

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICERS
(HAMPDEN ONLY)
JAN. 24, 1990 TO JAN. 23, 1991

DOG RELATED CALLS	700
TRIPS TO HAMPDEN	49
DOGS PICKED UP LOOSE	16
DOGS CLAIMED BY OWNER	11
UNCLAIMED DOGS PUT DOWN	3
UNCLAIMED DOGS ADOPTED	2

THE REGIONAL DOG OFFICERS WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT DURING THE LAST YEAR: THE HAMPDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE HAMPDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND ITS SECRETARIES, CAROL, KATE AND FLO.

DOG OWNERS PLEASE REMEMBER, THERE IS A RESTRAINING LAW IN HAMPDEN. THIS MEANS THAT YOUR DOG(S) MUST BE UNDER VOICE COMMAND WHEN LOOSE OFF YOUR PROPERTY. THE LAW IS MADE TO PROTECT ALL INVOLVED. FOR BEST RESULTS, OBEY IT.

FINES AND FEES:	RESTRAINING LAW VIOLATION:	\$10.00
	UN-LICENSED DOG:	\$15.00
	CARE AND CUSTODY (IF IMPOUNDED)	\$ 3.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RICHARD J. & DEBRA L. O'CONNOR
REGIONAL DOG OFFICERS

As the Animal Health Inspector for the town of Hampden,
I would like to report the following for 1990:

	GRADE	PUREBRED	
Number of Dairy Cows over two years	<u>23</u>	<u> </u>	
Number of Dairy Heifers one to two years	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Number of Dairy Calves under one year	<u>11</u>	<u> </u>	
Number of Dairy Bulls	<u>4</u>	<u> </u>	
Number of Dairy Steers	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Number of Dairy Herds (one animal constitutes a herd)	<u>2</u>	<u> </u>	
Number of Beef Cows over two years	<u>21</u>	<u>17</u>	
Number of Beef Heifers one to two years	<u>15</u>	<u>8</u>	
Number of Beef Calves under one year	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>	
Number of Beef Bulls	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	
Number of Beef Steers	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	
Number of Beef Herds (one animal constitutes a herd)	<u>13</u>	<u> </u>	
Number of Oxen	<u> </u>	Number of Swine	<u>9</u>
Number of Horses (work & saddle)	<u>164</u>	Number of Swine Herds	<u>3</u>
Number of Ponies	<u>48</u>	(one animal constitutes a herd)	
Number of Goats	<u>15</u>	Number of Poultry	<u> </u>
Number of Sheep	<u>45</u>	(Farms consisting of 25 birds or more)	
		Number of Poultry Flocks	<u> </u>

SIGNED: John W. ...
Inspector of Animals

DATE COMPLETED: 1-23-91

CITY/TOWN: Hampden

COUNTY: Hampden

There were 4 dog bites reported.

BRIMFIELD
HAMPDEN
HOLLAND
MONSON
WALES

VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT
DISTRICT OF EASTERN HAMPDEN COUNTY
MONSON, MASSACHUSETTS
01057

VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF HAMPDEN

In 1990 there were three families aided by the Veterans' Services Department.

The total amount expended during the year was \$2,357.52 of which 75% is reimbursed by the State, the towns share being \$589.38.

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

As a result of service work performed by the area office in Monson, veterans and their dependents in Hampden received a total of \$396,878 in Federal Benefits. The awards cover veterans non-service connected pensions, service connected compensation, retroactive awards and burial benefits.

Not only does the Veterans' Service Office process applications for financial assistance but also assists in filing applications for all VA Benefits which can result in bringing thousands of dollars in Federal Funds to applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn F. Bolaske
Director of Veterans
Services

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 was accomplished. The cemeteries are being resurveyed and new maps drawn. Several graves were sold during the year and there still are some graves available in Old Cemetery. During the year 23 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 7:30PM. 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
Henry Dunwoody	3357

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

During the year 1990, the damage done by Gypsy moth to shade trees showed a decrease from the previous year.

The number of egg clusters found and destroyed was under 200.

Respectfully Submitted

James A. Reardon
Supt. Insect Pest Control

DUTCH ELM REPORT

A total of nine Elm trees were cut down and removed during the year 1990.

Elm trees that were infested were taken down along the roadside on Somers Road, Main Street, Wilbraham Road, Mountain Road, Mill Road, and Chapin Road.

