

69.0	Regional School District			
69.1	Assessment	940,656*	940,656*	
	Total SCHOOLS			3,208,531
	DEBT			
70.0	Local Government Debt			
70.1	Principal	280,000		
70.2	Interest	88,520		
70.3	Fire Truck	31,500		
	Total LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT		400,020	
			GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>\$5,112,227</u></u>

Recessed 11:48PM

Reconvened April 30, 1991, 8:04 PM Voters in attendance: 145
 Recessed 8:05PM. Reconvened 8:10PM

Article 3. The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Article 4. The Town voted to raise \$75,252 for necessary road work on North Road, South Road, Bennett Road or other roads as necessary, the sum of \$18,813 to be raised and appropriated and the sum of \$56,439 to be borrowed under Chapter 44, Section 6A, said borrowing to be discharged by the proceeds of any reimbursement by the Commonwealth.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
102	5

Article 5. The Town voted to demand that its Senator and Representative do everything necessary for the establishment of a reasonable state revenue sharing program for cities and towns as required by Question 5, which was approved overwhelmingly by the voters at the 1990 biennial state election, to provide for sufficient state revenues to help fund local services.

Article 6. The Town voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 291 of the Acts of 1990 relative to Enhanced 9-1-1 service and that the Town Clerk notify the Secretary of the Commonwealth of said acceptance on or before December 11, 1991.

Article 7. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$850 and add to the by-laws of the Town of Hampden as described in Article 7 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, with the following amendment:

The Town voted to amend the wording, for clarification purposes, of the proposed by-law Section 6 Starting with line five; to read "said person's property or the property of said person's parents, children, grandchildren or their spouse,".

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
67	56

Article 8. The Town voted unanimously to amend Hampden Zoning By-Law Section 9 by adding this sentence to the first paragraph: "The Board of Appeals shall consist of five Members and three Associate Members."

Article 9. The Town voted to transfer \$1200 from the Wetlands Protection 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 10. The Town defeated the motion to raise and appropriate \$2349.60 for the purpose of posting speed zones on Scantic Road and South Road.

Article 11. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen, by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take, in fee simple for highway purposes, Grist Mill Lane as recommended by the Planning Board including easements relating thereto as described in Article 11 of the April 29, 1991 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 12. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen, by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take, in fee simple for highway purposes, Erica Circle Extension, a street named Erica Circle, as recommended by the Planning Board including easements relating thereto as described in Article 12 of the April 29, 1991 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 13. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen, by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take, in fee simple for highway purposes, Commercial Drive as recommended by the Planning Board including easements relating thereto as described in Article 13 of the April 29, 1991 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 14. 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 15. The Town voted that in Fiscal Year 1992 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 16. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 17. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Article 18. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 19. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 20. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 21. The Town voted ^{unanimously} to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$196,709 for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal 1992.

Adjourned: 10:18PM

Attest: Rita A. Vail Town Clerk

Minutes

Special Town Meeting, April 29, 1991

In attendance: 298 voters

Moderator, Richard Patullo, opened the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Article 1. The Town voted to transfer \$20,363.92 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to be used to pay Workers Compensation Audit premiums for 7/1/88 to 7/1/89 and 7/1/89 to 7/1/90.

<u>For</u> 200	<u>Against</u> 2
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Article 2. The Town voted to accept a contribution of \$2,500 from New England Telephone Company and this money be made available to the Hampden School Committee for school library materials.

Article 3. The Town voted to transfer \$5,700 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to the Gasoline Account, Item #47.1.

Article 4. The Town voted to transfer \$2,258 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to the Street Lighting Account, Item #47.2.

Article 5. The Town voted to transfer \$2,880 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to the Town House Utilities Account, Item #32.3.

Article 6. The Town voted to transfer \$2,000 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to the Cruiser Maintenance Account, Item #57.3.

Recessed: 8:44 PM

Reconvened: April 30, 1991 at 8:05 PM

In attendance: 145 voters

Article 7. The Town voted to accept the provisions of Section 41 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989 regarding quarterly tax bills, commencing with FY93.

