

The Fire Department is proud to announce that through the many generous donations of the public, we now have The Jaws of Life. We want to thank everyone for their help and donations in helping us to get the much needed Jaws of Life for Hampden. Shown in the picture is the Fire Department turning The Jaws of Life over to the Town of Hampden.

During the year of 1978 the Fire Department responded to 86 calls. We would again like to remind all residents to inspect their chimneys for build up of soot or cracks in flue lines or chimney masonry because of the increased use of wood stoves and fireplaces. The Fire Department was active this year in the Hampden Mutual Aid Association and the Scantic Valley Muster Team which participated in various musters throughout Massachusetts.

I would like to thank the Police and Highway Departments for their cooperation throughout the year.

#### 1978 FIRES

13 House  
10 Chimney  
31 Grass

6 Cars  
6 Car Accidents  
14 Housing for Elderly

1 Barn  
3 Mutual Aid  
2 False Alarms

Respectfully submitted,  
RICHARD HATCH  
*Chief of Fire Department*

#### 1978 FOREST FIRE REPORT

The Fire Department put out 31 grass and brush fires during 1978. Most of these were due to carelessness. I urge all residents to be careful. It costs the taxpayers money everytime the Fire Department has to put out these fires. Thank you for your cooperation.



Sincerely,  
RICHARD J. BOYNTON  
*Forest Fire Warden*



## REPORT OF THE MODERATOR

There have been an increasing number of questions, especially from those unfamiliar with the Town Meeting form of government as to the frequency, location and conduct of Town Meetings. It would be impracticable to even attempt to detail all the inner workings of a town meeting, but the following may provide some insight into the functions of the Moderator.

Town Meetings are called by warrants issued by the selectmen. The annual Town Meeting is by law held the last Monday in April. Special town meetings are called as the needs of the town dictate. The original location and facilities are determined by the selectmen.

The duties and responsibilities of the Moderator are contained in several sections of Chapter 39 of the General Laws and in Section 107 of Chapter 41. Section 107 provides that every person elected as Moderator, before entering upon his official duties, shall be sworn to the faithful performance thereof by the Town Clerk and that the Moderator or the Town Clerk shall unless provision is specifically made by law, swear in all other town or district officers.

Chapter 39, Section 15 states the moderator shall preside and regulate the proceedings, decide all questions of order, make public declaration of all votes, and administer in open meeting the oath of office to any office chosen thereat. Under the General By-laws of Hampden, Mass. Section 7, sub Section E, Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail in any question of procedure. Section 15 of Chapter 39 also states that if seven or more voters question his declaration of a vote the Moderator shall verify it by polling the voters in such a manner as he thinks is best. If the subject matter before the meeting requires other than a majority vote it is the Moderator's responsibility to see that a count is taken, unless the vote is unanimous.

Section 17 deals with the behavior of persons at a town meeting. It provides that no person shall address a town meeting without leave of the Moderator, and all persons are required at the request of the Moderator to be silent. If a person, after warning from the Moderator, persists in disorderly behavior, the Moderator may order a Constable or any other person to remove and confine him in some convenient place until the meeting is adjourned.

Chapter 39, Section 10 places responsibility on the Moderator to bring about a recessing of a town meeting to another date and to another place or places with sufficient facilities to accommodate all voters who wish to attend.

The General By-laws of Hampden, Mass., Chapter III, also require the Moderator to fill the expired vacancies of the Advisory Committee within twenty days of the town election.

If some of the above seems ominous please don't be misled. In actuality the town meetings are kept as informal as possible while still maintaining order. It is a form of government which approaches pure democracy. Too few townspeople gather to provide their input into the issues that will determine the immediate and future destiny of Hampden. Only you can determine if your participation is worthwhile or if you choose to let the one hundred twenty-five plus elected and appointed town officials cast your ballot. Hope to see you at Town Meeting.

DALTON E. PHILPOTT  
*Moderator*

### **REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The Hampden Housing Authority is pleased to report that Centennial Commons, the housing for the elderly in Hampden County located on Springmeadow Lane is approaching its first year of occupancy. E. A. Galia Construction Co. Inc. delivered the units to the Housing Authority on April 1, 1978. The name, Centennial Commons, was chosen by the Authority after running a contest at the Thornton Burgess School. In April, Southern New England Management Corporation, the rental agents and management company began filling the units. The 54 one bedroom apartments and 2 two bedroom apartments were rapidly filled over the next few months. Features that were included were 6 apartments that were specially designed for the handicapped. The apartments have been rented for almost one year now at 100% occupancy with no turnover. Mr. George Kealy, chairman of the Housing Authority, is pleased to announce that the housing has been very well accepted, not only locally but throughout the Pioneer Valley. Our current waiting list is over 150 people.



On June 11, 1978 we had our first Open House with one of our tenant's apartments used as a model. We had over 500 people attending including the news crews from Channel 40.

The tenants at Christmastime decorated their first Christmas tree which was donated by Hampden Nurseries.

Furnishings for the tenant's community room have been delivered over the past few weeks and it is almost at 100% completion.

Through the gracious donations of the tenants as they moved in, we have formed a considerable library and money would be spent this year to build an appropriate area for it. In addition to the library committee, we have set up a garden committee, to be in charge of the flower and vegetable garden, a social committee to run the activities in the Community Hall and special events, a tenant's organization represented by a person from each building to represent the tenants and the Housing Authority.