Respectfully Submitted

James A. Reardon
Supt. Insect Pest Control

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

The Park & Recreation Commission meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30p.m. at Town Hall. The meetings are open and residents are welcome to attend.

Due to pump problems this past summer the pool at Memorial Park had to be closed for several weeks. Even with this delay the Swim Program had a successful season under the directorship of Jane Budynkiewicz. We are hopeful that more residents will come and enjoy their facilities this summer.

* A reminder to parents-please do not leave your children unattended at the Park or Pool area. This reminder is solely for the safety of your children.

Capital Improvement work has been completed at the Park. The Bath house has been totally renovated and several major improvements have been made to the RAH building.

We would like to pay tribute to several former Park Commissioners; Art Thomas, Ron Morrissette and Rudy Longtin. We thank them for all their years of dedication to the Park Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Coughlin
Joy Delina
Glennice Flynn
Jim Hughes
David Kingsbury

RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF HAMPDEN

BOARD MEMBERS

BILL CRUM..... PRESIDENT
VIN VILLAMINO..... VICE PRESIDENT
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DICK deSOUSA..... WAYS & MEANS

OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 pm IN THE TOWN HOUSE AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND.

R.A.H. CURRENTLY SPONSORS JUNIOR T-BALL, INSTRUCTIONAL T-BALL, BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, SOCCOR AND BASKETBALL.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL R.A.H. PICNIC WILL BE HELD IN JUNE. WE ARE AGAIN LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT. THIS FUND RAISER HELPS SUBSIDIZE THE PROGRAMS WE OFFER.

ON BEHALF OF THE R.A.H. BOARD I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL COACHES, COORDINATORS, ASSISTANT COACHES AND PARENTS FOR THEIR TIME AND HARD WORK WHICH HAS MADE OUR PROGRAMS AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED,

JOANNE YACOVONE
PUBLICITY

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

1990

BUILDINGS:

Houses:	14
Sheds	4
Garages:	5
Additions:	15
Alterations:	10
Stove:	1
Pools:	13
Barns:	4
Decks/Porches:	15
Demolition:	1
Churches:	1
Total	<u>83</u>

ELECTRICAL:

Houses:	17
Additions/Alterations:	30
Services Temp/New/ Updates:	32
Pools:	7
Commercial: New bldg.	2
Alterations:	14
Recall inspections:	6
Total:	<u>109</u>

INSPECTIONS BY FIRE CHIEF:

Smoke detectors:	57
Oil burners:	36
Furnace:	5
Propane Gas:	11
Tank removal inspect.	4
Total	<u>113</u>

PLUMBING / GAS INSPECTIONS:

TOTAL	87
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Respectfully submitted:

Albert H. La Plante
Building Commissioner

AHL/tb

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY 1990

1990 was a good year for the Hampden Public Library. Despite a second year of level funding library services remained intact and circulation of materials increased over 1989.

Very few changes in personnel occurred during 1990. Currently, the library staff includes, Cecilia Melville, Margaret Rochford, Marta Willey and two library pages: Kimberly Wyzik and Kerry Cesan. Another familiar face at the library is volunteer, Dorothy Hauser. Dorothy's many hours of volunteer service are an enormous help to the regular staff and her work is truly appreciated.

The theme of the 1990 Summer Reading Program was "Make Tracks to the Library" and that is exactly what over 200 boys and girls did. 1990 proved to be our busiest summer yet and many children enjoyed weekly programs including puppet shows, storytellers, kite-making, sidewalk art, and a fabulous play put on by the Young Adult Summer Reading Club. 172 children registered for the Summer Reading Program and 120 boys and girls completed the required number of books reports and earned a certificate of recognition. Many thanks to Michelle Laferriere who designed and constructed the bulletin boards for the summer program. We would also like to thank the Friends of the Library for sponsoring many of the weekly performers and for providing paperback books for all the children who completed the reading program.

The library began offering a new children's service in 1990 in the form of theme kits. These kits are designed to be used by pre-schools, daycare providers, parents, and children. Each kit contains books, games, puppets, audiocassettes, and videocassettes relating to a specific theme. The kits were made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

In 1990 the library was named recipient of memorial contributions for two local patrons who passed away: Jacquelyn Stoddard and Charles Therrien. The interest from both of these funds will be used to purchase books for the library.

We would like to thank all our patrons for their donations and support during 1990.

