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1981
Annual Town Report



Hampden, Massachusetts

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INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN, JANUARY 1, 1981.....Federal Census-----4,749
 JANUARY 1, 1975.....State Census-----4,751

GEOGRAPHIC AREA.....19.64 Square Miles

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, U.S. Senate,
 Washington, D.C.
 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
 Edward P. Boland, Rm. 146, 1883 Main St., Springfield, Ma. 01103
 Tel. 733-4127

STATE SENATE

Robert Wetmore, Worcester, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire District,
 State House, Room 409, Boston, Ma. 02133, Tel. 617-722-1540
 Robert Wetmore, Hubberston Rd., Barre, Ma. 01005, Tel. 617-355-2337

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Iris K. Holland, 2nd. Hampden District, State House, Republican Leadership
 Office, Room 448, Boston, Ma. 02133, Tel. 617-722-2100
 Iris K. Holland, 38 Hazelwood Avenue, Longmeadow, Ma. 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

		<u>TEL. NO.</u>
Town Clerk	Mon., Wed., Thurs., 9 AM to 2:30 PM Wed. evening 7 PM to 8:30 PM	566-3214
Town Treasurer	Mon. thru Thurs., 9 AM to 12 Noon 2nd. and 4th. Wed., 7 PM to 8:30 PM	566-3214
Board of Assessors	Meets 2nd. Tuesday of each month @ 8:00 PM Clerk in office every: Monday 9 AM to 3PM, Tuesday 12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM Wednesday 9 AM to 2:30 PM, Thursday 9 AM to 2:30 PM	566-3223

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INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED

		TEL. NO.
Board of Selectmen	Meet every Monday at 7:30 PM Secretary in office every: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon	566-3713
Advisory Committee	Meet second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.	566-3214
Conservation Commission	Meets third ^{Thurs} Monday of each month at 7:30 PM.	566-3214
Planning Board	Meets second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.	566-3214
Park Commission	Meets first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.	566-3214
School Committee	Meet first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM.	566-8814
Regional School Committee	Meets second and fourth Monday of each month in Wilbraham.	596-3884
Cemetery Commissioners	Meets second Tuesday of January, April July and October at 7:30 PM.	
Council on Aging	Meets second Friday of each month at 7:30 PM. Office hours- 9:00 AM to 12 Noon Monday-Friday.	566-3023
Tax Collector	Counter hours for collections: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday- 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Other hours reserved for bookkeeping.	566-3214
Hampden Free Public Library	Meets third Wednesday of each month.	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, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

TOWN INSPECTORS

Building Inspector, Gordon Willcutt.....
Electrical Inspector, Albert Mireault.....
Plumbing Inspector, William Patullo.....

566-3971
566-8698
566-3332

In Memoriam:
Royal E. Cady
~ Board of Registrars
Lyda E. Temple
~ Oldest Female Resident

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS - 1982

Term Expires

Moderator	Dalton E. Philpott	1982 1983
Town Clerk	Jana T. Holston Rita A. Vail	1982 1983
Town Treasurer	Elaine A. Kerr Judith Mikkola	1982 1983
Board of Selectmen	John M. Flynn, <i>Chairman</i> Jeannette S. Green, <i>Chair</i> Robert L. Burger	1982 1983 1983 1984
Secretary to Selectmen and Board of Health	Ruth W. Woods	

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS-1982Term Expires

Assessors	Henry P. Baush, Chairman Stanley W. Witkop, Jr., <i>Chair</i> Richard A. Jalbert	1982 1985 1983 1984
Clerk to Board of Assessors	Laura Green	
School Committee	Donald Davenport, Chairman Carl D. Smith Elaine C. O'Donnell M. Ellen Clark Miriam Bryans Judith A. Witkop	1984 1982 1985 1983 1983 1984
Secretary to School Committee	Dr. Maurice Heffernan	
Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee	Yorke Phillips	1984
Trustees of the Hampden Public Library	Ann M. Byron, Chairman Miriam Bryans Helen S. Dickinson	1984 1982 1985 1983
Collector of Taxes	<i>Janet M. Redin</i> Dorothy S. Flynn	1983
Hampden Housing Authority	F. Evelyn Kirk, Chairman Charles T. Schmitt, Vice Chairman Clifford E. Attleton, <i>Chair</i> Sherwood Cronk - <i>appointed Sept 11, 1984</i> William J. Donnelly	1985 1984 1983 1986 - 5-21-86 1986
Constables	Paul A. Bouchard Miles M. Hapgood, Jr. Peter A. Markhard	1983 1983 1983
Cemetery Commissioners	Franklin Prouty Arthur Gerrish Robert F. Sazama, Jr., <i>Chair</i>	1982 1985 1983 1984
Planning Board	John L. Partyka, Chairman John D. Mikkola, Vice Chairman Carl F. Libby, <i>Vice - Chair</i> Frederick Maher Karl D. Sternberg	1982 1987 1984 1983 1985 1986
Clerk to Planning Board	Judith Jackson	

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS 1982

Term Expires

Tree Warden	Homer Fuller	1982 1983
Park Commissioners	James Whipple, Chairman	1982 1985
	Stephen T. LeClair	1982 1985
	Gordon E. Clark	1984
	Peter S. Inler	1984
	Maureen Coughlin	1982 1983
Clerk to Park Commissioners	Lucille McGuill Mulcahy	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS - 1981

