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Article 8. The Town voted to take no action in order that the vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting of April 25, 1988 remains the same.

Motion was duly made, seconded and voted to reconsider 66.0 Total Local School Operation and 68.0 Total Local School to
 66.0 2,069,500
 68.0 2,078,500

For-----85
 Against-----82

Article 9. The Town voted ^{unanimously} to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$145,000 for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 1989.

Adjourned: 10:08 PM.

A true copy. Attest: Rita A. Vail Town Clerk

Appropriations for FY '89 voted at Annual Town Meeting, April 25, 1988 and Sprical Town Meeting, June 27, 1988.

Article	Raise and Appropriate	Borrow	Transfer
2 (June 27)	4,305,494		
3 (April 25)	2,290		
4 (April 25)	7,985	23,951	
5 (April 25)	13,600		
10 (April 25)		1,850,000 ⁽¹⁾	
11 (April 25)			2,332.50 ⁽²⁾
14 (April 25)	20,000		
9 (June 27)			145,000 ⁽³⁾
Totals	4,349,369	1,873,951	147,332.50

(1) Ballot Question: bond issue

(2) State Aid

(3) Unappropriated available funds in the Treasury used to lower tax rate.

Moderator Dalton Philpott opened the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Article 1. The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for the enactment of special legislation in the following form or in such other form as the General Court may determine:

"An Act validating a proposition 2½ exemption vote for the Town of Hampden. . .

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows

SECTION 1. The vote taken by the Town of Hampden on May 2, 1988 to exempt certain bonds from the annual tax limitations of section 21C of chapter 59 of the General Laws is hereby ratified, validated, and confirmed, notwithstanding any defect or omission in the calling of the election.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

For: 83

Against: 1

Article 2. The Town voted to hear from the Board of Selectmen, a report on their vote taken to support and grant permission to Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School Committee to incur debt for the purpose of re-roofing Minnechaug Regional High School.

Article 3. The Town voted to adopt a new fee schedule to be charged by the Town Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 262, Section 34, Clauses 1-79.

Article 4. The Town voted to change the zoning classification from "Commercial to Residence R-4", of two lots of land, lots #14 and #15, East Longmeadow Road, Hampden, owned by Marcia A. Lefort and Angelo E. Ronzoni, as described in the warrant.

For 56

Against: 26

Article 5. The Town of Hampden voted unanimously to take by eminent domain, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 14 and Chapter 79, Section 1, et cet., a permanent easement in the parcels of land as described in the warrant for the purposes of intersection-roadway improvements and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary action in connection therewith and further to raise and appropriate therefore the sum of two dollars, said parcels as described in the warrant.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Attest: Pats A. Vail Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting, February 8, 1988

Voters in Attendance--97

Moderator, Dalton Philpott, opened the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Article 1. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of \$24,000 to the Sanitary Landfill Account, Item #23.0

Article 2. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of \$23,000 to be used for the replacement of the Thornton Burgess locker room ceilings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Attest: Rita A. Vail Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting, April 25, 1988

Voters in Attendance--196
Number of Registered -- 2372

Town Moderator, Dalton Philpott, opened the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Article 1. The Town voted to create a "Green Meadows Remodeling Committee" for the purpose of refurbishing the Green Meadows School; said Committee shall be appointed by the School Committee and shall consist of five (5) members, one of which shall be a member of the Hampden School Committee: the duties of the Remodeling Committee shall be the remodeling of the Green Meadows School as identified in the refurbishing proposal: said Committee shall have the authority to expend any funds appropriated by the Town for this purpose.

Article 2. The Town voted to approve project under Chapter 667 of the Acts of 1954 and 1966 as amended to develop affordable housing in the Town of Hampden.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Attest: Rita A. Vail Town Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The report of the Board of Selectmen this year gives us a chance to review the past and look to the future. The past year was one of continued stability and productivity and the coming years should continue to be the same.

Our Memorial Day observance was sponsored by the Pat Ledeaux Post of the VFW in Hampden with participation from many town groups. The Selectmen were proud to dedicate two new flagpoles: one on the Town Common, and one in front of Academy Hall, donated by the Lyons family. Ed Caldon was also thanked for providing the flags used to line the Main Street area on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. The Highway Department made custom storage boxes for the flags so that they may be preserved for continued use for many years.

The summer months brought the final and major work on the Allen Street intersection. This project was three years in the making and 90% reimbursed by State funds through a PWED grant. Dana Pixley and his whole Highway Department deserve great thanks for bringing this to a close within budget and on time! The finished project is doing its intended job of regulating traffic at a busy and difficult intersection and it is attractive too. Ed Caldon donated a flag and pole for the intersection and again we recognize his generous gift to the Town.

As the Federal government and State government reduce funding for towns, we must use local efforts and planning to provide services geared to local needs and requirements. In order to provide a Dog Officer for the Town and offer compassionate and competent animal control, we have joined with the Town of Monson to provide a regional service. At this time, it is still on a trial basis but seems to be working well for the Town of Hampden and our hope is that it will continue to prove both cost effective and provide effective service to our townspeople.

