

*Hampden
Massachusetts*



*Annual Town Report
1983*

Ted Kennedy, guest speaker at Lions Club meeting held
at the Hampden House-----1962



Pictured above: Left to right
The son and daughter of John McGill, Sr.--
John, Jr. & Joan
Andrew Mulcahy, Jr.
Ted Kennedy
Kathleen Flynn

Photo on cover of 1983 Town Report
"Hampden House.....1950 "
provided by.....
Lucille McGill Mulcahy

Calligraphy on front cover of 1983 Town Report
by.....
Rosalind Reardon Clark

This is a story about an ERA---unprecedented in Hampden's history and probably never to be repeated. This is due in part to the timeframe in which it took place, the mood of the people at the time, and the feeling of comradery that prevailed. It is told for those who remember, for those who think they remember, for those who "remember" by hearsay, and especially for those who do not remember it all.

And so, once upon a time, on the corner now occupied by the Community Savings Bank, stood the old Hampden House. And what a "stand" it took! In a town whose population hovered around 3000, it drew almost 1/10th that number through its doors on any given weekend night, and throughout the week was booked to capacity. Its "Hey-Day" began in 1938 and continued through the early 60's. Mondays the Hampden House was closed and by Tuesday night all reservations for the weekend had been made. What drew these crowds to this little town is a story within itself.

Owned and operated by the McGill family, the Hampden House was actually an entity in three parts. Its central structure, the original Goat Rock Casino, housed the "bar"--- a true country bar where many a legendary figure helped polish the brass rail. Long before Women's Lib or Rights, it was male-dominated and more local elections were lost or won there than ever were decided at the polls! The proceedings were judiciously watched over by Babe McGill and if any friendly discussions seemed to edge toward total disagreement, his good humor (and 6'4" frame) soon put things in proper perspective.

Hampden had many local "characters" who partook of refreshment here-- some of them after a hard day at the coal kiln with the horse and wagon. One such, whom Nature did not bless with a single remaining tooth, was an inveterate pipe smoker--variety corn cob. He had an ingenious method of keeping the pipe in his mouth-- it was wound round and round at the stem with a sort of friction tape to such a degree of thickness that I doubt he could even take it out at night to sleep (which was probably why he could not call for help the night he fell asleep in an abandoned well!) He had the misfortune one time to break his right arm and with it strapped across his chest he could manage his wagon, his pipe and his beer with a masterful left!

To the left of the barroom, as you faced the building, was the addition to whence these crowds came. First of all, it was a restaurant "par excellence", its kitchen carefully supervised by Florence and Madge McGill, and its seafood cocktail, prime rib and scalloped potatoes never to be imitated or equalled. And it was a place to dance to the sweet music of Charlie Miller and His Band, certainly one of the best bands of its time in the area.

Its owner, Big Jack McGill, personally welcomed each and everyone who came into the lobby, his warm handshake and booming laughter a trademark. He usually stood in the foyer next to a great antique hutch-type drop leaf table, and it was by sheer Black Magic and New England resourcefulness that he acquired that table. Times were hard in 1938 and "dinners for four" did not come easy. Realizing this, one Henry Mitchell, an enterprising Hampdenite with an eye for antiques (and an appreciation for a good "Night Out") had a plan. He had gotten hold of this table in his travels and decided that it might be worth something to the Hampden House. Too large to handle alone he inveigled Harold Green into helping him and together they offered to swap the table for "dinner for four". It took some crafty salesmanship, antiques not being one of Jack's priorities, before the deal was made. That table became cherished and remained in that spot through all the years, admired and coveted by many. Jack was a handsome man and seemed especially so during the summer months as he stood there, resplendent in a white linen suit, to bid you welcome.

The atmosphere at the Hampden House was warm and relaxed but with a definite easy "class". Charlie Miller's group added so much to this and the dance floor was always full. A sign of those times was that when you danced you were held "close". Helen Petrowsky, a member of the staff, kept an eagle eye on this "closeness". Ahead of her day, she must have had a micro-chip ruler implant lens because at any moment, from any distant spot, she would descend upon you, tap your shoulder and firmly say " not so close please". But it was worth it, every inch! (I don't know if Flossie and Ed Dayton were ever tapped, but they surely should have been!)

The third part of the Hampden House, attached to the right of the original building, was the package store---"The House that Jack Built". This was the first package store ever in Hampden. We had finally reached the population requirement of 3000!

There was never any trouble at the Hampden House, but just as a precaution, Constable Art Gerrish was a trilogy---Keeper of the Peace, the Coats and the Cookies. No difficult task there--in fact, for Art it must have been a "piece of cake".

Many well-known people made their way to this oasis in our town. A special "round table" in the dining room was reserved for those who were executives in the many thriving industries of the time---Hampden Brewery, American Metal Saw, Chapman Valve, the District Attorney and many others were "regulars" at that table. An old Grandfather's Clock with wooden works stood alongside that table and slowly ticked away the time. The Hampden House even drew Ted Kennedy to our town in the beginning of the 60's when at the invitation of Walter Schwabe and John Flynn he was guest speaker at a Lions Club meeting.

The Grandfather Clock now ticks in Texas with Joyce McGill Wiley. The drop-leaf table is still in Hampden with Lucille McGill Mulcahy. One of the old Bentwood chairs is in Ft. Pierce, Florida.

But the old Hampden House is no more.....

