

CENTENNIAL COMMONS
Tenant's Organization

The Centennial Commons Tenant's Organization hold their quarterly meetings at the Community Building on the third Thursday of March, June, September and December. The annual meeting was held on the first Thursday in December for the Election of Officers. At this time Harold McLean retired as President and Harriet Hulse was elected to take his place. The other officers retained their seats. The other officers are Pauline Booth, Secretary, Kathryn Conway, Treasurer and Muriel Ryan, Vice President.

While it is always nice to look forward to Spring, having our apartments painted did a lot towards having our spring cleaning done, with little effort on our parts as Frank Prouty and his crew were very efficient.

A few of us are still interested in gardening. The work is hard, the yield is excellent and the bounty is shared with everyone.

Our picnic in June was not the usual hot dog, hamburg affair. We had fried chicken from Jim Dandy's, with side dishes prepared by the great cooks here at the Commons. Everyone enjoyed our annual picnic and went home well fed and happy.

In July, a six week course in piano lessons kept seven ladies busy. None of us turned out to be Van Cliburn, however, we did have a good time.

Our Mini Bazaar and Bake Sale was held on October 5th. We had something for everyone. There were plants, Christmas items, knit goods, white elephant table and last but not least, the bakery table that sells out as fast as the goodies are put out. We made a healthy profit for our Tenants Organization fund from this.

During one of our meetings, it was suggested that Jim Dandy cater the Christmas Party. When the time came, we were delighted with the service and the food, which was superb. A social hour before dinner put everyone in a festive mood. We also had a grab bag, and everyone went home with a present.

To round out the season, Carole Robert, our Executive Director, hosted a Christmas Coffee for the tenants. This was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Booth
Secretary

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission consists of seven members appointed by the selectmen and derives its authority from the Wetlands Protection Act, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40. The Commission, through procedures established by the Wetlands Protection Act and applicable regulations, makes a concerted effort to protect the ground water supply, to prevent flood and storm damage, to prevent pollution and to protect the fisheries in Hampden.

In 1985, the Commission issued four Cease and Desist orders where property owners were altering Wetlands without obtaining prior approval of the Commission. In each instance, the property owners halted their projects, and took appropriate action to comply with the Wetlands Protection Act.

In 1985, five Requests for Determination of Applicability were filed with the Commission. In each case, a public meeting was held at which the proposed project was discussed and debated. The Commission ultimately approved all proposed projects, in some instances imposing specific conditions which had to be observed.

Five Notices of Intent were filed with the Commission in 1985. In each case, a public hearing was held at which the proposed project was discussed and debated. The Commission approved all five projects, but imposed specific conditions with which each project had to comply.

The spraying of herbicides along power lines in Town was an issue once again this year. Although the Commission does not approve of the use of any herbicide, the Wetlands Protection Act does not prohibit the use of herbicides for normal maintenance of rights of ways by utilities unless the herbicide is highly toxic. Massachusetts Electric sprayed both Krenite and Ammate on vegetation growing under its power lines. The Commission thoroughly reviewed these herbicides and determined that the utility had a right to use them. The Commission did, however, talk to representatives of the utility to insure that the least amount of herbicide necessary to control vegetation growth would be used. Moreover, the Commission notified property owners adjacent to the power lines that they could cut the vegetation themselves and avoid the spraying of herbicides on their property.

During the course of the year, the Commission received numerous requests to inspect parcels of land and to determine whether a proposed project would be within the jurisdiction of the Commission. In responding to such requests, the Commission has assisted property owners in completing their projects without encountering unnecessary time delays or expense. Any person considering work in or near a Wetland (including near a stream, river or swamp) should contact the Commission to have the project reviewed before it is started.

The Conservation Commission continually seeks associate members. If you are interested in participating in Commission activities, please contact any member of the Commission or any Selectman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Field, Chairman
James Smith, Vice Chairman
Gary Newlin, Secretary
Paul Robitaille, Treasurer
Omer Talbot
Brenda Ahlberg
Bill Wilson
Lynn Shay, Associate Member

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REPORT OF HAMPDEN TOWN COUNSEL

In the year 1985-86, Hampden Town Counsel has given attention to a multitude of cases involving many departments of the Town.