Adjourned: 8:10 PM

Attest: Rita A Vail Town Clerk

MINUTES

Special Town Meeting August 19, 1991
Adjourned to August 26, 1991

Voters in attendance - 78

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

Article 1. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$12,601 for subsidy of ambulance service in conjunction with East Longmeadow, Longmeadow and Wilbraham, and the Charter Ambulance Service.

Adjourned: 8:15PM

A true copy. Attest: Rita A Vail Town Clerk

MINUTES Special Town Meeting October 28, 1991 Voters in Attendance--95

Moderator, Richard Patullo, opened the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Article 1. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$55,796 for the specific purpose of funding the liability created by Chapter 223 of the Acts of 1991 with regard to the Regional School District.

Article 2. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$55,534 to be transferred to the Stabilization Fund for the express and limited purpose of free cash, available for use in FY93.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Attest: Rita A Vail Town Clerk

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Town Of Hampden has undergone many changes over the past year. For most Hampden residents, the new phone system is probably the most obvious change. You pick up the phone to call an old friend and absent-mindedly dial the last four digits. Expecting a warm "hello", you are instead greeted by a rude electronically synthesized voice instantly reminding you that we live in a constantly changing world.

Listed below are some of the other significant changes in town this year.

Last summer, an old friend in the state house, Representative Iris Holland, announced her resignation. The ensuing campaign to replace her left Hampden with a new friend and a new Representative, Mary Rogeness. Mary Rogeness has brought with her new enthusiasm and ideas as well as a continuation of the fiscal restraint and community service philosophies of Iris Holland.

In April of 1991 a cross sitting in the cupola atop the Hampden Town Hall for almost 50 years was replaced with an illuminated flag. The cross had been donated to the town as a memorial to the service men and woman who lost their lives serving in World War II.

Ironically, this new flag served as a memorial and welcome home to a new group of veterans returning from the Persian Gulf. In this war, however, we saw former World War II enemies working together, through the United Nations, in an unprecedented action to stop the aggression of one nation against another. Perhaps, just perhaps, this is the last group of war veterans we will have to welcome home.

Last Fall, the Police Department and the Thornton Burgess School changed the way they respond to educating our youth against drug abuse by becoming host to the new nationwide D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. The D.A.R.E program has fostered a new camaraderie between our police and our youth and has given the children the self confidence and support they need to fight drug abuse.

Other changes included the regionalization of the Mini Van Service which is now based in Hampden and coordinated through the Council on Aging. A new fire truck, approved at the last Town Meeting is now in service.

A meeting among the selectmen from the towns of East Longmeadow, Hampden, Longmeadow and Wilbraham has resulted in a new regional ambulance service and a new regional employee health plan. We are currently looking into regional purchases of supplies and regional solid waste management including hazardous waste.

Despite the changes in town, the commitment of the town residents to volunteer their services and work together to solve problems has remained unchanged. For example, last Summer, the Historical Society approached the Board of Selectmen and the Cemetery Commission to see what could be done about the fallen headstones at the Old Cemetery. The outcome was a coordinated volunteer effort resulting in the uprighting of many headstones.

Our responsibility as residents and officials of the town is to manage change so that its impact is positive. We would like to thank all the people who have helped the town in this process of managing change. We welcome ideas and input from all residents. You are invited to stop by at one of our meetings any Monday night and share your ideas with us.

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

The following fees have been reported as received and turned over to the Treasurer in 1991.

Selectmen and Board of Health Fees, Licenses, Permits, etc.....	\$ 14,591.00
Building Department Fees	12,476.52
Police Department Permits, Reports, etc.....	2,258.00
Fire Department Smoke Alarm Inspections, Oil Burner Permits, etc.	1,504.00
Town Clerk Fees (of this amount, State received \$7,226.30).....	11,492.49
Tax Collector Fees	45,587.52

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

The Board of Health has had a very busy year, and it looks as though we can all expect this trend to continue.

