

ARTICLE 13. It was voted to transfer any balance unused by June 30, 1985 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 1984.

ARTICLE 14. It was voted to designate funds from General Revenue Sharing to the 1985-1986 appropriations for:

Landfill Maintenance	\$23,000
Road Maintenance	28,000
Snow & Ice Removal	24,000

(Total is \$75,000)

ARTICLE 15. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 16. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to purchase 17 computers and related equipment.

ARTICLE 17. It was unanimously voted to take, by eminent domain under General Laws Chapter 79, for the purposes of a public way as may be necessary, including the construction and painting thereon of traffic direction lines and otherwise, the parcel of land described in Warrant article, and vote that no award of damages be made because the owners have promised a deed thereof for no consideration.

ARTICLE 18. It was voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 19. It was voted to authorize the 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, 1985, in accordance with the 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 20. It was voted to transfer the sum of \$36,206 from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 21. It was voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 22. It was voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for fiscal '86.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ---- April 29, 1985

ARTICLE 1. It was voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of \$23,000 to Police Department account, Item 57.2 - Salaries. The vote was unanimous.

ARTICLE 2. It was unanimously voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of \$5,000 to Gasoline Account - Item 46.1.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ---- November 12, 1985

ARTICLE 1. The town voted to rescind the vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting on April 29, 1985, Article 22.

In favor - 112

Against - 4

ARTICLE 2. The town voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to the Insurance Account, Item 7.1 - Property and Liability.

ARTICLE 3. The town voted to authorize the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School Committee to apply for and accept any funding which may be available to the town by accepting the provisions of Chapter 188, Section 13, of the Acts of 1985, which hereby establish a Professional Development Grant Program for the purpose of supplementing teacher compensation in cities, towns, and regional school districts.

In favor - 117

Against - 5

ARTICLE 4. The town voted to raise and appropriate \$45,282 to be used to implement contractual teacher salary adjustments.

ARTICLE 5. The town voted to accept a Professional Development Grant payable on February 15, 1986, August 15, 1986, February 15, 1987 and August 15, 1987 for the purpose of increasing teacher compensation under the provisions of Section 13 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1985 was a year of many changes in the Town of Hampden. The fact that these transitions went smoothly is a credit to the way in which the town functions, and to the interest and abilities of our residents.

After many years of service to Hampden's seniors, Ralph Forsstrom died suddenly. New leadership emerged from the Council on Aging and it continues to run smoothly with Arthur Booth Sr. as the new Chairman. The resignation of Rosiland Reardon Clark as Director of the Council on Aging and June Bandoski as Senior Aid created even more change, but Vivian Cole as our new Director and Murial Ryan as Senior Aid are top performers.

The retirement of the Selectmen's long term secretary, Ruth Woods, was an occasion for many people to honor her 32 years of service to the Town of Hampden. Flora Chechile who worked with Ruth for 6 years has stepped in to continue the smooth operation of the ever expanding Selectmen's office. We also welcome Dianne Toulson to the Selectmen's office in Flo's former job of clerk.

Arthur Gerrish, held many jobs in our town and his death left the elected position of Cemetery Commissioner open. Connie Dunwoody, who had spent a great deal of time these last few years updating our cemetery records, agreed to fill Arthur's spot and again we had a smooth transition when it was needed.

Joanne Clark resigned as Head Librarian this fall and the town was fortunate to have Marta Willey already on its staff to fill the position of Head Librarian. We welcome Marta!

An uninvited guest by the name of "Gloria", the hurricane which hit on September 27, left the town with less damage than early predictions indicated but left her mark in many areas.

Our Civil Defense plan was put in motion and a shelter was opened. We did not need to use it, but the experience showed that the general plan was a good one and that the two areas which needed attention, electric outages and generator have been addressed.

As a result of the power outage, the problems returning power in a timely fashion and subsequent power failures, we have formed a committee of interested townspeople to work with the electric company to increase communication and understanding and to upgrade equipment where needed.

The storm indicated the need for a generator for the Community House at the Housing for the Elderly. The Selectmen are working with the Housing Authority to expediate permission to use the Authority's funds to install a generator.

