thus alleviating less paper work for the library staff.

In April, National Library Book Week was observed by a display of local handmade crafts such as: Patchwork quilts, afghans, apple dolls, shell displays, Easter baskets, etc., along with many new books.

In the spring the staff, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Rochford, took a seven week course in Library Collection Development given by Western Regional Public Library System at the Belchertown Library and also a seminar



Santa Claus at Town Library

on paperbacks. By attending the paperback seminar, the library received 150 recommend paperbacks without charge as a start to a paperback collection. We have added to this collection and find that they are very well received by children as well as adults. In December, the staff attended a workshop on Current Books Review in Whately, Mass.

Our sincere thanks to: Cindy Gorecki who assisted the staff through the summer. Adults as well as children have enjoyed the colorful art work on the bulletin boards done by Viola Ferrington. We are still fortunate in having Mrs. Julia Bouchard as a volunteer worker on Wednesday mornings. We are also grateful to Mrs. Bittner's third grade class for their art work which has been displayed in the library from time to time as well as a delightful, eye-appealing display from Miss Jack's Busy Brush Children's Art Class. Many thanks to our patrons who have donated books, paperbacks and magazines for the enjoyment of all.

The library trustees meet on the third Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE THERRIEN, *Trustee*
 MIRIAM P. BRYANS, *Trustee*
 CECILIA C. MELVILLE, *Trustee*
 ELIZABETH J. CURTIS, *Librarian*

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 11:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
 Wednesday 10:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
 Thursday 10:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
 Saturday 12:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
 Closed Saturday — July and August thru Labor Day

LIBRARY STATISTICS

I. GENERAL SERVICES

Volumes & Magazines Circulated	28,128
Volumes Added	954
Volumes Discarded	692
Total Collection	10,466
Magazine Subscriptions	50
Total Attendance	17,618
Inter-Loan Books Borrowed	222
Bookmobile	2,753

II. FINANCES

Receipts

Appropriation by Town (18 mos.)	\$17,634
State Aid	1,714
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	\$19,348

EXPENDITURES

Books and Magazines	\$ 6,404
Wages	11,833
Supplies, Telephone, Incidentals	1,111
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	\$19,348

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSION

The cemetery commissioners wish to report the following:

Both cemeteries were mowed nine times. A chain link fence was installed on west side of Old Cemetery for a distance of 300 feet. Trees and brush was cut and area bulldozed for expansion in Old Cemetery. This spring it will be graded and seeded. Sunken graves were leveled and seeded in both cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

With no changes in our personnel, all members went ahead to tackle the year's projects with a secure feeling of being "old-timers". There are moments during meetings when silence reigns and no one has the answers, but soon someone has a suggestion of where to start looking. It may take time, but the answer is there.

Mr. James Kibbe has been very patient in proceeding with his subdivision called West Hill Dr. The Board is developing a contract between the builder and the Town. This safeguard is needed in case the builder reaches a certain stage of development and for some reason is not able to complete the work. The contract will allow for completion or for placing the property back in a natural state. It will also provide for the builders to pay the Town directly for Engineering Inspection and the Town will then have a fund with which to pay the Engineer.

Zoning was drafted to fit the new state-aided project, Housing for the Elderly. It is numbered Section 6.2.1.3 in the bylaws.

Mr. Charles Sharples donated his services to complete the new wetlands zoning map. It was printed up and is being sold for \$3.00.

The Wetland Zoning Appeal Procedure was put into operation with the application of Mr. John Ouellette for permission to build in the wetland off Allen Place. This was approved by the three required boards. Mr. Joseph Piazza also met with the Boards' requirements and of his 12 acres on River Park Dr. it was determined that there was the necessary 40,000 sq. ft. dry enough to allow building. Mr. Howard Campbell's property was viewed at his request and it was determined that this particular spot was too wet for building. However there were also other land use problems which Mr. Campbell will have to take to the Board of Appeals if he wishes further ruling.