Town Accountant	Clifford Bombard	1983
Dog Officer	Raymond B. Schmuck ^{Arthur M. La France} Manson 267-9652	1982 1983
Forest Fire Warden	Richard J. Boynton	1982 1983
Inspector of Animals	Daniel R. Isham ^{Arthur M. La France} 267-9652	1982 1983
Superintendent of Insect Pest Control	James A. Reardon ^{Wendell Hill Road Manson, Me}	1982 1983
Veterans' Grave Officer	Richard Wiencek	1982 1983
Board of Health Agent and Investigator	Gary Weiner ^{Walter E. Lawler} 121 Adams St. Spfld.	1982 1983
Agent for Veterans' Benefits	Bert Nietupski ^{Town Hall Annex} 267-9903 ^{acquired from police}	1982 1983
Acting Civil Defense Director	John M. Flynn ^{Jeanette S. Green}	1982 1983
Superintendent of Streets	Homer Fuller	1982 1983
Pound Keeper and Field Driver	Daniel R. Isham	1982 1983
Fence Viewers	Donald E. Dickinson	1982 1983
	William H. Patric	1982 1983
Town Prosecutor	Bruce Clarkin	1982 1983
Town Counsel	Joseph R. Jennings	1982 1983
Building Commissioner	Gordon J. E. Willcutt, Sr.	1982 1983

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS 1981

Term Expires

Electrical Inspector	Albert W. Mireault	1982 1983
Plumbing Inspector	William P. Patullo	1982 1983
Board of Appeals	Daniel Shooshan Clifford E. Keeney, Chairman	1982 1985
	Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman	1984
	Bert Nietupski	1982 1985
	Bryce Norwood	1983
	Kenneth Lefebvre	1984
Alternates	Charles Schmitt	1984
	Lawrence Smith	1984
	Daniel Shooshan	1984
	Clifford E. Keeney	1984
Clerk to Board of Appeals	Gail Lefebvre	
Advisory Committee	Judith Hanmer, Chairman	1984
	Andrew Mulcahy, Jr., Vice Chairman	1983
	Rolyn Hatch	1982
	Jane Wyman	1984
	Lester Pauly	1982
Clerk to Advisory Committee	Evelyn Schmidt	
Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee	M. Ellen Clark	1982
Board of Registrars	Rita A. Vail Jean L. Hodgdon, Town Clerk	
	Faye Flynn, Chairman	1982 1985
	Frank J. T. Kirk	1983
	Mary E. Connors	1984
Fire Chief	Richard Hatch	1982 1985
Conservation Commission	Rita Vail, Co-Chairman Rene Heffernan	1984
	James Smith, Co-Chairman	1984
	Benjamin Bump Paul	1982 1985
	Franklin Prouty	1984
	Arthur Gerrish	1984
	Timothy Renn, Treasurer	1982 1985
Joseph Choiniere, Vice-Chair	1983	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS - 1981

Term Expires

Council on Aging

Ralph Forsstrom, Chairman
 Kathryn Conway
 Muriel Ryan
 Joyce Libby
 Catherine Moriarty
 Dalton Philpott
 Ethel Evans
 Nancy Zebert
 Jean Prouty
 John Robert Craven

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Director for the Council on Aging

Rosalind Reardon

Insurance Committee

William T. Olmstead, Chairman
 Gerald Winch
 Henry Hanmer

~~1982~~ 1983
~~1982~~ 1983
~~1982~~ 1983

Chief of Police

George K. Stone, Jr.

1983

Sargeant

Donald Bouchard 1983

Patrolmen

Robert A. Newton 1983
 Robert Toulson 1983
 William J. Chechile 1983
 Mark Reisner 1983
 Raymond Schmuck 1983

Dispatcher/Special Police Officer

Alfred Taylor 1983
 Michael Quigley 1983

Sec/Clk to Police - Nancy
 Dispatcher

Geraldine Schmuck 1983

Reserve Police Officers

Sgt. Mary Kupec 83
 Paula Courteamanche 83
~~David Duquette~~
 Michael Doyle 83
~~David E. Hawley~~
 Edward Jodoin 83
 Frederick Lewenczuk 83
 Peter Markhard 83
 Deborah Pepin 83
 Dana S. Pixley 83
~~Michael Quigley 83~~
 Richard Roberts 83
 Timothy Redin 83
 Alexander G. Schmid 83

Reserve Officers in Training

Adam Booth 83

Mark Lyman 83 Somers Rd.

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APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS - 1981