Some of the projects that are a key part of the life at Centennial Commons are the paper and glass bottle recycling programs in conjunction with the Boy Scouts and the local town recycling. The vegetable and flower gardens headed up by our own gardening committee expect to expand to almost twice its size in 1979.

The Housing Authority has spent several thousand dollars on tools and equipment, one of which is an Ariens 16 HP tractor for use in clearing the sidewalks and mowing the lawns and rototilling the gardens.

The Authority is anticipating a small surplus at the end of their fiscal year, March 31, 1979, and is now planning ways to spend money for the project. They are anxiously looking forward to this spring as it has several key projects planned to further landscape and brighten up the job.

At the January meeting, Mr. William Olmstead, state appointee to the housing authority, submitted his resignation due to personal reasons. It was accepted with much regret after the fine job he has done in the past few years as a member and treasurer of the Board.

GEORGE J. KEALY, *Chairman*  
CHARLES T. SCHMITT, *Vice Chairman*  
WILLIAM OLMSTEAD, *Treasurer*  
CLIFFORD ATTLETON, *Asst. Treasurer*  
FLORENCE KIRK, *Secretary*

## REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN RECYCLE CENTER

1978 was a busy year at the recycle center. We had two big developments this year. First we eliminated the glass dumpster mainly for safety reasons, as we had to smash all the glass that went into the dumpster. We now put the glass into barrels and it does not have to be smashed. The glass has to be separated into clear, green, and brown with metal caps and rings removed.

Second we worked out an arrangement with the tenants at Centennial Commons where they would put their papers and glass in a central area and we would pick it up every Saturday.

We pick up newspapers from the Mary Lyon Nursing Home every Saturday. Whenever called upon we pick up newspapers and glass from individuals who cannot get to the recycle center.

All proceeds from the recycle center are divided equally between Cub Scout Pack 171, and Boy Scout Troop 171.

The recycle center is open every Tuesday 12-6, and on Saturday 9-6. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

DALE SHERMAN  
*Chairman*



Recycling Committee: Albert J. Phoenix, Dale Sherman, Karl Sternberg.

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 1978 there were one hundred and fifty-one permits granted.

These were as follows:

Buildings:	
Houses .....	22
Garages .....	2
Sheds .....	3
Storage building .....	1
Greenhouse .....	1
Hot house .....	1
Swimming pools .....	3
Additions to houses .....	17
Alterations to houses .....	4
Repair fire damage .....	1
Addition to shed .....	1
Alterations to nursing home .....	1
Remove swimming pools .....	2
Remove sheds .....	3
Electrical:	
Houses .....	23
Additions and alterations .....	17
Service changes .....	7
Appliances .....	6
Plumbing:	
Houses .....	21
Alterations to nursing home .....	1
Alterations and additions .....	7
Gas .....	7

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

## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSION

The cemetery commissioners wish to report the following: Both cemeteries were mowed as often as needed. Sunken graves were filled at both cemeteries and seeded. Fences in both cemeteries were painted.

Three meetings were held with the Board of Cemetery Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,  
 HOMER L. FULLER, *Chairman*  
 ATHUR GERRISH  
 ROBERT SAZAMA, JR.

## REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

During 1978, a total of 48 dogs were impounded when found running at large. Of this number, 5 dogs were sold bringing \$5 each to the Town; 24 were redeemed by their owners, also bringing \$5 each to the Town; the remaining 20 were kept the required number of days and then destroyed. Reimbursement from the County amounted to \$448. This is an expense to the Town and residents are cautioned that restraining order remains in effect—dogs must be kept under the control of owners at all times.

Mr. Thomas Lyons resigned as Dog Officer and Mr. Raymond B. Schmuck, Jr., of Allen Street is now the Dog Officer. He may be reached at 8509, by anyone with dog problems.

## REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

1976 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	
Balance due January 1, 1979 .....	\$ 322.58
1977 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	
Balance due January 1, 1979 .....	2966.16
1978 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	
Total Commitments .....	217,166.59
Refunds	<u>2,975.57</u>
	220,142.16
Collected and paid Town Treasurer .....	151,748.19
Abatements .....	<u>19,613.51</u>
Balance due January 1, 1979 .....	48,780.46
Fiscal 1977 Personal Property	
Balance due January 1, 1979 .....	864.00
Fiscal 1978 Personal Property	
Balance due January 1, 1979 .....	4,358.58
Fiscal 1979 Personal Property	
Total Commitment .....	102,722.76
Refunds	<u>59.98</u>
	102,782.74

Collected and paid Town Treasurer .....	47,153.34	
Abatements .....	<u>737.84</u>	47,891.18
Balance due January 1, 1979 .....		54,891.56
1978 Farm Animal Excise		
Total Commitment .....		145.95
Collected and paid Town Treasurer .....		145.95
Fiscal 1976 Real Estate Taxes		
Balance due January 1, 1979 .....		122.55
Fiscal 1977 Real Estate Taxes		
Balance due January 1, 1979 .....		21,059.15
Fiscal 1978 Real Estate Taxes		
Balance due January 1, 1979 .....		49,528.91
Fiscal 1979 Real Estate Taxes		
Total Commitment .....		1,761,325.60
	Refunds	<u>2,014.12</u>
		1,763,339.72
Collected and paid Town Treasurer .....	813,676.77	
Abatements .....	<u>18,961.74</u>	832,638.51
Balance due January 1, 1979 .....		930,701.21
Items collected and paid Town Treasurer but not committed		
Fees on delinquent taxes .....		1,862.00
Interest on delinquent taxes .....		<u>8,407.95</u>
		10,269.95

Respectfully submitted,  
DOROTHY S. FLYNN  
*Collector of Taxes*



Left to right: Bernice Owens, Town House Clerical Assistant; Jane Wyman, Treasurer; Dorothy Flynn, Tax Collector; Nancy Joy, Police Department Secretary; Martha Fowler, Town House Clerical Assistant.