Town Counsel's services were required to assist the Conservation Commission, whose legal activities have increased this year, particularly pertaining to the Scantic River. Town Counsel's assistance was also required to rule on decisions of the Board of Appeals, that had been contested and his presence was required for several hearings in the Housing Court.

The Hampden Fire Department is drafting new By Laws, which Town Counsel will review when they are completed.

Town Counsel was also asked to assist the School Department with insurance claims as well as the legal aspects of the emergency situation with the boiler at Green Meadows School.

In the case of Camp Sun N Fun, the owner is proposing an Elderly and Low Income Housing project to be built on the premises. Action in a Town Meeting would first have to approve a zone change. The outcome on the project will be awaited with interest.

Town Counsel also assists the Selectmen's office with various problems ranging from policy setting to town meeting activities, as well as advising and assisting all Town boards .

Services will be required for various on going cases that will continue into 1986.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH R. JENNINGS
HAMPDEN TOWN COUNSEL

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

In 1899 Hampden established a three man Cemetery Commission.

"As one after another lay their burdens down, it is a comforting thought that their graves will receive some care and attention, that human minds and hands will care for our graves and endeavor to make more beautiful the surrounding of our last resting place."

The above is a quote from a 1905 Cemetery Commissioners report.

This past year nineteen of our citizens have laid their burdens down. It is also the endeavor of the present commission to care for the graves and surroundings of our Hampden people.

We were busy this year, especially at Prospect Hill, removing trees which are beginning to interfere with grave stones, seeding, mowing and filling sunken graves.

Lots were sold at Old Cemetery. Routine mowing was done.

Corinne Dunwoody was appointed by the Selectmen, to fill the vacancy left by the death of Arthur Gerrish. We miss Arthur at our meetings, he always had constructive and sometimes amusing input. He did his work well during his term from 1968 - 1985.

Quarterly meetings were held at the Town House the second Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at 7:30 P.M.

Anyone wishing assistance at either cemetery, Prospect Hill, Scantic Road or Old Cemetery, Chapin Road, may contact any member of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners.

There are still grave sites at Old Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert F. Szama, Jr., Chairman
Frank Prouty
Corinne Dunwoody
Cemetery Commissioners

Report of the Energy Commission

The Energy Commission met several times during 1985. The Commission receives information on a regular basis from the state relating to energy issues. An energy information board is maintained on the lower level of the Town House to make such information available to residents. In a cooperative effort with the library, energy related books are available for loan and any free energy booklets and handouts are in a rack there.

Hampden Town Fair: We participated in the Fair by arranging for a visit of Massachusetts Electric's Energy Van. Near the van, Commission members manned a table with handouts.

Solar educational kits went to both Green Meadows and Thornton Burgess Schools from this Commission. Available to any interested teacher, the kits show the basics of solar energy, and have instructions for simple projects.

Fuel Assistance: Applications for assistance to low-income households were taken this past winter by Barbara Burgess, a second year volunteer, and Rosalind Reardon Clark, Council on Aging Director until she took another position in December. At that time, Mrs. Burgess took over the age 60+ household applications. The Commission thanks both for the hours of effort that go into filling this need locally, with special thanks going to Mrs. Burgess as a volunteer. For next year's winter season, more volunteers are needed to maintain this local service. In-take workers are reimbursed for their mileage and training is provided. For further information, contact Nancy Zebert.

The Valley Opportunity Council (VOC), which handles the paperwork for the fuel assistance program, reports that 53 Hampden households applied for assistance with 51 of those being eligible. Hampden residents received a total of \$27,032 in assistance with an average of \$530.04 per household. There were six more households serviced in 84-85 compared to the 83-84 period. Additionally, the Hampden Emergency Fuel Fund (HEFF) assisted those households facing emergency no-heat situations. HEFF is a private fund supported by organizational and individual contributions.