Local efforts have also been made in Civil Defense and Hazardous Materials planning as required by State and Federal laws. These areas are all tied together although each plan has a different emphasis and purpose. Our implementation and management of the right-to-know law has been the basis of our preparing to handle a hazardous material incident. Known as HAZ-MAT, this plan requires the continuous training and updating of everyone involved. Our Civil Defense plan which has recently been submitted and approved would be used if an evacuation of an area were needed. The Board of Selectmen/Health, Fire Dept., Police Dept., and Highway Dept. have been meeting regularly to draw-up these plans, update and refine the material in them and plan for training in the areas required.

The Board asked Fr. Burke and Rev. Howells to plan a memorial service to honor and remember Hampden officials and volunteers who had died. An inspiring ecumenical service was held at St. Mary's Church this last November. Plans are that it will be an annual event and will be held this coming November at the Federated Church. We would encourage all townspeople to attend.

Our tree lighting ceremony was again a wonderful way to start the holiday season. With Santa and songs plus the excitement of everyone, young and old, it has become a very special annual event.

This past fall, two major changes in the school system occurred, with representa-

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tion from the Board of Selectmen on both screening committees, for the positions of the Superintendent of Schools in Hampden and the principal of Minnechaug Regional High School. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Gwen Van Dorp as our new Superintendent and Mr. Robert Johnson as the new principal of Minnechaug Regional High School. Dr. Kenneth Winetrout served as our representative to the Superintendent screening committee and we wish to extend our thanks to him. The Selectmen's representation to the Minnechaug principal search was from one Board member.

On-going talks with the telephone company are being held in order to improve telephone service in Town. Upgraded cables are being installed with a commitment of digital service by the fall of 1991. The Board will follow the progress of the telephone improvements carefully.

Cable television is being expanded in town to the less dense areas which have not yet had access. This is a continuing project which the Board will continue to address closely.

The Town of Hampden will begin its project to renovate Green Meadows School, make improvements at the Park and Highway Department and renovate and upgrade the Town House this spring. This major capital improvement should provide the Town with handicapped access, increased ability for service and the major maintenance needed to keep the buildings in good repair. We ask the patience of the townspeople while these projects are underway.

As we look to the future, the Town faces some serious financial decisions. We have reached a point where the decisions made will be affecting basic town services. Our Town government will survive the budget cuts which will have to be made in order to come in to Town Meeting under Proposition 2-1/2. But, if no override is forthcoming, Town services will change. Certain requirements must be met - Federal and State minimums must be kept, including the increased recordkeeping and paper work required in every department. We will continue to do that and provide the most efficient services we can with the money voted to fund the various budgets. The Board urges all residents to become educated in the issues facing the voters by reading this Town Report, attending the Advisory Committee hearing (March 20th) and the Town Meeting (April 24th) and weighing carefully the information put forward on town finances so that each may make an informed decision.

Any resident is welcome to come to Selectmen's meetings, held Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. This is where the business of your Town is transacted and we encourage you to be a part of the process.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith R. Hanmer, Chairman
Richard R. Green
John M. Flynn

Hampden Board of Selectmen

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

Selectmen and Board of Health fees, licenses, permits, etc.	\$ 11,293.02
Building Department fees	\$ 8,370.00
Police Department permits, reports, etc.	\$ 1,879.50
Fire Department smoke alarm inspections, oil burner permits, etc.	\$ 639.00
Town Clerk fees	\$ 4,489.47
Tax Collector fees	\$ 6,140.45

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

This past year has witnessed several changes in the programs overseen by the Board of Health. Financial constraints, which are impacting the Town as a whole, and increased concerns with regard to the environment, have necessitated these changes.

The hours at the sanitary landfill had to be cut back to Saturdays only. This is due primarily to the cost of fill, which prior to last year was available on-site. The increased cost in supervision has also been a contributing factor. The landfill no longer accepts metal of any kind. New state regulations with regards to so-called "white goods", as well as constraints placed on local steel haulers, have made it impossible for us to continue accepting this material. We would remind residents that illegal dumping of these materials cannot be tolerated, and we must all work together to keep our Town clean. These changes have been necessary, but should not be interpreted as all negative. Through close cooperation with our local legislators and the local contractors, as well as the state Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, we are hoping to establish a heavy trash day - or days - when residents will be able to dispose of their white goods, tires, waste oil, antifreeze, and other hazardous materials. We will do our best to keep you updated as to our progress on this matter.

1988 also saw a changing of the guard with the resignation of Walter Lawler, our Board of Health Inspector since 1982. Walter brought Hampden into the 80's through the implementation of new programs and procedures which are too numerous to mention, helping to insure our continued good health and well-being. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Walter and wish him every continued success in his new endeavors. Walter's replacement is Donald Kipetz. Don brings considerable experience with him, and we welcome him to the Town of Hampden.

This year has also seen the continuation of two programs which have become important services to the Town - the flu clinic and the water testing program. The water testing was done on October 5, 1988, with the water of 70 homeowners

being tested. The program charges a minimal fee and is supervised by the Board of Health Inspector. The flu clinic had 158 participants. We would like to thank Dr. Albert J. Hebert, Jr., Nurses Judith Hatch, Beatrice Moriarty and Jane McCarthy. We would also like to acknowledge the cooperation of the Council on Aging and Winnie Lombard, as well as school personnel Lexie Guertin and Carol Davis. The efforts of these individuals have helped to make these two programs a continued success. Please watch the newspaper for dates and more information as it relates to the programs mentioned herein.