The Board of Selectmen meet on Monday evenings and welcome town residents to our meetings. The day to day business of the town's operation is always on the agenda along with special requests to hear ideas and problems. We are continuing several projects into the coming year and invite your support and interest.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN- P2

The access of the Town House to the handicapped is a special concern and plans and funding are being persued. The continued implementation of the Right to Know law is under way. Our newly formed committee to increase communication with our electric company will continue its work. Changes and expansion of our cable television service will also be of continued interest and pursuit.

The Hampden Arts Lottery Council has again made our Town Report unique by offering our students the chance to compete for the design of the cover. Many thanks are offered to the Council and to Ginger Green for her reports of our winners, and Carol Gauthier, Art Instructor. Congratulations to all who participated!

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

Selectmen and Board of Health Fees----licenses, permits, etc.....	\$7,231.50
Building Department Fees.....	\$4,873.00
Police Department, permits, reports, etc.....	\$1,106.25
Fire Department, smoke alarm inspections, oil burner permits, etc.	\$ 777.00
Town Clerk Fees.....	\$4,026.30
Tax Collector Fees.....	\$3,070.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health has voted to continue the program of basic water testing for a minimal fee into calendar year 1986. The response of homeowners has made this a service well worth the time and expense. In the year 1985 over 150 households participated in this program. Please watch the newspapers for details of when this program will be offered in 1986.

The annual Flu Clinic was held on October 16, 1985 under the direction of Dr. William Boucher, with the volunteer help of nurses Sue Driscoll Boucher, Judith Hatch, Jane McCarthy, and Beatrice Moriarty. This effort is sponsored by the Board of Health for senior citizens and other townspeople with chronic health problems.

The annual Rabies Clinic was held on April 7, 1985 and will be conducted again in the spring of 1986. Watch local newspapers for publicity.

Routine inspections were conducted of all food facilities in town by Mr. Walter Lawler, the Health Inspector.

Each of us in town is responsible for our own water and our own sewage disposal, and the regulation of these systems becomes more critical as the town expands. New buildings require a percolation test which is valid for two years from the date of percolation; as well as a approved plan for a septic system before a building permit can be granted. The Board of Health fees are as follows,

Percolation Fee.....\$15.00
Septic Tank Permit Fee..... 25.00

A list of installers and engineers with permits to work in Hampden can be picked up at the Selectmen's office during office hours. Septic systems that need to be repaired or replaced are under the same regulations as a new system and must conform to the state codes as stated in Title V. All work on a new or replacement system must be witnessed and approved by our Board of Health Inspector, Mr. Walter Lawler.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Burger, Chairman
Judith R. Hanmer
John M. Flynn
Walter E. Lawler, R.S., Board of Health Inspector
HAMPDEN BOARD OF HEALTH

STATISTICS

PERCOLATION TESTS TAKEN AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS INSTALLED/AND OR REPAIRED.....	93
INSTALLERS PERMITS GRANTED.....	17
SEPTIC REMOVAL PERMITS GRANTED.....	6
SEPTIC REMOVAL FREQUENCY.....	182
WELL PERMITS.....	19
HEALTH COMPLAINTS.....	106
COURT ACTION.....	1
FOOD SERVICE PERMITS.....	17
PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL PERMITS.....	1

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

During the year 1985, fifty inspections were made of food service and retail food establishments. Two written notices and five verbal notices were given. One hundred complaints were handled. All public schools were inspected and were well maintained. Four inspections were made at day camps and were found to be in compliance. Food service and retail food establishments were inspected for spoilage after a severe storm caused power outages. Eight concessions were inspected and monitored during the Hampden Fair. Two series of water testing of private wells were conducted and the response to this service for the second year was very gratifying.

I attended three seminars on the New Rules and Regulations of public health pertaining to food establishments and two seminars on Aids.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and the residents of Hampden for the cooperation extended to me in 1985, and assure them that I am available for consultation concerning public health matters.