Any resident interested in serving on the Commission may contact any member for further information. Members are appointed by the Selectmen for a term of three years. The Commission's purpose is to serve as a conduit of energy information to town residents; hold energy education/information sessions and engage in any other energy related activity.

Respectfully submitted,

George Audren

Toi Graham

Walt Johnson

Nancy Zebert, Chairman

Frank Krzanik

Al Perusse

Brian McQuillan

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT 1986

THE HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO 66 CALLS THIS PAST YEAR. FIVE OF THESE CALLS WERE MUTUAL AID CALLS TO SURROUNDING TOWNS. TWO OF THE CALLS WERE POWER OUTAGES, AND ONE WAS HURRICANE GLORIA.

THE RESIDENTS OF HAMPDEN SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THE MEN WHO STAYED IN THE FIRE STATION AROUND THE CLOCK TO PROTECT THE TOWN DURING THE POWER OUTAGE CAUSED BY THE HURRICANE. THESE MEN WERE NOT PAID- STRICTLY VOLUNTEER.

ALSO, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN DIFFERENT AREAS ACROSS TOWN DIRECTING TRAFFIC AROUND A NUMBER OF FALLEN TREES THAT HAD TAKEN HEAVY WIRES DOWN INTO THE ROAD.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ALSO WORKED WITH THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, REMOVING TREES AND WIRES FROM THE ROADS IN ORDER THAT EMERGENCY VEHICLES COULD GET THROUGH IF NEEDED.

THERE WERE 49 HOMES INSPECTED THIS YEAR FOR SMOKE DETECTORS FOR REASONS OF SALE, TRANSFER, OR REMORGAGING.

A BREAK-DOWN OF THIS PAST YEARS FIRES IS AS FOLLOWS:

HOUSE	-	15	CHIMNEY	-	15
BARN	-	3	CAR	-	7
BRUSH	-	9	FALSE ALARMS	-	2
STAND-BY (POWER OUTAGES)	-	3	MUTUAL AID	-	5
		HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY	-	13	

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RICHARD HATCH
FIRE CHIEF

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

In the past year there were 9 calls for brush and grass fires, which we are happy to see are down 5 from the previous year. Outdoor burning remains restricted to January 15th through May 1st, between the hours of 10am and 4pm. You may call and get a burning permit by phoning our office only. The office number is: 566-3314.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Hatch
Forest Fire Warden

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

During the year 1985 the town again saw a decrease in the amount of damage done to shade trees from the Gypsy Moth.

The count of Gypsy Moth egg clusters showed a decrease in infestation throughout the town, a total of over 300 egg clusters were found and destroyed.

DUTCH ELM REPORT

A total of eight diseased elm trees were cut down and disposed of during the year 1985.

Infested elm trees were cut down along the roadside on Wilbraham Road, Somers Road, South Road, South Monson Road and Main Street.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Reardon
Superintendent
Insect Pest Control

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

The winter of 1984-85 was a winter of normal snow fall and an early spring.

This past winter rip rapping was done on a section of the Scantic River behind the homes on River Park Drive for a distance of 600 feet. The work will continue this winter to complete the project.

Construction this past year consisted of rebuilding South Road for a distance of 1100 feet and Isaac Bradway Road for a distance of 300 feet to take off the water problems at the state line. We put in drainage going north on Somers Road to tie in the drainage on Wilbraham Road which now goes to the Scantic River.

The roads resurfaced were North Monson Road for a distance of 1700 feet and Somers Road for a distance of 600 feet with black top.

The roadsides were mowed and trimmed of brush.

The newly acquired brush chipper proved its value to the Town when Hurricane Gloria paid us a visit in September. The new small 1985 dump truck is also proving its value.

