

1979
TOWN REPORT

Hampden, Massachusetts

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OF THE
TOWN OF HAMPDEN

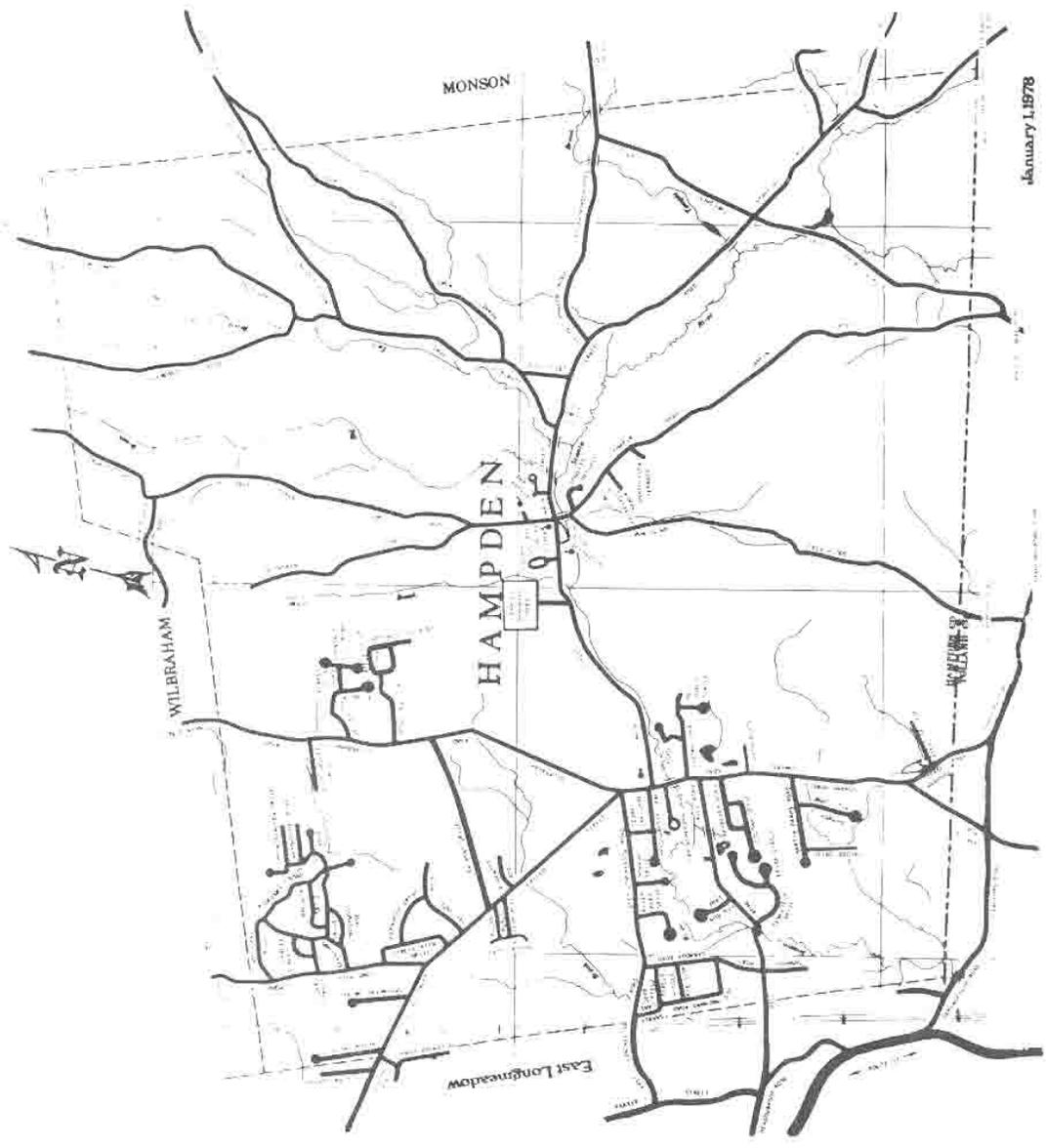


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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1979

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MAP OF
HAMPDEN
MASSACHUSETTS

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

Population of Hampden, January 1, 1970

Federal Census — 4,572

State Census, January 1, 1975 — 4,751

Geographic Area

19.64 sq. mi.