New landfill stickers were introduced in February and are available Monday through Friday 9-4 in the Selectmen's Office.

In the Spring, the Hampden Board of Health was instrumental in the reversal of the decision by Bondi's Island management, Springfield City Council and the Mayor which would have raised fees charged to septic pumpers 350%. This would have resulted in costs of anywhere between \$500 to \$700 for the average homeowner to have his septic system pumped. Through the efforts of all concerned a fair and equitable solution was reached.

Recycling has taken hold in Town, and is here to stay. The next few years are going to bring dramatic changes to the way in which we all dispose of rubbish. With the anticipated closure of the landfill several years from now, we must prepare for closing and capping costs which are currently estimated at \$500,000. We must also be ready to recycle even more than we do now in order to keep annual costs low. We would like to thank all of those volunteers who have offered their time so generously, making our recycling program the success that it already is. All relevant information about the current recycling program is listed on the following page.

During 1991, the recycling program collected and sorted:

59 tons	newspaper
79,000 pounds	combined of cardboard, plastic, tin cans, glass bottles & jars.

As in the past, the Board of Health offered programs in water testing, flu vaccinations, as well as a rabies clinic. These clinics have proven to be successful and we look forward to increased participation in the future. We would like to thank the following people for their time and energy: Donald G. Kipetz, Board of Health Agent for water testing; Dr. Albert J. Hebert, nurses Judy Hatch and Bea Moriarty, and helpers Tiny Burt and Pat Smith for the flu clinic; and Dorsie Kovacs, D.V.M. for help with the annual rabies clinic.

	<u>Qty</u>
Annual Flu Clinic, 11/21/91	190
Annual Rabies Clinic, 4/91	22
Water Tests, 11/4 & 5/91	64
Percolation Tests Taken	51
Septic Systems Installed and/or Repaired	40
Septic Installer Permits Granted	23
Septic Pumper Permits Granted	6
Well Permits	19
Health Complaints	28
Court Action	0
Food Service Permits	40
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1

Food Establishment Inspections -- twice yearly for established businesses

As you have read in this report, many events would not be possible without volunteers. If you would be interested in volunteering or would just like information, please call our office Monday - Friday, between 9-4, at 566-2151.

Respectfully Submitted,

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



HAMPDEN RECYCLES!!



2nd Saturday of each month at landfill, 8AM to 5PM

- Newspaper:** Newsprint only, tie papers in bundles of approx. 6".
No flyers, glossy circulars, magazines.
- Cardboard:** Corrugated, Cereal Boxes, Detergents, etc.
No Waxed Cardboard (i.e. frozen food containers)
- Aluminum:** Soda & Beer Cans, Lawn Chairs (minus webbing), Storm Doors (minus glass and screens), Gutters, Foil Containers.
- Plastic Bottles:** Soda, Milk, Orange Juice, Detergent, Fabric Softener, Shampoo, Ketchup, Syrup, Peanut Butter, etc.
- Steel Cans:** Soups, Vegetable, Juices, Pet Foods, etc.
- Glass Jars & Bottles:** Redeemable Bottles (all colors)
Non-redeemable Bottles (green, brown, clear)

All containers must be washed so there is no residue left inside. **NO** containers that held hazardous material will be accepted.

- Tires:** All tires must have rims removed.
Car tire - \$2.00 each
Truck tire - \$4.00 each
Double charge for tire on rim.
- Clean Metal:** Pipes (up to 6 ft.), file cabinets, lawnmower (less fuel, oil, and tires)
\$0.10/lb (estimated) - minimum \$5.00
- White Goods:**
 - \$17.00 Large - such as chest-type freezer, large stoves, console TV, riding mower, etc.
 - \$12.00 Regular - such as refrigerator, washing machine, dryer, air conditioner, TVs, lawnmower (less fuel), stove.
 - \$10.00 Small - such as small TV, apartment-size refrigerator, small lawnmower.

CASH ONLY!!

No hazardous items are allowed.

Dump Stickers are required.

