

Article 5. The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Article 6. The Town voted to accept provisions of Chapter 40, Section 57 of Massachusetts General Laws and amend the by-laws of the Town of Hampden by inserting section under Chapter VII, Permits and Fees as described in Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 7. The motion was defeated that the Town vote to authorize the Town to acquire real property owned by Gertrude Lyons located at 613 Main Street, Hampden. The sum of \$133,000, purchase price; appropriation to be raised by five year debt exclusin subject to a positive referendum vote.

At 11:35 PM the meeting adjourned to May 1, 1990 at 8:00 PM.

May 1, 1990

183 Voters in attendance

Moderator, Richard Patullo, opened the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Article 8. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$14,000 to purchase a 1990 police cruised with police package equipment and trade-in of 1986 Ford cruiser, subject to a positive referendum vote.

Article 9. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,700 for the purchase of a 1990 Tractor with mower and snow blower with trade-in of 1978 Ford 1600, subject to a positive referendum vote on a capital outlay expenditure exclusion.

Article 10. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$155,000 for the purchase of a new 2500 gallon tanker/ pumper subject to a positive referendum vote on a 5 year capital debt exclusion.

Article 11. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500 to purchase computer and related equipment, subject to a positive referendum vote on a capital outlay expenditure exclusion.

Article 12. The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Article 13. The Town voted to transfer from the Library Fund the amount of \$2,333 (State Aid) to be used by the Library Trustees at their discretion.

Article 14. The Town voted that in FY91 if additional State Aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available to the Library Trustees to be used at their discretion.

Article 15. The Town voted to authroize the Town and/or Conservation Commission to acquire title to real property as described in Article 15 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, as amended, for no consideration pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C for conservation purposes.

Amendment: direction WESTERLY from (757.52) to (757.72)

Article 16. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 17. The Town voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 76 Section 12B of Massachusetts General Laws.

Article 18. The Town defeated the motion to amend Hampden Zoning By-Law 7.6.2.5 to read "Signs shall be non-flashing, non-moving, non-animated. Any illumination provided for signs shall be shielded so as to prevent light rays from extending beyond the lot lines."

Article 19. The Town voted to amend the Site Plan of the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hampden, as amended, by additions and deletions as described in Article 19 of the April 30, 1990 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Yes: 102 No: 45

The following amendment passed:

In 7.7.6.2 (b) add the word "setback" after front, as follows: . . . No parking shall be permitted within the required front setback of the structure.

Article 20. The Town voted to amend the Hampden Zoning By-Law by adding Ridgeline and Hillside By-Law Section 7.12 through 7.12.8.3, as amended, as described in Article 20 of the April 30, 1990 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Yes: 81 No: 26

The following amendments passed:

- (1) Delete from 7.12.5.2, Landscaping, the wording in (3), "Retaining walls in the exposed side and downhill portions of a lot shall be screened with appropriate landscaping material."
- (2) Delete from 7.12.4.2, Prohibited Uses, the words "Section V.A. (Permitted Uses) or Section V.C. (Uses Permitted with Ridgeline and Hillside District Review)" and insert the words "Section 7.12.4.1 (Permitted Uses) or Section 7.12.4.3 (Work Permitted with Ridgeline and District Review)".
- (3) Delete from 7.12.5.5, Prevention of Erosion and Sedimentation, the wording in (1) "Planning Board" and insert "Zoning Board of Appeals".
- (4) Include the additional section 7.12.9, Single Residence Exceptions: "Any addition, enlargement, extension, restoration of single family residences or construction of accessory buildings to any single family residences which have been actually and completely constructed prior to the adoption of Sections 7.12 through 7.12.8 shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections 7.12 through 7.12.8."

Article 21. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Article 22. The Town voted unanimously 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, 1990, or in anticipation of certain grants or reimbursement from the Commonwealth, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 4 and 6A, 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 23. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 24. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 25. The Town voted unanimously to take no action on this Article.

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 PM.

Attest: Rita A Vail Town Clerk

MINUTES -- Special Town Meeting -- April 30, 1990 290 Voters in attendance

Moderator Richard Patullo opened the meeting at 8:21 PM.

Article 1. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$9,018 to the Property and Liability Insurance Account, Item #7.1.