County

Hampden

Senators in U.S. Senate

Edward Kennedy

United States Senate

Washington, D.C., 20510

Paul E. Tsongas

437 Old Senate Office Building

United States Senate

Washington, D.C., 20510

or

Paul E. Tsongas

Senator in Congress

Boston Office

Tel. (617) 223-7240

House of Representatives

Edward P. Boland

2426 Rayburn Office Building

Washington, D.C., 20515

Tel. (202) 225-5601

State Senate

Robert Wetmore

Worcester, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire District

State House

Room 409

Boston, Mass. 02133

Tel. (617) 727-1540

or

Hubberston Road

Barre, Mass. 01005

Tel. (617) 355-2337

Representative in General Court

Iris K. Holland

2nd Hampden District

State House

Republican Leadership Office

Room 448

Boston, Mass. 02133

Tel. (617) 727-2375

or

38 Hazelwood Avenue

Longmeadow, Mass. 01106

Tel. 1-567-1529

Annual Town Meeting

Last Monday in April

Annual Election of Town Officers

First Monday in May

Business Hours of Town Officers and Committees, unless otherwise announced:

Town Clerk	Mondays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Wednesdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Saturdays 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Available at her home	Tel. 566-3214 Tel. 566-8853
Town Treasurer	Tuesdays 12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Thursdays 12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Fridays 12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Collector of Taxes	Mondays 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Thursdays 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Fridays 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Board of Assessors	Meet second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. Clerk in office every: Monday 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Tuesday 12:00 Noon to 8:00 P.M. Wednesday 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Board of Selectmen	Meets every Monday at 8:00 P.M. Secretary in office every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Wednesday and Friday 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.	Tel. 566-3713
Advisory Committee	Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Conservation Commission	Meets 2nd Mondays at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Planning Board	Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Park Commission	Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
School Committee	Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-8814
Regional School Committee	Meets 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. The 2nd Monday of each even month meet at Thornton Burgess School 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 596-3884
Hampden Free Public Library	Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month.	Tel. 566-3047
Council on Aging	Meets 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3023
Cemetery Commissioners	Meets 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 P.M.	

Hours of Hampden Free Public Library

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

The library will be closed Saturdays during July and August

Hours of Laughing Brook

Closed Mondays except Holidays
Tuesday thru Sunday
10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Tel. 566-3571

Hours of Town Landfill

Tuesday 12 Noon to 6:00 P.M.
Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Recycling

Sponsored by Boy Scouts of America
Saturday at Landfill area from 9 - 4
Tuesday 12 - 6

For Special Pickups Call: Mr. Stone Tel. 566-3660
Mr. Govan Tel. 566-8543
Mr. Thompson Tel. 566-3724

Welfare Agent

Springfield Office Tel. 781-7670
Helen Law

Publications Available from the Town Clerk

Subdivision Control Laws	\$1.50
Zoning By-Laws	3.00
Zoning By-Laws (if mailed)	3.50
Certified copy of birth	2.00
Certified copy of death	2.00
Certified copy of marriage	2.00
Marriage license	4.00
Trade name registration	1.00
Street list	3.00
Voting list	2.00
Zoning map	3.00

Telephones

Police	566-8011
Fire	566-3260
Burning permission	566-3314
Ambulance	
Paramedic	733-3147
Gold Cross	781-3781
Highway Department	566-8842
Library	566-3047
Welfare Department, 828 State Street, Springfield, Mass.	781-7670
Veterans Service Department, 200 Main St., Monson, Mass.	1-267-9903
Dog Officer, Raymond Schmuck, Allen Street, Hampden, Mass.	566-8509
Council on Aging	566-3023

Schools

Green Meadow Elementary School, North Road	566-3263
Thornton W. Burgess School, Wilbraham Road	
Principal's Office	566-3931
Superintendent's Office	566-8814
All Other Calls	566-8950
Minnechaug High School, Main Street, Wilbraham	596-9011
Superintendent's Office	596-3884