The library will celebrate its centennial in 1991, and we look forward to a wonderful year of celebrating and reminiscing. Please plan to join us!

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY P2

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 11:00 AM to 8:30 PM Thursday 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Wednesday 11:00 AM to 8:30 PM Saturday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The library is closed Saturdays from June 15 to September 15.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

General Services

Circulation:
Print materials..... 27,400
Non-print materials..... 9,395
Inter-library loan..... 277

37,072

Volumes added..... 1,039
Volumes discarded..... 96
Total collection..... 17,081
Magazine subscriptions..... 62
Bookmobile..... 1,887

Finances

Receipts
Municipal appropriation..... \$45,672
State Aid..... 2,332

\$48,004

Expenditures
Wages..... \$33,870
Books and materials..... 11,026
Supplies..... 3,108

\$48,004

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Burger, Trustee Chair
Mary Barkhuff, Trustee
Elaine Kingsbury, Trustee
Marta Willey, Librarian

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department responded to 42 calls this past year. We also recieved several calls for mutual aid help from surrounding towns and we recieved mutual aid from our neighboring towns 4 times in 1990.

In November the Hampden County Fire Mutual Aid Association held their monthly meeting in Hampden and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal that the fireman prepared. In 1990 I was again elected Secretary and Treasurer of the county association.

This past year we awarded four scholarships to firemen's children who are furthering their education. We would like to thank everyone for your continued support of our annual flower sale and raffle, whose profits go to the scholarship fund.

When you sell or re-finance your home, you must have your smoke detectors inspected before the closing. Please make sure they are properly installed and in working order before you call for inspection. For information on where to install smoke detectors or to make an appointment for inspection please call 566-3314 between 8 AM and 4 PM.

If you have an automatic fire alarm installed in your home, please make sure they are clean and working properly at all times. We are recieving more and more calls from automatic fire alarms that are false but must be answered. This creates expense to the town and loss of time at work for the volunteers to answer these calls.

The new fire truck which the town voted for at last years town meeting and special election has been ordered and should be here by late spring. The bid for the chassis was awarded to International Trucks West Springfield, Ma., and the body will be built by 4-Guys, Inc. Meyersdale Pa..

I would like to remind everyone to PLEASE number their house. This will help us and any other emergency service find your home. We have several houses in town with long driveways. Please put your number on your mailbox or at the end of your driveway where it can be easily scene. Please make sure your house number dosn't blend in with the color of your house or be behind bushes, storm doors and etc.

Anyone who is 19 years old and a Hampden resident and can pass a physical exam is eligible to join the fire dept. We work hard, but we also have lots of good times.

I wish to thank the Police and Highway Depts. for their cooperation in helping the Fire Dept. this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Hatch
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

As in the past, outdoor burning is permitted from January 15th through April 30th from 10 AM. to 4 PM. This is for the burning of brush and forest debris only. There is no burning of grass, hay, leaves, stumps or construction materials. Burning permits are issued on a daily basis, depending on the weather conditions. You can obtain a permit by calling 566-3314 after 9 AM. on the day that you wish to burn. Last year 1,142 burning permits were issued during the burning season.

In 1990 we responded to 4 brush fires. We were again very fortunate to have had a wet late summer and fall season which kept the number of forest fires down.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Hatch
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In 1990 the Highway Department devoted a considerable amount of time to assisting in the renovations to the various town buildings. At the Highway Department, we repainted the exterior of all the buildings, installed new fire code doors inside, and upgraded some of the electrical services. At the Town Hall, we completely rebuilt the Cupola, removed the rear steps and excavated and backfilled the foundation of the new vestibule. Several departments belongings were moved from point to point and a new alarm cable was installed to Academy Hall.

With the cooperation of the Lyons Club, the Highway Department completely rebuilt the Gazebo on the lawn of the Thorton Burgess School. The pool at Rec Park required a new water tight basin to be constructed behind the dive wall to stop a leak which had developed, rendering the pool closed part of the season. The pool was cleaned and relined with sand as well, and the benches were repaired and painted. To eliminate a water problem at Academy Hall, the lawn was regraded and a cement apron was installed on the East side of the building.