Article 2. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$6,043 to the Sanitary Landfill Account, Item #23.0.

Article 3. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$3,950 to the Town House Maintenance, Maintenance and Repairs Account, Item #32.2.

Article 4. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$2,000 to the Town House Maintenance, Heat and Utilities Account, Item #32.3.

Article 5. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,476 to the Police/Maintenance of Cruisers Account, Item #57.3.

Article 6. The Town voted to accept Chapter 593 Acts of 1989.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Attest: Rita A Vail Town Clerk

Town Moderator, Richard Patullo, opened the meeting at 9:03 PM.

Article 1. The Town voted to transfer \$2,200 from the Wetlands Protection Fee Fund to the Conservation Commission, Line Item 22.2 for use as specified by, and pursuant to, Chapter 131, Section 40 as amended by Section 54 of Chapter 287 of the Acts of 1989.

Article 2. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$32,500 for the purpose of removing and replacing boiler heating and cold/hot water supply pipes and unsulation at the Thornton Burgess School.

Article 3. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$20,241 to fiscal year 1991 Police Account. Items

57.1 Chief's Salary,	\$ 1,901
57.2 Salaries,	\$18,115
57.4	\$ 225
	<u>\$20,241</u>

Article 4. The Town voted ^{unanimously} to transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$86,000 for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for fiscal year 1991.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Attest: Rita A. Vail Town Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT

This was an extremely busy year for your Board of Selectmen. Activity has increased in general Town operation, requirements from the State, management of recycling program, and our efforts to work more closely with all Town boards, as well as activities in general.

The overriding concern for all of us in the Town of Hampden for the last two years, and especially this year, has been the availability of revenue for operation of the Town services. To balance the budget in the past, several reductions in budget have been made coupled with multiple 2 1/2 overrides to maintain a level of services commensurate with the wishes of the residents of Hampden.

1991 does not show any relief with respect to revenues and local aid. In fact, there may well be further reductions. The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee will make every effort to keep the residents apprised of our financial situation, and for the Town Meeting will recommend as equitable a distribution of monies as possible to all departments.

In 1987 a bond issue was passed for renovation of the Green Meadows School, Recreation Building, Highway Department, and Town House. All projects have been completed. The Town House was the last to be finished, and we welcome all to visit the offices if they have not already done so. The improvements were not only for the convenience of the employees, but the residents who are, in fact, our customers.

We have asked the various Town Boards to work with us in establishing office hours for those Boards who do not currently have them at the Town House. The idea is to have a consistent schedule of availability, be it two hours or four hours every other week, so that residents may contact that Board and find a representative available to be of assistance.

The Board of Selectmen sponsored a Memorial Service to honor volunteers and Hampden officials who have passed away. This has been on a yearly basis, but we are now going to conduct this every three years in an ecumenical service with all churches participating.

The telephone service in Hampden had deteriorated over the years. The Board of Selectmen, after several meetings and protracted discussions with the telephone company, negotiated to have lines and cabling changed, but that left the dial station to be updated. The updating of the station itself has been put off several times, but we have now been informed that the official date is September 1991. This has been approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.

The Board of Selectmen has inserted, in the annual Town Meeting for 1991, an article to allow the telephone company to provide a 911 service in Hampden on completion of the changeover to a fully digital system. This service will be most desirable and at no expense to the community.

This past year there was much discussion and notoriety expressed as to the appropriateness of the Memorial Cross in the Town House Cupola. The Board of Selectmen did extensive research with Town Counsel and found our position was correct and that the Memorial was legal.

Ensuing discussions indicated that we would have to expend Town money in defense of this position. At that point, rather than take funds that are needed for many other services in the community, we formed a committee to make an alternate recommendation. That recommendation is for a three-dimensional flag to be mounted in the Cupola and lighted. The Veterans of Foreign Wars will provide the material and Professor William Blizzard of Springfield College will do the artwork.

As a convenience for the townspeople, we have asked the Veterans of Foreign Wars to organize a disposal program for worn flags. This program will be carried out during the week of Veteran's Day each year. The veterans have agreed to undertake this task to assure all of an appropriate manner of disposal.