Utilities

New England Telephone, Business Office	736-9911
New England Telephone, Repair Office	566-8001
Bay State Gas Company	781-3610
U.S. Post Office	566-3752
Massachusetts Electric	596-3871

Churches

Federated Community Church, Main St., Hampden	566-3711
Mr. Sanford Fash, Minister	566-3402
St. Mary's Church, Somers Road, Hampden	566-8843
Father Edmund Walsh, Pastor	566-8843

Town Inspectors

Building Inspector, Gordon Willcutt	566-3971
Electrical Inspector, Albert Mireault	566-8698
Plumbing Inspector, William Patullo	566-3332

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. VERA MELVILLE
Board of Registrars

MRS. ALICE FULLER
Clerk, Board of Assessors

MRS. ESTELLA HOWLETT
Holder, Gold Headed Cane

MR. CARL HOWLETT
Town Historian

MR. E. CLARK WARREN
Custodian - School Department

MR. CLINTON L. FOOTE
Member, Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

Mrs. Alice H. Fuller died on November 22, 1979 at the age of 79. She served as Clerk to the Board of Assessors for 35 years.



Mrs. Estella Bradway Howlett died January 8, 1980 at the age of 99. She was the holder of the gold headed cane which was awarded to her as the town's oldest resident on Mother's Day, May 11, 1975. Mrs. Howlett was also the widow of Leroy O. Howlett, who was road superintendent in Hampden from 1914 to 1947, and Selectman from 1909-1914.



ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS — 1979

		<i>Term Expires</i>
<i>Moderator</i>	Dalton E. Philpott	1980
<i>Town Clerk</i>	Marie V. Krook	1980
<i>Town Treasurer</i>	Jane M. Wyman	1980
<i>Board of Selectmen</i>	Jeannette S. Green, <i>Chairman</i>	1980
	Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	1981
	John M. Flynn	1982
<i>Board of Health</i>	Arthur A. Booth, Jr., <i>Chairman</i>	1981
	Jeannette S. Green	1980
	John M. Flynn	1982
<i>Secretary to Selectmen and Board of Health</i> — Ruth W. Woods		
<i>Assessors</i>	Stanley W. Witkop, Jr., <i>Chairman</i>	1980
	Richard A. Jalbert	1981
	Henry Baush	1982
<i>Clerk to Assessors</i> — Laura Green		
<i>School Committee</i>	Judith A. Witkop, <i>Chairman</i>	1981
	Roland P. Fawthrop	1980
	Carl A. Sabin	1982
	Ellen Clark	1980
	Donald Davenport	1981
<i>Secretary to School Committee</i> — Dr. Maurice Heffernan		

<i>Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee</i>	Yorke Phillips	1981
<i>Trustees of the Hampden Public Library</i>	Miriam Bryans, <i>Chairman</i>	1982
	Helen S. Dickinson	1980
	Ann M. Byron	1981
<i>Collector of Taxes</i>	Dorothy S. Flynn	1980
<i>Hampden Housing Authority</i>	George J. Kealy, <i>Chairman</i>	1981
	Charles T. Schmitt, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1984
	Clifford E. Attleton	1983
	Sherwood Cronk	1981
	Florence E. Kirk	1980
<i>Constables</i>	Paul A. Bouchard	1980
	Miles M. Hapgood, Jr.	1980
	Peter A. Markhard	1980
<i>Cemetery Commissioners</i>	Homer Fuller, <i>Chairman</i>	1982
	Arthur Gerrish	1980
	Robert F. Sazama, Jr.	1981
<i>Planning Board</i>	Carl F. Libby, <i>Chairman</i>	1983
	Frederick Maher, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1980
	John L. Partyka	1982
	Karl D. Sternberg	1981
	John D. Mikkola	1984
	<i>Clerk to Planning Board — Judith Jackson</i>	
<i>Tree Warden</i>	Homer Fuller	1980
<i>Park Commissioners</i>	James Whipple, <i>Chairman</i>	1982
	Helene Hesser	1980
	Mark Willcutt	1981
	Stephen T. LeClair	1982
	Gordon E. Clark	1981
	<i>Clerk to Park Commissioners — Lucille McGuill</i>	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS — 1979