Respectfully subitted,

Walter E. Lawler, R.S., Board of Health Agent

REPORT OF TOWN MODERATOR

"Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die" could be Hampden's theme song as we approach Town Meeting time. Everyone wants the best possible school system with adequately paid teachers, outstanding administration and well maintained buildings and grounds; everyone wants an efficient, well trained and well equipped Police Department; everyone wants snow and ice free roads from a highly paid Highway Department; everyone wants an instant response from the Fire Department and emergency personnel; everyone wants instant access and professionalism in all the Town House staff. Yes, everyone wants all of the above, but, nobody wants to pay for it.

This dilemma is apparent to Department Heads, the Selectmen and Advisory Committee members. The Federal Government with unlimited power to tax is operating at an all time high deficit and withholding funds previously allotted to cities and towns. The State Government with almost unlimited power to tax, amassed an all time surplus and is returning token dollars to cities and towns. The major portion of the return is earmarked for specific purposes which may or may not be in the areas of greatest need. The Local Government with very limited power to tax under current law can increase last year's appropriations by only 2 1/2 percent without an override of Proposition 2 1/2 by the townspeople. This requires a special election and 2/3 majority vote by those voting.

The State of Massachusetts may be enjoying a booming economy, with greatest monetary surplus in it's history, but this will not be evident on the Town Meeting floor in Hampden.

It's difficult to be envious of Department Heads, Selectmen and members of the Advisory Committee when faced with the above criterion. The Department Head, faced with rising costs, added responsibilities and employees who justifiably feel they have a right to share in a booming economy, presents a realistic budget only to be told it must be reduced. The Selectmen and Advisory Committee may be sympathetic to all requests, but must make recommendations based on all the input available and in the best interests of all the townspeople, these are tough decisions.

The financial pie is the favorite dessert of all Department Heads. If they are fulfilling their responsibilities they will all request a larger slice. The Selectmen and Advisory Committee may make recommendations but in the final analysis it is you, the voter, who attends Town Meeting, questions, provides input or simply votes, who determines how the pie is sliced. Only by participation by all segments of the voters can we be assured that a stacked deck will not emerge the winner.

There are important decisions to be made, but with your participation and support at the Advisory Committee meetings, and Town Meeting they will be made in the best interests of Hampden residents. Regardless of the outcome we may rest assured we will emerge from Town Meeting still maintaining highly efficient responsible government, an excellent school system, capable leadership in all departments followed by a supporting cast unsurpassed by any community of our size in the Northeast. I am proud to be a part of it. We haven't reached Utopia but neither have we died.

See you at Town Meeting.

Dalton E. Philpott
Moderator

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

In 1985 the Town Clerk collected and submitted to the Town Treasurer money as follows:

Item	\$ Collected	\$ Town Received
Dog Licenses	2853.50	2853.50
Sporting Licenses	4325.90	147.65
Recordings	700.00	700.00
Certified Copies	337.15	337.15
Marriage and Business Certificates	84.00	84.00
 Total	 8300.55	 4122.30

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:

	1983	1984	1985
Births	55	53	53
Deaths	41	30	45
Marriages	24	34	20

Respectfully submitted,

Rita A. Vail, Town Clerk

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
 <u>DOG LICENSE FEES.....TO BE OBTAINED APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR</u>	
Neutered and Spayed dogs.....	4.00
Male and Female dogs.....	10.00

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The Board of Registrars is a four member board responsible, each year, for an accurate local census (published as the Street List) and for an accurate Voting List each election day. The Registrars must hold special voter registration sessions for every election and town meeting.

Polling for all elections, except local, is from 7 AM to 8 PM. For local elections, polling is from 8 AM to 8 PM.