Not too long ago, on a warm June night, I drove over there and stood in the present parking lot at about where the orchestra once played. It seemed I heard the band softly playing " It's Been a Long, Long Time", while Big Jack smiled, Helen tapped my shoulder and said " not so close, please" and when we returned to our table there were two drinks waiting--sent over by Jack, "on the house" of course.

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INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN	JANUARY 1, 1983...Federal Census.... 4745
	JANUARY 1, 1975...State Census..... 4764
GEOGRAPHIC AREA.....	19.64 sq. mi.
COUNTY.....	HAMPDEN
TAX RATE.....	\$20.79 Fiscal 1984
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.....	Last Monday in April
ANNUAL ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS	First Monday in May

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Longmeadow, Ma., 01106
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INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS
BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Office hours:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Meet every Monday @ 7:00 PM
Phone: 566-3713

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd. Tuesday of each
month @ 7:30 PM
Phone: 566-3214

TOWN CLERK...RITA VAIL

Office hours:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Phone: 566-3214

TOWN TREASURER...JUDITH MIKKOLA

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Phone: 566-3214

TAX COLLECTOR...JANET REDIN

Counter hours for collection:
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
1st. & 3rd. Wednesday evening
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Phone: 566-3214

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Office hours:
8:30 AM to 2:30 PM - Monday thru Thurs.
Meet 2nd. Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
Phone: 566-3223

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meet 2nd. Monday @ 7:30 PM
Phone: 566-3214

PLANNING BOARD

Meet 2nd. & 4th. Wednesday @ 7:30 PM
Phone: 566-3214

PARK COMMISSION

Meet 1st. & 3rd. Thursday @ 7:30 PM
Phone: 566-3214

HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meet 1st. & 3rd. Monday @ 7:30 PM
Phone: 566-8814

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd. & 4th. Monday in Wilbraham
Phone: 596-3884

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Meet 2nd. Tuesday of January, April,
July & October @ 7:30 PM

COUNCIL ON AGING

Office hours:
Monday thru Friday
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Phone: 566-3023

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Meet 3rd. Wednesday
Phone: 566-8157

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meet 3rd. Wednesday
Phone: 566-3047

HOURS OF HAMPDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

LIBRARY CLOSED SATURDAYS DURING
JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

HOURS OF SANITARY LANDFILL

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

HOURS OF LAUGHING BROOK

Tuesday thru Sunday
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Closed Mondays except Holidays
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas &
New Years
Phone: 566-8034 & 566-8035

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

FEES FOR BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, SEPTIC TANK AND GAS PERMITS

BUILDING PERMITS

Commercial or Industrial Buildings.....	\$100
New Houses.....	\$ 50
In the event of more than one unit per building, an additional fee of \$4.00 per unit will be charged, in addition to the normal fee of \$50 per building.	
Alterations.....	\$ 25
Includes construction of garages, breezeways, accessory buildings, additions, family rooms, etc.	
Swimming pools.....	\$ 20
Fossil fuel stoves.....	\$ 10

ELECTRICAL PERMITS

Commercial or Industrial Buildings.....	\$ 50
New Houses.....	\$ 30
In the event of more than one unit per building, an additional fee of \$4.00 per unit will be charged, in addition to the normal fee of \$30 per building.	
Pre-fab ceiling heated units.....	\$ 10
Alterations.....	\$ 20
Rewiring existing structures, change of service, etc.	
Additions.....	\$ 20
Added rooms, breezeways, garages, etc.	
Swimming pool,appliance	\$ 10

PLUMBING PERMITS

Commercial or Industrial Buildings.....	\$ 50
New Houses.....	\$ 30
An additional fee of \$2.00 per fixture over 8 fixtures will be charged, in addition to the normal fee of \$30 per building.	
Additions.....	\$ 20
Over 8 fixtures, charges as above.	
Swimming Pool.....	\$ 10
Any swimming pool with a permanent plumbing connection is subject to a permit fee.	

SEPTIC TANK PERMIT

All septic tank permits.....	\$ 15
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GAS PERMITS

All gas permits.....	\$ 15
In the event of multiple occupancy or multi-unit dwellings, the charge will be \$15 per meter up to five fixtures; above that, the fee will be \$2.00 per fixture.	

SOLAR PERMIT

Permits for solar installations will be based on the categories contained in the columns for Building, Electrical and Plumbing.

OIL BURNER INSPECTION.....	\$ 6
SMOKE DETECTOR INSPECTION...(Real Estate Transfer-New homes)	\$ 10
BLASTING PERMIT (FIRE CHIEF).....	\$ 3
RENEWAL OF SMOKELESS POWDER (FIRE CHIEF).....	\$ 3

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Subdivision Control Laws.....	\$ 1.50
Zoning By-Laws.....	3.00
Zoning By-Laws (if mailed).....	4.00
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.....	4.00
Voting List.....	2.00
Zoning Map.....	3.00
Master Plan.....	3.00
Voter Registration Card.....	1.00

DOG LICENSE FEES.....To be obtained April 1 of each year

Neutered and Spayed dogs.....	4.00
Male and Female dogs.....	10.00

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1983

Michael F. Abar	Reginald H. Isham
Ralph E. Adamczyk	David W. Joyce
Donald H. Baker	Robert W. Lamb
William J. Balut	Roger Lanning
Marilyn Blizard	Susan B. Larson
Jeffrey T. Browne	Lawrence LaRusse
Michelle Barbara Caliento	Lorraine Lemelin
Louis Chechette	Teresa Loncrini
James H. Conery	Anne-Marie Malachowski
Joseph DellaVallee	Susan S. Mayotte
Beryle Doten	Richard Miller
Virginia L. Fisher	Thomas Edward Poulin
Robert B. Fortier	Edward Powers
John Foster	Julie A. Rackliffe
Mary Louise Gwozdz	George Semanie
Sherry Himmelstein	Gretchen Siddell