## TREASURER'S REPORT — FISCAL 1978

Cash Balance as of 7/1/77 ..... \$ 346,264.49

### Receipts

Loans .....	\$ 350,000.00
Revenue Sharing Funds .....	83,768.00
Revenue Sharing Interest .....	2,072.22
Antirecession Funds .....	5,428.00
Antirecession Interest .....	366.40
Interest on Remaining Available Funds .....	8,558.03
Other Receipts .....	3,282,747.04
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$3,732,939.69</b>

### Disbursements

Repayment of Loans .....	350,000.00
Interest paid on Loans .....	1,505.86
Principal paid on debt .....	85,000.00
Interest paid on Debt .....	33,915.00
Revenue Sharing Warrants .....	84,476.58
Antirecession Warrants .....	3,786.90
Remaining Disbursement .....	3,179,462.68
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$3,738,147.02</b>
Cash Balance as of 6/30/78 .....	\$ 341,057.16

### REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

A federal and state grant plus funds from twenty-four surrounding communities have been used to develop a police radio system under the direction of Chief Stone. Monies collected from the communities for maintenance of the system are kept entirely separate from town funds. The balance as of 6/30/77 was:

Checking .....	\$2185.95
Savings .....	\$2554.89

## TREASURER'S REPORT — July 1, 1978-December 31, 1978

Cash Balance as of 7/1/78 ..... \$ 341,057.16

### Receipts

Loans .....	\$ 400,000.00
Revenue Sharing Funds .....	15,181.00
Interest on Revenue Sharing Funds .....	819.35
Interest on Antirecession Funds .....	91.40
Interest on Remaining Available Funds .....	2,834.88
Bldg. Dept. Fees Collected .....	1,214.00
Other Receipts .....	1,536,497.21
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$1,956,637.84</b>

### Disbursements

Repayment of Loans .....	400,000.00
Interest paid on Loans .....	1,507.50
Principal paid on Debt .....	85,000.00
Interest paid on Debt .....	16,065.00
Antirecession Warrants .....	845.00

Remaining Disbursements .....	1,480,192.06
Total Disbursements .....	\$1,983,609.56
Cash Balance as of 12/31/78 .....	\$ 314,085.44
Regional Communications Systems	
The balance for maintenance of the system as of 12/31/78 is ...	\$6,486.23

### TRUST FUNDS—FISCAL 1978

	Balance 1/1/77	Amount deposited	Amount withdrawn	Interest gained	Balance 6/30/78
Library—Newell Fund .....	548.60	26.56	0	14.87	590.03
Day—Library Fund .....	699.02	0	47.00	19.93	671.95
Holt—Library Fund .....	641.89	0	0	17.26	659.15
Kindergarten Library Fund ...	4,852.08	0	45.97	128.98	4,935.09
Bumstead Cemetery Fund ....	3,520.05	0	0	104.06	3,624.11
Centennial Fund .....	4,606.56	0	4,708.41	101.85	0
Town Common Fund .....	989.07	0	0	28.84	1,017.91
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	16,795.79	150.00	0	500.89	17,446.68
Stabilization Fund .....	124,292.29	0	0	3,648.92	127,941.21
Council on Aging Senior Center	192.58	21.40	0	5.46	219.44
Conservation Committee .....	0	1,000.00	0	11.78	1,011.78

### TRUST FUNDS—July 1, 1978-December 31, 1978

	Balance 7/1/78	Amount deposited	Amount withdrawn	Interest gained	Balance 12/31/78
Library—Newell Fund .....	590.03	29.60	0	16.05	635.68
Day—Library Fund .....	671.95	0	0	19.83	691.78
Holt—Library Fund .....	659.15	0	0	17.73	676.88
Kindergarten Library Fund ...	4,935.09	0	0	131.24	5,066.33
Bumstead Cemetery Fund ....	3,624.11	0	0	107.15	3,731.26
Town Common Fund .....	1,017.91	0	0	29.66	1,047.57
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	17,446.68	0	0	515.95	17,962.63
Stabilization Fund .....	127,941.21	0	40,000.00	3,317.33	91,258.54
Council on Aging Senior Center	219.44	0	0	5.82	225.26
Conservation Committee .....	1,011.78	1,000.00	0	60.54	2,072.32
Bressette Account .....	0	10,000.00	0	73.18	10,073.18

JANE M. WYMAN  
*Treasurer*

### GYPSY MOTH REPORT

During the year 1978 over 500 gypsy moth clusters were found and destroyed throughout the town.

In the spring, a large number of tent caterpillars were found along the roadsides throughout the town, and these also were cut out and destroyed.

Respectfully submitted;  
JAMES A. REARDON  
*Supt. Insect Pest Control*

## DUTCH ELM REPORT

During the year 1978 we cut down and removed 31 diseased elm trees.

Diseased elm trees were cut down and removed from the following roads: Mill Road, East Longmeadow Road, Main Street, Wilbraham Road, Glendale Road, Somers Road, South Road, Chapin Road and Scantic Road.