Term Expires

Energy Commission

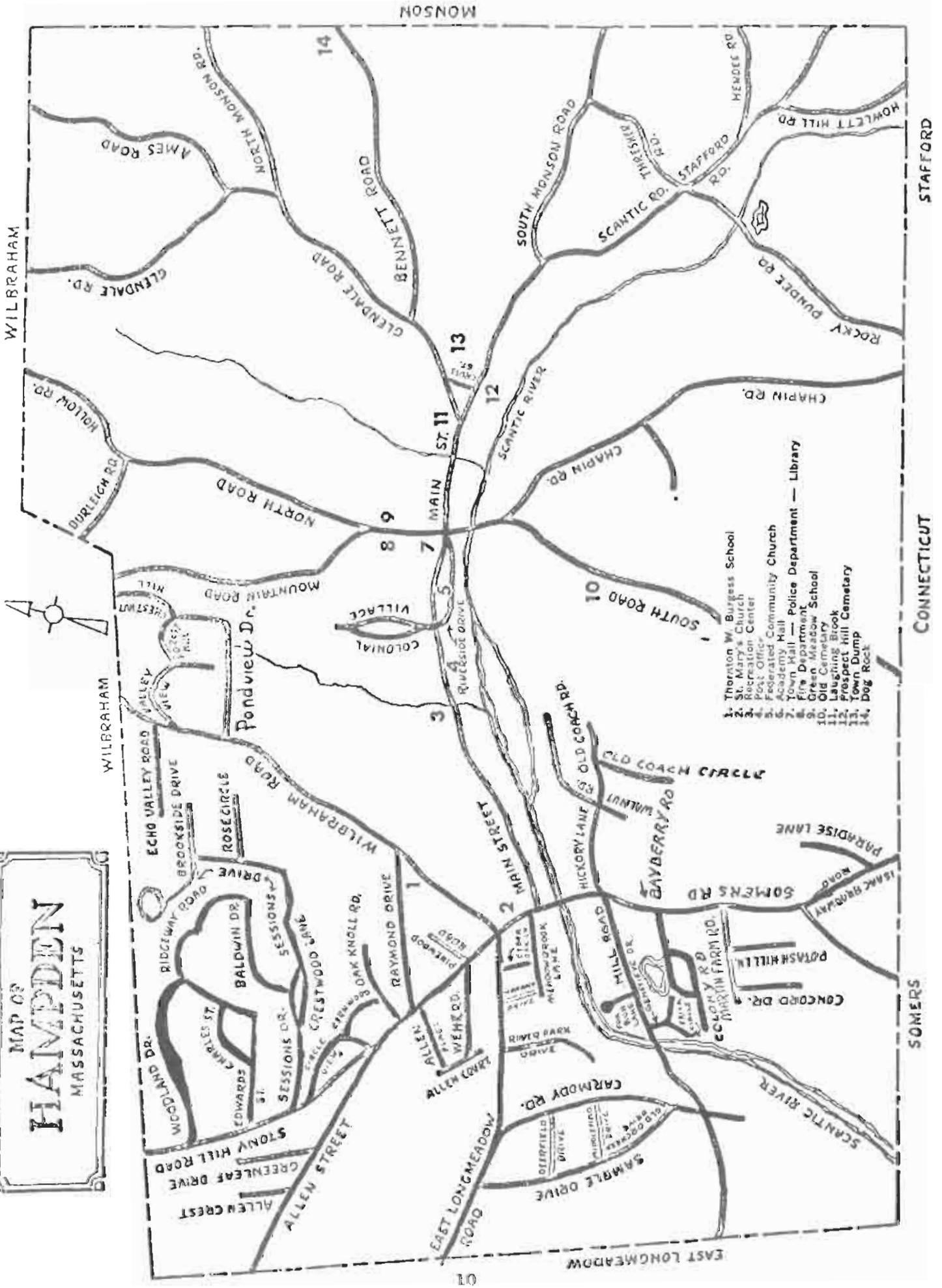
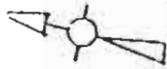
~~Earl A. Connors, Chairman~~ *Resigned*
George Audren
Harry Burns
Joseph Landry
Nancy Zebert

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1981

David Amsden
Paul Currier
William Denucci
Ralph Disa
Philip Farlinger
Roland P. Fawthrop, Jr.
Gary L. Hayes
Stuart R. Hill
Christopher King
James E. Kirk
Francis A. Kotomski
Stephen Lajzer
Ronald Joseph Letendre
Francis J. Malachowski
John L. Matthews, Jr.
Russell Morton

Robert Orozco
Robert A. Powers
Michael T. Reddington, Sr.
Donald B. Ryan
Mitchell Rys
Gregory Sears
George Joseph Semanie
William Stamm
Robert H. Takorian
Charles Thans, Jr.
Norman A. Therrien
Paul Vella
Robert Webb
Alfred J. Wezniak
Marshall T. White
Thomas R. Wilson
David D. Wilson
William J. Zanolli

MAP OF
HAMPDEN
MASSACHUSETTS



- 1. Thornton W. Burgess School
- 2. St. Mary's Church
- 3. Recreation Center
- 4. Post Office
- 5. Federated Community Church
- 6. Academy Hall
- 7. Town Hall — Police Department — Library
- 8. Fire Department
- 9. Green Meadow School
- 10. Old Cemetery
- 11. Laughing Brook
- 12. Prospect Hill Cemetery
- 13. Town Dump
- 14. Dog Rock

MONSON

STAFFORD

CONNECTICUT

SOMERS

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Annual Town Meeting, April 27, 1981

ARTICLE 1. Voted to accept annual reports as contained in the Annual Town Report for 1980, with addition of Report of School Study Committee and Report of Town Counsel.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,950,780 to cover budget items 1 through 69.

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

ARTICLE 4. Unanimously voted to borrow \$21,521. to resurface portions of North Monson Road, Allen Street, and/or Glendale Road; said borrowing to be discharged by the proceeds of any reimbursement by the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 5. 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 325, Section 3/Acts of 1974; or any other Highway Funds Reimbursements or Distributions; and deposit said money in the General Fund.

ARTICLE 6. Unanimously voted to transfer any balance unused on June 30, 1981 in the Landfill Maintenance, Library, Road Maintenance and/or Snow and Ice Removal accounts, back into General Revenue Sharing account, these sums having been allocated from General Revenue Sharing monies at Annual Town Meeting of 1980.

