

1980
TOWN REPORT



HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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OF THE
TOWN OF HAMPDEN

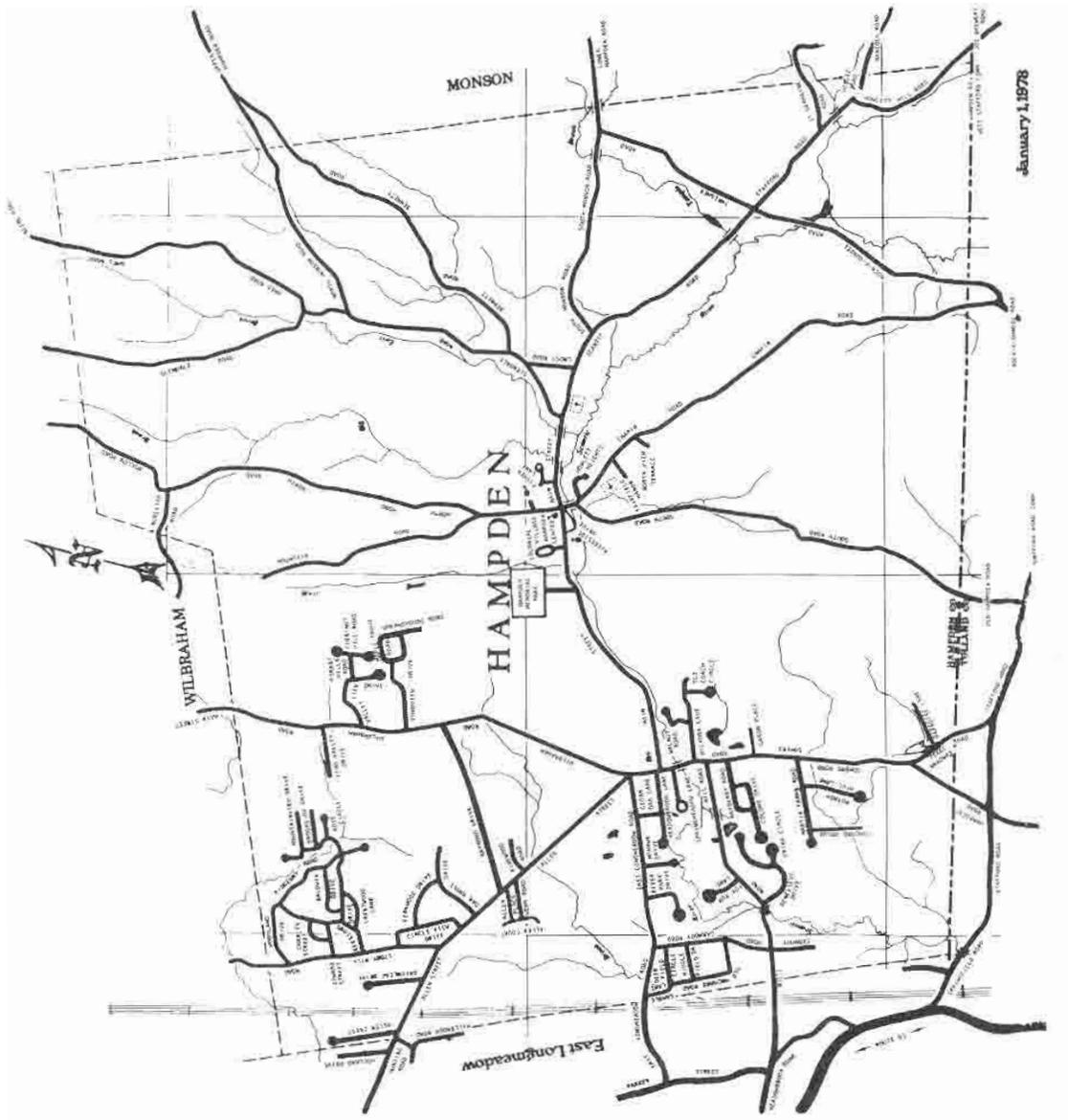


AND OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1980

PLEASE BRING WITH YOU TO TOWN MEETING.

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MAP OF
HAMPDEN
MASSACHUSETTS

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN, JANUARY 1, 1980

Federal Census — 4,749

State Census, January 1, 1975 — 4,751

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

19.64 sq. mi.

COUNTY

Hampden

SENATORS IN U.S. SENATE

Edward M. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Paul E. Tsongas
437 Old Senate Office Building
United States Senator
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

Robert Wetmore
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	Monday thru Friday	Tel. 566-3214
Town Treasurer	Monday thru Friday	Tel. 566-3214
Board of Assessors	Meet second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM Clerk in office every: Monday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Tuesday 12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM Wednesday 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM	Tel. 566-3214 Tel. 566-3214
Board of Selectmen	Meets every Monday at 7:30 PM Secretary in office every: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Wednesday and Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon	Tel. 566-3713
Advisory Committee	Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM	Tel. 566-3214
Conservation Commission	Meets 3rd. Monday of each month at 7:30 PM	Tel. 566-3214
Planning Board	Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM	Tel. 566-3214
Park Commission	Meets 1st. and 3rd. Tuesday at 7:30 PM	Tel. 566-3214
School Committee	Meets 1st. Monday of each month at 7:30 PM	Tel. 566-8814
Regional School Committee	Meets 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. The 2nd. Monday of each even month Committee meets at Thornton Burgess School at 7:30 PM	Tel. 596-3884
Cemetery Commissioners	Meets 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 PM	
Council on Aging	Meets 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30 PM Office hours - 9 AM to 1 PM Monday-Friday	Tel. 566-3023
Tax Collector	Counter hours for collections: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Other hours reserved for bookkeeping.	Tel. 566-3214
Hampden Free Public Library	Meets 3rd. Wednesday of each month	Tel. 566-3047