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

## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

The tree warden wishes to report the following trees were removed:

- 2 large Maple and 1 Ash on Wilbraham Road
- 1 large Maple on Somers Road
- 1 large Maple on Ames Road

Dead wood was trimmed on Main Street, Glendale Road, Wilbraham Road and North Monson Road.

Respectfully submitted,  
HOMER L. FULLER  
*Tree Warden*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The past year presented no major problems to the Assessors with the exception of the equalized valuation placed on the Town by the Department of Corporation and Taxation. The Board, in a meeting with the Officials of the Department in Boston, were successful in obtaining a decrease of approximately \$3,000,000. The benefits of such a decrease are reflected in the Cherry Sheet receipts.

With the passing of Question #1 relating to Classification on the past state-wide ballot, the assessors are of the opinion that major changes in the method of taxation could be formulated this coming year. It is the intention of this Board to work diligently to maintain Equity within the framework on any changes as established by the Legislature. We ask your understanding and co-operation in facing these potential changes.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
HENRY BAUSH, *Chairman*  
STANLEY WITKOP  
RICHARD JALBERT



Board of Assessors—Left to right: Richard Jalbert, Henry Baush, Chairman, Stanley Witkop.



Alice Fuller, Clerk to the Assessors

Total appropriation to be raised by taxation . . . . .	\$2,626,688.64
Total appropriation to be taken from available funds . . . . .	225,522.17
Offsets to Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	
School Lunch . . . . .	7,353.00
Free Public Library . . . . .	1,781.63
Racial Imbalance Program . . . . .	49,739.00
Other Amounts to be Raised	
Veterans Service District . . . . .	2,090.00
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District . . . . .	548.64
Amount Certified by Treasurer for Tax Title foreclosure . . . . .	159.78
County Tax . . . . .	88,540.32
State Recreation Areas . . . . .	21,756.97
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills . . . . .	720.90
Air Pollution Control District . . . . .	673.83
Special Education Chapter 766 . . . . .	—
Overlay of Current Fiscal Year . . . . .	<u>45,238.79</u>
	\$3,070,813.67

**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS**

1979 Fiscal Year Estimated Receipts Certified by the Commissioner on Cherry Sheet . . . . .	743,758.09
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise . . . . .	189,408.00
Licenses . . . . .	8,727.00
Fines . . . . .	374.00
General Government . . . . .	3,077.00
Protection of Persons and Property . . . . .	803.07
School: (Local receipts of School Committee) . . . . .	2,006.00
Libraries: (Local receipts other than State Aid) . . . . .	235.00
Recreation . . . . .	1,931.00
Interest: On Taxes and Assessments . . . . .	16,322.00
Cemeteries . . . . .	417.00
Available Funds Taken . . . . .	225,522.17
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise . . . . .	187.00
Dump Sales . . . . .	—
Dog Pound Fees . . . . .	—
Overestimates on Cherry Sheet . . . . .	<u>14,000.15</u>
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds . . . . .	\$1,206,767.48

Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation .....	1,864,046.19
Personal Property Valuation .....	\$ 3,066,355.00 x \$33.50 \$ 102,722.89
Real Estate Valuation .....	52,576,815.00 x \$33.50 1,761,323.30
	Total Tax 1,864,046.19

Taxes Abated in 1978

1978 Personal Property (Fiscal) .....	\$ 900.69
1979 Fiscal Personal Property .....	753.75
1978 Fiscal Real Estate .....	15,870.04
1979 Fiscal Real Estate .....	18,961.74

Statutory Exemption Granted in 1978 on Real Estate

1978 Fiscal Real Estate .....	2,018.82
1979 Fiscal Real Estate .....	6,175.50

Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise .....

145.95

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Committed in 1978

1976 Commitment .....	108.90
1977 Commitment .....	14,504.02
1978 Commitment .....	217,166.09

Commissioner's Value of Vehicles

1976 Commitment .....	1,650.00
1977 Commitment .....	602,950.00
1978 Commitment .....	3,724,150.00

Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements Granted in 1978

1976 Commitment .....	397.18
1977 Commitment .....	6,970.71
1978 Commitment .....	19,613.51

The Town owns the following real estate:

Ames Road .....	6.00 Acres	1,350.00
Cross Road (Dump) .....	13.42 Acres	2,375.00
Baldwin Lot 122 .....	1.06 Acres	1,585.00
North Road .....	¼ Acre	805.00
Wilbraham Road .....	22.00 Acres	1,740.00
Thresher Road .....	4.00 Acres	635.00
Martin Farm Road Lot 51 .....	.80 Acre	955.00
Martin Farm Road Lot 50 .....	.78 Acre	930.00
Sessions Drive .....	.72 Acre	1,825.00
Mill Road .....	1½ Acres	2,670.00
Mill Road .....	4.00 Acres	510.00



Hampden Public Library; Adina Johnson, Elizabeth Curtis, Librarian, Margaret Rochford.

### REPORT OF LIBRARY—1978

Throughout the year, the Sessions room has been used for various meetings such as the Scanticook Pony Club and for classes for sewing with knits sponsored by the Hampden Lioness Club. Senior citizens enjoy bimonthly movies and also school classes see a movie once a month.

57 children completed the summer reading program and received a paperback and certificate for their accomplishment.

A Christmas movie and a visit from Santa Claus was enjoyed again this year.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Rochford attended a four week Basic Reference Course given by Dave Russell of the Western Regional Public Library System.