The usual work of patching holes and grading the gravel roads were done.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

The Tree Warden wishes to report the following trees were taken down:

Two large oaks on East Longmeadow Road; 4 large maples, 2 ash and 1 elm on Wilbraham Road; 2 large oaks and 2 maples on Ames Road; 1 large oak on Somers Road; 2 maples on Somers Road; 1 maple on Allen Street; 5 large pine on Sessions Drive; 1 large oak on South Monson Road; 1 large maple on Glendale Road; 4 oaks on Stony Hill Road and 1 large elm on Main Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Homer L. Fuller
Highway Superintendent
Tree Warden

REPORT OF LIBRARY - 1985

The Hampden Public Library continued to be a busy place in 1985 with circulation increasing 11% over 1984. We saw a lot of happy faces this summer as the library enjoyed it's first summer air-conditioned.

The theme for the 1985 Summer Reading Program was "Find Your Fantasy". The program was extremely successful and 86 children completed the reading requirements. We would like to thank Elinor King for making our summer bulletin boards come alive with dragons, knights, and castles!

1985 brought some personnel changes at the library. Head librarian Joanne Clarke resigned in September and Marta Willey was appointed to take her place; Cecilia Melville was hired as the new library clerk. Mrs. Melville had previously worked in the library from 1967 to 1972 and is a former library trustee.

The library sponsored many pre-school storyhours throughtout the year and had a special visit from Santa Claus on Dec. 7. The library experimented with some new adult and children's programming in 1985 which seemed to be well received by the townspeople. For the adults the library offered a "color analysis" presentation, an historical doll display by Lora Willey, and a nature photography display by Anne Tiberio. In addition to pre-school storyhours the library sponsored an evening storytime for children in grades 1 to 3 and a Junior Library Club for grades 5 to 8.

The library's meeting room, the Sessions Room, was well used this year. The Girl Scouts, Council on Aging, 4-H and Lioness Club are just a few of the many community organizations which used the meeting room.

In 1985, the library applied for and received Arts Lottery Grants for children's cassettes and filmstrips and for a reading incentive program involving the New England Puppetry Series. From a prior Arts Lottery Grant the library now has a microfilm reader for patrons to view the historical Hampden news clippings which were put on microfilm in 1984.

The library offers a special thanks this year to the Lions and Lioness Clubs for their continuous generous support of the library. We want to again thank Mrs. Lanoie's class at Green Meadows School for offering their art work to decorate the library and finally we would like to thank all our patrons for their donations and continuous support during 1985.

The Library Trustees meet on the third Wednesday of the month.

LIBRARY HOURS

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	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED SATURDAYS DURING JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER.

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LIBRARY STATISTICS

General Services

Circulation

Books.....	23,309
Periodicals.....	2,953
Recordings.....	839
Inter Library Loan.....	422
	<u>27,523</u>

Volumes Added.....	643
Volumes Discarded.....	585
Total Collection.....	14,407
Magazine Subscriptions.....	59
Total Attendance.....	13,575
Bookmobile.....	2,388

Finances

Receipts

Revenue Sharing.....	\$21,285
State Aid.....	2,373
Additional State Aid.....	1,376
	<u>\$25,034</u>

Expenditures

Wages.....	\$16,953
Media Materials.....	6,528
Supplies, Telephone, Incidentals.....	1,553
	<u>\$25,034</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Byron, Chairman, Trustee
Miriam P. Bryans, Trustee
Mary Barkhuff, Trustee
Marta Willey, Librarian

Report of the Parks & Recreation Commission

The Hampden Parks & Recreation Commission met regularly during the year 1985.

Mr. James Whipple, chairman was re-elected and Mr. Frank Watson is a new member of our board. Our thanks to former commissioner, Steve LeClair, for his years of service to our board.

This year Park & Recreation has decided not to offer the 6 week Summer program held at Memorial Field. The steadily declining enrollment of children was a major factor in cutting this program. The July Fourth celebration at Memorial Field will also be cancelled due to decreasing numbers and lack of interest.

The Commission is in the planning stages of upgrading the playground equipment at Memorial Park. Equipment will be purchased over a 2 or 3 year period.

The Hampden Recreation Association had another fine year with their sports programs, offering baseball, softball, basketball and soccer to the children of Hampden. Many thanks to the RAH board, coaches and parents who make all these programs possible for the children of Hampden.