In the event of inclement weather, a cancellation notice will be broadcast over radio stations WHYN, WMAS, WSPR, and on TV stations WGGB TV-40 (Cable #7) and WWLP TV-22 (Cable #6). A sign will also be posted at the entrance to the landfill.

Moderator
Annual Report 1991

This is my third annual report to the town. The task of Moderator is pleasant because the people of Hampden are reasonable and are interested in the good of the town.

I find the town meeting process fascinating and appreciate that it is true democracy, not always efficient, but most always fair.

It is inefficient and fair for exactly the same reason, anyone can speak, anyone can vote, and anyone can make or amend a motion. This is not a privilege reserved for the Selectmen or any other elected official.

Please do not be intimidated by those who seem to know the rules of order so well, most of them are past Moderators. There are two very important parts to the Moderators job during the meetings. One is to make sure you know exactly what they are voting on, and the other is to help the people at town meeting accomplish what they would like done.

If I am about to call for a vote and you don't understand the effect of the vote, ask. If you would like the motion changed or would like to make some kind of motion but don't know, or are not quite sure how to do it ask. I won't mind. It's my job.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Patullo
Moderator

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The number of registered voters January 1, 1991 -- 2799

The number of registered voters December 31, 1991 -- 2734

Voter attendance during the year 1991:

Republican Party Caucus, March 28, 1991	46
Democratic Party Caucus, March 29, 1991	50
Special Town Meeting, April 29, 1991	298
Annual Town Meeting, April 29, 1991	298
Annual Town Election, May 6, 1991	510
Special Election Primary, September 24, 1991	643
Special Election, October 22, 1991	602
Special Town Meeting, October 28, 1991	95

Poll Workers for 1991:

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

INSPECTORS

Republican	Democratic
Irene Cutting	Sheila Flynn
Marion Joyce	Judith Jackson
Elizabeth Wells	Evelyn Schmidt

TELLERS

Beth Burger	Brenda Ahlberg
Andree Crowley	Gloria Belanger
Beryl Doten	Marilyn Blizard
Barbara Dunwoody	Carol Collins
Dot Hill	Sandra Gray
Elaine Kingsbury	Rita Southworth
Chesley Metcalf	
Patricia Smith	

ALTERNATES--TELLERS OR INSPECTORS

Janet Case	Mary Berrett
Edith Casey	Ann Burian
Deborah Dragon	Nancy Downey
Donald Dragon	Gloria Fabbri
Mary Dunklee	Sally Kealy
Eleanor Hapgood	Michelle Lavallee
Joyce Libby	Gail Lefebvre
Nancy Salerno	Naomi Matthews
Philip Schneider Jr	Margaret Rochford
Sheila Slawiak	George Walsh
Thomas Slawiak	
Robert Wells	
Carolyn Whipple	

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
Arthur A. Booth Jr
Janet M. Redin
Elizabeth M. Wells
Rita A. Vail, Clerk

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

At the April 30, 1991 Annual Town Meeting, the Town accepted the provisions of Chapter 291 of the Acts of 1990 dealing with the Enhanced 9-1-1 system in Massachusetts. As everyone may know, 9-1-1 will be the telephone number for all emergencies including fire, police matters, ambulance care.

The Town Clerk, at the request of the Chief of Police, agreed to be the liason between the Town and New England Telephone Company to establish the required database for our town.

The success of any Enhanced 9-1-1 system is directly proportional to the quality of its database. The efforts we make will go a long way toward providing the best service possible. In the Town Clerk's office we are working with the Building Inspector to ensure the recording of every household on every street. Furthermore, we are working with the Telephone Company to be sure that its database has the same accurate and complete information.

It is to the benefit of every household that this system succeeds. Each homeowner can do the following to make for the best possible implementation:

1. Respond to the local census inquiry. It is important that we list every household and that the residents are identified.
2. Visibly display your house numbers. It is highly recommended that your house numbers be on both your house and on your mailbox at the street. If you do not have a mailbox, an identifying sign or post (with the house number) at the road would be appropriate. Remember: when you want a fire truck or ambulance to find you, you want this action to be FAST!