Again this year we completed various rehabilitation and reconstruction projects. On Scantic Road, State Aid financing allowed 900' of roadway to be completely reconstructed. This area, just South of South Monson Road, was sealed with asphalt and peastone. Other roads sealed with asphalt and peastone were Burleigh and North Roads complete, 800' of Mill Road, 300' of roadway at the Landfill, and Bennett Road was rebuilt and sealed for a distance of 250'. Sections of shoulders were filled and graded on Allen Street, East Longmeadow, and Somers Road. Catch basins were rebuilt on Main Street, Scantic Road, South Road, while another was added to Glendale Road. A section of embankment was removed and dressed on Somers Road, greatly improving the line of sight in that area. The cul-de-sac at the end of Rose Circle was restored, helping a water problem in that area.

Once again, maintenance jobs were performed throughout the course of the year. Ditches were cleaned and shoulders were cut as needed. The 3 miles of dirt roads were graded and all paved roads were patched. Most catch basins were cleaned, and some street sweeping was done. The Highway Department equipment was repaired and maintained as needed. All crosswalks and stop lines were painted, as were almost all traffic lines in town. With illegal dumping becoming a real problem, several loads of debris was cleaned from the back roads. All snow plows were sandblasted and painted.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen and their secretaries, the many members of the Town House, the Police and Fire Departments along with the members of the Highway Department (Patrick Markham, Raymond Balser, Robert Kibbe, Robert Richards and Albert Rosati Jr.) for their continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Dana S. Pixley
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

In 1990 there was a great deal of work being performed on Public Shade Trees throughout the entire town. This work, which was done by Northern Tree Company, was paid for by Massachusetts Electric Company. Every seven years, the power company contracts with a professional tree service to trim and/or remove trees that may interfere with the power lines. This past year all the power lines in Hampden were done with very few complaints from the residents. The arborist for the power company was very cooperative in assisting me with trees that did not directly effect power lines, but rather peoples homes or travel lanes on several roads.

For the second year in a row, Arbor Day was celebrated by the distribution of 250 Spruce Tree transplants at Green Meadows School. I am sorry to report that due to budget cuts, the tree planting program was taken out of this years budget. However, this year the Tree Wardens Association is offering these transplants to the public in lots of 250 and up, for very low costs. For more information, call me at 566-8842.

The Highway Department, with the occasional assistance of a professional tree service, ended the year with a total of 238 trees being cut down and cleaned up. The highway crew also trimmed several other trees in town. Dead or diseased trees removed by the Highway Department were as follows: Allen Street - 12, Ames Road - 3, Bennett Road - 7, Burleigh - 9, Chapin Road - 23, Glendale Road - 18, Hickory Lane - 1, Main Street - 4, Mountain Road - 5, North Road - 39, Pondview Drive - 4, River Park - 2, Rock-A-Dundee - 9, Somers Road - 9, South Monson Road - 10, South Road - 7, Scantic Road - 3, Stafford Road - 5, Stony Hill Road - 8, Thresher Road - 2, T.B.School - 3, Valley View Drive - 2, Wilbraham Road - 12.

Trees removed with the assistance of a tree service were as follows: Allen Street - 1, Ames Road - 4, Bennett Road - 6, Burleigh Road - 2, Chapin Road - 7, Isaac Bradway - 1, Main Street - 5, Mountain Road - 1, North road - 4, Rock-A-Dundee - 3, Somers Road - 3, South Road - 1, Stony Hill - 1, Wilbraham Road - 2

Again this past year, stumps were ground on a limited basis as follows: Allen Street - 6, Town Common - 1, Stony Hill Road - 1, Wilbraham road - 1.

Any resident having any questions, or wishing to report a public tree in poor condition, should feel free to contact me at the Highway Department office.

Sincerely yours,

Dana S. Pixley
Tree Warden

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

I submit herewith, the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1990.

During the year, the Police Department recorded 4,280 log entries. Of these, 1,748 required further investigation. The calls received by the department were for assistance, complaints and for reporting crimes. The following is a general breakdown of the types of complaints received and investigated by the Police Department.