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

1983

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BOARD OF HEALTH

Robert L. Burger, Chairman 1984
 John M. Flynn, 1985
 Chairman, Board of Health
 Judith R. Hanmer 1986

SECRETARY TO SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF HEALTH

Ruth W. Woods

CLERK TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Flora M. Chechile

MODERATOR

Dalton E. Philpott 1984

TOWN CLERK

Rita A. Vail 1986

TOWN TREASURER

Judith Mikkola 1986

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Janet Redin 1986

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Richard A. Jalbert, Chairman 1984
 Henry P. Baush 1985
 Stanley W. Witkop, Jr. 1986

CLERK TO BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Laura P. Green

HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Donald Davenport, Chairman 1984
 Judith A. Witkop 1984
 Elaine C. O'Donnell 1985
 Miriam Bryans 1986
 Gerald F. Root, Jr. 1986

SECRETARY TO HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Dr. Maurice Heffernan

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Yorke Phillips 1984

TRUSTEES OF HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ann M. Byron, Chairman 1984
 Miriam P. Bryans 1985
 Helen S. Dickinson 1986

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

William J. Donnelly, Chairman 1986
 Charles T. Schmitt, Vice Chair. 1984
 Clifford E. Attleton, Treasurer 1988
 F. Evelyn Kirk, Asst. Treasurer 1985
 Sherwood Cronk, Secretary 1986

CONSTABLES

Paul A. Bouchard 1986
 Miles M. Hapgood, Jr. 1986
 George K. Stone, Jr. 1986

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Robert F. Sazama, Jr. 1984
 Franklin Prouty 1985
 Arthur Gerrish 1986

PLANNING BOARD

John D. Mikkola, Chairman 1984
 Frederick Maher, Vice Chairman 1985
 Karl D. Sternberg 1986
 John L. Partyka 1987
 Donald J. Collins 1988

CLERK TO PLANNING BOARD

Judith Jackson

TREE WARDEN

Homer Fuller 1984

PARK COMMISSIONERS

James Whipple, Chairman 1985
 Peter S. Imler 1984
 Stephen T. LeClair 1985
 Maureen Coughlin 1986

CLERK TO PARK COMMISSIONERS

June C. Taylor

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS
1983

<u>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</u>		<u>BOARD OF APPEALS</u>	
Clifford Bombard	1986	Daniel Shooshan, Chairman	1984
		Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman	1984
<u>DOG OFFICER</u>		Bert Nietupski	1985
Arthur LaFrance	1984	Bryce Norwood	1986
		Kenneth Lefebvre, Clerk	1984
<u>FIRE CHIEF</u>		<u>ALTERNATES</u>	
<u>FOREST FIRE WARDEN</u>		Charles Schmitt	1984
Richard Hatch	1984	Lawrence Smith	1984
		Cliff Keeney	1984
<u>INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS</u>		Gayle Reddington	1984
Arthur LaFrance	1984		
		<u>ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	
<u>SUPT. OF INSECT PEST CONTROL</u>		Jane Wyman, Chairman	1984
James A. Reardon	1984	Lester Pauly, Vice Chairman	1985
		William Smith	1985
<u>VETERANS GRAVE OFFICER</u>		Lucille M. Mulcahy	1986
Richard Wienczek	1984	Gordon E. Clark	1984
		<u>CLERK TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT AND INVESTIGATOR</u>		Evelyn Schmidt	
Walter E. Lawler	1984		
		<u>BOARD OF REGISTRARS</u>	
<u>AGENT FOR VETERANS BENEFITS</u>		Rita Vail, Town Clerk	
Bert Nietupski	1984	Faye Flynn, Chairman	1985
		Frank J.T. Kirk	1986
<u>ACTING CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR</u>		Mary E. Connors	1984
Robert L. Burger	1984		
		<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>	
<u>SUPT. OF STREETS</u>		Paul Robitaille, Chairman	1985
Homer Fuller	1984	Omer Talbot, Vice Chairman	1984
		James Smith, Treasurer	1984
<u>POUND KEEPER AND FIELD DRIVER</u>		Lynn Field, Secretary	1985
Arthur LaFrance	1984	Arthur Gerrish	1984
		Franklin Prouty	1984
<u>FENCE VIEWERS</u>		Joseph Choiniere	1986
Donald Dickinson	1984	Timothy Renn, Associate Member	1985
William H. Patric	1984		
		<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u>	
<u>TOWN PROSECUTOR</u>		Ralph Forsstrom, Chairman	1986
Bruce Clarkin	1984	Nancy Zebert, Vice Chairman	1984
		Arthur A. Booth, Sr., Treasurer	1985
<u>TOWN COUNSEL</u>		Joyce Libby, Secretary	1985
Joseph R. Jennings	1984	Ethel Evans, Corres. Secy	1984
		Kathryn Conway	1985
<u>BUILDING COMMISSIONER</u>		Dalton Philpott	1986
Gordon J. Willcutt, Sr.	1984	Jean Prouty	1984
		Ralph Miller	1986
<u>ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR</u>		<u>DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING</u>	
Albert W. Mireault	1984	Rosalind Reardon Clark	
<u>PLUMBING INSPECTOR</u>			
William P. Patullo	1984		

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS
1983

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Henry Hammer, Chairman 1984
Robert W. Clarke 1984

PARKING CLERK

Rita A. Vail 1984

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

George K. Stone, Jr.