With the spirit of cooperation so prevalent in Hampden we will implement Enhanced 9-1-1 thoroughly and successfully.

Vital Statistics recorded in Hampden are:

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>
Births	43	43	38
Deaths	75	59	44
Marriages	25	19	20

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Money submitted to the Town Treasurer in 1991 is:

Fish and Game			
Gross	\$7,364.45		
Fees	138.15	\$ 138.15	
Dog Licenses		2,266.00	
UCC Recordings		505.00	
Certified Copies and Publications		778.90	
Marriages and Business Certificates		515.00	
Bank interest		63.14	
			\$4,266.19 Total

Available from the Town Clerk's office:

Subdivision Control Laws.....	\$ 3.00
Zoning By-Laws.....	5.00
Zoning By-Laws (if mailed).....	6.50
Zoning Map.....	5.00
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

Also available, at no cost, from this office are permit forms for hunters who wish to obtain permission from landowners to hunt on their land. At Annual Town Meeting, Hampden adopted a general by-law requiring this permission form to be on file in the Town Clerk's office and in the Police Department. Since incorporation, 341 forms have been filed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita A. Vail, Town Clerk

Report of the Board of Appeals: 1991

Zoning was a radical concept 90 years ago, often being thought as the government unlawfully taking private property without paying for it. The "taking" was through the restrictions placed on our lands and homes - we could no longer do with our castles whatever we wanted to.

There is no direct mention of zoning in the Constitution, and for the country's first 125 years there was no certainty of the concept's legality. But in the 1920's, for better or worse, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that zoning was part of the police powers reserved to the states. In Massachusetts, as in other states, zoning authority is granted by the state legislature to the local government.

A "police power" is the State's (and Town's) authority, acting through Chief Stone and the rest of Hampden's finest, to keep the streets safe by passing and enforcing rules and regulations. It also includes the state's authority to regulate population density and fire truck and ambulance access through zoning. In 1954, the Supreme Court approved "aesthetics" as an additional zoning purpose. Police power includes aesthetic regulations? Yes. Any ten taxpayers can bring before Town Meeting a proposed change in Hampden's Zoning Bylaw and, if passed, regulate or outlaw their neighbor's ugly yard - so long as the anti-ugly restriction is evenly applied throughout the zoned district and is "rational" (explainable with a straight face).

Boston recognized that zoning can sometimes be extremely unfair to a landowner due to peculiarities of a particular parcel of land, and instructs Hampden and all other towns to create a Board of Appeals for determining whether an exception in a given case should be made to a zoning requirement. A zoning bylaw also tells the board of appeals what standard to use in granting a zoning exception. Hampden's Zoning Bylaw chooses a "variance" test, which is defined as requiring a "hardship." The courts tell us that a hardship is an extreme situation, where the owner can make no practical or economical use of his or her land unless the exception is granted.

An alternative to the variance/hardship test is the "special permit" standard, which the Hampden Bylaw tells us to use for requested changes in "grandfathered" (pre-existing, non-conforming) structures and some other requests: Whether the change is substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the current structure. This is a much easier standard to meet for granting exceptions to the zoning requirements, perhaps so easy that zoning loses its purpose.

Our 1991 decisions:

<u>Variance Requests</u>	<u>Action</u>
Pony shed in a front yard.	Denied.
Residential construction within the rear setback.	Denied.
Swimming pool in side setback, topographic and health concerns.	Granted.
Commercial construction in front setback, wetlands.	Granted.

Special Permit Requests

Residential addition in flood plain.	Granted.
Gravel removal for agricultural improvement.	Granted.
Toolshed within setbacks for pre-existing residence.	Granted.
Auto repair and sales business in commercial district.	Granted.
Livery and limousine service in commercial district.	Granted.

Administrative Appeal Requests

Approval of existing construction within setback.	Affirmed.
No action on noise violation complaint.	Reversed.

Thank you, John D. Flynn, for four years of hard work and insightful perceptions.