<i>Town Accountant</i>	Clifford Bombard	1980
<i>Dog Officer</i>	Raymond B. Schmuck	1980
<i>Forest Fire Warden</i>	Richard J. Boynton	1980
<i>Inspector of Animals</i>	Homer Fuller	1980
<i>Superintendent of Insect Pest Control</i>	James A. Reardon	1980
<i>Veteran's Grave Officer</i>	Richard Wiencek	1980
<i>Board of Health Agent and Investigator</i>	Gary Weiner	1980
<i>Agent for Veteran's Benefit</i>	Bert Nietupski	1980
<i>Acting Civil Defense Director</i>	George K. Stone, Jr.	1980

<i>Superintendent of Streets</i>	Homer Fuller	1980
<i>Pound Keeper and Field Driver</i>	Homer Fuller	1980
<i>Fence Viewers</i>	Donald E. Dickinson	1980
	William H. Patric	1980
<i>Town Counsel</i>	Joseph R. Jennings	1980
<i>Building Commissioner</i>	Gordon J. E. Willcutt, Sr.	1980
<i>Electrical Inspector</i>	Albert W. Mireault	1980
<i>Plumbing Inspector</i>	William P. Patullo	1980
<i>Board of Appeals</i>	Clifford E. Keeney, <i>Chairman</i>	1982
	Dalton Philpott, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1981
	Frances T. Buckley	1981
	Bert Nietupski	1982
	Bryce Norwood	1980
<i>Alternates</i>	Charles Schmitt	1981
	Lawrence Smith	1981
	<i>Clerk to Board of Appeals — Gail Lefebvre</i>	
<i>Advisory Committee</i>	Rollyn Hatch, <i>Chairman</i>	1982
	John Dushney	1982
	Judith Hanmer, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1981
	Robert Burger	1981
	Peter Neff	1980
	<i>Clerk to Advisory Committee — Evelyn Schmidt</i>	
<i>Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District</i>		
<i>Committee</i>	Ellen Clark	1980
<i>Board of Registrars</i>	Marie V. Krook, <i>Town Clerk</i>	
	Faye Flynn, <i>Chairman</i>	1982
	Frank J. T. Kirk	1980
	Royal Cady	1981
<i>Fire Chief</i>	Richard Hatch	1980
<i>Conservation Commission</i>	Rita Vail	1981
	Benjamin Bump, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1982
	Franklin E. Prouty	1981
	Louis Sicbaldi	1980
	Major Benton	1982
	Arthur Gerrish	1981
	Patty Ann Fritze, <i>Chairman</i>	1981
<i>Council for the Aging</i>	Ralph Forsstrom, <i>Chairman</i>	1980
	Ethel Evans, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1981
	Catherine Moriarty, <i>Secretary</i>	1980
	Kathryn Conway, <i>Treasurer</i>	1982
	Dalton Philpott	1980
	Robert Bohlke	1981
	Muriel Ryan	1982
	Joyce Libby	1982
	Nancy Zebert	1981
<i>Insurance Committee</i>	Gerald Hinch, <i>Chairman</i> William T. Olmstead Bernice Baker	

<i>Chief of Police</i>	George K. Stone, Jr.
<i>Sergeant</i>	Donald Bouchard
<i>Patrolmen</i>	James Kirk Robert A. Newton Robert Toulson Richard L. Alexander
<i>Dispatcher</i>	Alfred Taylor William Chechile
<i>Secretary/Clerk to Police</i>	Nancy Joy
<i>Reserve Officers</i>	Sgt. William Batchelor Sgt. Mary Kupec William Chechile Carol Chaput Michael Doyle Edward Jodoin Peter Markhard Dana S. Pixley Mark Reisner John Panaia Richard Roberts Michael Zimmerman
<i>Special Police Officers</i>	Raymond Schmuck Donald Chaput
<i>Energy Commission</i>	Earl Connors, <i>Chairman</i> Sandra Gray Helene Hesser W. Harry Burns Evo J. Righi Karl D. Sternberg Neal M. Sleeper Bruce Libby Steven Hoadley Patty Ann Fritze Alfred Perusse William Benedict Chesley Metcalf John L. Partyka Charles R. Melville, Sr. Janet Case
<i>Town Report Committee</i>	Carol Collins Patricia Booth Peg Haraty Alfred Taylor, <i>Photographer</i> Donald Safford, <i>Photographer</i>