HOURS OF HAMPDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Wednesday	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Thursday	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday	12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

The library will be closed Saturdays during July and August

HOURS OF LAUGHING BROOK

Closed Mondays except Holidays
Tuesday thru Sunday
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Tel. 566-8034

HOURS OF TOWN LANDFILL

Tuesday 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Recycling at Town Landfill

Sponsored by Boy Scouts of America

Boy Scouts: For Special Pickups Call:

Mr. James Stone Tel. 566-3660

Mr. William Kritzky Tel. 566-8441

Cub Scouts: For Special Pickups call:

Mr. Philip Schneider, Jr. Tel. 566-8718

Mr. William Bailey Tel. 566-3914

Mr. Mitchell Rys

WELFARE AGENT

Springfield Office - Helen Law - Tel. 781-7670

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, Spfld., Ma.	781-7670
Veterans Service Department, 200 Main St., Monson, Ma.	1-267-9903
Dog Officer	
Raymond Schmuck, Allen Street, Hampden, Ma.	566-8509
Council on Aging	566-3023

SCHOOLS

Green Meadows Elementary School, North Rd.	566-3263
Thornton W. Burgess School, Wilbraham Rd.	
Principal's Office	566-3931
Superintendent's Office	566-8814
All Other Calls	566-8950
Minnechaug High School, Main St., 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 Fasth, 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
VIOLET M. GOTTSCHÉ
Town Clerk

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS—1980

		<i>Term Expires</i>
<i>Moderator</i>	Dalton E. Philpott	1981
<i>Town Clerk</i>	Marie V. Krook	1983
<i>Town Treasurer</i>	Marie V. Krook	1983
<i>Board of Selectmen</i>	Arthur A. Booth, Jr., Chairman	1981
	John M. Flynn	1982
	Jeannette S. Green	1983
<i>Board of Health</i>	John M. Flynn, Chairman	1982
	Jeannette S. Green	1983
	Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	1981
<i>Secretary to Selectmen and Board of Health</i>	Ruth W. Woods	
<i>Assessors</i>	Richard A. Jalbert, Chairman	1981
	Henry Bausch	1982
	Stanley W. Witkop, Jr.	1983
<i>Clerk to Board of Assessors</i>	Laura Green	
<i>School Committee</i>	Donald Davenport, Chairman	1981
	Judith A. Witkop	1981
	Jean Walker	1981
	Carl A. Sabin	1982
	M. Ellen Clark	1983
<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>	Ann M. Byron, Chairman	1981
	Miriam Bryans	1982
	Helen S. Dickinson	1983
<i>Collector of Taxes</i>	Dorothy S. Flynn	1983
<i>Hampden Housing Authority</i>	F. Evelyn Kirk, Chairman	1985
	Charles T. Schmitt, Vice Chairman	1984
	Sherwood Cronk	1981
	George J. Kealy	1981
	Clifford E. Attleton	1983
<i>Constables</i>	Paul A. Bouchard	1983
	Miles M. Hapgood, Jr.	1983
	Peter A. Markhard	1983
<i>Cemetery Commissioners</i>	Arthur Gerrish	1983
	Franklin Prouty	1981
	Robert F. Sazama, Jr.	1981
<i>Planning Board</i>	Karl D. Sternberg, Chairman	1981
	John L. Partyka, Vice Chairman	1982
	Carl F. Libby	1983
	John D. Mikkola	1984
	Frederick Maher	1985

<i>Clerk to Planning Board</i>	Judith Jackson	
<i>Tree Warden</i>	Homer Fuller	1981
<i>Park Commissioners</i>	James Whipple, Chairman	1982
	Mark Willcutt	1981
	Gordon E. Clark	1981
	Stephen T. LeClair	1982
	Helen Hesser	1983
<i>Clerk to Park Commissioners</i> . . .	Lucille McGuill	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS—1980

<i>Town Accountant</i>	Clifford Bombard	1983
<i>Dog Officer</i>	Raymond B. Schmuck	1981
<i>Forest Fire Warden</i>	Richard J. Boynton	1981
<i>Inspector of Animals</i>	Daniel R. Isham	1981
<i>Superintendent of</i>		
<i>Insect Pest Control</i>	James A. Reardon	1981
<i>Veterans' Grave Officer</i>	Richard Wiencek	1981
<i>Board of Health Agent</i>		
<i>and Investigator</i>	Gary Weiner	1981
<i>Agent for Veterans' Benefits</i>	Bert Nietupski	1981
<i>Acting Civil Defense Director</i>	Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	1981
<i>Superintendent of Streets</i>	Homer Fuller	1981
<i>Pound Keeper and Field Driver</i>	Daniel R. Isham	1981
<i>Fence Viewers</i>	Donald E. Dickinson	1981
	William H. Patric	1981
<i>Town Prosecutor</i>	Bruce Clarkin	1981
<i>Town Counsel</i>	Joseph R. Jennings	1981
<i>Building Commissioner</i>	Gorden J. E. Willcutt, Sr.	1981
<i>Electrical Inspector</i>	Albert W. Mireault	1981
<i>Plumbing Inspector</i>	William P. Patullo	1981
<i>Board of Appeals</i>	Clifford E. Keeney, Chairman	1982
	Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman	1981
	Frances T. Buckley	1981
	Bert Nietupski	1982
	Bryce Norwood	1983
<i>Alternates</i>	Charles Schmitt	1981
	Lawrence Smith	1981
<i>Clerk of Board of Appeals</i>	Gail Lefebvre	
<i>Advisory Committee</i>	Judith Hanmer, Chairman	1981
	John Dushney, Vice Chairman	1982
	Robert Burger	1981
	Rollyn Hatch	1982
	Andrew Mulcahy, Jr.	1983
<i>Clerk to Advisory Committee</i>	Evelyn Schmidt	
<i>Hampden-Wilbraham Regional</i>		
<i>School District Committee</i>	M. Ellen Clark	1981