The Zoning Subcommittee applied under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 for establishment of a Flood Plain and received authorization to allow homeowners to buy insurance as of Sept. 6, 1974. The necessary minimum land use measures which were adopted will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting as the Flood Plain/Wetlands Zone.

Many residents are currently enjoying the services of the Hampden Country Club. This is still a pending project as it is still in the growing stage. During the year we went to Town Meeting for further rezoning of land into the Golf Recreational District. The service road and parking lot were included

in this rezoning. Plans were approved to put up a storage building with an apartment above it for a security man. At present we are involved in interpretation of the zoning governing landscaping of the buffer strip.

The Community Savings Bank being built at the Mini-mall has been an interesting project. The property was signed as a non-sub since Andersen Realty Trust has a net, net, net lease with the Bank. The property had to be divided to provide a separate tax bill. The main problem, which took many meetings and concessions on both sides, was to develop a design which would be compatible with the present mini-mall. The Planning Boards of Massachusetts have no jurisdiction over design but in this case the Board felt they must insist on the architectural compatibility of all the buildings in the mini-mall. The Bank officials cooperated and the results of this compromise will be apparent soon.

Individual problems that were studied during the year included hair-dressing as a home occupation. Several persons applying for a kennel license came in to describe their hobby and many prospective buyers came in to discuss various possible uses of property. Often these uses could not be approved but this is indicative of the protection the people have set up in our bylaws to keep Hampden residential and rural.

Use for his property at Allen St. and Wilbraham Rd. was finally determined by the owner, Mr. Robert Price. A plan was brought in for three and later more lots to be styled rural in the \$45,000 range. The use of the tip, which is zoned business, is still not determined.

There is sometimes unpleasantness involved in working within the interpretation of the bylaws and this occurred in several instances this year. One of our members, Mr. Bliss, had changed his occupation and received a permit to build two plastic greenhouses to begin his operation as the Wonderland Plant Farm. Under objection from a neighbor and thru a petition containing 32 signatures, it was brought to the Planning Board for discussion. Many questions were brought up and it was agreed that the operation as built was within the bylaws, but the additional growth indicated by Mr. Bliss would need to be ruled on by the Courts.

Also we were not able to approve the Fersts' zone change to Business for the Walnut Grove Rest Home. The Fersts have proven themselves to be loving and capable in working with older people, but in this case the change would still not have allowed them to run a Boarding House as they had indicated. Subsequent discussions with Mr. & Mrs. Ferst have brought out ideas which in the future may allow the Board to approve a change to Business.

The Hatch business on Scantic Rd. sent the members searching for a way to give him the necessary land use without permanent rezoning. This was a difficult problem as all realize the service he gives the Town, but being in the middle of a Residential Zone conflicts with the rights of other citizens.

We have found it efficient to own a Post Office Box. This channels all communication to our paid clerk and it doesn't get lost in the heap of business that out of necessity clutters our Board members' busy lives. The number is P.O. Box 261.

Our Town map is in its final stages. The headway Ms. Betsy Curtis and Ms. Joanne Hatch made in such a complicated project was beyond the Board's expectations. Limited budgeting will be necessary for continued work as new information is located.

Study is being made on the guidelines necessary to allow parking of certain Commercial Vehicles in a Residential Zone.

The Master Plan Subcommittee, represented by Cliff Keeney will work at updating the Master Plan.

An all-department check list is being worked on by various Town groups. This should make it easier for citizens to use the correct steps in dealing with Town Government.

The future will probably include a look into condominiums. Under the right circumstances, with the correct density, there could be a place for them in our Town.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL F. LIBBY, *Chairman*
 FREDERICK MAHER, JR.
 CLIFFORD KEENEY
 HENRY HANMER
 DUDLEY BLISS, JR.
 JUDITH M. JACKSON, *Clerk*

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1974.

During the year the police department recorded 9187 log entries. These calls were for assistance, complaints and the reporting of crimes. The following is a general breakdown of the types of complaints received and investigated or responded to by the police department.