Respectfully,
BOARD OF APPEALS



L. Jed Berliner, Chair
Richard E. Patullo, Vice Chair
Helena L. Kullberg, Clerk
Kenneth E. Lefebvre
Dalton E. Philpott
David R. Scott
Lawrence F. Smith

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

1991 was a year of reduced land development in the Town, reflecting the contraction of building activity nationally and locally. There were two new subdivision plans approved, South Ridge Estates and Laurel Hill Estates. During 1991, there were two roads completed and ready for Town acceptance: Andrew Circle and Country Club Drive.

The Planning Board has been using this period to review the Town's Zoning By-Law for possible amendments and to review the Board's regulations and procedures for ways to streamline and clarify the process. The Board assisted in improving the Building Permit procedures for the Town, working closely with other Town departments, and published a handout providing this information for those applying for permits.

Retiring from the Board in 1991 were John D. Mikkola and Paul Robitaille. On behalf of the Town, we extend heartfelt thanks for their dedication and contribution.

Members elected to the Board in 1991 to fill remaining terms were Richard M. Brown, Kathleen A. Foss, and Joseph A. Dolben. John D. Flynn was appointed to the Board to fill the vacancy created by John Mikkola's resignation.

The Board meets at 7:30PM 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Dolben, Chairman
Richard M. Brown
John D. Flynn
Kathleen A. Foss
Thomas E. Poulin

REPORT OF THE RIDGELINE AND HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

In 1990 the Town passed the Ridgeline and Hillside Bylaw. The intent of this bylaw is to provide a means of monitoring property development in sensitive areas. As property values rise, land that ten or twenty years ago was considered too expensive to develop now becomes the new buildable areas. Proper regulation of development of these spaces is crucial so as to ensure protection of natural resources.

The Committee provides an advisory function to the Planning Board. Applications for development in this overlay district are reviewed by the members, site visits and progress reviews are held, and a recommendation is then passed to the Planning Board. In 1991, there was increased activity in this area and we feel that the extra level of oversight given to development of these sensitive areas benefits all in the town.

Retiring from the Board in 1991 was Paul Robitaille. On behalf of the Town, we extend our thanks for his dedication and contribution.

The Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall. All residents are welcome and any volunteer help is greatly appreciated. We encourage all residents to make suggestions and comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Warner, Chair
John D. Flynn
Jim Moriarty
Carol Stoddard

HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING

What is the Council on Aging?

"Councils on Aging are community focal points for the delivery of services to older adults. Councils are arms of local governments, which give a voice to, advocate for, and provide visibility for the needs of community elders. Often the first point of entry into the service delivery system is through the doors of COAs.

Changes in state and federal funding have once again forced the Council on Aging to pursue alternative ways of delivering services. Reductions in funding from Pioneer Valley Transit Authority for the operating budget of the Elderly and Handicapped transportation was threatening to force a reduction in service to Hampden elders and handicapped residents who use the COA's mini-van. With the support of the Board of Selectmen from Hampden, East Longmeadow and Wilbraham, the Hampden COA initiated, coordinated and now manages a regional mini-van service for Hampden, East Longmeadow and Wilbraham.

Our goal was to increase the previous level of service for the three communities to accommodate late afternoon MD appointments and Rehab appointments and also to reduce the duplication of service that was occurring throughout the tri-town area. It's been very exciting to see our goals met. Hampden has increased their service from 3 1/2 days of service to the present level of five full days of service.

The Council on Aging's staff has increased from a director, a part-time Senior Aide, and a part-time driver in 1991 to a staff in 1992 of three full time drivers, two dispatchers, a Senior Aide, "a Green Thumb" employee, a part-time Outreach Worker and a Director. Tiny Burt was hired under the Green Thumb program which is a federally funded program, similar to the Senior Aide program which trains older adults to re-enter the work force. Catherine Mackey continues to work as our Senior Aide.