Number of registered voters January 1, 1985	2,746
Number of registered voters December 31, 1985	2,581

Voter attendance during the year 1985:

Democratic Caucus, April 3, 1985	
Republican Caucus, April 4, 1985	17
Annual Town Meeting, April 29, 1985	171
Town Election, May 5, 1985	352
Special Town Meeting, November 12, 1985	128

Poll workers appointed for 1984-85 are as follows:

WARDEN	William G. Ertel, Jr.
DEPUTY WARDEN	Helena Kullberg
CLERK	Helen LaVallee
DEPUTY CLERK	Virginia Schneider

INSPECTORS

Republican	Democratic
Chris Bandoski	Sheila Flynn
Andree Crowley	Judith Jackson
Irene Cutting	Evelyn Schmidt
Helena Kullberg	Rita Southworth
Elva Jenkins	Patricia Booth

TELLERS

Evelyn Ackerman	Brenda Ahlberg
Beryl Doten	Gloria Belanger
Ernestine Johnson	Marilyn Blizzard
Florence Kirk	Carol Collins
Joyce Libby	Bert Neitupski
Nancy Salerno	
Betty Sutcliffe	

ALTERNATES -- TELLERS OR INSPECTORS

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Flynn, Chairman (Resigned January 14, 1985)
Frank J. T. Kirk, Chairman
Mary E. Connors
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.
Rita A. Vail, Clerk

1985 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals held thirteen (13) public hearings during 1985.

There were five (5) petitions for variances from the Zoning By-Laws:

- (1) Variance from the required front set-back was granted.
- (2) Variances from the required side set-back were denied.
- (2) Variances were allowed to be withdrawn without prejudice.

There were eight (8) petitions for Special Permits:

- (3) Permits to allow removal of surplus earth were granted.
- (3) Permits to allow expansion of an existing non-conforming use were granted.
- (1) Permit to allow continued use of premises in its present non-conforming use was denied.
- (1) Petition was allowed to be withdrawn without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Shooshan, Chairman
Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman
Kenneth Lefebvre, Clerk
Bert Nietupski
Bryce Norwood
Gayle Reddington
Clifford Keeney (Alternate)
Lawrence Smith (Alternate)
Charles Schmitt (Alternate)

Board of Assessors

The activity in the Assessors Office in the past year followed what might be considered a more normal pace. This, in large part, is due to the fact that we are in between those fiscal years where revaluation is required by State mandate.

The Board will have completed its yearly review of the Town pertaining to new growth by the end of January 1986. This information in its proper form will then be forwarded to our computer maintenance service in order to properly establish our tax base for fiscal 1987.

State law now requires that real estate must be revalued upward to 100% every third year. Such revaluation must be certified acceptable by the Department of Revenue. Prior revaluation took place in fiscal 1985. New revaluation will be ready for fiscal 1988 tax listing. The greater portion of the preparation for this change will take place in the latter part of fiscal 1987.

The Board of Assessors are looking forward to the completion of the mapping project. Initial work by the contractor, Sewall Mapping Co., has already taken place. It is the intent of the Board to keep you informed, check points and areas of public concern will be announced at appropriate times during the evolution of the project. We will be in a better position to establish the completion date at a later time.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the townspeople, for your cooperation and foresight in helping in the attainment of this much needed requirement.

Sincerely,

Richard Jalbert, Chairman
Stanley Witkop
Henry baush

BOARD OF ASSESSORS - ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO BE RAISED		\$3,523,121.00
OFFSETS TO CHERRY SHEET ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		
SCHOOL LUNCH		2,751.00
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY		2,373.00
RACIAL IMBALANCE PROGRAM		67,332.00
OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED		
VETERAN'S SERVICE		5,328.80
LOWER PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL		711.75
REVENUE DEFICITS		24,656.90
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY		3,630.00
PRIOR YEAR UNDER ESTIMATES		1.00
COUNTY TAX		109,149.00
STATE RECREATION AREA		8,598.70
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		772.00
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL		783.00
OVERLAY OF CURRENT FISCAL YEAR		75,329.95
	GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	<u>\$3,924,538.10</u>
1986 ESTIMATED RECEIPTS CERTIFIED BY CHERRY SHEET		1,277,625.00
LOCAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		147,957.00
LICENSES		12,075.00
FINES		19,390.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		5,297.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY		1,721.00
LIBRARIES		608.00
FARM ANIMAL		229.00
CEMETERIES		185.00
RECREATION		1,812.00
INTEREST		58,048.00
DOG POUND		2,471.00
COUNCIL ON AGING		1,090.00
METCO		35,789.00
XEROX USAGE INCOME		449.00
TELEPHONE INCOME		34.00
TOWN PROPERTY		61.00
		<u>287,216.00</u>
PRIOR YEAR OVERESTIMATE		451.00
OTHER SOURCES		<u>142,950.00</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS		1,708,242.00
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		
REAL ESTATE PROPERTY	\$2,136,679.73	
PERSONAL PROPERTY	79,616.37	2,216,296.10
	GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$3,914,538.10</u>