IRIS HOLLAND

REPORT OF IRIS HOLLAND

February 28, 1980

TO THE RESIDENTS OF HAMPDEN:

Dear Friends:

Coping with the energy crisis and alleviating burdensome property taxes were the key concerns during the 1979 legislative session. These are complex issues which directly affect the quality of life and the fiscal well-being of every Massachusetts citizen. For this reason it was both exciting and challenging to be a part of the new leadership which emerged in the General Court this year. Elected as Republican Whip, I was the first woman in the history of the Massachusetts House to hold a leadership position.

Massachusetts legislators realized that the most serious issue facing the Commonwealth last year, and indeed in the years to come, was the so-called "energy crisis". Massachusetts (and the Northeast Region as a whole) is particularly hard hit by dwindling energy supplies. To cope with this problem the legislature passed last year "The Energy Reorganization Bill" which created a Cabinet Secretary and an Executive Office of Energy Resources to provide the administration necessary to formulate and implement a state energy policy. It also created a bonding mechanism for energy conservation measures and alternative energy resource development. We also established a \$25 million program of emergency state funds to assist low income families with their winter fuel bills.

I agree with the energy experts who believe that the short term answer lies in conservation; therefore, I have offered a legislative proposal for the 1980 session which would create a tax credit incentive to home owners who winterize their homes.

Conservation is the key to begin solving our energy problems, and we must provide incentives for people to do so. I have also offered a bill this year to reduce the state taxes on gasohol. We need to encourage people to use and produce alternative forms of fuel.

We also addressed ourselves to burdensome property taxes. This is something all of us have been experiencing. Our legislative body had history last year when we enacted a law imposing a 4% cap on local spending for FY 80 over FY 79. This law, while not perfect, was a beginning attempt to deal with spiraling property taxes. We need to carefully monitor the effect this action will produce on the localities and at the same time continue to develop alternative plans to alleviate the tax burden. In 1980 it appears that it will be necessary to remove soaring energy costs from the tax cap. In 1980 I think it is also important for the General Court to address itself to state spending, specifically to put a 4% cap on the state budget.

There were several bills of particular interest to me during the previous session, and I would like to mention a few of them. One of these was the "Blood Bill" which would have allowed blood to be gathered commercially and sold in Massachusetts for the first time. This bill would have set the state on a new course in delivery of blood supplies, and I vehemently opposed it. After much effort, we defeated the bill.

Also, I was one of several legislators who sponsored legislation to reform the tenancy by the entirety law which gave a wife only future interest in property that she and her husband owned jointly. This also passed.

Of special importance to municipalities was a law passed to hold parents financially liable for vandalism to public and private property caused by the willful acts of their minor children. I sponsored this legislation. In 1980 I have asked for a legislative study to look at the problem of vandalism which I think is a serious problem confronting our state.

During the 1979 session we also encouraged state officials to use their authority to reinstate a Springfield Revenue Office to assist residents twice a month in the four western counties with estate and inheritance tax cases.

One of Massachusetts' greatest founding fathers, John Adams, once described what he thought the General Court should be. Adams said, "It should be in miniature an exact portrait of the people at large. It should think, feel, reason, and act like them." I hope that I can continue to be "in miniature" your voice at the State House. I need your help to do that. Please continue to give me the benefit of your views. My district office is located in my home at 38 Hazelwood Avenue, Longmeadow. I have 24 hour round-the-clock telephone coverage. My home office telephone number is 567-1529. My Boston number is 617-727-2375.

It is an honor to serve you at the State House.

Sincerely,
Iris K. Holland

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING — MAY 21, 22, 1979

ARTICLE 1. Voted to accept the annual reports as contained in the annual report for the year 1978 as printed.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,957,421 to cover budget items 1 through 69.