Special for our Centennial celebration, the Library had a wall hanging of Academy Hall made by Mrs. Elinor King. Centennial souvenirs of 3 books: *Hampden*, *A Century Walk* and *Academy Hall*, plates and mugs are on display and can be purchased. A bulletin of pictures of our Centennial taken by a newspaper photographer is on display in the Library proper.

A set of 30 encyclopedias, Americana, and a set of 10 Popular Science books were purchased for the reference section.

An oil painting was given to the library by Mrs. Marian Bishop of Ohio in memory of her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. John Q. Adams. Mrs. Adams was this town's first librarian.

An illustrated encyclopedia of Rock n' Roll was given by Mrs. Virginia Midyette in memory of the three Hampden students lost last November.

Again our sincere thanks to Mrs. Julia Bouchard for her volunteer work and to the many patrons who have donated books, paperbacks, coupons, puzzles, and sewing patterns many of which are on an exchange basis.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
MIRIAM P. BRYANS, *Trustee*  
HELEN DICKINSON, *Trustee*  
ANN BYRON, *Trustee*  
ELIZABETH J. CURTIS, *Librarian*

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday .....	11 A.M. to 5 P.M.	7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
Wednesday .....	11 A.M. to 5 P.M.	7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
Thursday .....	11 A.M. to 5 P.M.	
Saturday .....	12 A.M. to 5 P.M.	

Closed Saturday—July and August thru Labor Day

### LIBRARY STATISTICS

#### General Services

##### Circulation

Books .....	23185
Paper Backs .....	902
Periodicals .....	2545
Recordings .....	1347
	27,979
Volumes Added .....	464
Volumes Discarded .....	224
Total Collection .....	12,757
Magazine Subscriptions .....	46
Total Attendance .....	11,860
Inter-Library Books Borrowed .....	95
Bookmobile .....	1034

#### Finances

##### Receipts

Revenue Sharing .....	\$15,013.00
State Aid .....	1,714.50
Dog Tax .....	562.50
	<u>\$17,290.00</u>

##### Expenditures

Wages .....	\$10,912.00
Media Materials .....	5,642.00
Supplies, Telephone, Incidentals .....	916
	<u>\$17,290.00</u>

### 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 Cattle .....	98
Beef Cattle .....	80
Horses .....	106
Ponies .....	48
Swine .....	4
Goats .....	6
Sheep .....	24
Donkeys .....	2

Respectfully submitted,  
HOMER L. FULLER  
*Animal Inspector*

## **REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

The Veterans' Services Department aided 7 families during 1978 involving 17 people.

Total amount expended during 1978 was \$5,061.79. It is expected that one-half of that amount or \$2,530.90 will be reimbursed to the Town by the State.

Respectfully submitted,  
BERT B. NIETUPSKI  
*Veteran's Agent*

## **REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY**

In 1978 Hampden Civil Defense Agency was able to obtain a  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton truck for the use of the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department in fighting forest fires. This truck, valued at approximately \$3800.00 was obtained after a grant was submitted to the Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency and approved by the local area 4 director. The truck was picked up at the Defense Property Disposal Office in Lakehurst, N.J. and was delivered to the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department. It has been repainted and fully equipped and is presently in use by the fire department.

Respectfully submitted,  
GEORGE K. STONE, JR.  
*Acting Civil Defense Director*

## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

The Hampden County Extension Service is a unique partnership of local, county, state, and federal governments established to provide continuing education programs to all residents of Hampden County. Essentially, it is an Extension of the University of Massachusetts with the special mission of introducing the results of research and improved knowledge for practical applications. Areas of special focus include child development and family relations, 4-H Youth Development, human nutrition, clothing and textiles, food and fiber production, preservation, marketing and utilization, horticulture as it affects the home and community, and community resource development.

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 to support programs.

During the past year Extension staff have conducted programs in your community. A total expense of \$10.00 was incurred for either travel or purchase of material needed by local leaders to carry out programs. The appropriation made by your town was used only for residents of the town.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1978-79 Appropriation Received .....	none
Total Expenditures for 12 Months .....	\$10.00
Outstanding Bills .....	none
Recommended Appropriation for 12 Months .....	\$125.00
July-December 1979	January-June 1980
\$65.00	\$60.00

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



Planning Board: Karl Sternbert, John Mikkola, Judith Jackson, Clerk; Carl Libby, Chairman; John Partyka.

## REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

A new zone entitled the Non-Profit Educational and Recreational District was created to safeguard the type of use put to land similar to that of the Audubon Society's "Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary". Although not designed specifically with Audubon Society in mind, investigation into projected plans for the area determined that there would be need for new zoning if their expansion plans were to be realized. This zone (By-law Section 6.10) was approved at the annual Town Meeting and the Audubon Society's property on both sides of Main Street were placed into this zone.

To allow the Town to continue to be eligible for Flood Insurance, minimum measuring criteria and regulations had to be passed by the Town. This was approved at two Special Town Meetings in July and September along with revisions in the zoning by-law mandated under Chapter 808 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

The Zoning Map has been revised making it both up-to-date and clearer to read. Also due to the new zone and various changes in the Zoning By-law, these books are being updated. Both are purchased in the office of the Town Clerk.

Due to the lay of the land in certain sections of Town, new driveways being built require special effort to conform with the Planning Board's policy of no more than a 6% grade on a 20' landing area where cars are to meet the street at a right angle. This is checked through the Building Commissioner at the time a builder applies for a building permit. A Planning Board member visits the site and notes any unusual conditions to be brought to the builder's attention.