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TAXES ABATED IN 1985	
1985 FISCAL PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 297.53
1985 FISCAL REAL ESTATE	29,935.07
STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS GRANTED IN 1985 ON REAL ESTATE	
1985 FISCAL REAL ESTATE	15,580.00
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE COMMITTED IN 1985	
1985 COMMITMENT	178,584.35
1984 COMMITMENT	4,810.66
MOTOR VEHICLES EXCISE ABATED IN 1985	
1985 COMMITMENT	10,947.80
1984 COMMITMENT	796.31
1983 COMMITMENT	506.25

THE TOWN OWNS THE FOLLOWING REAL ESTATE

AMES ROAD	6.00 ACRES
BALDWIN LOT 122	1.06 ACRES
CROSS ROAD (DUMP)	13.42 ACRES
MAIN STREET	.29 ACRES
MARTIN FARM ROAD (LOT 50)	.78 ACRES
MARTIN FARM ROAD (LOT 51)	.80 ACRES
MILL ROAD	1.50 ACRES
MILL ROAD	4.00 ACRES
NORTH ROAD	.25 ACRES
SESSIONS DR	.71 ACRES
THRESHER ROAD	4.00 ACRES
WILBRAHAM RD	22.00 ACRES

HAMPDEN ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

The Hampden Arts Lottery Council was started in 1982 and in that time has awarded \$6,700 in grants.

Among the recipients of these grants are, Senior Citizen Art Contest, a Poster Contest for students, Hampden Historical Society, Thornton Burgess Jr. High School Band, Hampden Public Library, Minnechaug High School Band, Hampden PTO, Thornton Burgess Art Dept., Hampden Centennial Chorus, Falcon Players at Minnechaug High School, Sweet Adelines and students of Thornton Burgess School who participated in Town Report Cover Contest.

In 1984 and again in 1985 the Arts Lottery Council sponsored a Town Report Cover Contest for the students of Thornton Burgess School. Students were asked to follow a theme and a set of guidelines and design the cover for the Hampden Town Report. Both last year and this year we have the unique distinction in the Town of Hampden of having our cover for the Town Report designed by students of our town. The Arts Lottery Council would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank each student who participated in both contests. We would like to also thank Mrs. Carol Gauthier, Art Instructor for the Hampden Schools for her guidance and dedication in this project as well as Ginger Green, who spent time interviewing the students. The end result is on the cover and inside pages of this report and a report we should all be very proud of.

When you purchase a Megabucks ticket, you are helping promote and advance the arts in Massachusetts. Megabucks money is distributed among the cities and towns of Massachusetts who have local or regional Arts Lottery Councils. This money is administered by a committee appointed by the Selectmen and composed of those whose names appear at the end of this report.

The Hampden Arts Lottery Council urges any person or organization wishing to apply for these funds to obtain an application at the Selectmen's office and watch for news releases for the date when such applications will be received and considered for grants, in each disbursement period, or contact any member of the Hampden Arts Lottery Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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

HAMPDEN ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 1985 there were one hundred and sixty six permits granted.

These were as follows:

Building:

New houses	18
Garages	2
Barns	3
Sheds	5
Additions to houses	26
Additions to garage	1
Alterations to houses	6
Swimming pools	4
Stoves	5

Electrical:

New houses	16
Professional building	1
Business garage	1
Additions and remodeling	37
Service changes	5
Swimming pools	2

Plumbing:

New houses	15
Professional building	1
Additions and alterations	11
Gas	7

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

REPORT OF VETERAN' SERVICES AGENT

In 1985 there was one family aided by the Veterans' Service Department involving one person.

Total amount expended during the year was \$2,198.10 of which 75% is reimbursed by the State, the Town's share being \$549.52.