SERGEANT

William J. Chechile

PATROLMEN

Robert Newton (Retired)
Brian Basili
Mark Reisner
Raymond Schmuck
Donald J. Snow
Michael Kozaczka

DISPATCHERS

Paula Courtamanche
Alfred Taylor
Geraldine Schmuck

RESERVE OFFICERS

Frederick Lewenczuk
Dana Pixley
Timothy Redin
James Collins
Paula Courtamanche
John Siniscalchi
Michael Doyle (Resigned)

SECRETARY/ CLERK TO POLICE DEPT.

Nancy Joy

ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

Chris Bandoski, Chairman
Joan Letendre
William Blizard
Ruth W. Woods
Flora M. Chechile
Janet Brehaut

SALARY SURVEY COMMITTEE

Robert Patterson, Chairman
Donald McClure
John Sands
Mary Kupec
Dorothy Hill

'BY LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

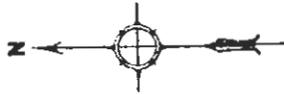
Raymond Barkhuff, Jr., Chairman
John M. Flynn
Rita A. Vail
Jeannette S. Green
Nancy Jodoin

COMPUTER STUDY COMMITTEE

John D. Flynn, Chairman
Peter Neff
Mildred Nietupski
Joan C. Balch
Reginald Johnson

ENERGY COMMISSION

Nancy Zebert
Joe Landry
George Audren
W. Harry Burns



MONSON

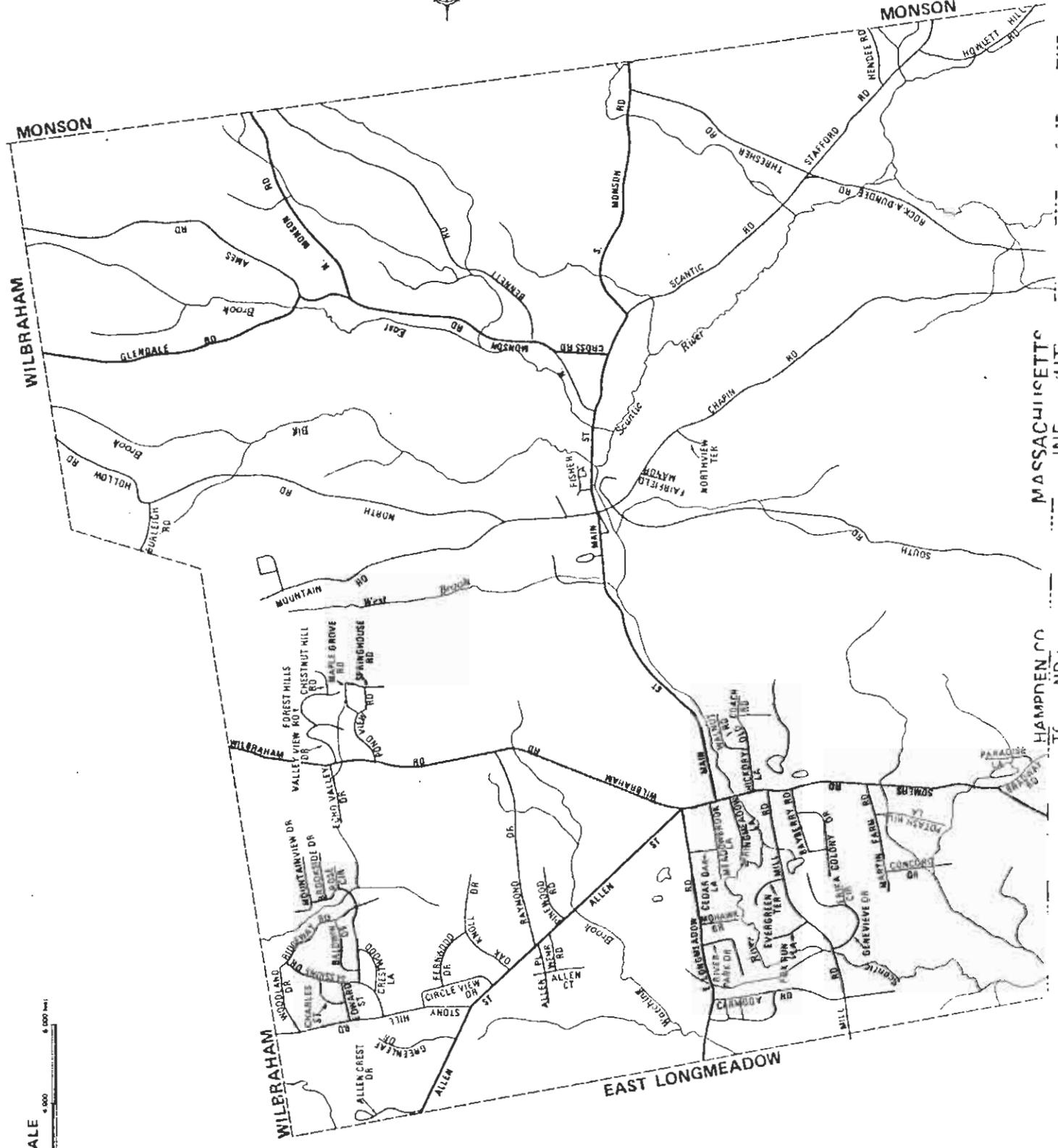
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WILBRAHAM

MASSACHUSETTS
CONNECTICUT

HAMPDEN CO
CONNECTICUT

EAST LONGMEADOW



In Memoriam:

Howard Verne Thayer

Hampden Fire Chief

Albert J. Reardon

Hampden School Bus Driver

William D. McCray

Oldest Hampden Native

Town Assessor

Tax Collector

Member, Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

Gerald A. Hinch

Chairman, The Hampden Centennial Celebration

Chairman, Minnechaug Regional School Committee

Chairman, Democratic Town Committee

Member, Town Insurance Committee

Dudley E. Bliss, Jr.