<i>Board of Registrars</i>	Marie V. Krook, Town Clerk	
	Faye Flynn, Chairman	1982
	Frank J. T. Kirk	1983
	Royal Cady	1981
<i>Fire Chief</i>	Richard Hatch	1981
<i>Conservation Commission</i>	Rita Vail, Co-Chairman	1981
	James Smith, Co-Chairman	1981
	Benjamin Bump	1982
	Franklin Prouty	1981
	Arthur Gerrish	1981
	Timothy Renn	1982
	Joseph Choiniere	1983
<i>Council on Aging</i>	Ralph Forsstrom, Chairman	1983
	Robert Bohlke, Vice Chairman	1981
	Ethel Evans	1981
	Catherine Moriarty	1983
	Kathryn Conway	1982
	Dalton Philpott	1983
	Muriel Ryan	1982
	Joyce Libby	1982
	Nancy Zebert	1981
<i>Director for the Council on Aging</i>	Rosalind Reardon	
<i>Insurance Committee</i>	Gerald Hinch, Chairman	1981
	William T. Olmstead	1981
	Henry F. Hanmer	1981
<i>Arts Council</i>	Chris Bandoski	
	Mary Ellen Glover	
	Judith R. Hanmer	
	Patricia H. Booth	
	William Blizard	
	Jude Pokorny	
	Joan G. Letendre	
	Edith S. Dunkerley	
	Irene Cutting	
<i>School Study Committee</i>	Lawrence Smith, Chairman	
	Shirley Bates	
	Phyllis Hulstrom	
	John Flynn	
	Roland Fawthrop	
	Robert Bohlke	
	John L. Matthews	
<i>Associate</i>	Vivian Morse	
<i>Chief of Police</i>	George K. Stone, Jr.	
<i>Sargeant</i>	Donald Bouchard	
<i>Patrolmen</i>	Robert A. Newton	
	Robert Toulson	
	Richard L. Alexander	
	William J. Chechile	
	Mark Reisner	

<i>Dispatcher</i>	Alfred Taylor Raymond Schmuck Geraldine Schmuck
<i>Secretary/Clerk to Police</i>	Nancy Joy
<i>Reserve Police Officers</i>	Sgt. William Batchelor Sgt. Mary Kupec Carol Chaput Michael Doyle Edward Jodoin Peter Markhard Dana S. Pixley Richard Roberts Michael Zimmerman Raymond Schmuck Anthony Fratamico Michael Quigley Timothy Redin David E. Hawley
<i>Energy Commission</i>	Earl Connors, Chairman Sandra Gray Harry Burns Karl D. Sternberg Neal M. Sleeper Steven Hoadley Chesley Metcalf John L. Partyka Charles R. Melville, Sr. Atty. William L. Pudlo Mrs. Helene Hessler

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1980

Harry A. Anderson	Francis J. Malachowski
Robert B. Campbell	Michael John Marco
William J. DeNucci, Jr.	Lewis E. McDonald, Jr.
William Owen Dalton	Paul W. Meisner
Philip Dugan	Robert T. Melcher
Dennis M. Farioli	Robert A. Mendoza
Russell G. Fidler	Alan R. Miner
William P. Figoni	William Stamm
Philip T. Grant	Norman A. Therrien
Norman W. Hawley	Alfred J., Wezniak
Stuart R. Hill	Thomas R. Wilson
Joseph S. Imler	Paul M. Yazel
David H. Kingsbury	William J. Zanolli
Kerry Kniskern	Maurice M. Taylor
Francis A. Kotomski	Alfred Mendrala
William Luff	Glen Tomkins

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—APRIL 28 & 29, 1980

ARTICLE 1. Voted to accept the annual reports as contained in the annual report for the year 1979 as printed.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,243,409 to cover budget items 1 through 69.

ARTICLE 3. Voted unanimously to authorize payment of \$943.80 to Caldon Construction Company Inc. and payment of \$52.41 to Commonwealth of Massachusetts—T.B. Control and to raise and appropriate \$996.21 for these payments.

ARTICLE 4. Unanimously voted to appropriate \$36,712 to reconstruct portions of South Road and the sum \$9,178 to be used from available funds previously appropriated, and \$27,534 to be borrowed under Chapter 44, Section 6A, said borrowing to be discharged by the proceeds of any reimbursement by the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 5. Voted to take no action on this Article.

ARTICLE 6. Unanimously voted to accept any money received from the Commonwealth under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, General Laws Chapter 29, Section 2D, Highway Fund Distribution, Chapter 81 and Chapter 492, Acts of 1974, or Highway and Transit Development, Chapter 825, Section 3, Acts of 1974; or any other Highway Fund reimbursements or distributions; and deposit said money in the General Fund.

ARTICLE 7. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,640 for a director for Council on Aging, said director to work 20 hours per week for 52 weeks per year.