Memorial Park for the past few years has been the site of the Old Engine Show sponsored by the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department in July. Also, the Hampden Days celebration sponsored by the Hampden Businessmen's Association in September.

Mr. Norman Proulx is the Director of the Seasonal Programs. Some of the programs offered are: Women's Volleyball, Men's Volleyball, Co-ed Volleyball, Indoor Soccer, Gymnastics, Aerobics, and Men's Basketball.

Vandalism still remains a serious problem at the Park despite numerous precautions. Please help us remind our children to respect the facilities they are using.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Whipple, Chairman
Maureen Coughlin
Art Thomas
Ron Morrissette
Frank Watson
Beverly Carroll, Clerk

Planning Board Annual Report

Safety is always a concern of the Planning Board and time was spent with the owner of a small tree farm trying to create safe parking for his seasonal operation. Complainants had voiced concern should an emergency vehicle have to pass through the congested back road. The solution was to allow parking on only one side of the street, with grading being done to enable cars to pull further off the traveled way.

A professional building went up in a very visible part of town - the tip of Allen St./ Wilbraham Rd. It faces East Longmeadow Rd. and is seen coming from Somers Rd. Builder Karnig Zeroogian met with the Town to handle common concerns of drainage, lighting, parking, access/egress, and signs. The property abutts the residential zone and interpretation of the buffer was crucial. Planning Boards cannot legislate for aesthetics, but all members agree that this building is an asset to the Town.

Zoning review is an ongoing part of the Board's business, and this year the following topics were reviewed, some being placed before the April 1986 Town Meeting for adoption: Acquifer Protection, Satellite Dish Zoning, Bed & Breakfast, Temporary Signs, Driveway Pitch, Environmental Impact Statement, Home Occupations and Frontage setback. Cluster Zoning was reviewed with a resident who thought it might be the best way to develop a couple of large parcels he wanted to purchase. After discussing this aspect, the Board expressed the opinion that Cluster Zoning is not in the best interest of the Town.

Of future subdivisions being proposed, the one likely to come before the Board soon, is a continuation of the cul-de-sac at the end of Erioa Circle on the present R. Kibbe land.

In the tiny world of Hampden's Business Zone, Linda Grant will operate a floral shop along with her present bridal consultant work.

In November Billy Kingston presented his new proposal designed for his property on Allen St., the former Camp Sun & Fun site. He has acquired additional frontage. This proposal was for 150 units of Elderly and Market Rate Town Houses, and since this area is not zoned for such usage, the Board had to deny his proposal.

John L. Partyka Chairman
Frederick Maher, Jr. Vice-Ch.
Donald J. Collins
Karl D. Sternberg
John D. Mikkola

Judith M. Jackson, Secretary

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1985.

During the year the Police Department recorded 3540 log entries. Of these 2455 required further investigation. The calls received by the department were for assistance, complaints and for the reporting of crimes. The following is a general breakdown of the type of complaints received and investigated by the Police Department.

B&E forcible entry	17	Motor vehicle complaints	302
B&E attempted forcible entry	3	Citizen assists	297
Larceny over \$100	18	Suspicious activity	269
Larceny under \$100	19	Sex offenses	1
Vandalism	72	Youth problems	44
Ambulance assists	98	Assist other police departments	94
Fire Department assists	90	Protective custody	12
Family problems	41	Assist Highway Department	98
Bicycles reported stolen	3	Animal complaints	74
Bicycles recovered	2	General services	197
Buildings found open	82	Assault	7
Burglar alarms answered	150	Attempted suicide	1
Stolen cars reported	6	Weapons, carrying, possessing, etc.	8
Stolen cars recovered	6	Annoying telephone calls	12
Stolen motorcycles reported	3	Dog bites	3
Stolen motorcycles recovered	3	Violation liquor laws	3
Stolen property recovered	4	Noise complaints	88
Prowlers	6	Disturbance	66
Missing persons	15	Arson of motor vehicle	1
Obscene telephone calls	26	Accidental death	1
Dog complaints	87	Recreational vehicle complaints	94
Arrests for other departments	32		

During the year 123 persons were arrested and a total of 235 complaints were filed against them in the following categories.