Finally, we would request that Town residents who have any questions or suggestions, or, yes - any criticisms, do not hesitate to contact us at the Town Hall or at home.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Green, Chairman
Judith R. Hanmer
John M. Flynn
Board of Health

PERCOLATION TESTS TAKEN & SEPTIC SYSTEMS INSTALLED	146
INSTALLER PERMITS GRANTED	26
SEPTIC REMOVAL PERMITS GRANTED	7
SEPTIC REMOVAL FREQUENCY	141
WELL PERMITS	44
HEALTH COMPLAINTS	150
COURT ACTION	0
FOOD SERVICE PERMITS	30
PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL PERMITS	1

Report of the Town Moderator

The 1989 Town Meeting represents my 20th year as Moderator. These years have been enjoyable, educational and very rewarding to me as an individual. Now it's time to graduate. I do not retire for the normal reasons, such as ill health, family or business commitments or loss of interest. It is because I think it's in the best interests of Hampden residents. In this world of continual change, it is time for young new faces, young new ideas and new energy.

A general law requires each elected body to submit a report to be included in the Annual Town Report. The law does not specify content. A report stating the moderator presided over one or two town meetings containing so many articles, starting at 8:00 PM and ending--who cares, makes for a dull report. Each year I have attempted to introduce some thought provoking subject or controversial issue in the hopes that when the bricks stopped flying and the dust settled, Hampden would be a better community. Sometimes it worked. This report will be no different.

Hampden's local government is currently in a state of flux. Certainly the greatest since I became moderator. This could change the entire power structure of our local government. Most major positions or elected bodies have, or will have, after the election, new personnel. For example, we will have a new selectman, moderator, town tax collector, treasurer, a school committee with no one having served a complete term, a new school superintendent, possibly three new members of the planning board and possibly an advisory committee with only one experienced member. There are excellent, well qualified candidates, but no one comes into a new position with experience. Therein lies the problem. A situation such as the Town faces creates both a responsibility and power vacuum, at least for a while. There are many willing to step into the power vacuum while avoiding the responsibility vacuum. As a result, a few years downstream, an elected individual or board may find themselves with the responsibility but someone else is doing the dictating. I am not pointing any fingers, since I have been guilty on occasions. I guess it comes with longevity. It is natural and one reason I am retiring.

Can the above be avoided? I don't know. Since becoming moderator, I have studied and become intrigued with the inner workings of local governments in Massachusetts, especially small town government. It amazed me to discover how, under the same general laws and guidelines, communities could be governed so differently. They range from one, two or three person rule to a complete democracy. The legislature many years ago did an excellent job of outlining in general terms, the framework of local government. Each elected and some appointed officials have a specific area of authority and responsibility within this framework. I find nothing in this framework giving any elected or appointed board or individual any authority to dictate to or interfere with the performance of any other elected or appointed individual, board or committee without voter approval, nor for that matter to appoint any committee, whose duties cross elective lines, without voter approval. Power, like energy,

is neither created nor destroyed. It may be given away, transferred or taken by default. Ultimately, in our form of government, it rests with the voter. We have only what they wish to delegate to us.

The above, I hope, will generate some creative thought rather than elevate blood pressure. But now, back to by graduation. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all town officials. I respect and commend them for the tasks they have done and are doing. I also thank those who have on occasion rightly disagreed with me. I am a better person for it. I owe much of my success at town meetings to three town clerks: Marie Krook, Jean Hodgdon and Rita Vail who never permitted me to enter a town meeting unprepared. I especially wish to thank the Advisory Committee and the Selectmen for their help and cooperation over the years. Most of all I wish to thank the voters and those attending town meetings. Your support, patience and understanding assures that I depart with a debt unpaid. I hope and pray your faith in my performance has been justified.

Thank you.

Dalton E. Philpott, Moderator

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's office is often thought of as the hub of local government, especially in a relatively small town. For instance, it holds a complete set of Massachusetts General Laws. Lawyers, and even normal people, stop in to look up a specific law or update to a law. Available in this office are street maps, fish and game licenses, zoning maps and laws, voter cards and a host of other things. Some people stop by to chat briefly or just to greet us. We enjoy the people.

The Town Report (this book) gives invaluable information. Some of it is boring until you become more involved in the system. You may be interested in a particular board or committee. If you are and want more information, you can obtain it in the Town Clerk's office. We have the forms and schedules required for elected positions and will give you names of those to contact for particular applications. We welcome inquiry.

In October, 1988 the Town voted to increase fees collected by the Town Clerk. The schedule, listed below, went into effect immediately and so one would expect that the total collected would be greater than last year. However, the figures do not reflect this fact. So, I compared the individual categories of collected fees. The one that fell lower this year was dog licenses. I am sure that we have as many dogs as ever, but fewer people licensed them. I do not advocate that you rat on your neighbor. I suggest that everyone, more meticulously, be responsible for your own dogs and obtain licenses on or before April 1st when they are due. This will likewise reduce the time and expense of sending notices to those dog owners who are late. A license for a neutered or spayed dog is \$4.00; otherwise \$10.00.