B&E forcible entry	29	Animal complaints	64
B&E attempted forcible entry	5	Arson of a building	1
Larceny over \$250.00	38	Motor vehicle complaints	204
Larceny under \$250.00	49	Citizen assists	115
Vandalism	136	Suspicious activity	323
Ambulance assists	92	Youth problems	7
Fire Department assists	185	Assist other police departments	118
Family problems	52	Protective custody	8
Bicycles reported stolen	3	Assist Highway Department	80
Bicycles recovered	2	General services	820
Building found open	82	Aggravated assault	7
Burglar alarms answered	229	Weapons, carrying, poss., etc.	46
Stolen cars reported	1	Noise complaints	40
Stolen cars recovered	3	Disturbance	35
Assault & Battery	1	Suicide	1
Missing persons	14	Attempted suicide	3
Obscene telephone calls	8	Reported deaths	4
Annoying telephone calls	13	Recreational vehicle complaints	36
Dog bites	5	Arrests for other police dept.	14
Dog complaints	51		

During the year, 216 persons were arrested and a total of 519 complaints were filed against them in the following categories:

Operating m/v without authority	2	Larceny over \$250.00	32
Failure to change address	3	Larceny under \$250.00	15
Allowing improper pers. to oper.	2	Reckless operation of m/v	1
Failure stay marked lanes	19	B&E building, daytime, int. fel.	3
Operating to endanger	2	B&E building, nighttime, int. fel.	2
Minor transporting alcohol	5	Receiving stolen property	7
Minor in possession of alcohol	14	A&B on a police officer	3
Procurring alcohol for minors	2	Disorderly persons	5
Warrant arrests	55	Wil & Mal. destruction per. prop.	3
Failure to stop for police off.	1	Opr. under influence of alcohol	30
No registration in possession	1	Operating after license revoked	7
Operating w/o license	17	Assault & Battery	2
Failure to yield right of way	1	Altered inspection sticker	2
Leaving scene m/v acc. prop. dam.	2	Stop sign violation	2
Opr. m/v after license suspended	37	Speeding	35
Operating unregistered m/v	33	Operating uninsured m/v	37
Aggravated assault	1	Possession firearm w/o license	1
Loud exhaust	2	Disch. firearm w/i 500ft. dwell.	1

Police Department P2

Injury to deposit of valuables	2	Malicious damage to m/v	32
Defacement of a church	2	Poss. dang. weapon - chem. agent	1
No tail lights	5	No height marks	1
Operating m/c w/o headgear	1	Trespassing	3
Failure to dim lights	1	Defective equipment	14
Disposal of Rubbish	1	No owner marks	1
Failure to inspect m/v	6	No chock blocks	1
Attaching plates	9	Possession marijuana	4
B&E into m/v	36	Attempt commit crime over \$250.00	8

There were a total of 630 citations issued with 231 being on radar.

There were 48 motor vehicle accidents involving 70 motor vehicles with 20 persons reporting injuries.

Warning Citations

Speeding	22	Inspection sticker	1
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Civil Citations

Speeding	210	Inspection sticker	66
Stop sign	6	Defective equipment	13
Marked lanes	9	Improper person operating	1
Studded tires	1	Improper passing	1
No license in possession	4	Failure to dim lights	1
No owner markings	1	No child restraints	1
No flares	1	Unregistered	4
Restricted hours	5	Operating w/o license	2
Passing school bus w/flashing lts	4	Not yielding to traffic	3
Harsh noise	1	No headgear	1
Failure to grant right of way	4		

Criminal Citations

Unregistered m/v	26	Uninsured m/v	29
Defective equipment	3	Failure to stay right	1
Operating to endanger	1	Speeding	16
Failure to stop for police off.	1	Operating w/o license	10
No registration in possession	1	Uninspected m/v	2
Marked lanes	1	Attaching plates	5
No height marks	1	No chock blocks	1
Operating after license suspended	2	No owner marks	1
Stop sign	1	Altered inspection sticker	1
Reckless operation	1	Improper person operating	2

Total amount of fines and sentences

Minor alcohol program	9	Alcohol program	19
Rutland Hospital	4	Court costs and fines	\$575
Show cause hearings	73	Victim witness program	665

Police Department P3

Restitution	10 people
House of Correction, direct	6 months
House of Correction, suspended	3 years, 6 months, 10 days
Probation	27 years, 4 months
Department of Youth Services	2
Licenses suspended	1
Supervised probation	2 years, 6 months

Eight persons were taken into protective custody in 1991.

During the year \$1904.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits and reports. The town received \$15,925.00 from Massachusetts Trial Court in Palmer which was the town's share of fines collected.

We wish to remind town residents that should they have an alarm system installed in their home, the police department should be advised and provided with information concerning the system. At the present time the department allows persons to install telephone alarms directly to our station but the telephone alarms may not dial our number more than twice in order that it not tie up our lines. In 1990 we responded to 229 alarm calls. Of these, approximately 95% were false alarms or malfunctions of the systems. We wish to remind residents that should they have a problem with their system they should have it repaired as soon as possible.