ARTICLE 8. Unanimously voted to transfer from Stabilization Fund \$28,044 and raise and appropriate \$61,956 and any State Grant for this project will be applied to its cost, to reduce the Town's own expenditures; these sums to be used for design and installation of a modern heating system and installation of necessary insulation at the Town House.

ARTICLE 9. Voted to take no action on this Article.

ARTICLE 10. Voted to take no action on this Article.

ARTICLE 11. Unanimously voted to transfer any balance unused on June 30, 1980 in the Landfill Maintenance, Library, Road Maintenance and/or Snow and Ice Removal Accounts, back into General Revenue Sharing Account, those sums having been allocated from General Revenue Sharing monies at Annual Town Meeting of 1979.

ARTICLE 12. Unanimously voted to designate funds from General Revenue Sharing to the 1980-81 appropriations for: Landfill Maintenance—\$20,000; Library—\$19,269; Road Maintenance—\$40,637; Snow and Ice Removal—\$20,000. Total equals \$99,906.

ARTICLE 13. Unanimously voted to amend the "Agreement between the Towns of Wilbraham and Hampden, Massachusetts, with respect to the formation of a Regional School District" dated August 1, 1956 as printed in the warrant for this meeting.

ARTICLE 14. Unanimously voted to raise and appropriate \$9,800 for an audit of the financial books and accounts of the Town, for period July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1980, in accordance with Section 8 of General-By-Laws of Hampden, Mass., and authorize Board of Selectmen to contract for the same.

ARTICLE 15. Voted to raise and appropriate \$9,000 to resurface four tennis courts at Thornton Burgess School and repair fence surrounding the tennis courts. Vote was yes—96; no—85.

ARTICLE 16. Voted to take no action on this Article.

ARTICLE 17. Unanimously voted to authorize Board of Selectmen to appoint a long-range planning committee to consider future alternatives for the Hampden Public Schools and report on such alternatives at next Annual Town Meeting, said committee to consist of 7 members, 1 of whom shall be a member of the Hampden School Committee.

ARTICLE 18. Unanimously voted that \$20,000 be raised and appropriated for the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 19. Voted to take no action on this Article.

ARTICLE 20. Unanimously voted to transfer from the Library Fund the amount of \$1,781.63 (State Aid) to be used by Library trustees at their discretion.

ARTICLE 21. Unanimously voted that the Town of Hampden vote to exempt \$90,000 of free cash from the provisions of Section 12A of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979 and that free cash not be utilized for the purpose of reducing the property tax levy for fiscal 1981.

ARTICLE 22. Unanimously voted to authorize Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1980 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue note or notes as may be given for a period of less than 1 year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 23. Voted that the Town of Hampden increase the appropriations limit established by Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979 by \$13,243.12 so that the appropriations limit as increased will be \$2,320,858.84. Vote was yes—109; no—5.

ARTICLE 24. Voted that the Town of Hampden increase the levy limit established by Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979 by not more than \$100,000 so that the Levy limit as so increased will not be more than \$2,467,671.73. Vote was yes—112; no—5.

ARTICLE FROM MR. FAWTHROP, SCHOOL COMMITTEE. Voted that the Town of Hampden increase the local school budget limit as established by Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979 by \$68,353.63 so that the budget limits increased will be \$1,517,187. Vote was yes—104; no—6.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Fiscal year 1981 saw the increase of Hampden's tax rate by \$1.25, this increase is below the Governor's 4% cap. The suppressed tax rate increase is a result of a dollar conscious Town Government striving to accomplish their task with the least amount of funds. Much credit for the frugal spending belongs to those tax payers who recognize their obligation as citizens of this Town to attend the Town Meetings and respond to each Article.

This Board's activities has been vigorous this year with the mandate of Classification and the introduction of the oncoming Proposition 2½. Both new laws have demanded a great deal of extra time and effort which at the time of this writing appears to be likened to the proverbial tip of the iceberg. Classification and Proposition 2½ implementation require full fair cash value of all properties, the Town's value determination is under the authority of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. If the Department of Revenue requires Hampden to go to a revaluation, your Board of Assessors really have their work cut out.

In view of the fact Hampden may have to go for a revaluation (the last one was 1969), there has been an article placed in this year's warrant. Details of this article shall be explained at the Town Meeting.

The Board of Assessors would like to express their thanks to all Town Boards that have so willingly cooperated in the enactment of our duties to make Hampden a nice place to live.

The Assessors Office hours shall be as follows:

Mon. - 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Tues. - 12:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Wed. - 9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
Thurs. - 9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

The Board of Assessors meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month except August. Telephone number of the Assessors Office is 566-3223

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Jalbert, *Chairman*
Henry P. Bausch
Stanley W. Witkop, Jr.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS ANNUAL REPORT

Total Appropriation to be raised by Taxation	\$3,392,370.18	
Total Appropriation to be taken from Available Funds	1,303,241.72	
Offsets to Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts		
School Lunch	7,064.00	
Free Public Library	2,376.00	
Racial Imbalance Program	_____	
Other Amounts to be Raised		
Veterans Service District	2,254.00	
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District	685.00	
Amount certified by Treasurer for tax title foreclosure	_____	
County Tax	89,001.40	
State Recreation Areas	22,218.42	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	778.95	
Air Pollution Control District	1,294.69	
Special Education Chapter 766	_____	
Overlay of Current Fiscal Year	42,366.82	
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		3,392,370.18