ARTICLE 3. Voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 4. Voted to raise and appropriate \$125 for use of Hampden County Trustees for County Co-operative Extension Service in Hampden.

ARTICLE 5. Voted to raise and appropriate \$32,994 for reconstruction of a portion of South Rd., said money to be returned to the Treasury when received from the State; and voted that the sum of \$1,484.81 remaining in Public Works Employment Act of 1976 account be used on this project.

ARTICLE 6. Voted to accept any money received from the State under provisions of Local Aid Fund Distribution, General Laws, Chapter 29, Section 2D, Highway Fund Distribution, Chapter 81 and Chapter 492 of the Acts of 1974 or Highway, and Transit Development, Chapter 825, Section 3-Acts of 1974 or any other Highway Aid Funds and deposit said money in General Fund.

ARTICLE 7. Voted to raise and appropriate \$5,700 for purchase of a tractor, complete with rotary mower and snow plow, taking into account allowance for present Farmall Cub tractor with 3 reel mowers and snow plow.

ARTICLE 8. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,500 to purchase a hydraulic sander to go on Brockway Diesel powered truck.

ARTICLE 9. Voted to appropriate from Stabilization Fund the sum of \$69,566 for repair of roof of Green Meadows School. (transfer)

ARTICLE 10. Voted to authorize Selectmen to enter into licensing agreement with Greater New England Cable TV for installation and maintenance of cable TV lines in Hampden.

ARTICLE 11. Voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 12. Voted to authorize Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Lower Pioneer Valley Transit Authority for operation of a mini-bus for senior citizens and handicapped Town residents on schedule of two (2) six (6) hours days per week; if money becomes available from any other source than Town appropriation for operation of a mini-bus for a third day each week, this money to be accepted and used for that purpose.

ARTICLE 13. Voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 14. Voted to accept provisions of Chapter 40, Section 8G of the General Laws, concerning mutual aid among Police Departments.

ARTICLE 15. Voted to transfer \$47.52 from previous savings account (left from Ford Foundation Grant) to Conservation Fund.

ARTICLE 16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for Conservation Fund to be used for acquiring available land in Town, following favorable vote at a Special or Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 17. Voted to transfer any balance left on June 30, 1979 in the Landfill Maintenance, Library, Road Maintenance and or Snow and Ice Removal accounts back into General Revenue Sharing account.

ARTICLE 18. Unanimously voted to designate funds from General Revenue Sharing to 1980 Fiscal appropriation for Land Fill Maintenance - \$20,000; Library - \$18,458; Roads Maintenance - \$37,627; Snow and Ice Removal - \$20,000. Total - \$96,085.

ARTICLE 19. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,875 for ambulance service for period July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980.

ARTICLE 20. Voted to raise and appropriate \$51,750 for an addition on the north side of the present Fire House on North Road.

ARTICLE 21. Voted that \$20,000 be raised and appropriated for the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 22. Voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 23. Voted to transfer from the Library Fund \$1,781.63 (State Aid) to be used by Library Trustees at their discretion.

ARTICLE 24. Voted unanimously to retain and exempt the sum of \$100,000 in Free Cash.

ARTICLE 25. Voted to authorize Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of revenue of Fiscal year 1980 and to issue notes therefore; also to renew notes for less than one year.

Unanimously voted that the Town Meeting vote to approve for Fiscal 1980. expenditures, which exceed 104% of all appropriations (with legally permitted adjustments) voted for Fiscal 1979 at the 1978 Annual Town Meeting by \$76,321.92 as well as all expenditures exceeding 104% of the total of appropriations for Fiscal 1979 (with such adjustments) including those voted in the April, July and September 1978 Special Town Meeting by \$15,696. (Total appropriated at Special Town Meeting - \$60,625.92)

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING — OCTOBER 15, 1979

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to increase by amending the sum of money appropriated under Article 20 Warrant for Annual Town Meeting of May 21, 1979, such monies not being sufficient to meet the lowest bid submitted for an addition on the north side of the present firehouse on North Road, or take any other action relative thereto.