Possession cocaine	8	Burning rubber	1
Poss. cocaine w/int. distribute	3	Opr. studded tires out of season	1
Poss. marijuana	4	Reckless opr. of a m/v	1
Poss. marijuana w/int. distribute	4	Bald tires	3
Conspiracy drug laws	3	Altering an inspection sticker	1
Poss. hashish	2	Improper passing	1
Poss. hashish w/int. dist., minors	1	No registration in possession	2
B&E daytime, int. com. felony	2	Leaving scene of m/v accident	1
B&E building, int. com. felony	5	Altering a license	1
Larceny over \$100	6	Stop sign	1
Receiving stolen property	4	Opr. under influence of alcohol	27
Disorderly persons	4	Opr. a m/v without a license	5
Possession of heroin	1	Opr. a m/v, no license in poss.	5
Minor in poss. alcoholic beverages	1	Opr. a m/v w/o authority	1
Proc. alcoholic bev. for minor	1	Opr. m/v after license suspension	5
Minor transporting alcoholic bev.	1	Restraining order violation	1
Warrant arrests	39	Speeding	15

Police Department P2

Wilful & mal. dest. personal prop.	4	Opr. unregistered m/v	4
Unarmed burglary into building	1	Opr. uninsured m/v	4
Unarmed burglary	1	Attaching plates	2
Assault & battery on police officer	4	Failure stay in parked lanes	20
Escape from D. Y. S.	3	Opt. to endanger	3
Failure to stop for police officer	7	No tail lights	1
Failure to inspect m/v	4	Trespassing with a m/v	1
Failure to yield right of way	1	Leaving scene per. injury accident	1
Opr. motorcycle w/o headgear	1	Opr. m/c w/passenger, learner's per.	1
Harsh and objectionable noise	1	Defective equipment	1
No eye protection, m/c	1	Opr. m/c with bald rear tire	1
Opr. uninsured m/c	1	Opr. m/c w/o a registration	1
Fail. use headlights ½ hr aft. sunset	1	Restraining order violation	1

During 1985 there were 70 motor vehicle accidents reported and investigated by this department. A total of 107 motor vehicles were involved. As a result of these accidents 38 people were injured and required medical treatment.

1985 MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS

There were 1593 citations written in 1985. Of these 1015 were on radar.

WARNINGS

Speeding	238	Failure to dim high beams	1
Stop sign	3	Uncovered load	2
No registration in possession	2	Offensive noise	3
No license in possession	5	Failure to change address	2
Operating without a license	5	Defective equipment	5
Uninspected motor vehicle	6	Excessive smoke	1
Failure to stay to right	2		

NON CRIMINAL CITATIONS

Speeding	881	Failure to stop for police	5
Passing in no passing zone	17	Attaching plates	2
Failure to stay right	20	Defective Equipment	21
Stop sign	44	No plates on vehicle	3
No registration in possession	12	Failure to change address	6
Unregistered motor vehicle	10	Studded tires out of season	7
No license in possession	34	Violation of traffic advice	2
Operating w/o a license	12	Offensive noise	4
Failure to stay in marked lanes	2	Uninsured	1
Uninspected m/v	107	No headgear	1
Impeded operation	3	Failure to cover load	1
Violation of permit	1	Failure to restrain child	3
Violation of license restriction	5	Allowing improper person opr. m/v	1

CRIMINAL CITATIONS

Speeding	11	No license in possession	6
Failure to stop for police off.	3	Oper. w/o a license	2

Police Department P3

Improper passing	1	Altering a license	2
Attaching plates	17	Defective equipment	1
Failure to stay right	3	Marked lanes	1
Leaving scene of accident	8	Using a m/v w/o authority	3
Protective headgear	1	Driving to endanger	1
Unregistered vehicle	21	No registration in possession	2
Uninsured vehicle	20	Violation of license restriction	1

During the year \$1106.25 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits and reports. The town received \$22,440.00 from Massachusetts Trial Court in Palmer which was the town's share of fines paid as a result of motor vehicle citations issued by the officers of our department.