ARTICLE 7. Unanimously voted to designate funds from General Revenue Sharing to the 1981-1982 appropriations for: Landfill Maintenance--\$18,000; Library--\$17,121; Road Maintenance--\$20,000; Snow and Ice Removal--\$20,000. Total equals \$75,121.

ARTICLE 8. Voted to transfer from free cash \$60,000. for Assessors to use for purpose of revaluating the real estate and all personal property in Hampden.

ARTICLE 9. Voted to accept \$100. for perpetual care of Lot 75B, Dow lot, in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

ARTICLE 10. Unanimously voted that it is the sense of the Town that the Great and General Court should not appropriate for Fiscal Year 1982 more than it did for Fiscal Year 1981 for expenditures by the Commonwealth's departments and agencies; further, that the savings of approximately \$350,000,000. from the above cuts be redistributed to the cities and towns in the form of increased local aid; furthermore that this request be forwarded to our Senator and Representative forthwith.

ARTICLE 11. Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 12. Unanimously voted to transfer from Library Fund the amount of \$2,375.50 (State Aid) to be used by Library Trustees at their discretion.

ARTICLE 13. 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, 1981, 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 one year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 14. Unanimously voted to authorize Board of Selectmen, by virtue of Chapter 79 of General Laws, to take, in fee simple for highway purposes, Genevieve Drive and Erica Circle, as described in this article, and as recommended by the Planning Board, including easements relating thereto.

ARTICLE 15. Unanimously voted that \$141,000 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to be used for purpose of reducing the tax rate for fiscal year ending June 30, 1982.

ARTICLE 16. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen, under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take and/or acquire by Deed, the fee in the following described parcel of land for Conservation purposes, subject to the receipt of a waiver of any damage claim by the owner thereof; a parcel of land composed of approximately 17.4 acres on the northerly side of Mill Road, owned by W. L. Lemieux Construction Co., and situated between Lot #3 and Lot #18 on the recorded development plans of said Company.

ARTICLE 17. Unanimously voted to acquire Title by the acceptance of a Deed and/or by a taking under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, for Conservation purposes, without cost, a triangular parcel of land lying southerly of Mill Road, owned by A.T. Dutil, Inc., described on a Plan of land of that Company, showing the parcel to be bounded, in part, on the north by the Scantic River.

Special Town Meeting, April 27, 1981

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 6.8 of the Zoning By-laws, concerning the Golf Recreational District, to permit multi-unit dwellings, by special permit of the Zoning Board of Appeals as in the text available at office of Town Clerk, and Board of Selectmen.

Article defeated by vote of 301--No to 12--Yes.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to take no action on this article, which involved re-zoning a piece of property.

Special Town Meeting, September 21, 1981

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year 1980-81 or previous years, and will vote to transfer a sum of money therefor.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,579.24 for payments from 1981 Employee Benefits account.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to act upon the Advisory Committee Supplemental Budget Report to increase certain budget line items voted at the Annual Town Meeting of April 27, 1981 and raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds additional sums to carry on the business of Town departments for Fiscal 82.

Voted that sums of money shown in column "Fiscal 1982 Special Town Meeting Additions Recommended" of "Supplemental Budget for Fiscal 1982" as recommended September 21, 1981 be raised and appropriated and added to the specific budget items designated and the Annual Town Meeting appropriations for same.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to be used for engineering study and estimate of cost to repair or replace roof on Thornton Burgess School, Wilbraham Road, Hampden, or take any other action relative thereto. Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$15,000. for architectural development of specifications for repair/replacement of roof on Thornton Burgess School.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to be used for immediate implementation of energy saving installations at Green Meadows School and Thornton Burgess School, or take any other action relative thereto. Voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to borrow money for reconstruction of lower South Road, with any State reimbursement proceeds to be applied to discharge said loan, or take any other action relative thereto. Unanimously voted to borrow \$20,000 for this purpose, with any State reimbursement proceeds to be applied to discharge said loan.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. Voted to raise and appropriate \$55,000. to Stabilization Fund.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Number of registered voters January 1, 1981	2,456	2,262
Number of new voters registered during 1981	57	
Number of voters dropped from the voting list during the year	251	
Number of registered voters December 31, 1981	2,262	2424
Voter attendance at elections during the year 1981		
Republican Caucus April 2	112	76
Democratic Caucus April 1	129	106
Town Election, May 3	976	971
Special Election, June 1		399
Democratic State Primary, Sept 14		725
Republican State Primary, Sept 14		223
State Election, Nov. 2		1623

Respectfully submitted,
 Faye W. Flynn, Chairman
 Frank J.T. Kirk
 Royal E. Cady (Deceased)
 Mary E. Connors
 Marie V. Krook, Clerk (Resigned)
 Jean L. Hodgdon, Clerk
 Rita A. Vail, Clerk

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK 2-1

Dogs licensed in 1981 (522)

Clerk's fees paid to Treasurer:

Sporting licenses (\$5,189.90)	101.90
Dog and kennel licenses	278.30
Recordings	373.00
Certified copies	463.00
Marriages	96.00
Business Certificates	7.00
	<u>\$1,319.20</u>

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	1979	1980	1981	1982
Births recorded	47	53	50	49
Deaths Recorded	46	37	47	40
Marriages Recorded	47	28	27	15

Respectfully submitted,

Marie V. Krook (Resigned)
 Jean L. Hodgdon, Town Clerk
 Rita A. Vail, Town Clerk

[Handwritten signature]
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REPORT OF LIBRARY-1981

The Sessions Room was used in 1981 by the assessors working on the revaluation of real estate in Hampden. A copy of the last town valuation book is in the library for the use of our patrons.