The Board pays substantial yearly dues to retain its membership with the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission and is currently being represented by Derek Cavanaugh, 551 Main Street. Cavanaugh has a professional planning background which is an advantage in interpreting some of the complex issues facing the Commission and the Town's involvement in such.

Business to carry over to the next year involves a subdivision; Martin Farm Road extension, by builders James Kibbe and Wes Garner, and a plan presented by the owners of the Hampden Country Club to build condominium units adjacent to the Golf Course.

CARL F. LIBBY, *Chairman*  
 FREDERICK MAHER, *Vice-Chairman*  
 JOHN MIKKOLA, *Alternate to the LPVRPC*  
 KARL D. STERNBERG, *Rep. to Ch. 208,*  
*Water Quality Commission*  
 JOHN L. PARTYKA, *Zoning Sub-committee*  
 JUDITH M. JACKSON, *Secretary*

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1978.

During the year the police department recorded 5,865 log entries. Of these 2,242 required further investigation. 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	41	Armed robbery	1
B & E Unlawful entry	10	Police officers assaulted	1
B & E Attempted forcible entry	4	Disorderly persons	15
Larceny over \$100	48	Neighborhood problems	38
Larceny under \$100	69	Protective custody	10
Vandalism	236	Arrests for other departments	3
Ambulance assists	70	Assist other police departments	105
Fire Department assists	101	Citizen assists	144
Family problems	31	First Aid rendered	1
Bicycles recovered	5	Stolen merchandise recovered	7
Bicycles reported stolen	6	Motor vehicle complaints	201
Buildings found open	43	Suspicious motor vehicles	83
Burglar alarms answered	108	Recreational vehicle complaints	28
Stolen cars reported	5	Suspicious persons	127
Stolen cars recovered	14	Youth problems	214
Prowlers	6	Animal complaints	7
Missing persons	26	Dog complaints	136
Obscene phone calls	30	Dog bites	6
Lost persons searched for	1	Violation local ordinances	1

A total of 128 more investigations were conducted in 1978 than in 1977.

There were 80 persons arrested and a total of 163 complaints were filed against them in the following categories.

B & E Daytime .....	12	Hit & Run property damage accident...	1
B & E night time .....	5	Hit & Run personal injury .....	1
Attempted B & E Daytime .....	2	Oper. after license suspension .....	1
B & E into a motor vehicle .....	4	Offensive noise .....	1
Larceny over \$100 .....	13	Speeding .....	12
Larceny under \$100 .....	13	Oper. to endanger .....	5
Attempted larceny .....	4	No inspection sticker .....	1
Attempted larceny U.S. Currency .....	2	Fail. stop when signalled .....	1
Will. & Mal. Dest. Real Property .....	4	Fail. to use right lane .....	2
Wil. & Mal. Dest. Prop. ....	8	Violation learner's permit restrict. ....	1
Forgery .....	1	Vehicles in a single line .....	1
Uttering .....	1	Oper. recklessly .....	1
Poss. stolen property .....	1	Default warrant .....	1
Poss. burglary tools .....	1	Warrant from other departments .....	2
Will. & Mal. Dest. Personal property ..	3	Arrest on warrant .....	1
A & B on a Police Officer .....	1	Default, probation department .....	1
Poss. Marijuana .....	2	Offensive noise; burning rubber .....	2
Procure alcohol for a minor .....	1	Oper. unregistered motor vehicle .....	1
Minor in poss. alcohol beverages .....	4	Oper. uninsured motor vehicle .....	1
Public drinking .....	1	Dam. to lock & casing of a Shrine .....	3
Poss. Class A substance .....	1	No registration in possession .....	1
Armed robbery w/dangerous weapon ..	1	Receiving stolen property .....	1
Accessory after fact/armed robbery ....	1	Operating negligently .....	1
Oper. w/o a license .....	3	Dept. Public Welfare Runaway .....	1
Oper. under influence of alcohol .....	16	Using motor vehicle w/o authority .....	6
No license in possession .....	2	Failure to keep to right of center .....	1
Leaving scene of prop. damage accid. ..	1	Oper. after revocation of license .....	1
Straddling marked lines .....	3		

The following is a summary of motor vehicle cases handled by the police department during the year. A total of 362 citations were issued in 1978.

Speeding .....	201	Pass. no pass. zone .....	7
Speed warnings .....	70	Oper. under influence of alcohol .....	14
Stop sign .....	8	Oper. w/o lights .....	1
Using MV w/o authority .....	7	Excessive smoke .....	1
Oper. w/o registration possession .....	15	Fail to stop for school bus .....	1
Oper. w/o a license .....	8	Fail. to stop when signalled .....	2
Oper. w/o license in possession .....	9	Burning rubber .....	27
Oper. uninsured MV .....	6	Unreasonable noise .....	3
Oper. unregistered MV .....	12	Straddling marked lanes .....	8
Oper. not properly registered .....	1	Lane use right of way .....	1
Attaching plates .....	3	Operating negligently .....	5
No inspection sticker .....	26	Operating recklessly .....	2
Oper. no rear taillights .....	1	Fail. keep inside marked lanes .....	5
Oper. on learner's permit after sunset ..	1	Oper. lane nearest right side of road ...	2
Oper. learn. permit after sunset MC ..	2	Pass. view obstructed less than 400' ...	4
Poss. altered license .....	1	Parking precautions, cause of accident .	1
Allowing unlicensed per. to oper. MV ..	2	Failure to use caution entering road ...	1
Oper. after revocation of license .....	2	Offensive noise, doughnuts .....	1
Leav. scene prop. dam. accident .....	7	Littering on a public way .....	2
Leav. scene of P. I. accident .....	2	Oper. w/o windshield or lights .....	3
Defective equipment .....	12	Impeding traffic .....	2
Oper. with passenger, MC .....	1	Crossing solid double line .....	1
Oper. MC w/o headgear .....	2	Studded tires, wrong time of year .....	1
Oper. to endanger .....	8		



Hampden Police Department, Regular Officers: Left to right, Alfred Taylor, Sgt. Donald Bouchard, Robert Newton, James Kirk, Richard Alexander, Robert Toulson, William Chechile; Center, Chief George Stone.