Money collected for the Town in calendar year 1988 is as follows:

Fish and Game			
Gross	5180.75		
Fees	175.00	175.00	
Dogs		2609.00	
UCC Recordings		725.00	
Certified Copies		310.65	
Marriages and Business Certificates		94.00	
Bank Interest		44.96	
		<u>3958.61</u>	Total

Vital statistics recorded in Hampden are:

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
Births	47	52	42
Deaths	64	69	73
Marriages	21	17	25

Available from the Town Clerk's office:

Subdivision Control Laws.....	\$ 3.00
Zoning By-Laws.....	5.00
Zoning By-Laws (if mailed).....	6.00

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Available (continued)

Certified copy of birth.....	\$ 5.00
Certified copy of death.....	5.00
Certified copy of marriage.....	5.00
Marriage license.....	15.00
Trade name registration (dba).....	10.00
Street list.....	5.00
Voting list.....	5.00
Zoning map.....	3.00
Voter registration card.....	5.00

Respectfully submitted,

Rita

Rita A. Vail, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The year 1988 was a busy one for the Board of Registrars. It was not only the year for state and federal elections but also for special town meetings and special town elections. Each date below required extra voter registration sessions. The number of registered voters increased significantly in 1988 from 2535 January 1st, 1988 to 2763 December 31st.

Voter attendance during the year 1988:

Special Town Meeting, February 8, 1988	97
Democratic Presidential Primary, March 8, 1988	362
Republican Presidential Primary, March 8, 1988	305
Republican Caucus, March 30, 1988	26
Democratic Caucus, April 1, 1988	41
Special Town Meeting, April 25, 1988	196
Annual Town Meeting, April 25, 1988	196
Town Election, May 2, 1988	395
Special Town Election, June 6, 1988	890
Special Town Meeting, June 27, 1988	197
Special Town Meeting, June 27, 1988	197
Democratic State Primary, Sept. 15, 1988	196
Republican State Primary, Sept. 15, 1988	79
Special Town Meeting, Oct. 24, 1988	94
State Election, Nov. 8, 1988	2349

This year we accepted, with sadness, the resignation of Frank Kirk. Frank was a Registrar of Voters for fourteen years. He faithfully reported for all the hours of voter registration and was always early to town meetings to check in those attending. Frank not only was a loyal worker but also became our friend and we will miss working with you, Frank.

In 1988 we held five elections which went smoothly because we have excellent, dedicated workers. Elections nights go equally as well due to our counters. The Warden, Deputy Warden, Clerk and Deputy Clerk are on the job from before 7AM until usually the next AM. Every election the Warden, Helena Kullberg, must find both daytime and nighttime workers. This is no small task. We have picked up some new workers during 1988 but could still use more. To work an election, you must be a registered Democrat or Republican. Consideration is being given to voting machines. Though perhaps some of the small town flavor would be lost, the count would be complete and workers would be home before the wee hours.

Poll Worker for 1988 are as follows:

WARDEN	Helena Kullberg
DEPUTY WARDEN	Elva Jenkins (resigned)
	Henry Dunwoody
CLERK	Helen LaVallee
DEPUTY CLERK	Virginia Schneider

INSPECTORS

Republican
Chris Bandoski
Marion Joyce
Andree Crowley
Irene Cutting

Democratic
Patricia Booth
Sheila Flynn
Judith Jackson
Evelyn Schmidt
Rita Southworth

TELLERS

Republican
Janet Case
Beryl Doten
Florence Evelyn Kirk
Joyce Libby
Evelyn Meacham
Nancy Salerno
Betty Sutcliffe

Democratic
Brenda Ahlberg
Gloria Belanger
Marilyn Blizard
Carol Collins
Sandra Gray
Bert Nietupski

ALTERNATES -- TELLERS OR INSPECTORS

Republican
Beth Burger
Edith Casey
Mary Dunklee
Eleanor Haggood
Alice Harper
Helene Hesser
Pat Kirk
Chet Metcalf
Nancy Ryan
Larry Smith
Pat Smith
Elizabeth Wells
Carolyn Whipple

Democratic
Mary Berrett
Ann Burian
Nancy Downey
Gloria Fabbri
Ornella Fratamico
Sally Kealy
Gail Lefebvre
Naomi Matthews
Margaret Rochford
George Walsh

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Frank J. T. Kirk, Chairman (resigned)
Mary E. Connors
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.
Patricia C. Kirk
Rita A. Vail, Clerk

1988 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals held twenty (20) public hearings:

<u>Hearing Date</u>	<u>Type of Request</u>	<u>Action</u>
February 23	Special Permit under §6.5 to allow the construction of a commercial building to operate a milling supply firm.	GRANTED
March 22	Special Permit under §4.3 to enlarge a non-conforming single family residential building bringing the front setback to within 38' of the road.	GRANTED
May 3	Special Permit under §4.3 to enlarge a non-conforming single family residential building with a side setback of 18'.	GRANTED
May 3	Special Permit under §4.3 to allow the construction of a front porch on a non-conforming residential structure.	GRANTED
May 24	Variance under §4.5 to allow the construction of a garage and entrance to an existing dwelling built prior to 1967 with less than the required 25' side setback.	GRANTED
May 24 reconvened June 28	Special Permit under §4.3 to enlarge a non-conforming single family residential building.	GRANTED
June 28	Special Permit under 7.8. to remove surplus earth for agricultural purposes.	DENIED
June 28	Variance under §5.3 to allow the use of a non-conforming adjoining lot as a separate building lot.	DENIED
June 28	Variance under §5.3 to allow the use of a non-conforming lot as a separate building lot.	DENIED
June 28	Variance under §7.5 to increase the parking area on a business property.	DENIED
July 26	Special Permit under 7.8. to remove surplus earth for agricultural purposes.	GRANTED
July 26	Variance under §4.5 to allow the addition of a garage on a non-conforming residential lot with less than the required 25' side setback.	GRANTED