Television cabling for the Town of Hampden has been completed throughout the entire Town with 5 years left to run on the contract with the existing cable company.

Mr. Gordon Wilcutt, Building Inspector for over 40 years, retired and Mr. Albert LaPlante was appointed to the position. Many thanks to "Bump" for his service to the community of Hampden.

Mrs. Flora Chechile, Secretary to the Selectmen for many years, resigned and was replaced by Mrs. Carol Keeney. Best wishes "Flo".

The Board of Selectmen meets each Monday evening at 7:00 P.M. at the Town House. Office hours are 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All town residents are welcome to our meetings. The Board of Selectmen is available at all times to be of assistance to all of our townspeople.

We appreciate the interest and cooperation on the part of all residents of Hampden in making this one of the finest communities in the State.

Respectfully,
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John M. Flynn, Chairman
James D. Smith
Richard R. Green

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

Selectmen and Board of Health Fees, Licenses, Permits, etc.	\$18,777.50
Building Department Fees	\$13,092.10
Police Department Permits, Reports, etc.	\$1,904.00
Fire Department Smoke Alarm Inspections, Oil Burner Permits, etc.	\$1,940.00
Town Clerk Fees (of this amount, State received \$5,109.25)	\$9,900.10
Tax Collector Fees	\$16,660.00

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

VOLUNTEERISM and HARD WORK are the two terms which most aptly describe the activities coordinated by the Hampden Board of Health over the past year. This report is dedicated to all of the volunteers who have worked so hard throughout the year to make our programs so successful.

LANDFILL/RECYCLING:

PLEASE SEE THE PULL-OUT SECTION IN THE FRONT OF THIS TOWN REPORT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON RECYCLING AND OTHER LANDFILL OPERATIONS.

The recycling program continues to be an unqualified success. In this era of multi-million dollar tax supported regional facilities and legislated participation, the Hampden Board of Health has implemented a highly successful program relying on voluntary community support and private markets for material recovery. Moreover, this has been accomplished without any increase in the Landfill budget.

Heavy metal days for washing machines, refrigerators, etc. are held each Spring and Fall. Used tires are also collected on the same day. Minimal fees are collected for this service with the proceeds directly offsetting the costs. Watch local publications for specific dates.

A leaf composting program was initiated last Fall. The program will resume in the Spring and will include grass clippings and garden refuse. Dates of collection will vary by weather and demand. Watch local publications for specifics.

We are still looking for a way to handle household hazardous waste. The most likely solution seems to be a coordinated effort with adjacent towns to minimize the cost. We will keep you posted of any new developments.

FLU CLINIC:

This year's Flu Clinic served 186 people. Again, we would like to thank all of the volunteers involved.

RABIES CLINIC:

Our Spring Rabies Clinic served 22 animals. Once more, we would like to thank the volunteers involved.

WATER TESTING:

Each Fall the Board of Health coordinates with a local lab to provide testing of drinking water for bacteria counts. There is a minimal fee for this service. Watch local publications for details.

ADMINISTRATION AND PAPER WORK:

Other less exciting, but nonetheless important activities of the Board of Health include issuing permits for domestic water and disposal systems, monitoring and issuing permits for food establishments and following up on health complaints. Our 1990 statistics follow:

	DATE	QUANTITY
ANNUAL FLU CLINIC	11/1/90	186
ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC	APRIL 90	22
WATER TESTS TAKEN	10/16/90 & 10/23/90	116
PERCOLATION TESTS TAKEN AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS INSTALLED AND/OR REPAIRED		190
INSTALLER PERMITS GRANTED		20
SEPTIC REMOVAL PERMITS GRANTED		7
WELL PERMITS		22
HEALTH COMPLAINTS		25
COURT ACTIONS		0
FOOD SERVICE PERMITS		49
PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL PERMITS		1

FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTIONS TWICE YEARLY FOR ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES

As this report is dedicated to all of the individuals who have contributed so much to the success of our programs, we would like again thank one and all. Since the volunteer efforts at the landfill have had such a significant impact on the town and saved the taxpayers considerable expense, we would like to make a special note of thanks to the following individuals and groups:

Kate Ashe - For her tenacity and creativity in seeking new markets for material recovery, as well as for her efforts in coordinating all of the volunteer organizations working with the program.