Under the provisions of Chapter 115 of the General Laws as amended veterans and their dependents were granted financial assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn F. Bolaske
Director of Veterans' Services

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

During the year 1985, a total of 37 dogs were impounded at Palmer Kennels. These dogs were all in violation of the restraining order and a good many of these dogs were unlicensed. Of the 37 dogs impounded, 4 dogs were sold at \$5.00 each; 21 were redeemed by their owners at a cost of \$7.50 each; the remaining 12 dogs were kept the required number of days and then destroyed at a cost to the Town of \$954. The Town received \$20 for dogs sold. The total cost to the Town for boarding dogs at Palmer Kennels was \$1120.

I would like to remind all residents of the Town of Hampden that your dog or dogs must be licensed each year on April 1. Dog licenses can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office. I would also like to remind all dog owners in Hampden that there is a restraining order in effect and all dogs must be kept under control of the owner at all times.

Any resident in Hampden who is experiencing a problem with dogs can reach me at my home, 65 Allen Street, Hampden, Ma., telephone #566-8509.

Respectfully submitted,
Geraldine Schmuck
Dog Officer

REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The Animal Inspector wishes to report that she has inspected the barns and animals which are required by State Law.

The following number of animals were found:

Dairy Cows over two years.....	42
Dairy Heifers one to two years.....	26
Dairy Calves under one year.....	25
Dairy Bulls.....	4
Dairy Steers.....	2
Beef Cows.....	76
Beef Herds.....	6
Horses.....	60
Ponies.....	6
Goats.....	5
Sheep.....	26
Swine.....	7
Swine Herds.....	2

Respectfully submitted,
Geraldine Schmuck
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Hampden's 621 senior citizens enjoyed their 8th year of services from the COUNCIL ON AGING whose stated goal is to enhance elders' lives and to keep the frail elderly in their own home as long as possible.

One of our priorities is to provide reliable transportation for the Town's elders and handicapped. Our driver, Carl Hatch, logged 4,187 total rides for 89 different individuals to medical appointments, therapy, shopping, meals, hair appointments, visiting, classes, clinics and personal business. We contracted directly with the PVRTA for the 5th year to reduce middle costs while maintaining service levels.

Keeping morning office hours, our federally funded senior aide, June Bandoski, worked to provide daily information and referral telephone service, as well as taking reservations and keeping records.

We were pleased to distribute Government surplus cheese, milk, butter, flour and rice to eligible families of all ages, three times during the year. The Council on Aging Director handled Fuel Assistance intake for the Valley Opportunity Council for the Town's Elderly and Handicapped, with the Hampden Emergency Fuel Fund as back-up. A grant funded Outreach program was continued to acquaint seniors with our services while filling out the Vial-of-Life Emergency Medical Forms.

Through Home Care Corporation, Janis DeGranpre, our site manager reported 4,989 meals were served in the Melville Room by 20 volunteers, where "the food is good but the company is better." 5 different volunteers delivered 2,878 home meals to shut-ins.

Our Health Services included monthly Health Clinics through the Visiting Nurses, under contract with Home Care Corporation, as well as referrals for homemakers, health aides, and housing placements. 56 seniors attended our Foot Care Service, 8 received free Eye Exams from the Springfield Optometrics and 190 made reservations at the Town Flu Clinic. Medical Equipment was borrowed from our Loan Closet by several people.

Seniors were encouraged to keep active in weekly programs. A YMCA Exercise class was conducted at the Town House and a Swimming Program was held at Trinity Church. Costs of these programs are supported in whole or in part by the participants themselves. To keep Council expenses minimal we were very fortunate to have the following seniors VOLUNTEER as instructors in various programs: Helen Tower - Art Class, Julia Terzi - Crochet and Edna Slater - Needlework. We are very proud of the Spanish class introduced this year under the instruction of Margaret Fey, from Minnechaug Regional High School's faculty. An Income Tax service was set up through AARP and speakers were heard over the year on pertinent issues.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING P2

Monthly bus trips were co-sponsored with the Scantic Senior Citizens Club, as well as a 10 team Bowling League -- all at no cost to the town.