The Sessions Room was also used for Senior Citizens movies and the Senior Citizens Art Exhibit where a wide variety of talents were displayed. Babysitting was provided here for children of mothers attending the exercise class in the Town House.

Forty two children completed the summer reading requirements and each child received a reading certificate and a paperback book. Thanks to Mrs. Elinor King for our summer reading bulletin board.

We want to thank Mrs. Bittner's and Mrs. Mahaney's school classes for again contributing their art work to decorate our library.

The Library Staff attended three workshops sponsored by the Western Regional Public Library System in 1981. Topics included circulation and book mending.

Mrs. Marion Bishop of Ohio, granddaughter of Mrs. John Q. Adams, Hampden's first librarian, donated a portrait of Mrs. Adams to the library.

The library continued its policy of delivering books to shut-ins.

Scrapbooks of Hampden news are kept up to date in the library.

We wish to thank all patrons who donated paperbacks, sewing patterns, and coupons which we carry on a swap basis.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Byron, Chairman, Trustees
Miriam P. Eryans, Trustee
Helen Dickinson, Trustee
Elizabeth J. Curtis, Librarian

LIBRARY HOURS

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

Closed Saturdays- July and August and September.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

General Services

Circulation

Books 33,250
Paperbacks 753
Periodicals 2,629
Recordings 1,005

FROM CENTENNIAL COMMONS

Another year has passed for us at Centennial Commons, and looking back we remember many of our activities. We started the year with a pot luck supper on Feb. 14th. The many dishes were a delight to all who attended. Our wonderful cooks outdid themselves.

During the winter months we met every Tuesday night at our Community Building and either played cards, or Bingo was called by George and Marion Woods. On May 4th we had a Bake Sale which was very successful. Again our wonderful cooks made it so. June 27th was a beautiful day and we had a picnic which we hope to make an annual event. Mike and Hazel Caserio were in charge and did a great job; and everyone enjoyed the day and companionship.

We start in the Spring as soon as the ground is plowed, digging and raking and smoothing. Strings are tied for guides, seeds are planted and plants are set out. We weed and feed and the result is our vegetable garden. The harvest is so bountiful that it is shared by all. All the space around our doorways is taken up with flowers-- and when they are in full bloom Centennial Commons is at its prettiest. This is when all the tenants come out for a summer evening walk.

We have a group that meets every Monday at the Community Hall. Someone gave us the name BUSY BEES and I guess we are. We do all kinds of handwork and crafts. These are stored away and brought out for our Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale. This year it was held on Oct. 10th and was a great success.

There comes a quiet period after the Bazaar and then we begin to think about our Christmas Party. This year it was on Dec. 17th. When the time comes, we decorate the Community room and put up our tree. Every ornament on the tree is handmade by the Busy Bees. The outside of our building is outlined with colored lights as is the little tree outside in the middle of the circle. And how they sparkle. Our Party was well attended. Rosalind Reardon came with her musical group to lead the Carol Sing, and Santa Claus came to give everyone there a gift. They also visited our shut-ins and took each of them a plate of refreshments and a gift.

Looking back it has been a busy and happy year for all who live in this lovely spot; and we look forward to another year just as eventful.

Thank you!

Muriel Ryan
For the Residents of Centennial Commons

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Hampden Housing Authority members are elected by the Town's residents. The present members are: Florence Kirk, Chairperson; Charles Schmitt, Vice Chairman; Clifford Attleton, Treasurer; Sherwood Cronk, State Appointee and Asst. Treasurer; and William Donnelly, Secretary. The Authority is under direct supervision of the Executive Office of Communities & Development. Due to State budget cutbacks, the Western Massachusetts Area Office closed in August 1981 requiring the Authority to deal directly with the Boston Office.

Centennial Commons is under a 40 year 667/Section 8 Housing Program. Anyone aged 62 or over and/or disabled or handicapped, within Section 8 income limits, is eligible for an apartment. Rent is equal to approximately 25% of the tenant's income.

There are 54 one bedroom units and 2 two bedroom units including 6 apartments for the handicapped. The Community Building is handsomely decorated and serves as the Social Center for activities. An annual bazaar is sponsored by members of the Tenant's Organization offering handmade craft items, Christmas decorations, baked goods and a plant sale.

In June, the Authority honored Mr. George Kealy with a party at Centennial Commons for his many years of devoted service. Mr. Kealy served as its Chairman for a number of those years.

The Authority recently met with officials from the Executive Office of Communities & Development in their Boston office to discuss the subject of subsidy funds which had been withheld. Budget guidelines have been revised, establishing new regulations regarding Capital Reserves.

Centennial Common's five year landscaping program was delayed due to the budget revision. However, this particular project and others should be progressing within the upcoming year now that the new budgetary guidelines have been adopted.

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

The year 1981 saw some very extensive defoliation in many parts of the town. Unseasonable warm weather during the spring produced an early hatch, this along with a very large number of eggs resulted in many trees being stripped of their leaves, while they were still in the unfolding bud stage.