TOTAL AMOUNTS OF FINES AND SENTENCES

Alcohol program	18
Traffic cases pending	717
Court costs assessed	\$2484.00
Restitution	\$1869.00
Show cause hearings held	56
Defensive Driving School	18
House of Correction, direct	4 months
House of Correction, suspended	1 year, 10 months
Registry action taken	5
Probation	43 years, 7 months
Department of Youth Services	2
Victims Fund assessed	\$1120.00

Our officers attended inservice training programs conducted by the Criminal Justice Training Council at Agawam. All full time officers attended a 40-hour inservice course as well as CPR, First Responder and Revolver recertifications. All of our reserve officers have completed the reserve officer training as required by the state. The following officers attended specialized school during the year. Raymond Schmuck, 80-hour Crime Prevention School, Shotgun Instructors' recertification, First Responders Instructors' recertification: Brian Basill, Criminal Law Update: Alfred Taylor, Suicide Prevention; Paula Courtemanche, Suicide Prevention, Radar, Handcuffing, PR-24: Eric Madison, Suicide Prevention, PR-24, Handgun Retention: William Chechile, Child Abuse and the Law. Many of our reserve officers attended various criminal justice classes held at the Training Academy on their own time.

In November of 1985 Officer James Collins, our newest patrolman, completed a 12-week basic police training academy held at the Western Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Center at Agawam. This training consisted of a very rigorous physical conditioning course, criminal and motor vehicle law and many other courses which will benefit the officer during his career. Officer Collins is now assigned to a permanent shift on road coverage. He is also our K-9 officer and has recently been recertified with his K-9, Rommel. These certifications are conducted by the state and require that the officer attend monthly inservice K-9 training.

Police Department P4

In September of 1985, after a very long delay due to the unavailability of computer lines, our new CJIS/LEEPS system computer terminal was installed. Since its installation this piece of equipment, which I feel is one of the most valuable pieces of equipment we have ever installed, has allowed our department to monitor many activities in our area and across the country. We are able to immediately receive information on licenses, registrations and outstanding warrants which has proved very useful to the patrol officer on the street. I am sure that in the years to come this equipment will prove even more valuable to our department.

We also completed the holding cell and it is now in full operation. Due to many new state laws, there was a very long delay in completing this cell so that we could comply with the law. Many of these laws have since been delayed but we expect that in 1986 the state will be funding the necessary materials which will complete our holding cell. I am sure that many of our town residents do not realize that almost all of this holding cell was built by residents of our community--many of whom donated time, labor and material which saved our community many tax dollars. Without their help I estimate that we would have had to appropriate an additional \$3500.00 of tax money to build the holding cell. The total cost to the town was approximately \$2000.00. I wish to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to all of the people who helped us complete our holding cell.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued support and cooperation, all members and civilian employees of the police department, the Fire Chief and Highway Superintendent and citizens of the community for their continued cooperation throughout the year.

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

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Hampden School Committee is pleased to present its report for the 1985 calendar year.

From an educational perspective, the year 1985 was marked by the passage of Chapter 188 of the General Laws, the Massachusetts Educational Reform Bill. This legislation intends to radically improve education in the State. It stresses curriculum responsibility and provides mandates relative to evaluation of programs, staffs and schools. Additionally, it provides incentives for educational change through a series of discretionary grants. The emphasis of the legislation is to place new responsibilities for the quality of education on communities and offers new opportunities in attaining this end.

Two aspects of this legislation have had immediate application in Hampden. The first is the School Improvement Councils and the second is the Professional Development Grants. The law mandates that each school have a School Improvement Council, consisting of the Principal (Chair), three teachers elected annually by the teachers in the building, two parents of children attending the school elected by the Parent Teacher Organization, and one person, not a parent of a child attending the school, appointed by the School Committee. The School Improvement Councils for the 1985/86 School Year shall, upon certification, be entitled to receive a grant of ten dollars per pupil for each child in Grades Kindergarten through Six. These monies can be spent for any educational project subject only to School Committee veto. The Hampden School Improvement Councils have been approved and it is expected that a grant in the amount of \$3,980 will be at the disposal of the two committees.