Our annual report to the state showed that we reached 329 (out of 621) different seniors in at least one of our programs. A record to be proud of!

The Scantic Scribe, a monthly six page newsletter, details all our activities and is sent to all seniors. The expenses are borne equally by the COA and the Scantic Senior Citizens Club. It is edited by the COA director with numerous volunteers assisting with the printing, assembling and some delivery. Our Scribe is mailed at a reduced rate through the non-profit organization, Friends of the Hampden Senior Citizens, who have also been busy raising money for a senior center with an army of volunteers.

The Council sent delegates to meetings of: Western Mass. Association of Councils on Aging, State Directors Association, Silver Haired Legislature, Springfield Home Care Board, Area on Aging Advisory Council and PVT A Elderly and Handicapped Van Operators.

We appreciate the support of the Selectmen and Townspeople, also the 50 regular volunteers and all the seniors who help to get each project off the ground. We still cherish the idea of having a senior center accessible to all who wish to participate.

The passing of G. Ralph Forsstrom, our Founder and Chairman in May 1985, was a great loss to the the Town of Hampden and the Council on Aging. Ralph personified the word " Volunteer." His dedication, time and persistence are the main reasons we have the Council on Aging and the many services and programs available to the seniors of Hampden today.

December 1985 brought more changes in the COA staff. A new Director, Vivian Cole, was appointed by the Selectmen following the resignation of Rosalind Reardon Clark. Rosalind served the seniors of Hampden as COA Director and friend with dedication, enthusiasm and love. We wish her luck in her new position. June Bandoski, our Senior Aide, retired in December also. Muriel Ryan was hired to replace her. We thank her for her dedicated service and wish her a happy retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD

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HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Year 1985:

The present elected members of the Hampden Housing Authority are: Florence E. Kirk - Chairperson, Sherwood W. Cronk - Vice-Chairman and State Appointee, Clifford E. Attleton - Treasurer, Charles T. Schmitt, Assistant Treasurer and William J. Donnelly - Secretary.

The Staff: Carole A. Robert, Executive Director and Rental Manager, Gary DePace, Accountant and Irving A. Morse, Sr. Maintenance Custodian.

Meetings: The Authority meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 in the Centennial Commons Community Hall, with intermittent special meetings when necessary. Notices of these meetings are posted according to regulations on the Town House Bulletin Board.

Tenant's Organization: This is a busy unit at the Commons. (See their report) And some of them attend the Authority meetings quite regularly.

Authority Activities: The water tests continue to be consistently satisfactory. Painting of the interiors of all the Units - approved by EOCD in Nov. 1984- was completed this year as were all the outer halls and stairways.

A Solar Hot Water System was installed in the Community Building.

Phase One- of Five in our Landscaping Program was completed. This involved adding 7 more Parking Areas around the Circle near the Community Hall - some repairing in that area and the pruning of trees and shrubs. Phase Two has been approved. Plans for that will begin in 1986.

Information on Emergency Generators has been secured. This is our No. 1 Priority Project. It would be installed in the Community Building for its facilities and the convenience of the residents in case of power failure. A packet of letters from the Hampden Selectmen, The Consultant's report, The Town of Hampden Civil Defense Plan and Florence E. Kirk and Charles T. Schmitt, Board Members was sent to EOCD. We anticipate an early approval.

In October a Spot Check visit to Centennial Commons by two Section 8 Co-ordinators took place. They completed a management review and inspected three various apartments. They found everything to be in order; and they expressed their compliments on the beauty of Centennial Commons.

Centennial Commons — This Complex which was ready for renting in 1978 consists of 56 units, 6 of which are designed for the handicapped. There are 54 one bedroom units, 2 two bedroom units and a Community Hall which encompasses the laundry room, the Office and also serves as a "meeting place" for activities of the residents and the meetings of the Authority. At this time all units are rented and we have a waiting list.

EOCD The Authority is under the direct supervision of the Executive Offices of Community Development in conjunction with our contract for 40 years, Section 8, HUD: Federal Subsidy with the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for our Centennial Commons Complex Housing for the Elderly; and also in Contract for the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Hampden Housing Authority