Member, Planning Board

ANNUAL TOWN MEETINGApril 25, 1983

ARTICLE 1. It was unanimously voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 1982 be accepted as printed.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,073,391 to cover Budget items 1 through 69.

ARTICLE 3. Voted unanimously to authorize payment of \$4,536. to Palmer, Goodell & Keeney, and to raise and appropriate same.

ARTICLE 4. Unanimously voted to raise \$20,017; \$5,004. be raised and appropriated and \$15,013 be borrowed, to resurface a portion of South Road, said borrowing to be discharged by the proceeds of any reimbursement by the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 5. Voted to expend \$7,699. received from Commonwealth for paving a portion of Allen Street.

ARTICLE 6. Voted to borrow \$24,829. to reconstruct a portion of Glendale Road, said borrowing to be discharged by proceeds of any reimbursement by the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 7. Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,500. for audit of financial books and accounts of the Town.

ARTICLE 8. Unanimously voted to transfer to custody of Hampden Conservation Commission 22 acres, more or less, of town owned land, east of Wilbraham Road, and as described in article.

ARTICLE 9. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4200. for repairs to a portion of flat roof section of Town House roof.

ARTICLE 10. Voted to appropriate \$58,919. from Fiscal 1983 tax levy, to Stabilization Fund, which sum was voted out of this fund under Article 12 of Annual Town Meeting of April 26, 1982.

ARTICLE 11. Voted to appropriate \$34,489. from Fiscal 1983 tax levy, to Stabilization Fund, this sum being equivalent to portion of the tax levy voted under Article 12 of Annual Town Meeting of 1982, minus \$5050. paid out for original architect's planning fees.

ARTICLE 12. Voted to void all remaining portions of vote of Article 12 of 1982 Annual Town meeting, since no further action was taken toward the reconstruction of Thornton Burgess School roof and appurtenances, and to revoke Selectmen's authority to borrow \$196,182; to void transfer from Construction Account of \$9,820, so a new Article for same may be considered in this 1983 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 13. Unanimously voted to appropriate \$282,182 for the purpose of reconstructing Thornton Burgess School roof and appurtenances, and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with approval of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow by a series of three annual notes the sum of \$178,954, under provisions of Ch. 44 of General Laws, Section 7 (3A) as amended, and to transfer from Stabilization Fund the sum of \$93,408, and to transfer from Thornton Burgess School Construction Account the sum of \$9820.

ARTICLE 14. Voted to delete from General By-laws of Hampden, Mass. Section 2 of Section VII--Protection of Persons or Property, which Section was approved by voters at Annual Town Meeting of April 24, 1978 and approved by Attorney General on July 17, 1978; and insert in place thereof Section VII--Protection of Persons or Property--as it appears in this article.

ARTICLE 15. Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five members to propose amendments of the By-Laws of the Town of Hampden; which committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the next Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 16. Voted unanimously to authorize Board of Selectmen, by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take, in fee simple for highway purposes, Fox Run Lane, as recommended by Planning Board, including any easements relating thereto, and as described in this article.

ARTICLE 17. Voted to Accept Section 42A of Chapter 48 of the General Laws, establishing the form of Hampden Fire Department, and to authorize the expenditure of the entire appropriation under Fiscal 1984 Budget Items #53, 54 and 55 by Hampden Fire Department so newly constituted.

ARTICLE 18. Voted to raise and appropriate \$9500. to purchase a 1983 pickup truck to replace truck for use by Highway Department, and to trade in a 1976 Chevrolet pickup now owned by the Town.

ARTICLE 19. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2600. to purchase an 11 horsepower lawn mower, for use by Town employees for the maintenance of Public Grounds.

ARTICLE 20. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 148, Section 26C of Mass. General Laws, which provides for automatic smoke or heat detectors in apartment houses, hotels, boarding or lodging houses or family hotels.

ARTICLE 21. Voted to transfer any balance unused on June 30, 1983 in the Landfill Maintenance, Library, Road Maintenance and/or Snow & Ice Removal accounts, back into General Revenue Sharing account, these sums having been allocated from General Revenue Sharing monies at Annual Town Meeting of 1982.

ARTICLE 22. Voted to designate funds from General Revenue Sharing to the 1983-84 appropriations for:

Landfill Maintenance	\$22,000.
Road Maintenance	22,470.
Snow & Ice Removal	24,000.
Library	21,285.
Audit of Town Books	10,500.

ARTICLE 23. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000. for Conservation Fund, said Fund to be used for purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted upon and approved at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase.

ARTICLE 24. Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 25. Article defeated.

ARTICLE 26. Article defeated.

ARTICLE 27. Voted to transfer from Library Fund the amount of \$2,372 (Statte Aid) to be used by Library Trustees at their discretion.