The Town of Hampden, at a special town meeting, has accepted the provisions of the Professional Development Grant and will receive an estimated \$39,296 over the present and next two fiscal years. These monies must be used for teacher salary enhancement and their disposition must be negotiated with the Hampden Teachers' Association. These matters have been accomplished and the monies will be incorporated into the basic salary schedule.

The Committee expresses its appreciation to the people of Hampden for their support on these two important aspects of this legislation. The acceptance of the professional development grants is particularly significant as it allows Hampden to remain competitive with other school systems and helps to upgrade the salaries of our professional staff.

Internally, during the year 1985 major emphasis has been placed on the matter of curriculum development. Curriculum committees have been organized and have accomplished much in terms of development of functional curriculum guides. The intent of the curriculum development project is to:

1. Develop a statement of philosophy for each discipline.
2. Develop a series of goals and objectives related thereto.
3. Define, in guide form, the content of each discipline.
4. Develop a rationale for why the content material is taught.

5. Develop appropriate examples of how material might best be taught.
6. Develop a listing of appropriate supplementary and adjunct materials.
7. Develop appropriate procedures for the ongoing assessment of the curriculum and the instructional process.
8. Effect better articulation relative to the teaching of content material within the discipline.

Additionally, each curriculum committee is encouraged to seek out a parent for active involvement in its proceedings.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

The Committee is pleased that it was able to reach an equitable settlement with the Hampden Teachers' Association. A new three-year contract was signed. As monies for these salary increases had not been budgeted they were appropriated at a Special Town Meeting held on November 12, 1985. The Town also accepted the provisions of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985 as they applied to professional development grants at this special meeting. This allowed State monies in the estimated amount of \$39,296 to be incorporated into the basic salary schedule upon receipt.

MAINTENANCE

The major item of maintenance during the year was the emergency replacement of the Green Meadows boiler. At the onset of the heating season the boiler developed a serious leak. Because of the location of the leak and the numerous welded repairs in the vicinity, it was deemed that repair was not feasible. Consequently, the Board of Selectmen declared the boiler replacement to be an emergency and the replacement process was begun during the Christmas vacation. It is assumed that this project will drastically improve the energy efficiency of the Green Meadows School and result in substantial fuel savings.

Of major concern in terms of maintenance is the refurbishing of Green Meadows School. Interior lighting, access doors, lavatory renovation, and cafeteria renovation are areas of immediate concern. Additionally, there is much that should be done to make the building itself more attractive and more energy efficient. The Committee trusts that the refurbishing of the Green Meadows School will become an important item on the overall Town agenda.

COMPUTER CENTER

The 1985 Annual Town Meeting endorsed the School Committee request for funding for a computer center. The Committee is pleased to inform the community that seventeen Apple IIe computers with supporting hardware and software have been acquired and that the computer center became operational with the opening of school in September. The Committee position relative to the computer center was and is that it is a community resource. In this regard the Committee is pleased to note that an introductory program for Hampden's senior citizens was begun in December. This program has been enthusiastically received by the senior citizens and consideration is being given to the development of follow-up programs. The Committee recognizes with appreciation the support of the Community for the computer center project - a sincere thank you for support of this request.

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO THE HAMPDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Hampden Volunteers In Service to the Public Schools were deeply involved in the provision of volunteer support for the Hampden Public Schools during 1985. This support ranged from providing guest lecturers for classroom presentations to the securing of mentors for the Prime Program with a host of other services in between. The volunteers are an excellent adjunct to the Hampden Public Schools. Their efforts on behalf of public education in Hampden are noteworthy and deeply appreciated.

IN APPRECIATION

Over the past year the Committee has received assistance, direction and advice from many of the town departments, town organizations and individuals. For this support and interest the Committee is profoundly grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

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