OPTION ONE

Base Bid	\$66,220
A-E fees	5,000
Contingencies (Concrete, testing, etc.)	1,780
Total Option One	73,000
Appropriated Annual Town Meeting 5/21/79	51,750
	<u>\$21,250</u>

OPTION TWO

Base Bid	\$66,220
REDUCTIONS	
Substitute concrete block for brick	3,000
Delete roofing over existing bldg.	3,600
Delete painting	2,483
Delete toilet room	1,400
Delete hose rack	200
Substitute gravel for bituminous paving	700
Total	54,837
A-E fees	5,000
Contingencies	1,663
TOTAL OPTION TWO	61,500
APPROPRIATED Annual Town Meeting 5/21/79	51,750
	<u>9,750</u>

Voted to increase by amending the sum of \$51,750 appropriated under Article 20 of Warrant for Annual Town Meeting of May 21, 1979, by the sum of \$21,250, so the total amount of money appropriated for addition to present firehouse on North Road shall be \$73,000.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the 1979-1980 appropriation for the Regional School District assessment, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted to reduce the 1979-1980 appropriation of Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School assessment for the Fiscal Year 1980 from \$784,460 to \$606,784.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to increase by amending the sum of money appropriated under Item 32.1 of Budget for Fiscal 1980 (Town House Maintenance--Custodial) at Annual Town Meeting of May 21, 1979, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted to Increase by amending the sum of \$1,989, appropriated under Item 32.1 of Budget for Fiscal 1980 by the sum of \$3,340 so the total amount of money appropriated for Item 32.1 shall read \$5,329.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year 1978-1979 or previous years, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

It was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,449.83 to pay bill of Mohawk Excavating Co., Inc. for street sweeping in Hampden.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to override the certified Appropriations Limit and/or Levy Limit by amounts made necessary by the appropriations at the Annual Town Meeting and this Special Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimously voted to rescind the incorrect CAP override vote of May 22, 1979, approving an excess of \$15,696.

Voted to increase and exceed the Fiscal 1980 appropriations limit established under Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979, (\$2,110,534), by the sum of \$101,255.27, constituting the limit as \$2,211,789.27.

Vote - yes 101; no - 3

Unanimously voted to increase the Fiscal 1980 Levy Limit established under Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979, (2,309,296) by a sum not exceeding \$30,000, constituting the limit as \$2,339,296.

JURY LIST 1979

Henry P. Baush
Bruce T. Bowens
Robert Cooley
Michael J. Cronin
William O. Dalton
Raymond Duquette
Stuart F. Hill
Neil Hilt
Roland Hodgdon
Judith Jackson
David Kruger
Michael Marco
James P. McMann
Paul W. Meisner
Robert T. Melcher

James Merriman
Chesley Metcalf
Jerry Moccio
Dimitrios P. Romanos
Kenneth N. Scott
Michael J. Shea
Dennis J. Smith
William Stamm
David P. Sweeney
David Warren
Gordon J. E. Willcutt
Thomas R. Wilson
Harry C. McGill
Robert D. Ervin
Alfred Mandrala

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Number of registered voters Jan. 1, 1979	2,355
Number of new voters registered during 1979	216
Number of voters dropped from voting list during the year	110
Number of registered voters Dec. 31, 1979	2,460
Voter attendance at elections during the year	1978 1979
Republican caucus	34 32
Democratic caucus	67 59
Town election	1050 572
State primary	462
State election	1491

Respectfully submitted

Fay W. Flynn, *Chairman*
Frank J. T. Kirk
Royal E. Cady
Marie V. Krook, *Clerk*



Seated left to right: Royal E. Cady; Faye W. Flynn, Chairman; Marie V. Krook, Clerk; Frank J. T. Kirk.



FIRE CHIEF: Richard Hatch

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 1979

During the year of 1979 the Hampden Fire Department responded to 90 calls.

Many of these fires have caused heavy damage to the house because of faulty chimneys and improper installation of stove pipes. We would like to remind all residents to inspect their chimneys for a buildup of soot or cracks in flue line or chimney masonry.

The Hampden Fire Department was active in the Hampden County Mutual Aid Association. We assisted two neighboring towns during 1979 and we called for assistance once during the year. Also Hampden Fire Fighters have been attending drill practice sessions with neighboring towns.