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

1981 Fiscal Year Estimated Receipts Certified		
by the Commissioner on Cherry Sheet	\$ 753,246.00	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	293,494.00	
Licenses	8,607.46	
Fines	6,068.00	
General Government	4,971.75	
Protection of Persons and Property	310.00	
School: (Local receipts of School Committee)	59.80	
Libraries (Local receipts other than State Aid)	474.00	
Recreation	1,010.75	
Interest: On taxes and Assessments	15,447.83	
Cemeteries	4.00	
Available Funds taken	79,365.63	
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise	144.65	
Dump Sales		
Dog Pound Fees	786.50	
Overestimates on Cherry Sheet	208.00	
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		\$1,303,241.72
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		2,089,128.46
Personal Property Valuation . . . \$3,002,080.00 x \$36.25		108,825.40
Real Estate Valuation \$54,629,050.00 x \$36.25		1,980,303.06
Additional Real Estate Tax Due to Revision of Valuation . .		1,074.99
GRAND TOTAL		2,089,128.46
Taxes Abated in 1980		
1978 Fiscal Personal Property	\$	1,513.28
1979 Fiscal Personal Property		3,053.36
1980 Fiscal Personal Property		609.01
1981 Fiscal Personal Property		514.79
1978 Fiscal Real Estate		418.25
1979 Fiscal Real Estate		230.98
1980 Fiscal Real Estate		2,082.60
1981 Fiscal Real Estate		930.76
Statutory Exemptions Granted in 1980 on Real Estate		
1980 Fiscal Real Estate		3,998.85
1981 Fiscal Real Estate		14,505.88
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise		144.65
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Committed in 1980		
Commitment		
Commitment		
1979 Commitment		8,836.11
1980 Commitment		278,474.76
Commissioner's Value of Vehicles		
Commitment		
Commitment		
1979 Commitment		513,550.00
1980 Commitment		4,774,740.00
Motor Vehicles Excise Abatements granted in 1980		
1978 Commitment		193.62
1979 Commitment		7,151.62
1980 Commitment		23,533.34

The Town Owns the Following Real Estate:

Ames Road	6.00 Acres	1,350.00
Baldwin Lot #122	1.06 Acres	1,585.00
Cross Road (Dump)	13.42 Acres	2,375.00
Main Street	.29 Acres	75.00
Martin Farm Rd. (Lot #50)	.78 Acres	930.00
Martin Farm Rd. (Lot #51)	.80 Acres	955.00
Mill Road	1.50 Acres	2,670.00
Mill Road	4.00 Acres	510.00
North Road	.25 Acres	805.00
Sessions Dr.	.71 Acres	1,825.00
Thresher Rd.	4.00 Acres	635.00
Wilbraham Rd.	22.00 Acres	1,740.00

Boat Abatements

1980 Commitments	680.00
1981 Commitments	288.00

1980 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals held twelve public hearings during 1980. Eight were for variances from the Zoning By-Law, and four were for special permits for earth removal. The Board granted variances to:

1. Mr. and Mrs. William Stevens to permit an addition to their residence to within twenty-nine feet of their westerly property line.
2. Mr. James Merriman to permit the construction of a solar array within twenty feet of the abutting property.
3. Mrs. Roberta Grant to permit the addition of a room and carport to extend within eleven feet of the side lot line to the east.
4. Mr. Robert B. Campbell to permit the construction of a pool storage shed within thirty-one feet of Rose Circle.
5. To Mrs. Jeanette Paul to permit construction of a residence with less than the required side set back.
6. Mr. and Mrs. David DeFlorio for a variance to permit the construction of a two car garage within fourteen feet of the abutting property.

Two applications for variances were permitted to be withdrawn without prejudice. These were for Mr. William Lemon and Mr. Kenneth Johnson.

Four special permits for earth removal were granted with specific restrictions preventing earth processing equipment and operating time in accordance with the provisions of Section 7, Article 7.8 of the Zoning By-Laws. These were granted to Mr. Austin Harris, Mr. Richard Jonelis, Mr. Carl Libby, and Mr. Kjell Berg.

Respectfully submitted
Clifford E. Keeney, *Chairman*
Dalton Philpott, *Vice Chairman*
Bert Nietupski
Bryce Norwood
Charles Schmitt (Alternate)
Lawrence Smith (Alternate)
Gail Lefebvre
Clerk to the Board of Appeals

PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT - 1980

The opening up of 113 wooded acres off Rock-A-Dundee Road was the largest proposal to come before the Board this year. The owner's local representative brought in plans showing the prospect of two additional streets in this location. At a Public Hearing it was learned that the developer would like to leave the area wooded, creating a first class self-sustaining development with large houses planned for 1½ to 2½ acre lots.

The Planning Board has subdivision control over the new streets, but Rock-A-Dundee is a road of record and lots fronting on it are not covered by the Subdivision Control Law.

During the year attention was given to the A. King Harris driveway being used to excavate sand and gravel from his residential property on Main St. under permit by the Board of Appeals. The life of the pit is estimated as 1½ yrs.

Commercial Drive continues to interest prospective buyers, who air their long range plans with the Board. Except for the use of the former Christianson building and the front lot purchased by Stanton Enterprises, this commercial development has not progressed.

The Master Plan has gone through a process of streamlining, with the rough draft having been reviewed and rewritten by the various Town groups appointed to carry out this task.

When violations are reported to the Board, they are investigated by the Building Commissioner, who reports his findings to the Board for further action.

In June, Mr. Ryland Robbins, owner of the Hampden Country Club, appeared before the Board to further discuss the concept of condominiums atop the west slope of the club's property. In December, Robbins brought in preliminary drawings and a feasibility engineering report done by Ward Engineering Associates. Mr. Ward stated that his agency could handle all engineering problems involved in the use of this site for condominiums, and the next step would be to investigate the type of zoning needed to cover this use.