B&E, forcible entry	62	Vandalism	103
B&E, unlawful entry	5	Stolen cars recovered	13
B&E, attempted forcible entry	9	Cars reported stolen	6
Larceny over \$100	25	Ambulance calls assisted	47
Larceny under \$100	61	Assisted Fire Department	30
Assault on police officer	5	Calls involving family problems	31
Assault & battery	2	Persons reported missing	14
Assault	2	Peeping Toms	1
Indecent assault	1	Obscene phone calls	6
Narcotics	10	Prowlers	22
Receiving stolen goods	3	Bikes reported stolen	23
Disturber of the peace	12	Buildings found open	4
Possession of dangerous weapon	2	Dog complaints	49
Willful & malicious destruction of property	10	Burglar alarms answered	63
		Arrests for other depts.	1
		Neighborhood problems	23

During the year 113 persons were apprehended by the police department and a total of 193 complaints were filed against them in the following categories. This is a 56% increase in the number of arrests and an 82% increase in the numbers of complaints filed over 1973.

Breaking & entering	18	Receiving stolen property	3
Larceny over \$100	9	Possession of stolen goods	1
Larceny under \$100	19	Assault on police officer	6
Possession of burglary tools	1	Assault & battery	2
Larceny from building	2	Disturber of the peace	17

Disorderly person.....	2	Forgery.....	1
Vandalism.....	10	Attempted arson.....	1
Willful & mal. destr. prop.....	29	Threat to witness.....	2
Malicious mischief.....	3	Threat to set fire to property....	6
Attempt to commit a crime....	1	Threat to commit assault &	
Child in need of services		battery.....	3
(CHIN).....	1	Threat to maim children.....	1
Protective custody.....	3	Operating w/o license.....	9
Narcotics.....	10	Using m/v w/o authority.....	2
Possession of machine gun....	1	Operating under influence....	15
Discharge firearms w/i 500'		Refusing to stop for police	
building.....	2	officer.....	1
Unnatural & lascivious acts....	5	Refusing to show lic. & reg....	1
Tend to cause waywardness or		Operating after suspension....	1
delinquency person under			
age 16.....	5		

There were 75 traffic accidents reported and investigated by this department. A total of 93 cars, 1 motorcycle and 1 bicycle were involved in these accidents. There were 45 persons injured in these accidents that required medical attention.

The following is a summary of motor vehicle cases handled by the police department during the year. A total of 385 citations were issued showing an increase of 20% over last year.

Speeding.....	180	No front plate.....	2
Speeding, warnings.....	9	Rear plate hidden by trailer	
Stop sign.....	35	hitch.....	1
Attaching plates.....	4	Refusing to show lic. & reg.	
Operating under influence....	15	w/asked.....	1
Operating without license....	17	Refusing to stop for police	
Operating without lic. in poss..	10	officer.....	2
Operating without reg. in poss.	11	Failure to keep right.....	2
Driving to endanger.....	11	Not displaying front plate....	1
Driving recklessly.....	5	Allowing unlicensed person	
Operating without authority...	3	to operate.....	4
No inspection sticker.....	11	Following too closely.....	1
Minor, alcoholic bev. in m/v..	3	Bald tires.....	1
Operating uninsured vehicle..	9	Using plates assigned to other	
Noisy muffler.....	3	m/v.....	1
Failure to obey signs, etc....	1	Disposal of rubbish on	
Operating no passing zone....	3	roadway.....	3
Spilling load.....	1	Offensive conduct	
Objectionable/unreasonable		(burning rubber, etc.)....	1
noise.....	2	Leaving scene of property	
Studded tires after 5/1,		damage.....	1
before 11/1.....	5	Operating on learner's permit	
No tail lights.....	2	w/o properly licensed person	1
Operating w/broken		No cover on truck, load	
windshield.....	1	spilling.....	1
No plate light.....	2	Operating w/o helmet.....	2
		Operating unregistered m/v....	13



Chief of Police and Patrolmen



Special Police and Reserve Officers

Total amounts of fines and sentences.