ARTICLE 28. Voted to delete in its entirety Section 7.8 "Earth Removal" of the Zoning by-law of the Town of Hampden and substitute revised 7.8 "Earth Removal" as it appears in this article.

ARTICLE 29. Voted to aauthorize Town Treasurer, with approval of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of fiscal year beginning July 1, 1983, in accordance with provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a 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 30. Voted unanimously to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury \$50,000. for purpose of reducing tax rate for Fiscal 84.

Special Town Meeting--July 11, 1983

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, an additional sum of money to implement the new Collective Bargaining Agreements with School Teachers and School Custodians; and to amend, to include such increases, Line Items 61 and 63 in the Schools Fiscal 1984 Budget, voted on April 25, 1983; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$47,627. to implement above agreements.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer, upon its receipt by the Town Treasurer from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the amount of \$1,459.00 (State Aid) to be used by the Library Trustees at their discretion, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted to transfer above sum, upon its receipt, for use by Library Trustees.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a Salary Survey Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator, with membership to consist of five (5) members who are residents of Hampden, and for the purpose of reviewing and recommending salaries of appointed and elected officials of Hampden; the said Committee to report its findings to the Moderator before the next Annual Town Meeting; and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Committee use; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted to authorize a Salary Survey Committee to be appointed by Moderator, as above, said Committee to report its findings to the Moderator at the 1985 Annual Town Meeting with a report (to the Moderator) prior to the 1984 Annual Town Meeting, and to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for Committee use.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal 1984, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted to transfer \$60,000. for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal 1984.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The dictionary says that a Selectman is an official chosen to administer local government. Take special note of the word administer. Each year the Board of Selectmen is given a mandate at the Annual Town Meeting, to handle the affairs of the town, as you the voter believes best.

The Town Meeting this year will be on April 30, 1984 and will be of special significance. A report will be given by the Town By-law Committee, whose formation was approved last year at the Annual Town Meeting. The first by-laws of the town were drafted in 1948, and major additions were made in 1950. Since that time only slight changes have occurred. The by-laws of the town outline the rules and regulations which town officials follow in carrying on the day to day business of the town.

Your Board of Selectmen always strives to be available and receptive to each individual in Hampden. We welcome your attendance at our regularly scheduled meetings, but want you to feel free also to contact us individually if a problem should arise.

During the year 1983, the Board of Selectmen appointed a Computer Study Committee to investigate the feasibility of placing town records and working files on a computer system. This committee has been asked to see if any significant time savings would result from using outside computer systems. As this committee continues on with their study, we will be reporting to you the results and their recommendations.

The large evergreen tree which stood in front of the town hall for thirty years was removed on February 23, 1983 because of its size and condition. The Hampden Business Association graciously donated a new tree, which was planted on November 23, 1983. The tree lighting ceremony was held on December 11, 1983, continuing the 30 year plus tradition of town residents joining together in Christmas carols and season's greetings.

Our Board is always appreciative of the work done for our community by the various organizations in Hampden. At each Annual Town Meeting since 1975 the Hampden Lions Club has presented a Distinguished Citizen Award to one of our outstanding neighbors in Hampden, and the recipients have been: Helen Tower, Alice Fuller, Robert Short, Frances Jones, Carl Larson, Helen F. Enslin, William H. Burns, Gertrude M. Lyons and Daniel M. Flynn.

The Board of Selectmen would like to request that each of you give some consideration to volunteering to serve on appointed committees that are necessary for good government in a town the size of Hampden. A few of the committees that concerned citizens are now serving on, are: Conservation Commission, Council on Aging, Energy Commission, Salary Survey Committee, Computer Study Committee and the Arts Lottery Council. Each of these appointed committees serve their own very valuable function in efficient town government. These committees are set up to give advice to the Selectmen, help individual citizens and other specific mandates. Your talents and concerns are needed to help these committees function and to give a broad community view of present and future problems and opportunities.

Each year budgets must be formulated, changed, added to and reduced before they are presented to the Town Meeting. Limited funds make this a very difficult process during which priorities must be set and established for the coming fiscal year. The operational budget of the town is a very important part of the Annual Town Meeting and each of us as taxpayers should make sure that we are present to make our vote count in establishing these financial priorities.

Local government is becoming more complex with problems that exist today that could not have been anticipated a few years ago. Laws are constantly being amended and new laws and regulations make the running of your Selectmen's office very challenging and it would be utterly impossible to run it as efficiently if not for the dedicated service of Ruth Woods and Flo Chechile. We of the Board of Selectmen feel Ruth and Flo deserve our special thanks, but also feel their dedication should be acknowledged by all the voters of Hampden.

The following have been reported as received and turned over to the Town Treasurer:

Selectmen and Board of Health Fees--Licenses, permits, etc.....	\$5,475.00
Building Dept. Fees.....	\$5,268.00
Police Dept.--Permits, reports, etc.....	\$1,860.00
Fire Dept.--Smoke Alarm inspec., oil burner permits, etc.....	\$ 554.00
Tax Collector Fees.....	\$2,518.00
Town Clerk Fees.....	\$1,583.90

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Burger, Chairman
 John M. Flynn
 Judith R. Hammer
 HAMPDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This past year has been the most active year for your Board of Health, with many repetitive activities such as inspections, permits and general inquiries regarding the State and local regulations and codes. Mr. Walter Lawler, Board of Health Agent, has spent many hours along with your Board in personal review with townspeople who has specific problems. We trust that this personal attention resulted in the problems being solved in the most expeditious and satisfactory manner.