Persons applying for licenses to carry firearms, or renewals of these licenses, must complete the applications and return them to the department with a \$20.00 fee. Do not mail the completed form to the department without the appropriate fee as the paperwork cannot be completed until the fee is received.

During the year the police department was fortunate to have two new resuscitators donated to us by the Hampden Lions and Lionesses Clubs. Both of these organizations have, in the past, donated other items including resuscitators and mannequins for CPR training to the police department. I would like to thank these clubs and their members for their continued support and generosity.

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 calendar year 1990.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The school year began with the official renaming of the Thornton W. Burgess Middle School. The use of middle school rather than intermediate school reflects the many changes we are making as part of our Carnegie Program. Our major goal this year is to improve student learning through heterogeneous grouping, use of a wider variety of instructional strategies, and an expanded student activities program. A key component of this program is professional development for teachers. A Coordinating Council of teachers, parents, and community members meets weekly to direct this effort. All program costs are covered with grant funds. Thornton Burgess is honored to be selected as one of only nine Carnegie schools in Massachusetts.

At Green Meadows, the focus this year is on the reading curriculum. A Language Arts Committee has met regularly to gather information to be used in the selection of a new reading text. Teachers in grades 1-6 are pilot testing two different reading series to help insure a quality decision. Teachers have also attended a variety of workshops and conferences to update their knowledge and skills in this area.

PERSONNEL

Three faculty members retired from the Hampden Public Schools during 1990. We will miss the many contributions of school adjustment counselor Mae Simonson, resource room teacher Norma Buchholz, and home economics teacher Jo Ann Miner. We are pleased to welcome new faculty members Lori Mooney, Greg Howes, Nancy Curtin, Siv Sandberg, and Deborah Thompson who were hired to fill vacancies caused by these retirements and other resignations. We would also like to thank custodian Stanley Moore and cafeteria assistant Marianne Mather whose positions were eliminated due to fiscal constraints.

STUDENT BODY

Our student body continues to grow. On October 1, 1990, we reported 568 students in grades K-8, an increase of 29 students over our 1989 count. Class sizes are increasing to accommodate these additional students. Student achievement remains strong on standardized testing according to measures including the Massachusetts Department of Education's Basic Skills and Curriculum Assessment Tests and nationally normed Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. Hampden teachers are currently represented on an inter-district committee (Wilbraham, Hampden, Minnechaug) charged with recommending an updated testing program.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

The Green Meadows Refurbishing Project was successfully completed during 1990. All community members should be proud of this renovated facility! A number of building improvements were also completed at Thornton Burgess during 1990. On New Year's Day, the TWB roof encountered significant damage due to a large crack over the lobby. Unexpected damage to boiler pipes located in a trench at the rear of the building also resulted in a major repair project. Other projects include removal of oil tanks, conversion to natural gas heat, and energy improvements.

FISCAL SUPPORT

Last year's local schools budget totalled \$2,249,375, an increase of 2.9% over the previous year. We were fortunate to be able to maintain level services for students due to major savings in the transportation portion of our budget. These savings were made possible through contracting for buses with the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District who purchased buses in 1990.

Local schools continue to try to stretch our resources in creative ways. Although our efforts to obtain rental income were only partially successful, we have actively pursued support through obtaining grant funds (Massachusetts Department of Education, MA Electric, federal RABH grant) and accepting tuition students.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A primary reason for the continued good health of our schools is the dedication and support of parents, community members, and the business community. PTO members have spent countless hours coordinating our participation in corporate programs sponsored by Stop and Shop and Big Y. Due to their efforts we have expanded our inventory of computer and audio visual equipment. The PTO also funds numerous programs for students. The Village Food Mart and Guida's Dairy have raised funds to support school projects, Hampden Engineering is sponsoring the Thornton Burgess Awesome Student Award as part of their business partner role, and Waldbaum's Food Mart donated a storage trailer to help us address storage needs at Green Meadows. We benefit substantially from these donations and look forward to future school business partnerships.

We also benefit on a daily basis from volunteers in our schools. The Volunteers in Public Schools, Inc. (VIPS) and Hampden PTO are offering STEP II, a model activity program for students on released day afternoons. We greatly appreciate the regular assistance in our libraries, classrooms, student activities and the fluoride program.