Warnings given out, other than speeding, are listed below.

Defective equipment .....	3	Pass. no passing zone .....	1
Noisy muffler .....	2	Fail. to give right of way at intersection	1
Stop sign .....	3	Fail. to give proper signal .....	1
No license possession .....	1	No rear plate light .....	1
No rear lights .....	3		

There were 103 traffic accidents reported and investigated by this department.

A total of 165 motor vehicles were involved in these accidents requiring 49 persons to receive medical treatment. One bicycle accident was reported involving a motor vehicle.

A total of 6 persons were killed in motor vehicle accidents in 1978.

During the year \$1518.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits, liquor identification cards, junk car storage permits and reports for insurance companies.

Total amount of fines and sentences:

Fines .....	\$1790.00
Court Costs .....	647.00
Restitution .....	3063.86
House of Correction, suspended .....	4 years and 3 months
Department of Youth Services .....	3 juveniles sentenced until their 18th birthday
Department of Youth Services, suspended .....	1 year

Attorney Walter Raleigh handled 53 trials and 64 arraignments involving 129 complaints in his capacity of Town Prosecutor.

During the year the following officers and employees attended the following schools.

Chief George K. Stone, Jr.

- 1 week class. Current National Issues in Police Administration
- 2 day course on Crime Prevention Orientation
- 1 day seminar on Records Systems
- 1 day seminar on Computer Applications to Law Enforcement
- 1 day seminar on the Public Records Law

Sgt. Donald Bouchard

- 1 day seminar on Decision Making
- 1 day seminar on Family Violence

Officer Richard Alexander

- 80 hour course on Crime Prevention Officer Training
- 12 week Police Academy Course at Springfield Police Department

Officer Robert Newton

- 1 day seminar on Motor Vehicle Law Update

Officer Alfred Taylor

- 1 day seminar on Color Printing and Developing

Officer William Chechile

- 1 day seminar on Uniform Crime Reporting
- 1 day seminar on Motor Vehicle Law Update

Nancy Joy

- 1 day seminar on Public Records Law

During 1978 the Hampden Reserve Police Officers have had training programs once a week. Included in this training has been criminal law, motor vehicle law, firearms training. The firearms training included 24 hours of both classroom and on the range training. In addition to the above the reserve officers were required, under a new law passed in 1978 in Boston, to take a criminal law examination. This examination was conducted through the Massachusetts Criminal Justice



Hampden Police Department, Reserve Officers: Left to right, William Batchelor, Dana Pixley, Carol Chaput, Mary Kupec, Anthony DiNoia, Michael Doyle, Peter Markhard, Donald Chaput. Center, Sgt. Donald Bouchard (Officer in charge and adviser to the Reserve Police).

Training Council. This law requires all officers to take and pass an examination before assuming any duties. I am happy to report that all reserve officers in the Hampden Police Department taking this examination have passed.

The members of the Reserve Police donate many hundreds of hours of service to the town each year. They also cover shifts when full time officers are sick or away at required schools. During our Centennial Year of 1978 we were very fortunate to have such a fine group of men to help the police department with the many functions conducted. I wish to thank all of the members of the reserve police for all the time they have donated to the Town of Hampden and to the police department.

In 1978 members of the Hampden Police Department and the Reserve Police Department spent many hours to renovate a new main office for the department. The members donated all the labor and paid for all the materials used in this renovation. We are now located in our larger quarters and invite the residents of the community to stop in and inspect our new quarters.

In 1978 Officer Donald Bouchard was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Sergeant Bouchard has been made the Commanding Officer of the second shift as well as officer in charge of all investigations. He will also be in charge of the department during the absence of the Chief.

Officer Richard Alexander has been assigned as our Crime Prevention Officer. He has attended schools for 80 hours in the Boston area and will be available to conduct security checks of both residential and business buildings. He will also make recommendations for persons wishing his services relative to the type of locks that should be used on windows and doors. Appointments for this service can be made by calling the Police Department.

The Safety Officer, Mary Kupec, presented a total of 20 safety programs throughout the year. These programs were presented to schools, civic organizations, interested parents and residents and other organizations outside of Hampden. The programs were presented to more than 4000 persons both in and out of the community. I feel that we are very fortunate to have Officer Kupec as our Safety Officer and to have someone who takes such an interest in promoting safety to both our school children and our town residents. We intend to continue our safety programs throughout 1979.

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 THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

The past year has been a busy one for the Board of Health.

Early in the year, Thomas Huse, who had been our Health Agent, resigned to take a position in another state. We have been most fortunate to have a Hampden resident, Gary Weiner, take his place. Mr. Weiner, who is a registered professional engineer, is available evenings and weekends for percolation tests, problems of septic installations and inspections or their repair. He has been most helpful and cooperative and we extend our appreciation to him.