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June 28 reconvened July 26	Variance under §4.5 to allow the construction of a detached garage on a non-conforming residential building lot with less than the required 20' side setback.	GRANTED
June 28 reconvened July 26	Special Permit under §4.3 to allow the building of a carport on a non-conforming lot with less than the required rear setback.	GRANTED
September 27	Variance from §7.2 to allow the construction of a single family residential building on a nine acre lot with less than the required frontage.	GRANTED
November 22	Special Permit under §7.8 to remove earth for agricultural purposes.	GRANTED
December 27	Special Permit under §7.8 to remove earth from a subdivision road being developed off South Monson Road.	GRANTED

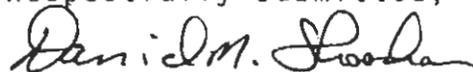
In summation, the Board of Appeals ruled on ten (10) requests for a Special Permit and seven (7) requests for a variance.

Serving during the year as regular members were: Chairman Daniel M. Shooshan, Vice-Chairman Dalton Philpott, Kenneth E. Lefevbre, Bert Nietupski and Richard Gallivan.

Serving during the year as associate members were: Lawrence Smith, Gayle Reddington, Clifford Keeney, L. Jed Berliner, John D. Flynn, Susan Walbridge and Karl Sternberg.

The Board accepted the resignation of long time member Bert Nietupski, who has retired; and the resignation of Clifford Keeney, who is now serving on the Conservation Commission; and of Gayle Reddington, who has moved out of Hampden.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel M. Shooshan
Chairman

1988 REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

A regular part of planning board activity this year is the ongoing development of subdivisions, which has created an estimated potential of approximately 140 new residential lots.

There are specifically timed schedules applied to each step of development as developers go from conceptual review through preliminary and definitive review, public hearing, design changes, bonding, contracting with the Town, and then periodic release of bonding as steps of the project are completed and approved.

As well as continual communication with the developer, there is much consultation with other Town Boards, the Town's Consulting Engineer Thomas Couture, and the Town's Counsel Bruce D. Clarkin until the time when the subdivision is deemed completed and a vote at Town Meeting accepts it as a Town road.

Subdivisions looked at this year include:

<u>ERICA CIRCLE EXTENSION</u>	8 lots off Mill Rd.; road has been rebuilt and is awaiting approval
<u>BERG PROPERTY</u>	12 lots off Stony Hill Road; conceptual plan only
<u>TEMPLE HEIGHTS</u>	17 lots off South Monson Road; preliminary approval with modification
<u>GRIST MILL LANE</u>	7 lots off Mill Road; paved, lots released for sale
<u>HAMPDEN HEIGHTS</u>	44 lots off South Monson Road; rough road grading and surplus earth removal
<u>HAMPDEN WOODS</u>	12 lots off Wilbraham Road; Phase I, preliminary approval with modification
<u>GLENDALE ESTATES</u>	25 lots off Glendale Road; undergoing design review of definitive plan
<u>HAMPDEN COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES</u>	7 lots off Main Street, 22 lots total Phase I-III; undergoing design review
<u>MOON MOUNTAIN CONDOMINIUMS</u>	off Bennett Road; conceptual stage
<u>COMMERCIAL DRIVE</u>	13 lots off East Longmeadow Road; paved, lots being developed; awaiting acceptance by Town

Our very limited Commercial District has developed quickly this year with the road being paved, prospective businesses reviewed by the Board of Appeals, site plans reviewed and approved by the Planning Board and as the building permits are issued we see buildings going up on several lots.

Several prospective owners had to be turned down for the Commercial lots as they could not satisfy the criteria set up by the Zoning Bylaw, §6.5.2.8 under which the Board of Appeals makes a ruling on the uses permitted.

A zone change petitioned for by residents and enacted this year took two commercial lots on East Longmeadow Road and rezoned them to residential. As the Planning Board noted concern for the slicing away at this very small commercial area, and foresaw future problems for those already established in the area as commercial businesses, the oral report before Town Meeting recommended negative action on the article. When the vote was taken at a Special Town Meeting on Oct. 24, 1988, the article passed by a vote of 56 to 26. This action has been approved by the Attorney General's Office.

Violations being brought to the attention of the Board are resolved regularly through the Building Commissioner. A regular problem is in the area of driveway development under Bylaw §7.5.4.1. Due to Hampden's hilly terrain, residents building in certain areas risk added expense when driveway review is not done and driveways being paved are found not to conform to the regulations set up for safety reasons. A land owner can be denied an occupancy permit until his driveway is in conformance.