As a result of a fall survey it was found that many areas of the town have a heavy infestation of egg clusters.

During the year 1981 over 900 egg clusters were found and destroyed.

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

Report of the Council on Aging

Hampden's 554 Senior Citizens enjoyed their fourth year of services from the Council on Aging whose stated goal is to enhance elder's lives and to keep the frail in their homes as long as possible.

One of our priorities is to provide regular, reliable transportation. We logged 5,826 total rides for 89 different elderly or handicapped individuals to medical appointments, shopping, visiting, hair appointments, meals, classes and clinics. We contracted directly with PVRTA to reduce middle costs while increasing service; we hired our own driver, Reginald Temple. We noted requests for transportation from individuals who never thought they would need the Mini Bus but who found themselves in the following special circumstances: newly widowed women without a drivers license, individuals with car breakdown or accident, persons under doctor's orders not to drive because of diminished vision or heart attack and special problems created by the wintery road conditions.

Home Care Corporation contracted with the VNA to conduct free monthly Health Clinics which were attended by 89 different individuals. We cooperated with Home Care by making reservations and referrals for nursing and health aides homemaker and chore services in town. Janis DeGrandpre, Site Manager, reports 8,367 meals were served by 12 volunteers, including 6,192 in the Melville Room and 2,175 home delivered, carried by volunteers. The Lunch Bunch will celebrate their 5th anniversary this April.

Other Health Services include a monthly Foot Care Service conducted by nurses, attended by 26 different seniors at their own expense, 15 appointments made for free eye exams to Springfield Optometrics, and 146 Flu Clinic Reservations at the Town Clinic.

Morning office hours were kept 9-12 daily with information and referral telephone service provided by the director and numerous volunteers. A grant funded Outreach Program was continued to personally acquaint every senior in Hampden with our programs and to fill out Vial of Life emergency forms.

Seniors were encouraged to keep active in weekly programs: An exercise class was conducted by the YMCA at the Town House and swimming class at Mercury Swim Studio. An art class and exhibition was continued with Helen Tower who volunteered her services. A new class was begun this Fall: Crochet with Bea Luff, volunteer instructor. An Income Tax Service was set up to assist seniors by Western New England College volunteers. Monthly bus trips were co-sponsored with the Scantic Senior Citizens Club, as well as a 10 team bowling league, both at no cost to the Town.

All of our activities are detailed in the Scantic Scribe, a monthly six page newsletter with a calendar of hot lunch menus, news, and occasional senior spotlights sent to 397 senior households. The annual expenses were born equally by the COA and Club, with the Club assuming any extra expenses when the Council found itself short of funds. After the tragic death of Aili Sullivan, the news letter was edited by the COA director with the help of numerous volunteers in typing and labels, assembly and some delivery. Part of the newsletter was reproduced on the Thornton Burgess copier and part on our mimeograph machine.

Work on forming a non-profit "Friends of the Hampden Senior Citizens" Organization was begun by Dan Shooshan and Ray Barkhuff.

The Council sent delegates to Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging, the state directors association, and various meetings on transportation. Ralph Forsstrom was elected as Iris Holland's counterpart on the Silver Haired Legislature.

We thank the Selectmen and Townspeople including the 43 regular volunteers and the many seniors who join in to get each project off the ground. We still cherish the thought of someday having our own Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosalind Reardon
Director for the Council on Aging

Ralph Forsstrom, Chairman
Catherine Moriarty, Vice Chairman
Kathryn Conway, Treasurer
Muriel Ryan, Secretary
Jean Prouty, Corr. Sec.

Ethel Evans
Joyce Libby
Dalton Philpott
Nancy Zebert

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

The tree warden wishes to report the following:

Rock Maple and Sugar Maple trees were planted on Fox Run Lane, three on Mill Rd., two on Wilbraham Rd., six on Stony Hill Rd., two on Old Orchard Rd.

Five large Maple trees were taken down on Somers Rd., two on South Rd.

The dead wood was trimmed from the trees on Wilbraham Rd., East Longmeadow Rd. and part of Glendale Road.

Respectfully submitted,
Homer L. Fuller
Tree Warden

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1981.

During the year the Police Department recorded 4,176 log entries. Of these 2,674 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	37	Youth Problems	102
B&E Unlawful Entry	14	Assist other Police Depts.	117
B&E Attempted Forcible Entry	5	Weapons, Shooting, etc.	22
Larceny Over \$100	24	Animal Complaints	41
Larceny Under \$100	43	Dog Complaints	90
Vandalism	157	Obscene Phone Calls	43
Ambulance Assists	75	Stolen Bicycles Reported	11
Fire Department Assists	76	Bicycles Recovered	6
Family Problems	62	Suicide	1
Buildings Found Open	58	Deaths	2
Burglar Alarms Answered	163	Arrests for Other Depts.	3
Stolen Cars Recovered	9	Neighborhood complaints	2
Stolen Cars Reported	3	Arson & Bombing	1
Missing Persons	11	Prowlers	6
Dog Bites	6	Hoax Calls	2
Stolen Merchandise Recovered	22	Emergency Services	3
Rec. Vehicle Complaints	14	Bomb Scare	1
Noise Complaints	73	Fireworks Complaints	2
Disturbance	39	Annoying Phone Calls	2
Citizen Assists	573	Protective Custody	7
Suspicious Activity	398	General Services	13
Motor Vehicle Complaints	155	Assist Highway Department	2

During the year 106 persons were arrested and a total of 210 complaints were filed against them in the following categories.