Charlie Arment and Earl Harris - For donating the use of trailers and vehicles for storing material and hauling them to the recovery sites.

The Hampden Girl Scouts, The Hampden 4-H, The Hampden Boy Scouts, and their respective adult supervisors and assistants - For their combined efforts in working at the monthly recycling programs. The youngsters in these groups have worked as hard as the adults. They always greet you with a smile, and, as Murphy's Law would have it, they usually end up working in adverse weather conditions.

Hampden Volunteer Fire Department - For keeping the leaf compost pile wet in dry weather. This facilitates composting and reduces the fire hazard.

All the volunteer monitors for the leaf compost collection and the people who collected fees during the white goods days.

James D. Smith, Chairman
John M. Flynn
Richard R. Green

Moderator
Annual Report 1990

Well this is my second annual report to the town I am definitely still learning the job. It is still fun and I thank you all for the opportunity.

As I meet with Moderators state wide. I appreciate the people of Hampden even more. We have a tradition of conducting our business at Town Meetings without the personality conflicts, animosity and parliamentary games that apparently go on in other towns. The people of Hampden's focus is on finding a way to accomplish the tasks at hand not posturing. Maybe we should invite our reps from Washington to watch.

The trend in Town meeting has been toward postponed meetings as the problems at the state level delays the information we need to rap up budgets. I do not see this getting any better. As of this report the new Governor has said state aid will have to be adjusted in order to solve the state's financial problems. Usually the Advisory committee anticipate the states quite well and these postponed meetings only have minor adjustments to make. This makes for a very short, uninteresting meeting that it is hard to get a quorum for. I wonder if the quorum should be lowered from it's current seventy five or if there is any other solution. If you have any ideas give me a call.

On another note I understand there may be some articles at annual town meeting that inspire interesting debate on subjects other than money. See you there.

Respectfully submitted.

Richard E. Patullo
Moderator

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's office is always interesting. A lawyer's office called to ask is Shirley Fuller still living in town, the answer to which is no; and then was I able to give her new address, which I was (because I send her a Christmas card), and finally did I know if she used to do work on a farm for a "Webber", to which I answered that there's a limit to what a Town Clerk should be expected to know, even in a samll town.

Another call came in from out of state intended for Easthampton and even though Hampden was spelled slightly differently, could I connect them to Easthampton's Town Hall, which I informed them I couldn't even with a new telephone system. And speaking of new: the renovations in the town offices make working here far more pleasant than ever before. Everyone is welcomed to stop in to see the reorganization, new paint, etc.

Money submitted to the Town Treasurer in 1990 is:

Fish and Game			
Gross	5280.00		
Fees	170.75	170.75	
Dog Licenses		2211.00	
UCC Recordings		885.00	
Certified Copies and Publications	1084.80		
Marriages and Business Certificates	395.00		
Bank Interest		44.30	
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		4790.85	Total

Vital Statistics recorded in Hampden are:

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
Births	43	38	41
Deaths	75	48	57
Marriages	25	36	19

Available from the Town Clerk's office:

Subdivision Control Laws-----	\$ 3.00
Zoning By-Laws-----	5.00
Zoning By-Laws (if mailed)-----	6.00
Zoning Map-----	3.00
Certified copy of birth/death/marriage-----	5.00
Marriage license-----	15.00
Trade name registration (dba)-----	20.00
Street List-----	5.00
Voters' List-----	5.00
Voter registration card-----	5.00

Respectfully submitted,

Rita A. Vail

Rita A. Vail, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

In 1990 Massachusetts passed a law abolishing the state census. This makes the Town's local census even more important: to keep a correct population count in order to verify the federal census and to be properly represented state-wide and nation-wide. Hampden's count is only as good as the cooperation from every household.

Each January the Board of Registrars mails local census forms to every household and post office box. We would love to see a one hundred percent return. Households that do not respond must be contacted by phone or visit. A high initial response to the census mailing saves the Town money.