Fines imposed.....	\$3,790.00
Suspended sentences to House of Correction.....	2 years, 11 months
Probation.....	2 years
Department of Youth Services.....	1 year
Sentences SERVED, House of Correction.....	6 months, 20 days

During the year the police department issued 83 pistol permits, 72 firearms identification cards, 65 reports to insurance companies, 1 license to sell ammunition, 2 Firearms Dealers licenses, 3 junk car permits and 5 liquor ID cards. A total of \$1,272.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer to cover these.

During the year the police department responded to many calls for sick and injured persons. They were treated by members of our department or were sent to the hospital or their own doctors. Again this year our resuscitator was used many times.

Through the generosity of the Hampden Lions Club the police department is now equipped with 2 resuscitators. This means that both cruisers now have a resuscitator and oxygen immediately available. We wish to thank the Hampden Lions Club for this much needed piece of equipment. Residents of the Town of Hampden should feel proud of organizations such as the Hampden Lions Club who take such an interest in the welfare of the town.

During the year the following officers attended specialized police schools. Officer Daniel Knowles attended the F. B. I. Basic Fingerprinting School, Traffic-Radar School and the Defensive Driving Course. Officer James Kirk attended the Ident-A-Kit School and the Defensive Driving Course. Officer Robert Newton attended the Defensive Driving Course. Officer Daniel Knowles will be attending the Police Academy in Westfield, Massachusetts, for a period of 10 weeks starting in February of 1975. Officer Robert Toulson attended the Defensive Driving Course.

The members of the Hampden Auxiliary Police Department were very active during the year. As in previous years, the members have been attending a business and training meeting each month. They have also, again, donated many hundreds of hours of work on the weekend. This includes patrol, desk duty, church traffic and house checks. The Auxiliary Police have undertaken a very big project in building a firing range in the basement of the Town House. Members have done most of the work themselves and will have spent considerable money from their treasury by the time the work is completed. This firing range will be of great benefit to the department in that we will no longer have to travel out of town for firearms qualifications.

The Auxiliary Police Scholarship Fund established in 1972 is still available. This fund was established to help young men and women who wish to continue their education in the law enforcement or related fields. Information may be obtained from the Auxiliary Police, Police Department or Minnechaug High School.

I wish to thank every member of the Hampden Auxiliary Police for all the time they have donated to the police department and to the town of Hampden during the year of 1974.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen who are the Police Commissioners for their continued support and cooperation, the citizens of the town, the members of this department and all other departments and town officials with whom I have worked.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE K. STONE, JR.
Chief of Police

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

During 1974 The Board of Health of Hampden has increased its efforts to provide more services while effectively maintaining the existing ones. A Dental Clinic was held for all Hampden school children under the direction of Drs. Hennessey and Varley. A note of thanks for their efforts.

Earlier in the year a German Measles Clinic was held to serve a real need, and it was very well attended.

On April 6th, the annual Anti-Rabies Clinic was held at the Highway Department for the immunization of dogs under the direction of Dr. Stewart K. Harvey, with 153 dogs being inoculated.

As reported last year, the Bondi Island disposal facility in Agawam is being used and has served the septic needs of the community. The percolation test schedule instituted in 1973 has been continued to assure that the most effective and properly designed systems are installed.

The ban on outdoor burning was lifted for one month in the spring of 1974, and for the convenience of residents, we hope it will be repeated in 1975.

One perennial problem that the Board of Health has continually addressed itself to is that of littering and dumping. We have made every effort to enforce action against violators and the cooperation of all residents in reporting incidents, and parties involved, would be appreciated.