B&E bldg, n/time, intent felony	2	Uttering a driver's license	1
B&E daytime, intent felony	2	Arrest warrants, other PDs and ours	14
B&E into a motor vehicle	4	Opr. under influence of alcohol	11
Larceny over \$100	18	Failure to stop at stop sign	2
Larceny under \$100	5	Hit & Run per. injury accident	3
A&B w/dangerous weapon, knife	1	Hit & Run prop. dam. accident, m/v	9
Forgery	1	Allowing imp. person to opr. m/v	1
Uttering a forged instrument	1	Operating a m/v without a license	4
Trespassing, viol. restrain. order	1	Opr. m/v without license in poss.	1
Trespassing	5	Burning rubber, offensive noise	1
Poss. marijuana, int. to distribute	2	Opr. m/v without authority	7
Possession of marijuana	4	Opr. m/v after license suspension	5
Receiving stolen property	8	Opr. m/v after license revocation	1
Indecent exposure	1	Speeding	1
Possession of fireworks	2	Opr. m/v with bald tires	2
Possession of a dangerous weapon	1	Noisy muffler	1
Wanton injury to per. property	6	Opr. m/v without registration	10
Disorderly person	1	Opr. m/v without insurance	10
Minor in poss. alcoholic bev.	38	Attaching plates	4
Procur. al. bev. for minors	5	Failure stay right of center line	5
		Opr. to endanger	9

The following is a summary of non criminal motor vehicles cases handled by the Police Department during the year. A total of 389 citations were issued in 1981, of these 222 were on radar.

Speeding	193	Opr. motorcycle w/o headgear	3
Speed warnings	77	Opr. motorcycle w/o eyewear	3
Failure to stop for stop sign	8	Failure to yield right of way	1
No inspection sticker	5	Offensive noise, burning rubber	2
No taillights	8	Allow. improper per. to opr. m/v	3
Straddling marked lanes	30	Brakes not functioning	1
Noisy mufflers	4	Violation of license restriction	1
No headlight	2	Opr. w/exp. learner's permit	1
Passing/no passing zone	7	Disp. of trash on public way	2
No license in possession	9	Not displaying number plate	1
No registration in possession	7	Tires; tread depth	5
Failure to stop for police officer	3	Opr. without a license	13

Warnings given out, other than speeding, are listed below

No rear taillights	8	Opr. studded tires after 5/81	1
Headlights, no low beam	1	Opr. to endanger	1
No plate light	2	Opr. obstructing traffic	1
Failure to stop for stop sign	6	Failure to yield right of way	1
No headlights	5	Offensive noise, burning rubber	1
No registration in possession	2	No license in possession	1
Smashed windshield	1	No inspection sticker	1
Passing/no passing zone	1	Opr. motorcycle w/o headgear	1

There were 106 motor vehicle accidents reported to and investigated by this department. A total of 137 motor vehicles were involved. As a result of these accidents 39 people were injured and required medical treatment. Also reported were 2 bicycle accidents, 2 motorcycle accidents and 2 pedestrian accidents. The above figures reflect an increase over the 1980 motor vehicle accident rate and we hope we will see this figure decrease in the year to come.

Traffic cases pending	30
Show cause hearings requested	18
House of correction, direct	2 years, 8 months
Probation	41 years, 8 months
Department of Youth Services	2 indefinite periods of time

During the year \$1645.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits and other reports including \$347.00 realized from the auction of unclaimed property.

During 1981 the following officers attended inservice training schools conducted by the Criminal Justice Training Council. Sgt. Donald Bouchard; Breathalyzer Operator's School, 40 hours, at the Springfield Police Academy, F.B.I. Firearms Instructor's School, 40 hours, at Camp Curtis Guild, Wakefield, Mass. Officer Mark Reisner; Springfield Police Academy, 12 weeks, Canine Inservice Training Schools for canine officers, 56 hours. Officer William Chechile; Rape Investigation School, 25 hours, Holyoke Community College. Reserve Sergeant Mary Kupec; Rape Investigation School, 25 hours, Holyoke Community College. Reserve Officer Paula Courtamanche; Rape Investigation School, 25 hours, Holyoke Community College. In addition to the above courses all full time and reserve officers completed training in CPR, first aid, oxygen therapy and use of the resuscitator. All full time and reserve officers have also completed firearms qualification conducted by Firearms Instructor Sgt. Donald Bouchard.

The Police Department has instituted a Canine Unit with Officer Mark Reisner in charge. Officer Reisner has been designated as the Canine Officer for our department. The Canine Unit is financed by donations from various civic organizations and individuals in our community. Alterations to one of the police cruisers so it may be used as a canine car, requiring both material and labor, were donated by members of our department. Our Canine Unit has proved to be very successful and has been used in house and building checks and in tracking situations within our community. Officer Reisner and his canine, Kayron, have also assisted other communities in the area. All of the inservice training seminars that Officer Reisner attends he attends on his own time with no cost to the department. We are fortunate to have a Canine Officer such as Officer Reisner who is so dedicated to the canine program and who has made it a success.

The Police Department also purchased new, lightweight resuscitators for the cruisers during 1981. These are the latest in oxygen therapy equipment and are very easy to carry no matter what the distance.