FY92 BUDGET OVERVIEW

The local schools FY 92 budget is a level services budget. It will support only the programs that are currently in existence. Any personnel or program additions will be accomplished by restructuring and/or cutting existing programs or positions. This budget includes increments but no raises for any personnel since the school committee is currently involved in contract negotiations.

The Hampden School Committee continues to recognize fiscal constraints facing Massachusetts' communities. The following priorities have been established to help meet the needs of our children within current fiscal realities:

- 1) To maintain reasonable teacher/student ratios
- 2) To offer a well-balanced educational program designed to meet a broad range of learning needs
- 3) To support the Carnegie Program aimed at restructuring Thornton Burgess into a middle school organization
- 4) To provide resources and training which support the development of a revised language arts curriculum
- 5) To strengthen instruction leadership leading to site-based management
- 6) To maintain our buildings in a safe and reasonable manner
- 7) To provide necessary instructional materials and supplies

The FY 92 budget request totals \$2,327,092, an increase of 3.4% over the FY 91 budget. - Three major "budget busters" are responsible for this increase:

- 1) TRANSPORTATION (+12.8%): An increase in operating expenses and increased fuel costs are projected to result in an increase of \$12,000.
- 2) OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE (+10.7%): In FY91, projected rental income was reflected in this area of the budget. Other expenses include the TWB roof and increased utilities for a total increase of \$25,633.
- 3) PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS (+17.8%): The majority of this \$20,436 increase is due to new special education and vocational students. We are required by law to provide these services.

Without these budget busters, the budget would be up 0.8% (plus raises). The footnote section of our budget also reflects an increase due to a change in the Town of Hampden's unemployment rating.

IN APPRECIATION

Our children are our future. They have the right to an equitable education. It is our responsibility to offer such a program. We are grateful to the Town of Hampden for their ongoing commitment to our educational program.

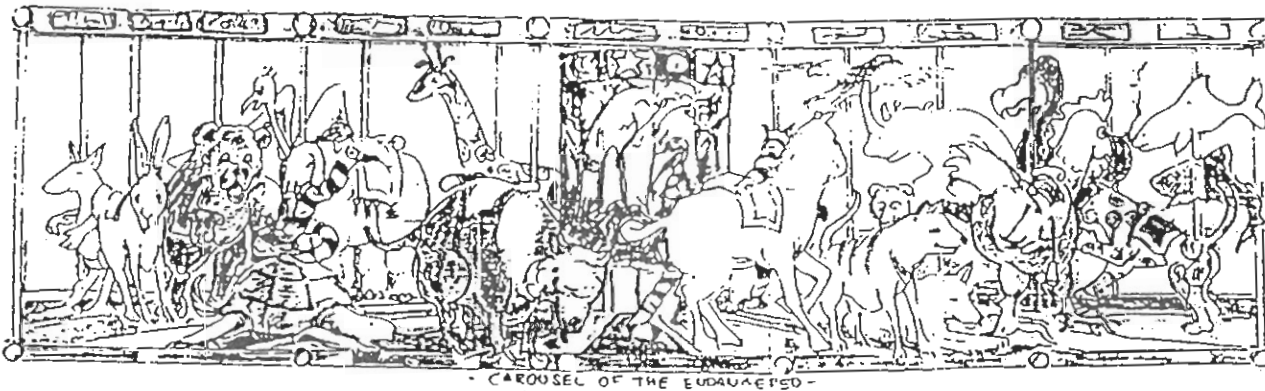
Respectfully Submitted,

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**HAMPDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1990**