The number of registered voters January 1, 1990 -- 2749
The number of registered voters December 31, 1990 -- 2799

Voter attendance during the year 1990:

Republican Party Caucus, March 29, 1990	30
Democratic Party Caucus, March 30, 1990	17
Special Town Meeting, April 30, 1990	290
Annual Town Meeting, April 30, 1990	290
Annual Town Election, May 7, 1990	401
Special Town Election, June 4, 1990	1,088
Democratic State Primary, September 18, 1990	561
Republican State Primary, September 18, 1990	310
Special Town Meeting, October 1, 1990	95
State Election, November 6, 1990	2,080

Poll Workers for 1990:

WARDEN	Helena Kullberg
DEPUTY WARDEN	Henry Dunwoody
CLERK	Helen Lavallee
DEPUTY CLERK	Virginia Schneider

INSPECTORS

Republican	Democratic
Andree Crowley	Patricia Booth
Irene Cutting	Sheila Flynn
Marion Joyce	Judith Jackson
	Evelyn Schmidt

TELLERS

Beth Burger	Brenda Ahlberg
Beryl Doten	Gloria Belanger
Judith Hanmer	Marilyn Blizard
Chesley Metcalf	Carol Collins
Pat Smith	Sandra Gray
Elizabeth Wells	Rita Southworth

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Poll Workers, continued

ALTERNATES -- TELLERS OR INSPECTORS

Republican	Democratic
Janet Case	Mary Berrett
William Case	Ann Burian
Edith Casey	Nancy Downey
Mary Dunklee	Gloria Fabbri
Eleanor Hapgood	Sally Kealy
Patricia Kirk	Gail Lefebvre
Joyce Libby	Naomi Matthews
Nancy Ryan	Margaret Rochford
Nancy Salerno	George Walsh
Philip Schneider Jr.	
Larry Smith	
Robert Wells	
Carolyn Whipple	

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Mary E. Connors (resigned)
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.
Patricia C. Kirk (resigned)
Janet M. Redin
Elizabeth M. Wells

Rita A. Vail, Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS: 1990

Your Board of Appeals is charged by the Zoning Act and the Hampden Zoning By-Law with three areas of decision-making responsibilities: variances from the zoning requirements, special permits, and appeals from denials of a permit or enforcement action. We make each decision only after a hearing held upon public notice, and after full consideration of the intent of the Zoning By-Law, input from all persons attending the meeting, and a review of the Zoning Act and any interpreting court decisions.

Variances require a hardship relating to soil conditions or topography without substantial disregard for the Zoning By-law. Special Permits-Uses require compliance with the permitted uses and restrictions. Special Permits-Nonconforming Uses require a change, alteration or extension of an existing nonconforming use which is not substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood.

Over 100 of you attended one or more of our five hearings on the two earth removal permit applications from the Glendale Estates developers, and I hope that you found our procedures an important experience of great interest. Every person was given a full opportunity to express all thoughts and concerns, centering around the health and safety of the project's neighbors as well as potential tax expenditures for repairs made necessary by excessive wear and tear on our roads. After learning of your concerns, the applicant withdrew the request and retained all material onsite. We thank you for sharing your thoughts with us.

Our 1990 decisions:

Requests for a Variance

	<u>Action</u>
A second lot in the rear of an existing lot.	Denied.
Expansion into sideyard setback.	Granted.
Shed within rear setback.	Denied.
Extension into front setback.	Denied.
Frontage variance.	Granted.
Driveway setback variance.	Denied.

Requests for a Special Permit

	<u>Action</u>
Part-time used car business within commercial district.	Granted.
Motorcycle parts business within commercial district.	Granted.
Earth removal-Glendale Road.	Withdrawn.
Gravel removal-Somers Road.	Granted.
Earth removal-Main Street.	Granted.
Extension into front setback.	Denied.
Gymnastics school within commercial district.	Granted.
Earth removal-Glendale Road.	Withdrawn.
Lawn, garden equipment business within commercial district.	Granted.

Requests for an Appeal

	<u>Action</u>
None.	

Respectfully submitted: L. Jed Berliner, Chair; Kenneth E. Lefebvre, Vice Chair; John D. Flynn, Clerk; Dalton E. Philpott; Helena L. Kullberg; Lawrence F. Smith; David R. Scott; Richard E. Patullo.