In response to a request for a commitment of support from the Planning Board, the Board agreed that this could not be given at this time, and that a Public hearing would be required to inform the Townspeople of the proposed future uses in the Golf-Recreational District, and to receive input from Townspeople regarding their views in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
Karl D. Sternberg, *Chairman*
John L. Partyka, *Vice-Chairman*
Carl F. Libby
Frederick Maher, Jr.
John M. Mikkola
Judith M. Jackson, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Hampden's Senior Citizens enjoyed their third year of services from the Council on Aging.

The mini bus service, a vital lifeline for some seniors, was continued and expanded to four (4) days a week. For the basic two days service, over 2/3 of the cost is financed by the Federal and State Governments and remainder by Town appropriation. Any additional service has to be financed by outside funding. For the past year, the mini bus has logged a total of 4474 rides. In this period 86 different persons including handicapped, took advantage of this service for the purpose of transportation to doctor appointments, shopping, visiting, attending meals and classes.

In 1980, the Council continued a monthly foot care service which provided 108 persons with treatment at their own expense by nurses in the Town House or at their homes.

Free monthly health clinics were conducted by the Visiting Nurses Association under contract with the Home Care Corporation, a monthly average of 24 seniors participated. Other services provided by Home Care include nursing, health aide, homemaker and chore service and nursing home ombudsman visits.

Mrs. Janis DeGrandpre, Home Care Meal Site Manager, reports 7,499 meals were served for the year including 5,989 congregate in the Melville Room and 1,510 home delivered meals carried by a corps of Hampden volunteers.

Other services provided by the Council on Aging were an information and referral telephone service manned by the new Director, Rosalind Reardon and volunteers including daily telephone contact for those wishing to have their health status monitored. An Outreach Program is being continued by Ralph Forsstrom, Council Chairman and Rosalind Reardon in an attempt to personally acquaint every senior in Hampden with our programs. The Vial of Life forms, designed to provide information in emergency situations are being completed in conjunction with the Outreach Program--the vials are being donated by the Lioness Club.

In regard to activities, the Council continued an exercise class conducted by the YMCA, swimming at Mercury Swim Studio and a painting class with instruction given on a volunteer basis by Mrs. Helen Tower. Monthly bus trips to points of interest were co-sponsored with the Scantic Senior Citizens Club, as well as an eight team bowling league, both at no cost to the Town.

One of our proudest accomplishments is THE SCANTIC SCRIBE, a monthly six (6) page newsletter detailing all activities, a calendar with hot lunch menus, up to date news of special interest to Seniors and occasional spotlights on Town residents was sent to 403 Hampden Senior households, 537 Senior Citizens. The annual expenses were born equally by the Scantic Senior Citizens Club and the Council on Aging. Due to the passage of Proposition 2½ the Club has helped cover expenses as the Council on Aging found itself short of funds. Aili Sullivan donated her time as Editor including layout and typing. Much of the Newsletter will be duplicated on a mimeograph machine and typewriter received with a State Grant for which the Council on Aging applied.

The Council sent delegates to the Western Mass. Association of Councils on Aging and to the Mass. Association of Senior Centers and Council on Aging Directors. The Council Chairman, Director and members attended other meetings and public hearings to keep current with senior affairs.

The Council on Aging is still looking for a building that would serve as a Senior Center and hopes that residents would consider this in the disposition of estates and formulation of bequests, as is being done in many communities throughout the Commonwealth and the nation. We are still considering formulation of a private, non-profit organization, such as "Friends of Hampden Seniors" empowered to raise funds for Senior activities and center.

In conclusion, the Council would like to express appreciation for support we have received from the Selectmen and Townspeople including the many seniors who donated their time in countless volunteer jobs. We welcome suggestions for programs and funding and volunteers of all ages toward the end of better serving Hampden's Senior Citizens.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosalind Reardon,
Director for the Hampden Council on Aging
Ralph Forsstrom, *Chairman*
Robert Bohlke, *Vice Chairman*
Ethel Evans
Catherine Moriarty
Kathryn Conway
Dalton Philpott
Muriel Ryan
Joyce Libby
Nancy Zebert

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 Department 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 62 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 Community Room, which can be closed off by folding doors to make a smaller dining room for use by tenants and their families.

The Housing Authority wishes to thank Mr. George Kealy for his many years of devoted service as the Authority's Chairman. It is through his long hard hours of work that Centennial Commons became a reality. Upon his resignation on June 18, 1980, the Authority elected Mrs. Florence Kirk as Chairperson, Mr. Charles Schmitt as Vice Chairman, Mr. Clifford Attleton as Treasurer, Mr. Sherwood Cronk as Assistant Treasurer and Mr. George Kealy as Secretary.

The most exciting occurrence at Centennial Commons is the Housing Authority's hiring of John Walker Associates—a landscape architectural firm—for the development and implementation of a five year master plan to upgrade the present facility. In particular, additional landscaping, a greenhouse, picnic areas, nature trails, etc.

The Authority spent recent monies for finishing the community center. This included the installation of wall and wall carpeting, erection of bookshelves, the purchase of a dishwasher as well as kitchen paraphernalia.

REPORT OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

During 1980 the Park and Recreation Commission held or sponsored its regular annual programs, completed several projects to maintain and improve the recreational and athletic facilities in Hampden and experienced more vandalism at Memorial Park.