The Fire Department was able to get a 3/4 ton Dodge 4 wheel drive pick-up truck from Civil Defense without cost to the Town of Hampden. It has been equipped with a 275 gal. tank for water with a portable pump, forestry hoses, brooms and shovels to fight fires in wooded areas or trails not passable by our regular fire trucks.

We are in the process of adding a new bay onto the North side of the Fire Station. The present building was built to accomodate 4 trucks and we have 6 vehicles to house.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Hampden Volunteer Fireman, call the fire station office 566-3114 for further information.

1979 FIRE CALLS

11 House	16 Chimney	2 Mutual aid out of town
1 Barn	4 Dump	1 Mutual aid in town
20 Grass	5 Car fires	23 Housing for Elderly
3 False alarms	3 Car accidents	(18 False alarms .
1 Lost child	1 Jaws of life	5 Fires)

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

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Hatch
Chief of Fire Department



MEMBERS OF THE HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

1979 REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The Fire Department put out twenty (20) grass and brush fires and four (4) fires at the Sanitary Land Fill during 1979.

I would like to stress to the residents of Hampden that hot ashes should not be dumped at the Sanitary Land Fill as this has caused the four fires we had there this year.

Burning, with a permit only, is allowed from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. from January 15th until May 1st. Outdoor burning in an open barrel is not permitted at any time.

Permits may be obtained from Dick Boynton at 566-3935, Dick Hatch at 566-8026, and Howard Cutting at 566-3776.

I'd like to thank all the men who have helped to extinguish these fires in 1979.



Sincerely,
Richard J. Boynton
Forest Fire Warden

FOREST FIRE WARDEN: Richard J. Boynton

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Authorized by a Town Meeting in the early 1970's, Authority members are elected by Town residents. Hampden Housing Authority is under the direct supervision of the State Dept. of Communities and Development. Their Western Mass. District Office is located in Springfield. This department oversees all Housing Authorities to see that they comply with both State and Federal mandates.

Centennial Commons is under a 40 year federal subsidy, which amounts to over \$208,000 a year as operating expenses to allow anyone aged 63 or over to apply for an apartment. Tenants are assessed 25% of their income as rent. Individual subsidies range from \$60 to over \$200.

There are 56 units, including 6 handicapped apartments. The Community Building houses laundry facilities, a kitchen and a large L-shaped room, which can be closed off by folding doors to make a smaller dining room for use by tenants and their families.

Last summer about 25 of the tenants had spaces in a 40' x 100' fenced garden. There are shuffle boards; and tenants are encouraged to make full use of the facilities. The Hampden Garden Club planted geraniums around the buildings a summer ago. Hampden Nurseries planted a spruce in the middle of the circle for use as a permanent Christmas tree; and the Authority purchased strings of Christmas lights for decorating the porch of the Community Building.

Hampden Housing Authority is looking into long-range landscaping of the grounds to provide a nature walk, picnic area and other green areas.

The elected officials; Chairman George Kealy; Vice-Chairman Charles Schmitt; Treasurer Clifford Attleton; Assistant Treasurer Sherwood Cronk—he is also the State Representative to the Authority-- and Secretary F. Evelyn Kirk. Christopher Carr of the Southern New England Management Corp. is the Executive Director.

AND NOW A MESSAGE FROM CENTENNIAL COMMONS

We all appreciate having such a nice Community Building. We use it for our bazaar work sessions, meet there to play cards and do jig-saw puzzles and just to visit. We have used it for entertaining our friends and families. Last Thanksgiving it was used for a Thanksgiving Day dinner gathering which was attended by 25 members of one family.

We keep ourselves busy here; and we also enjoy the Council on Aging Activities, the Scantic Senior Citizens' Club, bowling, swimming, exercise class, painting classes, hot meals and the once-a-month trips. The Mini Bus is very important to us, too, for doctor's appointments, shopping trips, and just plain getting out.

This is living at its best, with a good feeling of Community Spirit and Neighborliness.



Thank you,

Muriel Ryan
Bessie Prouty