1990 REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Despite a slowing National and Regional real estate economy, 1990 was a year of development activity for the Town. There were two new subdivisions approved, Sandy Pine Estates and Del Negro Heights. There was significant progress on 12 active subdivisions approved in previous years representing approximately 213 lots in various stages of development.

During 1990, there were three roads completed and ready for Town acceptance: Gristmill Lane, Erica Circle, and Commercial Drive.

In other administrative matters, the Board approved the following revised fees: Approval not Required endorsement -- \$35; Preliminary subdivision plan -- \$50 + \$5 per lot; Definitive subdivision plan -- \$200 + \$35 per lot.

A highlight of the activity for 1990 was passage of an amendment to the Zoning By-Law establishing a Ridgeline and Hillside District with associated development controls. This was the product of a dedicated citizen volunteer group outside the Planning Board co-chaired by Bonnie Geromini and Robin Warner. Their work was a major contribution toward maintaining the character of Hampden. The Town is indeed fortunate to have such individuals, who are willing to donate their time to the Town's benefit, and we thank and congratulate them for their successful effort.

In addition, approved at Town Meeting were improvements to the Site Plan Approval By-Law increasing its clarity and control.

Retiring from the Board after many years of service were Frederick Maher, Jr., Don Collins, and Oliver M. Knode, III. It has been a pleasure working with individuals of such professionalism, understanding and patience. On behalf of the Town, we extend heartfelt thanks for their dedication and contribution.

New members appointed to the Board in 1990 are Richard M. Brown and Joseph A. Dolben.

The Board meets at 7:30 PM on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and is open to all interested citizens. In addition, volunteer support of the Board's activities is most appreciated and welcomed.

CHAIRMAN John D. Mikkola

Richard M. Brown
Joseph A. Dolben
Thomas E. Poulin
Paul Robitaille

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Hampden Council on Aging experienced several changes this past year. We began with a change of Directors. Judy Mikkola resigned after two years of dedication to the seniors of Hampden. Judy continues her commitment to serving elders at a place of employment outside of Hampden. Carolyn Brennan began in January of 1990 and with the help of many wonderful volunteers has continued to provide the same quality of services that the elders of Hampden have been accustomed to.

"Our meal site has experienced a lot of changes: our temporary move to Centennial Commons during renovations and then our move back to a completely renovated Melville Room." states Janis DeGrandpre, Meal Site Manager. This past year 6,311 meals were served at the congregate meal site and 2,949 meals were delivered to home-bound elders. Janis adds, "We had a lot of wonderful helping hands and made new friends to extend our already happy family."

As with other departments our budget continues to feel the affects of the changes in our state and federal fiscal situation. Most of these changes are cuts in financial support.

Our basic services need to survive these budget cuts. These services include:

- 1) Title IIIC Nutrition Program which funds the congregate meal site and the home delivered meals.
- 2) Transportation services (PVTa) which provided 3,048 one-way trips last year: Trips include physician's visits, physical therapy, shopping, legal, banking and special needs trips to elders and people under 60 who are handicapped.
- 3) Health services - Scott Burke, our nurse, provided Blood Pressure screening to an average of 21 elders a month. Our funding source for this important service has been eliminated. The Suburban Exchange Club has pledged their support for funding this service in 1991. On a monthly basis, the Foot Care nurses provided care to approximately 22 seniors. We also sponsor cholesterol screening, audiology screening and education classes.

The Council on Aging is proud of its commitment and ability to provide these basic and vital services to the elders and their caregivers in Hampden. Our goal for the coming year is assist Hampden elders in maintaining an independent and safe lifestyle in their own homes for as long as possible. This can only be achieved through the assistance of energetic and caring volunteers. The Council on Aging is blessed with over 55 volunteers who provide over 47 hours of service each week. Last year these volunteers saved the town of Hampden \$13,944.00. This does not include our SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) counselor, Lucille Mulcahy, who assists elders in the complicated task of understanding their health insurance policies. It is estimated that Lucille assisted elders in recovering over \$6,366.61 for various reasons (claims filed, prescription reimbursement, claim denials, change of insurance plans.)