The Sanitary Landfill is being maintained by R. J. Fijol, Inc. of Warren, Mass. for the period through June 30, 1979. Together with regular inspections by the Board of Health and Tighe and Bond, Consulting Engineers, who are retained

by the Town, an earnest attempt has been made to keep the Landfill area in an acceptable condition.

There are still a few who do not exercise care and so again we must bring up the subject of litter—both along our roads and main thoroughfares, as well as outside the Landfill area itself. We appeal to all residents of our Town to exercise care and concern in the disposal of their refuse.

We have instituted a regular schedule for burning by the Town at the Landfill, with the cooperation of both the Highway and Fire Departments, in an effort to minimize the numbers of night fire calls which had been so prevalent. To this date, that problem seems to have been much improved.

The open-burning ban was lifted by the State during the period of January 1 to March 15, with an extension to April 15 because of bad weather conditions. This yearly period allowed by the State helps in some measure for Townspeople to rid their grounds of brush and storm debris and is welcomed by all.

A most important development regarding the Sanitary Landfill was the purchase of additional land. With thought to the future and the inevitable need for expansion of the facility, an article in the Town Meeting Warrant of 4/28/77 was approved, authorizing the purchase of a piece of property formerly owned by the Sessions family. This land consists of about 24 acres and abuts the present landfill area and will be used for extending and increasing accessibility of the Landfill as the need arises.

With an eye to esthetics, plans are being considered for landscaping the area outside the Landfill fences, with the hope that future growth of the plantings will help to screen off that location.

On November 15, 1978, Influenza Vaccine was administered to 42 persons. The Clinic was held at Thornton Burgess School under the direction of Dr. William Boucher, assisted by Nurses Jane McCarthy, Beatrice Moriarty, and Judy Hatch, all of whom gave of their time and deserve our thanks. This vaccine was administered, without cost, to all persons age 60 and over and to those with chronic or debilitating diseases. In this year's program, the government advised in their communities against offering the vaccine to those in younger age brackets or without chronic health problems, and the Board of Health followed this recommendation. Purchase costs of the vaccine, syringes, etc., came out of the Board of Health expense account.

Late in the year we learned that Pneumonia Vaccine would be made available, at \$5 per dose, again to the age and health brackets mentioned above. This was the first year a Pneumonia Vaccine had ever been offered and medical opinion on it has been divided. After consulting with Dr. Boucher and other medical personnel, your Board of Health decided to forgo this program this year, particularly since the vaccine was readily available to any who desired it at area hospitals at the same \$5 per shot cost. Also—our limited Health Budget was nearly depleted so that we really did not have the funds to carry the program through even if we had full confidence in it. Perhaps next year, if the program is proven to be successful and is offered again we can avail ourselves of it.

During the year inspections of those establishments serving food were made and suggestions made where necessary. Also, local swimming facilities and summer camps were checked as required.

It speaks well for Hampden's care of its young people in that all students of Hampden had been found to have been previously immunized during the recent State drive and it was not necessary to absent any student from school because of this problem. Also, both Dr. Varley and Dr. Hennessey, who hold the school dental clinics, advised the School Dept. that no clinic be held this year. They had found so few problems that they felt it not worthwhile to hold one.

A Rabies Clinic, with vaccine administered by Dr. Harvey of Monson, was conducted on April 29, 1978, with 90 dogs receiving rabies shots.

A special note should be made on Centennial Week when Hampden saw un-

usually large numbers of people coming into our Town. It is with a great deal of satisfaction that we are able to say that no health problems were created and that within a day after all the festivities were over there was hardly any litter-evidence at all that the busy week had ever taken place. This speaks well of the cooperation of the Highway Dept., all Townspeople, committees and organizations involved and "Hat's Off" to all of you!

People working together form the nucleus of a clean, attractive environmentally-safe and healthful community. Let us all keep striving toward that end.

### STATISTICS—BOARD OF HEALTH—1978

1. Percolation Tests	
A. Approved .....	26
B. Denied .....	0
2. Septic System Installer's permits granted .....	14
3. Septic Removal Permit .....	5
4. Septic Removal Frequency .....	217
5. Complaints—Nuisances, Wells, etc. ....	3
6. Court Action .....	1
7. Food Service Permits .....	8
8. Public Swimming Pools Permits .....	1

Respectfully submitted,  
 JEANNETTE S. GREEN, *Chairman*  
 JOHN M. FLYNN  
 ARTHUR A. BOOTH

### REPORT OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Park and Recreation Commission met regularly on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Several other special meetings were held with other organizations on other evenings. Helene Hesser met with the Centennial Committee as our representative to that committee.

Our summer recreation director of the six week program at Memorial Park was Mrs. Terry Hodskins. This program has various activities including arts and crafts, special days, games, field trips, archery, swimming and other camp-related experiences.

Mr. David Smith was our swimming director. The pool was open to the public in the afternoons and swimming lessons were given to all those interested—starting with beginner and on to advanced swimmers. Evening lessons were offered for the first time this year—and were a success.

Mr. Wayne Morse again conducted lessons in the fundamental skills of tennis on the Thornton Burgess School courts. He had lessons available for youth and adults on a beginner and intermediate level.

Mr. Morse also ran the Centennial Tennis Tournament in celebration of Hampden's 100th anniversary.

The annual July 4th program was not held this year. However, a program was held on June 25 as part of the Centennial Celebration. This was a fun day at Memorial Park and many organizations participated in making it a success. The activities held were: contests, games, food booths and a AAU road race.