Board members are noting that meetings afford very little time to devote to Bylaws possibly needing change and to consideration of new concepts not at present part of the Zoning Bylaws. Items looked at briefly included: common driveways, business condominiums, accessory apartment housing, rural design, street access through abutting towns, waste treatment plants, land aquifer zoning and district changes.

Subcommittee volunteers to study any of these would be welcomed. At the present, the only active subcommittee is a small group that meets weekly with member Paul Robitaille in the Planning Board Office. This group's report is included with this submittal.

Chairman Donald J. Collins

Frederick Maher, Jr.
John D. Mikkola
Oliver M. Knode III
Paul A. Robitaille

MASTER PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE

In late 1987 a group of Hampden citizens formed a committee to update the Town's Master Plan. In time the number of volunteers dwindled, so that the goals of the group had to be reduced. The committee decided to focus on the portion of the Master Plan known as the Conservation and Recreation Open Space Plan.

The committee then actively pursued funds to finance any expenses it would incur. A \$1,000 grant was awarded to the Town for this purpose, from the Hampshire, Hampden, and Franklin Conservation District Office.

The committee also solicited assistance from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs for technical assistance and mapping.

At this writing, the Open Space Plan is just about to be submitted to the State for review and acceptance. If the updated plan is accepted by the State, it will mean that the Town will once again be eligible for some reimbursements from the State for conservation and recreational projects in the Town. The amount of reimbursements would vary.

Part of the goals of the Open Space Plan is the protection of Town resources from improper development. This led to interest in an upland zoning bylaw and an aquifer zoning bylaw. The upland zoning bylaw would address problems of erosion, flooding, and water pollution caused by the development of ridges, hill tops and steep grades. The aquifer zoning bylaw would address pollution of aquifers and ground water recharge areas from development not suited for these areas.

Submitted by Paul A. Robitaille

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging was a busy place again this year. Our purpose is not only to provide recreational activities but also to provide help in all health related areas, transportation, meals (both Home delivered and Congregate), fuel assistance, cable TV discounts, insurance information, surplus food distribution, legal issues, shopping assistance, etc. to the 805 Seniors of Hampden.

Our staff consists of Muriel Ryan and Janet Brehaut, our Senior Aides who run the office from 9-4, Monday thru Friday. Fran Goebel is our Mini-bus driver with Reg Temple and Henry Dunwoody as substitutes. Without these people and their willingness to go "beyond the call of duty", our programs would not be as successful.

Transportation continues to be one of the most vital needs. This year we provided over 4100 rides to doctors and dentist appointments, therapy sessions, shopping, meals, clinics, etc. We received a new bus in June from PVT A who is our transportation contractor.

Health Services Many health related services and programs were held this year. We had cholesterol testing, blood pressure checks, monthly Health Clinics by the VNA, free hearing and hearing aid checks by Mercy Hospital Hearing Van, free eye screening and flu clinics. Dr. Axton, Podiatrist, provided bi-monthly foot care along with our Foot Care nurses. We also helped many individuals find homemakers and home health aides.

Through the Greater Springfield Senior Services, 5440 meals were served in the Melville Room by 14 volunteers. 2590 home delivered meals were delivered to shut-ins by 8 volunteer drivers.

Surplus government commodities such as cheese, flour, rice, cornmeal powdered milk and butter was distributed to eligible families of ALL AGES three times during the year. We also had Hal Wentworth for food stamp signups, did fuel assistance for ANY residents who were eligible and cable TV discounts.

The SHINE program provided a much needed service in helping people with their health insurance needs. Ed Riley was our trained SHINE counselor and helped 30 people with the various problems, questions and concerns they had.

We provided several programs to stay "physically fit" such as an exercise class which meets two times a week, line dancing on Wednesday mornings, our walking club which walks three times a week, and bowling on Mondays.

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Monthly bus trips were held under the leadership of Lorna Cox and Dot Pulsifer who work very hard to provide trips that will be interesting and fun for all.

We are looking into other areas in which to expand our service to Hampden Seniors such as a Health Coordinator, training for home health aides and a nursing pool to help people when they are ill, a shopping service just to name a few. There is much to do!

Thanks to all our volunteers who have helped during the year and to the Selectmen and Townspeople for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mikkola, Director for the Council on Aging Board

COA BOARD MEMBERS: Arthur Booth Sr., Dalton Philpott, Albert Ouimet, Ida Lamb, Ed Lombard, Harriet Hulse, Judith Perusse, John Sullivan, Vivian Cole, (resigned).

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

THE YEAR 1988 --

At present the elected members of the Hampden Housing Authority are Florence E. Kirk, Chairperson, Sherwood W. Cronk, Vice Chairman and State Appointee, William J. Donnelly, Secretary, Clifford E. Attleton, Treasurer and Charles T. Schmitt, Ass't. Treasurer.

THE STAFF: Carole A. Robert, Executive Director and Rental Manager, Gary DeFace, Accountant, Irving A. Morse, Sr., Maintenance Custodian, and Michael and John Voight as part-time assistants.

MEETINGS: The Authority meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:AM in the Centennial Commons Community Hall, 26 Springmeadow Lane, with intermittent special meetings when warranted. All meeting dates and time are posted on the Town House Bulletin Board according to regulations 48 hours prior to meeting time.