The members of the Council on Aging would like to express their special thanks to the people of Hampden for their support in renovating the Melville Room and invite anyone to come down and visit us.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sullivan
Dalton Philpott
Al Ouimet
Judith Perusse

Harriet Hulse
Louise Hurley
Henry Dunwoody
Eileen Robitaille
Bill Olmstead

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

At present the elected members of the Hampden Housing Authority are: Florence E. Kirk, Chairperson, William J. Donnelly, Secretary, Clifford E. Attleton, Treasurer, Charles T. Schmitt, Assistant Treasurer. We were deeply saddened by the death of Sherwood W. Cronk, who was Vice Chairman and State Appointee. The Board of Selectmen and the Authority have appointed Dalton E. Philpott to fill that position. He has a vast background of experience having been Town Moderator for the past 20 years. In that position he has been most knowledgeable of the workings of the various Town Committees.

THE STAFF

Carole A. Robert, Executive Director, Gary DePace, Fee Accountant, Frank Hull, Maintenance Supervisor and Reginald Temple, Assistant to Maintenance Supervisor.

MEETINGS:

The Authority meets on the Third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 A.M. in the Centennial Commons Community Hall, and has Special meetings as warranted. Regulations require meeting dates and times to be posted 48 hours in advance at the Town House Clerks Office.

TENANT'S ORGANIZATION:

This group has its own officers and budget, plans its own meetings and programs thru out the year. There is always something for everyone who wishes to participate and some tenants attend the Authority meetings.

EOCD - EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT - SECTION 8

The Authority is under direct supervision of this unit in conjunction with our contract for 40 years, entered into in 1976 with HUD (Housing and Urban Development) in Washington, D. C. We are also in contract for the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan. Our main function is to be alert to the well-being of the tenants at all times, being alert to any revisions in the Tenants Handbook, following thru on our monthly water sample testings, updating the landscaping and installing a sprinkler system. Also 56 new refrigerators installed this year, new ramps for the handicapped units, and the updating of the Cable System. From the EOCD we have a top rating of Eligible/Qualified in their Management Incentive Program. Art Kimber, Director of Development, EOCD visited with the Authority and the Selectmen for an informational meeting in November. This meeting proved very fruitful.

INSPECTIONS

The Annual inspection of our units is done by Carole Robert. Her findings are reported to the Authority and follow up is handled completely meeting the needs.

ADDITIONAL HOUSING:

We are in the process of locating needs; and we would like you to contact the Housing Authority if you know of such areas. We have been awarded a Planning Grant from EOCD Chapter 705 to begin to secure properties to begin the development of 12 units of family public housing. The Authority may be reached at the office at 26 Springmeadow Lane from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Phone: 8157, Mondays - Friday.

POLICE, FIRE, HIGHWAY DEPTS.

These departments have been a great help to the Authority in their various ways. The tenants appreciate their alertness; and the Authority says, "A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL!"

SHARING & CARING

During the renovations to the Town House, the Authority hosted the Lunch Bunch for six months at Centennial Commons. Even though things were in an upheaval at the Town House, the seniors of Hampden were accomadated for their meals, visiting nurses, Blood Pressure Clinics, Foot Care, Craft Classes, etc. The Authority was glad to help in that critical time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Florence E. Kirk
Chairman, Hampden Housing Authority

CENTENNIAL COMMONS TENANTS ORGANIZATION

1991 begins our thirteenth year at Centennial Commons.

With the holidays behind us it is time for us to settle in for the winter; happy to know that on the cold snowy days we have a comfortable pleasant home.

Frank Hull is our Maintenance Supervisor and Reggie Temple has replaced Joseph Hough as part time Maintenance Aide. Carole Robert is Executive Director.

Our gardens have been prepared for the winter. There are fewer gardens but we still have many enthusiastic gardeners that keep our grounds beautiful.

During 1990 some of our neighbors have left us but we have welcomed new people.

This past year the refrigerators in our apartments have been replaced with new self-defrosting ones and a sprinkler system has been installed to keep our lawns green and lush.

Our Annual Bazaar was held in October and continues to be a success. We are already planning for 1991 and hope to make it even better.

The Christmas Party was a luncheon. A large number of people attended and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Our Community Room continues to be a popular place for weekly bingo, "Busy Bees" meetings or just to visit with neighbors.