The Sanitary Land Fill operation was publicly bid and awarded to Caldon Construction. Monthly inspections have been made on site, and reported by Engineers, Tighe & Bond. In addition, we have had the routine inspections from the State Board of Health and all has been in order. It is significant to comment on the importance of conserving space to stretch the life of the area. Each time the site is open for disposal, it must be covered. Thus using fill and space most effectively to conserve space and tax dollars allows the area to be open only two days per week. This appears to be adequate, especially with the private rubbish service available to the residents.

STATISTICS OF BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT FOR 1974

1. 57 percolation tests
 - a. 45 perc. tests approved
 - b. 12 perc. tests denied as unsuitable, due to high ground water.
 - c. 6 sewage removal permits issued
2. 12 repairs on septic systems approved
3. 40 Bd. of Health inspections on complaints, wells, nuisances, etc.
4. All eating and drinking establishments and retail food outlets have been inspected.

- 5. 3 Food Service permits granted
- 6. 2 Public swimming pool permits issued
- 7. 11 Septic tank pumping operators licensed

Public health and community environment are the responsibilities of all residents. The Board appreciates past cooperation and requests your continued support.

Respectfully submitted by,

Our telephone: 566-3713
Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM week days

JOHN M. FLYNN
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REPORT OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks and Recreation Commission met regularly on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Several special meetings with other organizations were held on other evenings.

The summer recreation program for youngsters was held at Memorial Park for six weeks and averaged about one hundred fifteen participants per week.

Chuck Thompson, Waterfront Director, held swimming lessons at the pool for residents whether or not they participated in the summer recreational program, and many received Red Cross certificates. The pool is open to the public from 1 PM on.



Park Commission

Lessons in the fundamental skills of tennis were given in two sessions, three weeks each, for beginners and low intermediates.

The baseball programs for both boys and girls, sponsored by the Recreation Association of Hampden (RAH), used Park and School facilities for a very successful season. We are proud to report that visiting coaches and spectators to Memorial Park tell us that we have some of the finest facilities in the area.

The Fourth of July program was a great success, and included many new events as well as the traditional concert by the Elks Band.

The Commission sponsors programs, or arranges for use of facilities, for the youth and adults of the Town during the entire year. For youngsters, street hockey, girls soccer and girls basketball were started this year. Adults have the following available — men's softball, basketball, volleyball and summer soccer and women's volleyball.

Many residents of the Town have been very helpful to the Commission both by assisting us in programs and by contributing many hours of labor in the continuing improvement projects and the always present maintenance problems. This past year the Lions Club sponsored the construction of regulation horseshoe pits and conducted demonstrations by area professionals.

Other responsibilities and obligations necessitated Mr. David Grieve, our year-round Recreation Director, to submit his resignation. The Commission regretfully accepted his resignation and has filled this vacancy by hiring Mr. Normand Proulx. The title of this position was changed to "Director of Recreation, Town of Hampden".

Helene Hesser was a newly elected commissioner for a three year term, and Howard Cutting was elected for a one year term.

At the time of this writing a total of \$2,486.00 has been turned back to the Town — monies from the summer camp, roller skating, tennis, hockey and an additional \$1950. will be returned from other programs by June 30.

More than ever we have been plagued with a great deal of vandalism, breaks and stolen property. We wish to thank the Police Dept. and the Selectmen, for their cooperation and efforts with this very difficult problem. The Town has received \$1442.41 from the Town Insurance covering part of the vandalism, but since we are not covered for theft, the Town has to take the loss.

Too often we hear of newcomers who have lived in Hampden for a year or more before they become aware of the recreational facilities and programs that are offered. Publicity is a problem we all have. We concentrate on the Springfield newspapers, the Reminder and Selectmen's newsletters to spread the word. Anyone having any ideas on other methods we could use, please contact any member of the Commission.

We wish to acknowledge and thank again those who have given their time and experienced assistance throughout the year for our cause. It is sincerely appreciated.

JAMES WHIPPLE, *Chairman*
HELENE HESSER
FREDERICK WATERHOUSE, JR.
WILBUR JENKINS
HOWARD CUTTING
LUCILLE MCGUILL, *Clerk*