TENANT'S ORGANIZATION: This group has its own officers and budget, plans its own meetings and programs throughout the year. There is always something for everyone who wishes to participate. They always contribute a sizeable box of food items to the Open Pantry. Some of them attend our meetings from time to time.

AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES: We are ever alert at all times to the well being of our tenants and their various requirements — there is a monthly sample testing of our water supply done through the Dept. of Environmental Engineering in Amherst, MA — We are continuing the seasonal progress with our 5 year Landscape Program — all the sidewalks have been resealed, and very shortly we will be going to bid on a long awaited Generator for the Community Hall. The Executive Offices of Community Development Management Review from their representatives was most gratifying to us. We were applauded for such minute detail in this aspect. The State Auditor's Report was approved with no findings. All was in order according to State Regulations. The Authority is under the direct supervision of the above unit in conjunction with our contract for 40 years, entered into in 1976 with the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, and also in Contract for the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan.

YEARLY INSPECTION OF OUR 56 UNITS: Our own Executive Director and Rental Manager Carole Robert, makes these inspections on all the apartments in the Spring.

SECTION 8 ADDITIONAL HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT:

In June of 1988 Arthur Kimber, Manager of the EOCD office in Boston, met with the Authority to advise us that Hampden, MA Housing Authority had been awarded a grant for 20 Units—additional housing — 12 Family Units and 8 Congregate Units. An initial planning grant of \$7,500 has been awarded to us to be used for identifying sites for this additional housing. We have secured the services of The Montague Group—8 Bridge Street, Northampton, MA to do this. Janet E. Gezork of that Group is our representative. There will be more on this activity in the future. The Selectmen joined us at the June meeting with Arthur Kimber. Also attending was Peg Gorman a representative of Senator Wetmore's Office.

POLICE, FIRE AND HIGHWAY DEPTS. The Authority and the Tenants at Centennial Commons wish to thank these groups for their ever alert services at the complex in times of need. You are greatly appreciated!

Respectfully submitted,

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

CENTENNIAL COMMONS TENANTS ORGANIZATION

While we were still basking in the warm glow of the holiday spirit and family gatherings, and our own delightful annual Christmas party, it is time to settle in and be thankful for these warm cozy apartments in this beautiful village setting.

Our Christmas party was a delightful event with excellent food and grab bag gifts enjoyed by everyone. Our shut-in tenants were delivered a Christmas dinner by some of the elves who live here.

It was voted at our December Tenant meeting to donate money to the Fire Department and the Police Department for funds that they have set up to show our thanks for their prompt attention when needed.

By now, thoughts of gardening and getting the ground ready, depends a lot on the weather. At one time every inch of the land was used. Our farmers have dwindled to a few presently, however, the yield is still plentiful and shared by all. We have beautiful Gladiolas adorning our Community Room all summer long and vegetables are bounfiful.

Our Annual Bazaar continues to improve each year. Our bake table with all the goodies goes almost within the hour. Also, our crafts, plants and white elephant tables keep the ladies busy until closing.

Thanks to the great generosity of our tenants, our Open Pantry box was delivered to the Federated Church overflowing again. This has become an annual event at the Commons which we are quite proud of.

Our meetings are held quarterly and our Officers are Harriet Hulse, President, Muriel Ryan, Vice President, Pauline Booth, Secretary and Louise Groll, Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Robert
Executive Director
Hampden Housing Authority

1988 CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission is composed of seven appointed volunteers who are charged with the responsibility of administering the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. 131 sec 40) within the town of Hampden. The integrity of the many swamps, bogs, wet meadows, streams and ponds is especially critical in a town that depends entirely on private wells and septic systems.

The Commission met regularly on the second Monday of each month. In addition public hearings were scheduled whenever necessary. Commission members also conducted numerous site inspections to determine whether or not planned work fell under its' jurisdiction.

At the suggestion of the Selectmen the \$1,000 conservation fund was used to pay for part time clerical assistance.

At the annual town meeting this spring the town will have the opportunity to acquire a 10 acre parcel of land on the south bank of the Scantic River. This land has been offered at no cost to the town by Frances and William Haynes of 556 Main Street, Hampden.

The Commission will continue to implement an open space plan by seeking gifts and or conservation restrictions.

Commission Members will be encouraged to attend workshops on conservation matters. In addition, reference materials will be purchased from State and other agencies within the limits of our budget.

Any citizen interested in learning more about the function of the Conservation Commission is welcome to join our meetings as an observer or associate member.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifford E. Keeney, Chairman
Richard Hatch
Howard Gilson
Richard Gouvan
Barbara Ogonowski
Timothy Renn
William Wilson

HAMPDEN ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

In 1988 Arts Lottery grants totaling \$4,043 for two funding cycles, were awarded to the following: Council on Aging for art classes; Council on Aging travel group attended a performance of the Berkshire Ballet; the Hampden Garden Club presented a slide program on Quabbin Reservoir; the Hampden Public Library presented two live performances by puppeteers, storytellers, mimes, magicians, and ventriloquists for children and their families; Hampden Historical Society for preservation of historic material by bookbinding; "A Children's Magazine" produced and published by Mr. Fred Frey; students from Green Meadows School attended a children's production at Stage West and the Hampden PTO presented four live performances by authors and storytellers to the students of Green Meadows and Thornton Burgess Schools.