I would like to thank the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9397, Hampden Lions Club, Hampden Businessmen's Association, Hampden Lioness Club and the local and out of town residents who donated funds for our new resuscitators and for our canine program.

During 1981 the Reserve Police attended many training sessions within the department. New Reserves also completed the Criminal Law Examinations conducted by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. The Reserve Police, this year as they have done for many years, have donated many hundreds of hours of service to the Town and to the Police Department. I wish to thank all the members of the Reserve Police for the time they have donated to the Police Department.

Our Safety Officer, Reserve Sergeant Mary Kupec, has again this year conducted safety programs within the schools and for civic organizations. Along with her very popular babysitting course she has been asked to speak to organizations outside our community. We have received many fine comments from local and out of town organizations on Reserve Sergeant Kupec's programs.

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

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

1979 Real Estate Taxes			
Balance due January 1, 1982			396.23
1979 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes			
Balance due January 1, 1982			51.98
1980 Real Estate Taxes			
Balance due January 1, 1982			11,508.14
1980 Personal Property Taxes			
Balance due January 1, 1982			1,111.43
1980 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes			
Balance due January 1, 1982			2,473.78
1981 Real Estate Taxes			
Balance due January 1, 1982			33,396.96
1981 Personal Property Taxes			
Balance due January 1, 1982			2,215.60
1981 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes			
Total Commitments			103,029.81
		Refunds	1,616.07
			<u>104,645.88</u>
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	88,498.47		
Abatements	<u>7,111.80</u>		
Balance due January 1, 1982			<u>95,610.27</u>
			9,035.61
1982 Real Estate Taxes			
Total Commitments			1,844,233.40
		Refunds	1,207.14
			<u>1,845,440.54</u>
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	829,463.57		
Abatements	<u>14,656.84</u>		
Balance due January 1, 1982			<u>844,120.41</u>
			1,001,320.13
1982 Personal Property Taxes			
Total Commitments			97,006.61
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	45,190.72		
Abatements	<u>43.29</u>		
Balance due January 1, 1982			<u>45,234.01</u>
			51,772.60
1982 Farm Animal Excise			
Total Commitments			107.65
Collected and paid Town Treasurer			107.65

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

1982 Boat Excise Taxes	
Total Commitments	228.00
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	164.00
Balance due January 1, 1982	<u>64.00</u>
Items collected and paid Town Treasurer but not committed	
Fees on delinquent taxes	3113.00
Interest on delinquent taxes	<u>13,666.90</u>
	16,779.90

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy S. Flynn
Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Cemetery Commission met a number of times during the 1981 season to discuss and plan improvements at both cemeteries. The following projects were completed this year: liming and fertilizing; also numerous grave sites were filled and seeded.

A large spruce tree was removed from the gate of Prospect Hill in order to increase the visibility of the road and in its place a large stone marker was placed at the entrance; the marker will be engraved with the name of the cemetery.

Anyone wishing any assistance at their gravesite or would like to purchase a gravesite please contact any member of the Commission.

The Cemetery Commissioners meets the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 PM at the Hampden Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Gerrish
Robert Sazama, Jr.
Franklin Prouty

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 1981 there were one hundred and seventy six permits granted:

These were as follows:

Building:

New houses	13
Barn	1
Garages	4
Sheds	5
Screen house	1
Chicken coop	1
Antenna tower	1
Additions to houses	18
Addition to store	1
Addition to barn	1
Alterations to houses	4
Swimming pools	10
Stoves	21
Remove house	1
Remove barn	1
Remove shed	1
Remove garage	1

Electrical:

New houses	11
Remodeling and additions	19
Service changes	4
Swimming pools	9
Addition to store	1
Controls on furnace	1
Solar pump	1

Plumbing:

New houses	10
Addition to store	1
Alterations and additions	23
Gas	11

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

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessors would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town's people for their overwhelming support at the last Annual Town Meeting for our request for funding for the purpose of Revaluation.

The Board has entered into a contract with Municipal Appraisal Company of Fall River, Massachusetts to complete the Revaluation

Impact notices which indicate property values are scheduled to be mailed to the individual taxpayers during the Month of May. Hearings will then be arranged for those who believe there may be inequities in their appraisal.

Please accept our appreciation for the co-operation extended to us and the Revaluation people this past year.

The Assessors Office hours are as follows:

Mon	-	9:00 A.M.	-	3:00 P.M.
Tues	-	12:00 Noon	-	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, and the Telephone number is 566-3223.

Respectfully Submitted,
Henry Baush, Chairman
Stanley Witkop, Jr
Richard Jalbert

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

BOARD OF ASSESSORS ANNUAL REPORT

Total Appropriation to be raised by Taxation	\$1,939,499.23
Total appropriation to be taken from available funds	1,489,848.55
Offsets to Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	
School Lunch	6,570.00
Free Public Library	2,372.00
Racial Imbalance Program	61,248.00
Other Amounts to be Raised	
Veterans Service District	2,390.00
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District	685.80
Amount certified by Treasurer for Unemployment Compensation	2,769.94
County Tax	102,609.70
State Recreation Areas	20,194.34
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	742.35
Air Pollution Control District	1,075.38
Special Education Chapter 766	2,138.00
Overlay of Current Fiscal Year	42,590.57
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	3,429,347.78

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

1982 Fiscal Year Estimated Receipts Certified
by the Commissioner on Cherry Sheet

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	94,587.15
Licenses	8,613.00
Fines	10,133.00
General Government	5,124.00