The annual Flu Vaccine Clinic was held for Senior Citizens on October 19th, and 171 participated. This effort is a joint venture between the Town of Hampden and the State flu vaccine program. A special note of thanks goes to Dr. Boucher and nurses Jane McCarthy, Bea Moriarty and Judy Hatch.

The Sanitary Landfill is functioning well. We are now in the first year of the contract under the current operator. Most generally, the maintenance is for two years after public bidding. As in every year, we have strived to recycle as many items as possible from the Sanitary Landfill to conserve space, cover material and reduce the operating costs of maintenance. The firm of Tighe & Bond, town engineers, oversees the procedures of the Sanitary Landfill and reports monthly on the effectiveness of the operation, and any improvements that should be implemented.

In the area of public awareness we would like to make mention that the percolations which were required for new home sanitary systems or replacement of these systems are valid for two years from the date the test is made. The times of the year for percolation testing are:

Spring..... March 1 to May 15th
Fall..... October 1 to November 15th

It is the homeowners' responsibility to secure the services of a registered sanitarian or professional engineer at their own expense. The Board of Health Agent will witness the test.

General procedure: after securing a recognized engineer, application for sanitary system is made and the date is given for viewing the percolation test. Assuming this is within the limits of the sanitary code and local regulations, a permit is issued. The expense of this test is borne by the homeowner.

The annual Rabies Clinic was held in the Spring, and as always we had a good response.

STATISTICS

PERCOLATION TESTS TAKEN AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS INSTALLED AND/OR REPAIRED.....	42
INSTALLERS PERMITS GRANTED.....	20
SEPTIC REMOVAL PERMITS GRANTED.....	4
SEPTIC REMOVAL FREQUENCY.....	121
WELL PERMITS.....	22
HEALTH COMPLAINTS.....	13
COURT ACTION.....	0
FOOD SERVICE PERMITS.....	20
PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL PERMITS.....	1

Respectfully submitted,
John M. Flynn, Chairman
Robert L. Burger
Judith R. Hanmer
Walter E. Lawler, R.S., Board of Health Agent
Hampden Board of Health

REPORT OF TOWN MODERATOR

The Annual Town Meeting of 1983 and the Special Town Meeting held July 11, 1983 directed the Moderator to appoint a committee of five members to propose amendments to the by-laws of the Town of Hampden and a Salary Survey Committee also composed of five members.

Prior to these appointments, previous committee and annual town reports were researched to find some experienced and willing residents to serve. During this research, two obvious but often overlooked facts were noted:

First.....in this year's annual report approximately 150 elected and appointed officials will be listed. Less than one third of these elected and appointed officials receive any financial compensation. If we add to this list the members of the Volunteer Fire Department, Friends of Senior Citizens, Recreation Association of Hampden, the Hampden Historical Society, the P.T.O. and sub-committees of various boards which are unofficial extensions of town government, the percentage of paid participants become less than twenty five percent(25%). Without volunteers, General Government as we know it in Hampden, would collapse.

One may wonder what possesses an individual to spend countless hours working on a committee or serving on a board, especially since often their presentations and recommendations are challenged, modified and occasionally rejected at town meeting time. This is as it should be. Some of our greatest debates at town meetings have occurred between two or more unpaid committees, each sincerely convinced their opinions represented the best interests of Hampden. YOU, the voter must make the final decision.

Regardless of an individual's reasons for serving, the Town of Hampden can be proud of those past, present and future dedicated volunteers responsible for keeping the wheels of local government turning smoothly. I, as a taxpayer and one of the few town officials allotted token compensation in the annual budget appreciate the effort on my behalf.

Second.....Although not so obvious in the town report, it is still disturbing and I refer to the almost total lack of volunteers in the school system. True, the school committee is unpaid (I do not envy this job) but other than in the school library, volunteers on a day by day basis is essentially non-existent. There may be good reasons for this lack of volunteers, but to the uninformed, it would appear that any branch of local government responsible for approximately 80% of the annual budget, under fire locally, statewide and nationally could find a way to involve the community in the solution rather than being part of the problem. The volunteers of Hampden have proven that excellence in performance is not necessarily proportionate to the size of the paycheck.

Dalton E. Philpott,
Town Moderator

SALARY SURVEY COMMITTEE

EQUITABLE: DEALING FAIRLY AND EQUALLY WITH ALL CONCERNED

It is this town's desire to deal fairly and equally with all of its employees. Salary compensation is, at best, a difficult area to administer.

At the town meeting last July, the town authorized the moderator to appoint a Salary Survey Committee to review and recommend salary ranges for most of the appointed and elected officials of Hampden. We, the committee, have undertaken this task.

Research is underway to determine appropriate salary ranges considering compensation paid by other towns of similar size and the job structures within Hampden. Town officials will be given the opportunity to meet with us to express their feelings. We see a time consuming, difficult, and probably frustrating road ahead. This does not diminish our commitment since the alternative would be to let compensation adjustments proceed without the benefit of an impartial review. Final recommendations will be submitted to the town in early 1985.

The committee seeks and welcomes input from the residents of Hampden. Please call any committee member with your comments or suggestions.