The PASS (Performing Arts Students Series) Program awarded a total of \$966 for two funding cycles, to the following: Green Meadows School children attended a Stage West performance; Brownie Troop #660 attended a performance by the Mt. Holyoke Players; Brownie Troop #662 attended Alice in Wonderland; and Brownie Troop #655 attended a performance by Mt. Holyoke Players.

This year a Town Report Cover Contest was not held due to a conflict in schedules but hopefully a contest will be planned for next year.

The Hampden Arts Lottery Council experienced a change in membership and are currently in the process of reorganizing and expect to be ready to work on the next funding cycle, which is July 1989. Deadline for submission of applications is March 3rd and applications will be voted on shortly thereafter.

The Arts Lottery Council regretfully accepted the resignations of Flora Chechile, Mary Berrett, Janet Brehaut, Pauline Booth, Frances Brown, Ann Byron, and Joseph Charron and extend our thanks for their time and dedication to this council. We also wish to welcome Mary Grasseti, Jim Hughes, Diane Knecht, and Shana McLaughlin. The council is looking forward to a successful year and encourage all individuals, groups and organizations to participate in this program; applications are available in the Selectmen's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Hampden Arts Lottery Council

Mary Berrett
Pauline Booth
Janet Brehaut
Frances Brown
Beth Burger

Ann Byron
Laura Chaffin
Joseph Charron
Flora Chechile
Elizabeth Fenn

New Members:

Mary Grasseti
Jim Hughes
Diane Knecht
Shana McLaughlin

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

In August 1988, the Town of Hampden entered into an agreement with the Town of Monson to establish a Regional Dog Program. Michael Misiaszek was hired as Dog Officer to serve both towns. A vehicle for transporting animals was provided to the Dog Officer and the costs to maintain this vehicle are shared proportionally by both towns. This program also includes the operation of a dog pound located in Monson.

According to warrant issued each year by the Board of Selectmen, all dogs within the Town of Hampden shall be restrained by their owners from running at large; if caught they will be impounded in the dog pound and a \$10 pick-up fee and a \$3.00 per day fee for care of the dog will be charged to the owner. A second offense fee of \$20 will be charged.

The Dog Officer wishes to remind all residents to secure a license for their dogs from the Town Clerk's office on or before April 1st of each year and insure that the license is worn by their dog. Fees for dog licenses are \$4.00 for spayed or neutered dogs, and \$10.00 all others.

The following is a report of the activity of the dog officer from August through December 1988.

Lost dogs	31
Loose dogs	36
Barking dogs	6
Dead dogs	3
Injuries to other animals	1
Destruction of property	2
Dog bites	2

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Misiaszek
Dog Officer

DUTCH ELM REPORT

A total of 14 diseased elm trees were cut down and destroyed during the year 1988.

Elm trees were cut down and removed from the following roadsides: Scantic Road, Somers Road, Wilbraham Road, and Bennett Road.

James A. Reardon
Insect Pest Control

ANIMAL INSPECTOR
ANNUAL REPORT

As Animal Inspector for the Town of Hampden, I would like to report the following for the year 1988:

<u>Number of</u>			<u>Number of</u>
Dairy cows, over 2 years	19	Horses	144
Dairy heifers, 1-2 years	17	Ponies	34
Dairy calves under 1 year	15	Goats	18
Dairy bulls	2	Swine	6
Dairy steers	0	Swine herds	1
Dairy herds (one animal constitutes a herd)	2	Sheep	40
Beef cows over 2 years	53		
Beef heifers, 1-2 years	11		
Beef calves under 1 year	38		
Beef bulls	5		
Beef steers	14		
Beef herds	20		

In addition, there were two dog bites reported for the year 1988.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Warner, Animal Inspector

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

The year 1988 found gypsy moth damage to be down from the previous years. Over 800 egg clusters were found and destroyed during 1988.

The only areas with any increase in gypsy moth was the Mountain Road and North Road areas.

James A. Reardon
Insect Pest Control

VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

In 1988 there was one family aided by the Veterans' Services Department.

The total amount expended during the year was \$741.69 of which 75% is reimbursed by the State, the Town's share being \$185.42.

As a result of VA service work performed by the area office in Monson, veterans and their dependents in Hampden received \$338,457 in 1988.

Veterans Benefits, under Chapter 115 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is paid by the community of residence and reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at a rate of 75%. Federal VA Benefits under Title 38 of the Federal Statute, is paid directly to claimants and this reflects a great savings to local taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn F. Bolaske
Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners have been active in overseeing the maintenance of Prospect Hill and Old Cemeteries. Regular mowing of both cemeteries, filling of sunken graves, grading and seeding and replacement of a fence was accomplished. Several graves were sold during the year and there are still some graves available in Old Cemetery. During the year, nineteen interments were performed.

This year again we are requesting that all winter decorations and all dead plants and pots be removed from the graves by April 15 in preparation for the redecoration of the graves for Memorial Day.

Quarterly meetings of the Cemetery Commissioners are held at the Town House the second Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at 7:30 pm. Commissioners may be contacted at this time or at the telephone numbers listed below to conduct cemetery business.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cemetery Commissioners
Robert Sazama, Jr. 3304
Richard Hatch 3963 or 3030
Henry Dunwoody 3357