Our summer recreational director was Peter Vangsness for the 6 week program at Memorial Park. This successful program, featuring activities such as arts and crafts, special days, games, field trips, archery and swimming averaged approximately 90 campers a day this year. The pool at Memorial Park, under the direction of David Smith was a cool sport during the past hot summer, until forced to close early because of vandalism.

The annual July 4th program was another fun day at Memorial Park with many organizations participating and making the contests, games, food booths and the A.A.U. road race a high point of the summer.

The year round activities sponsored by the Park and Recreation Commission were directed by Normal Proulx, Director of Recreation. These programs, combined with the programs under the direction of the Recreation Association of Hampden (RAH) which are funded in part by the Park and Recreation Commission, offer a wide variety of sports and exercise programs for the people of Hampden.

As a result of a warrant approved at the Annual Town Meeting, the tennis courts at Thornton W. Burgess School, were repaved and repainted in August. The Park and Recreation Commission has voted to revive the program of yearly stickers to be obtained by those who wish to use these courts.

Other projects included refinishing the softball diamond at Thornton W. Burgess School with a clay infield for the Senior girls program while a new softball diamond was established to provide the younger girls a place of their own and to take the pressure off the facility at Memorial Park.

At the Memorial Park, fencing for the Pony and Colt area should minimize the ruts and pot marks caused by non-baseball use.

Vandalism resulted in an early closing of the Memorial Park this year when the electrical service for the pumps and lights was completely torn down and out.

The Park and Recreation Commission wish to remind all residents of Hampden that the Memorial Park facility can be reserved for outings, picnics and games. Please contact Lucille McGuill as early as possible to make this reservation.

Respectfully submitted,
James Whipple, *Chairman*
Helene Hesser, *Vice Chairman*
Mark Willcutt
Stephen LeClair
Gordon Clark
Lucille McGuill, Clerk

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1980.

During the year the Police Department recorded 5273 log entries. Of these 2985 required further investigation. The calls received by the department were for assistance, complaints and for the reporting of crimes. The following is a general breakdown of the type of complaints received and investigated by the police department.

B & E Forcible Entry	40	Bomb Scare	1
B & E Unlawful Entry	10	Armed Robbery in a Dwelling	1
B & E Attempted Forcible Entry	2	Animal Complaints	6
Larceny Over \$100	40	Dog Complaints	111
Larceny Under \$100	59	Dog Bites	6
Vandalism	128	Local Ordinances	3
Ambulance Assists	87	Assist Other Departments	117
Fire Department Assists	72	Stolen Merchandise Recovered	15
Family Problems	51	Recreational Vehicle Complaints	14
Bikes Reported Stolen	13	Suspicious Activity	250
Bikes Recovered	10	Youth Problems	128
Buildings Found Open	69	Neighborhood Problems	2
Burglar Alarms Answered	130	Motor Vehicle Complaints	199
Stolen Cars Reported	5	Stolen Motorcycles Recovered	1
Stolen Cars Recovered	11	Protective Custody	7
Prowlers	6	Citizen Assists	228
Missing Persons	18	Reported Deaths	5
Obscene Phone Calls	25	Weapons, Carrying, Possession, Etc.	16
Plane Crash	1	Noise Complaints	71
Sex Offenses	2	Disturbance	41
Emergency Services	2	Protective Custody	9

During the year 136 persons were arrested and a total of 257 complaints were filed against them in the following categories.

B&E Daytime W/Int. com. a felony	4	Altering a license	2
B&E Night Tm W/Int Com Misdem	1	Runaway Child, Female	1
B&E Daytime Intent Com. Misdem	3	Allow Impropr. Person Oper. MV	1
B&E Night Time W/Intent Com. Fel.	4	Delin. by Reason Larceny over \$100	1
B&E in Dwell. N/Time, Int. Com. Fel.	3	Minor Transport. Alc. Bev. in MV	1
B&E Into a Motor Vehicle	2	Possession Hyperdermic Syr.	1
Larceny Over \$100	11	Unlawful Possession Fireworks	1
Larceny Under \$100	6	Poss. Class D Sub., Marjuana	3
Wilful, Mal. Dest. Property	2	Ind. A&B on a child under 14	4
Mal. Dest. Real Prop less than \$100	2	Poss. Class D Substance, Hash Hish	1
Mal. Dam. Personal Property	9	Lewd, Lascivious, Speech, Behavior.	1
Mal. Damage to a Dwelling House	2	Noisy Muffler	2
Mal. Injury to Private Property	2	Operating to Endanger	2
Mal. Damage to a Building	1	Leaving Scene of Prop. Dam. Accid.	1
A&B With a Dangerous Weapon	4	Arrest on Warr., Ours & Other Depts.	5
Disturber of the Peace	2	Disorderly Person	1
Trespass. Violation Restrain. Order	1	Op. MV W/O Regis. Possession	1
Trespassing	12	Disposing Rubbish on a Public Way	1
Harrass & Annoy. Phone Calls	1	Larceny of a Motor Vehicle	1
Minor Poss. Alc. Bev. in a MV	8	Mal. Damage to a MV	3
Minor Poss. Alcoholic Beverages	42	Oper. a Stolen Motor Vehicle	1

Trespass. With a Motor Vehicle	2	Procuring Alcohol for a Minor	3
Oper. Unreg. Recreational Vehicle	1	Contrib. to Del. of a Minor	1
Op. Rec. Veh. W/O Adult Sup. 14 Yrs.	1	Per. Und. 20, Poss. Alcoholic Bev.	1
Op. MV Under Influence of Alcohol	25	Rec. Stol. Prop Val. More than \$100	1
Failure Stay Right Lane	22	Op. Uninsured Motor Vehicle	1
Stop Sign	3	Operating to Endanger	2
Throwing Missile at School Bus	2	Leav. Scene of Prop. Dam. Accid.	1
Complaints Handled Within Dept.	3	Op. Unreg. Motor Vehicle	1
Using Motor Vehicle W/O Authority	3	Op. MV, No License in Poss	2
Failure to Stop for Police Officer	4	Speeding	16
Attaching Plates	1	Op. Motor Vehicle W/O a License	4

There were 87 motor vehicle accidents reported and investigated by this department. A total of 121 motor vehicles were involved in these accidents requiring 37 persons to receive medical treatment. One youth required medical treatment when he came in contact with a motor vehicle while riding his bicycle on the roadway.