ACCOUNT	1989/90 APPRO.	1989/90 EXPEND.	1989/90 CLOS. BAL.
REGULAR ED:			
1000			
1106 SCH.COMM.EXP.	4290.00	2331.63	1958.37
1201 SUPT.SAL.	47264.00	47264.00	0.00
1202 SECS' SALS.	29812.00	29785.29	26.71
1204 CONT.SERV.	1750.00	1820.30	-70.30
1205 SUPPLIES	1100.00	1336.69	-236.69
1206 OTHER	1000.00	1051.00	-51.00
2000			
2102 TEA.AIDE SALS.	27093.00	31196.64	-4103.64
2106 SUPVSN.	6525.00	9306.10	-2781.10
2201 PRINC.SALS.	51695.00	54733.99	-3038.99
2202 SEC.SALS.	25428.00	25336.34	91.66
2205 SEC.SUPPS.	1000.00	2174.67	-1174.67
2206 TRAVEL-PRINC.	650.00	956.00	-306.00
2301 INSTR.SALS.	1056335.00	1053323.01	3011.99
2305 INSTR.SUPPS.	23857.00	26749.64	-2892.64
2405 TEXTBOOKS	9750.00	17426.46	-7676.46
2501 LIBRARIAN SAL.	31417.00	31417.00	0.00
2505 LIBRARY SUPPS.	1750.00	1725.44	24.56
2605 A.V.SUPPS.	500.00	156.42	343.58
2701 GUIDANCE SAL.	36921.00	36921.00	0.00
3000			
3101 S.A.C. SAL.	17730.00	17536.22	193.78
3103 ATT.OFF.SAL.	100.00	0.00	100.00
3106 ATT.TRAVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
3201 HEALTH SAL.	16841.00	17181.00	-340.00
3205 HEALTH SUPP.	300.00	354.81	-54.81
3206 HEALTH OTHER	400.00	294.88	105.12
3334 TRANS.VOC.ED.	5000.00	4160.00	840.00
3374 TRANSP. K-8	84000.00	84179.10	-179.10
3403 FOOD SERV.SUPVN.	1500.00	0.00	1500.00
3511 ATH.SALS.	3650.00	3564.80	85.20
3513 ATH.REFS.	1100.00	540.00	560.00
3514 ATH.TRANSP.	1100.00	1738.95	-638.95
3515 ATH. SUPPS.	0.00	0.00	0.00
4000			
4113 CUST.SALS.	125987.00	111945.47	14041.53
4115 CUST.SUPPS.	5500.00	7611.84	-2111.84
4125 FUEL OIL	35000.00	33453.57	1546.43
4135 UTILITIES	41000.00	43024.92	-2024.92
4214 MAINT.GROUNDS	2600.00	3153.45	-553.45
4223 MAINT.SALS.	14710.00	14876.04	-166.04
4224 MAINT.BLDGS.	18200.00	43106.76	-24906.76
4225 MAINT.SUPPS.	3000.00	4549.87	-1549.87
4234 MAINT.EQUIP.	5200.00	5822.66	-622.66
4235 EQUIP.SUPPS.	2000.00	1465.45	534.55

ACCOUNT	1989/90 APPRO.	1989/90 EXPEND.	1989/90 CLOS. BAL.
6000			
6203 COMM.PRO.SAL.	2789.00	0.00	2789.00
6205 COMM.PRO.SUPP.	0.00	0.00	0.00
7000			
7308 ACQUI.EQUIP.	3000.00	9915.13	-6915.13
7408 REPL.EQUIP.	6500.00	5776.98	723.02
9000			
9139 VOC.ED.TUIT.	19500.00	15957.00	3543.00
TOTAL REG. ED:	1774844.00	1805220.52	-30376.52

SPECIAL ED:

2000			
2102 TEA.AIDE SAL.	27991.00	28838.65	-847.65
2106 SUPVN.OTHER	200.00	102.30	97.70
2301 INSTR.SALS.	109301.00	109301.00	0.00
2305 INSTR.SUPPS.	0.00	1767.22	-1767.22
2801 ADM/PSY. SALS.	80204.00	74136.00	6068.00
2802 SECS' SALS.	25049.00	25022.35	26.65
2804 EVAL.SERVICES	1000.00	7081.00	-6081.00
2805 SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	0.00
2806 TRAVEL	675.00	907.64	-232.64
3000			
3364 TRANSP.	45500.00	46643.68	-1143.68
9000			
9100 TUIT.MA.SCHLS.	9500.00	9071.50	428.50
9300 TUIT.PRV.SCHLS.	48486.00	53205.71	-4719.71
9400 TUIT.COLLAB.	62250.00	23702.43	38547.57
TOTAL SPECIAL ED:	410156.00	379779.48	30376.52

GRAND TOTAL	2185000.00	2185000.00	0.00
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NEGOTIATING FEES	2820.00	1807.00	1013.00
UNEMPLOY.COMP.	2820.00	1738.96	1081.04
ENERGY CONSERV.	2820.00	2820.00	0.00
ASBESTOS MGMT.	2820.00	1913.20	906.80