Meetings are held quarterly. The Officers are President Muriel Ryan, Vice President, Mildred Dufault, Treasurer, Louise Groll and Secretary, Marjorie Tierney.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marjorie Tierney, Secretary
Hamden Housing Authority Tenants Organization

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is comprised of seven appointed volunteers who are charged with the responsibility of administering the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.J. 131 sec. 40) within the Town of Hampden. The integrity of bordering vegetated wetlands, swamps, wet meadows, streams, rivers, ponds and floodplains is especially critical in a town that depends entirely on private wells and septic tanks.

During 1990 the Commission held 12 regular meetings on the second Monday of each month. They also held 8 special meetings due to an overburden of work. Twenty four various projects came under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Five of these projects were subdivisions ranging in size from seven to twenty four building lots. Site inspections were conducted for each of the above filings as well as for numerous other situations which come under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Due to increased filing fees ordered by the state, the Conservation Commission has additional monies to administer the Wetlands Protection Act. This has enabled us to hire professional consultants to assist us in various project reviews. We also work closely with the Town Engineer and Town Counsel.

The Commission is budgeted for fifteen hours per month for administration assistance, which is served by Patricia Smith. She can be reached Monday thru Thursday mornings at the Town House.

Throughout the years landowners have donated property to the Commission. This property is designated as conservation land. The Commission will continue to implement an open space plan by seeking gifts and/or covenants to deeds.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Geromini - Co-Chairperson
Richard Hatch - Co-Chairperson

Camillia Desmarais
Richard Gouvan
Beverly Kirk
James McEwan
William Wilson

The Historical Society of the Town of Hampden

Hampdenites did it again! You proved that when something is needed you have the spirit and the will it takes to pull together and get the job done.

A year ago Academy Hall, our oldest town building, was faced with some problems. The roof was leaking, the cupola was tilting which caused the ridgepole to sag, and the outside of the building had not been painted for at least thirteen years. Knowing there was no money in an already tight budget, the Hampden Historical Society formed a committee to raise the necessary funds to remedy the situation. Word was spread on television, in the newspapers, and through local newsletters. Your response was terrific! Townspeople, school children, businesses, organizations, and former residents all chipped in over \$10,000 in less than three months.

Repair work started in July. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to do a little more than was originally planned. A large beam was put in to support the sagging cupola, some bracing was installed in the attic, louvers were rebuilt where needed, a window in the attic was replaced, the ceiling was painted where needed, new screening was put in the cupola, two chimneys were repaired, and the cupola roof was resingled. Some of the labor and equipment needed to do these things was donated. Then the outside of the building was power washed, scraped, sanded, primed, and painted. The best grade of oil based paint was donated by the National Paint and Coatings Association of Washington, D.C. Everything was completed by fall.

Now, to keep the building in good shape, the Hampden Historical Society has established a permanent fund for future repairs as they are needed. Anyone wishing to donate to this fund may do so at any time. The donations will be earning interest until they are used.

Thanks for your support. It was overwhelming! We look forward to seeing you all at our re-opening on Memorial Day.

The Academy Hall Maintenance Committee

Miles Hapgood, Chairman
George Ingle
Elizabeth Fenn
Linda Krawiec
Beryle Doten

HAMPDEN ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL
HALC REPORT 1990

The Hampden Arts Lottery Council approved funds in the amount of \$2,686.00 (Arts Lottery) and \$581.00 (Pass) for the Spring 1990 Cycle. The following grants were awarded from the Arts Lottery,

Hampden Public Library
Green Meadows School
Hampden Historical Society
Dorothy Frittz
Carol Gauthier
Village Preschool

The following grants were awarded from Pass:

Green Meadows School
Hampden Girl Scout Troop

The funds for the Fall 1990 Cycle were held over at the State level as the Arts Lottery Council did not reach a quorum to appropriate these funds. Also, our Chairperson resigned.

The funds of \$1,229.00 (Arts Lottery) and \$426.00 (Pass) will be added to the Spring 1991 Cycle.

Applications for the Spring 1991 Cycle will be available at the Selectmen's Office and the Hampden Library..

Diane Knecht
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Secretary/ Acting Chairperson

HAMPDEN ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

Beth Burger
Laura Chaffin
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