The Salary Survey Committee
Mr. Robert Patterson - Chairman
Ms. Dorothy Hill
Ms. Mary Kupec
Mr. Donald McClure
Mr. John Sands

Advisory Board Representative
Ms. Lucille McGuill Mulcahy

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Number of registered voters January 1, 1983 2,424
Number of registered voters December 31, 1983 2,446

Voter attendance during the year 1983:

Republican Caucus, March 30	55
Democratic Caucus, April 1	81
Annual Town Meeting, April 25	155
Town Election, May 2	887
Special Town Meeting, July 11	92

On any one election day, it is necessary to have a crew of workers whose collective job is running the complete election, from checking voters to counting and tallying ballots. These poll workers are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Each one's dedication contributes to a pleasant efficiency experienced in Hampden on election days.

All workers are sworn in by Election Warden Bill Ertel who is in charge from the minute the polls open until the last total is recorded (many times at an hour well into the next morning).

The Poll Workers appointed for 1982-83 are as follows:

WARDEN	William G. Ertel, Jr.
DEPUTY WARDEN	Corinne E. Dunwoody
CLERK	Helen LaVallee
DEPUTY CLERK	Irene Graves

INSPECTORS

Republican

Emma Bandoski
Andree Crowley
Irene Cutting
Leona Isham
Helena Kullberg
Elva Jenkins

Democratic

Sheila Flynn
Judith Jackson
Evelyn Schmidt
Rita Southworth
Patricia Booth

TELLERS

Beryl Doten
Ernestine Johnson
Florence Kirk
Joyce Libby
Nancy Salerno
Betty Sutcliffe

Waneta Reardon
Opal Szama
Carol Collins
Marilyn Blizzard
Bert Nietupski

ALTERNATES--TELLERS OR INSPECTORS

Edith Casey
Eleanor Hapgood
Helene Hesser
Nancy Ryan
Carolyn Whipple
Mary Dunkley

Carolyn Howlett
Nancy Downey
Gloria Fabbri
Naomi Matthews
Sally Kealy
Patricia Sullivan
Mary Berrett
Gail Lefebvre
Ann Burian

Respectfully submitted,

Faye W. Flynn, Chairman
Frank J. T. Kirk
Mary E. Connors
Rita A. Vail, Clerk

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The position of Town Clerk is described in 73 chapters and 451 sections of the General Laws of Massachusetts and in the local by-laws. It consists of a curious blending of duties and responsibilities. Some of the functions performed by the Town Clerk have evolved over the years and may vary from town to town.

The most complex duties and authorities of the Town Clerk are those related to elections and town meetings. Most people, however, think of the Town Clerk as that person who dispenses sporting and dog licenses, makes out certified copies of birth, death and marriage records, and sits on the stage at Town Meeting.

In fact, the Town Clerk relates to nearly every town official in some way, as well as to all boards and committees. At various times, she is under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State, the Director of Accounts, the Attorney General or the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, depending on which particular duty she is performing.

The amount of money handled by the Town Clerk for 1983 is as follows:

Item	\$ Collected	\$ Town Received
Dog Licenses	2813.00	398.25
Sporting Licenses	4853.25	161.50
Recordings	655.00	655.00
Certified Copies	279.15	279.15
Marriages and Business Certificates	90.00	90.00
Total	8690.40	1583.90

The Town Clerk's office dispensed 531 dog licenses in 1983. Dog licenses must be obtained annually, effective April 1. Cost for licenses for male and female dogs is \$10.00. If a female is spayed or if a male is neutered, the cost is \$4.00. A rabies clinic is held in April each year at the Town Garage. A rabies vaccination is good for three years except that dogs initially vaccinated between three and twelve months of age must receive the first booster one year later.

Vital Statistics recorded in the Town's records are as follows:

	1981	1982	1983
Birth	50	49	55
Deaths	47	40	41
Marriages	27	15	24

Respectfully submitted,

Rita A. Vail, Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL 1983

July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983

Cash balance as of 7/1/82 \$ 443,297.00

RECEIPTS:

Loans.....	\$ 1,600,000.00	
Interest on available funds.....	28,874.00	
Return of Certificate of Deposit.....	9,820.00	
Revenue Sharing Funds.....	65,899.00	
Revenue Sharing Interest.....	12,736.00	
State House Notes-Thornton Burgess Roof...	178,954.00	
Remaining Receipts.....	4,225,717.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		6,122,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Repayment on Loans.....	1,600,000.00	
Interest paid on loans	15,261.66	
Principal paid on debt.....	85,000.00	
Interest paid on debt.....	16,065.00	
Revenue Sharing Warrants.....	80,013.74	
Remaining Disbursements.....	4,268,863.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		6,065,024.00
BALANCE AS OF 6/30/83		500,273.00

Regional Communication System (WMLEC) Balance as of 6/30/83 3,035.00

INVESTMENT AND TRUST FUNDS FISCAL 1983

	Balance 7/1/82	Amount Deposit	Amount With.	Interest Gained	Balance 6/30/83
Library Book Newell	\$ 1,054.83	118.25	418.00	68.69	825.15
Day Library	832.63		65.82	71.46	838.27
Holt Library	908.14			83.33	1,246.01
Kindergarten Library	6,659.09			525.65	7,184.74
Bumstead Fund	5,073.40	148.65		551.33	5,773.38
Cemetery Perp. Care	22,507.35		724.00	2,425.41	24,208.76
Town Common Fund	1,139.19		100.00	40.01	1,079.20
Stabilization Fund	59,575.00			4,421.00	63,996.00
Council of Aging					
Senior Center	1,264.94	950.50		141.33	2,357.00
Conservation Commission	4,743.08	1000.00		558.92	6,302.00

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mikkola
Town Treasurer