The following is a summary of non-criminal motor vehicle cases handled by the police department during the year. A total of 527 citations were issued in 1980, of these, 322 were on radar.

Speeding	251	MC, learners permit, no passenger	1
Speed warnings	167	Operating to endanger	1
Failure to stop/stop sign	19	Allow improper person to per. m/v	1
No inspection sticker	27	Passing/no passing zone	7
No rear taillights	3	Not displaying license plate	2
Operating w/o a license	5	No plate light	2
Failure to stop for police officer	3	Operating m/v with bald tires	3
Offensive noise (burning rubber)	4	Learners permit violation	1
Noisy mufflers	2	No headlights	2
Op. w/o license in possession	13	Failure to yield right of way	1
No registration in possession	8	Violation of license restriction	1
Straddling marked lanes	6	No vin. number on m/v	1
Operating MC w/o headgear	2		

Warnings given out, other than speeding, are listed below

Noisy mufflers	7	Failure to stop/stop sign	7
Oper w/o license in possession	2	Offensive noise (burning rubber)	4
No rear taillights	12	No inspection sticker	6
No registration in possession	4	Straddling marked lanes	2
Passing/no passing zone	2	Disposal of rubbish beside highway	1

There were 87 motor vehicle accidents reported and investigated by this department. A total of 120 motor vehicles were involved. As a result of these accidents 38 people were injured and required medical treatment. Also reported were 1 bicycle accident, 1 motorcycle accident and 1 pedestrian accident. The above figures reflect a decrease over the 1979 motor vehicle accident rate and we hope that this figure will keep dropping in the coming year.

During the year \$1064.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for Firearms Identification cards, pistol permits and other reports.

Total amount of fines and sentences:	
Fines	11,055.80
Traffic cases pending	60
Court costs	\$ 930.00
Restitution	\$3554.55
Show cause hearings requested	33
Persons sent to Defensive Driving School	24
House of Correction, direct	2 years, 6 months
House of Correction, suspended	14 years, 2 months
Walpole State Prison, suspended	12 years
Concord State Prison, suspended	7 years
Probation	55 years
Department of Youth Services	7 years, 2 months

In May of 1980, Attorney Walter Raleigh, our Town Prosecutor, retired and Attorney Bruce Clarkin of Wilbraham was appointed to fill this vacancy. Attorney Clarkin handles all arraignments and trials for Hampden Police Department in the Massachusetts Trial Court, Eastern Hampden Division located in Palmer.

During 1980 the following officers attended in-service training schools conducted by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. Reserve Officer Raymond Schmuck, 40-hour breathalyzer school held in Springfield and 16-hour Identikit School held at the State Police Academy in Framingham. Patrolman William Chechile, 12 week Police Academy held at Springfield Police Department. Officer Alfred Taylor, 40 hour Advanced Photography School held at the State Police Academy, Framingham and 24-hour Smith and Wesson Photography School held at the Smith and Wesson Academy in Springfield. All officers also received refresher courses in CPR as required by law.

During 1980 the Reserve Police attended weekly training sessions. New members of the Reserve also completed their state-mandated criminal law exams conducted by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. The members of the Reserve Police donate many hundreds of hours of service to the town each year. They also help cover shifts when men are sick, on vacation or in school. I wish to thank all the members of the Reserve Police for the time they have donated to the town and the Reserve Police Department.

Reserve Sergeant Mary Kupec conducted many safety programs throughout the year in the schools and for civic organizations. Many hours of preparation are required to prepare these programs for our youngsters and for organizations that may request them. The Police Department of this town is fortunate to have someone such as Reserve Sergeant Kupec as our Safety Officer.

Respectfully submitted,
George K. Stone, Jr.
Chief of Police

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

With the exception of a few areas in the Town of Hampden, the town fared well in a year that found a sizable increase in the gypsy moth population throughout the surrounding towns.

During the year 1980, 1000 egg clusters were found and destroyed.

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Reardon,
Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 1980 there were one hundred and eighty eight permits granted.

These were as follows:

Building:

New houses	12
Barns	3
Garages	4
Sheds	5
Greenhouse	1
Restore house	1
Additions to houses	29
Additions to garages	2
Alterations to houses	6
Alterations to stores	2
Swimming pools	5
Sign	1
Stoves	15
Remove garages	2

Electrical:

New houses	9
Commercial	4
Additions and alterations	21
Water heaters	6
Swimming pools	2
Service changes	15

Plumbing:

New houses	8
Alterations and additions	19
Educational Center	1
Gas	15

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon J. E. Willcutt, Sr.
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

In 1980 there were five families aided by the Veterans Services Department involving nine people.

Total amount expended during the year was \$3,365.78 of which 50% is reimbursed by the State, the town's share being \$1,682.89.

All veterans and dependents should feel free to contact this office whenever their need arises.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert B. Nietupski
Director of Veterans' Services