The Council on Aging is also serving adults of all ages in Hampden. Our mini-vans are transporting special needs students and handicapped adults. We are providing information and referral services to adult children of older parents who are in need of home care, home-delivered meals, financial and legal assistance and respite care.

The recession has affected the majority of residents and as a result the Council on Aging's request for fuel assistance, emergency fuel has increased 20 percent this year. This assistance, along with the distribution of surplus food, is available to all income-eligible residents of Hampden.

Our volunteer force of 64 individuals continue to be critical to the success of the Council on Aging. Volunteer duties range from Tax Preparers, Board members and Program Coordinators to Arts & Crafts teachers, Handymen and Kitchen Helpers. A Hampden resident received special recognition at our volunteer luncheon held in May of 1991. Loma Cox of Ames Road received a Citation from Senator Brian Lees on behalf of the Massachusetts Senate for her years of dedication to the elders of Hampden. Last year the 64 individuals who volunteer for the COA and the congregate meal site saved the town of Hampden \$21,724.00. This is what it would cost the town if we were to pay these individuals for their work.

The Council on Aging would like to thank those people who have helped us "master" our new computer, provided by the Friends of Hampden Seniors. The computer system, accessible to all seniors, has provided us with valuable database tools and brightened the appearance of the monthly newsletter, "The Scantic Scribe". We've been slow learners and their patience has been greatly appreciated.

Eileen Robitaille, Cookie Hurley and Judy Perusse resigned from the Council on Aging board and we would like to thank them for their time spent on the board. Janice Gallivan and Claudia Elguero were appointed in September.

Through the leadership of an energetic President, the Scantic Senior Citizens Club enjoyed a very successful year of well-attended monthly meetings and social events. All elders and their guests are welcome to join the SSCC.

The Friends of Hampden Senior Citizens continue their faithful efforts to raise money for the building of a Senior Center.

Robert Bohlke resigned as representative to the Greater Springfield Senior Services Board after serving for 6 years. George Ingles was appointed as the new representative and states that his goal is to *"improve communication between Councils on Aging and Greater Springfield Senior Services so that Hampden elders can be made aware of their options and services that are available by state and federal funds such as subsidized home care services and long term care assessments."*

Carolyn Brennan, Director
Claudia Elguero, Secretary
Al Ouimet, Treasurer
Bill Sullivan, Chairman
Dalton Philpott, V.Chairman
Harriet Hulse
Janice Gallivan
Henry Dunwoody
Bill Olmstead

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

At present, the elected members of the Hampden Housing Authority are: Florence E. Kirk, Chairperson, Dalton E. Philpott, Vice Chairman and State Appointee, William G. Joy, Secretary, Clifford E. Attleton, Treasurer, Charles T. Schmitt, Assistant Treasurer.

THE STAFF

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

MEETINGS

The Authority meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 A.M. in the Centennial Commons Community Building and holds special meetings as warranted. Regulations require meeting dates and times to be posted 48 hours in advance, at the Town House bulletin board with the Town Clerk.

TENANTS ORGANIZATION

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT

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 an inground sprkler system. Also 56 new stoves were installed this year. It should be noted that the Hampden Housing Authority has a top rating of Eligible/Qualified in our Management Incentive Program by the E.O.C.D. It should also be noted that the Hampden Housing Authority donated a John Deere Tractor to the Town of Hampden and purchased a new one for the Authority. A new Smoke Detector and Alarm System was installed at the Authority this year for safety factors. The office now is in the process of being computerized with the new Computer purchased.

INSPECTIONS

Inspections of all apartments are done annually by Carole Robert and Frank Hull and results are reported to the Authority Board. The renovations of the exteriors will be done this year. Included in this is painting, trim, windows, new doors where needed, etc.

ADDITIONAL HOUSING

The Planning Grant from EOCD for Chapter 705 has been put on hold at this time due to fiscal cutbacks in the State. We will begin to try to locate properties again when the money situation warrants this for the development of 12 units of family public housing.

POLICE, FIRE, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS

A big "Thank You To All". You have been a great help to the Authority and the tenants. We all appreciate your efforts.

The Authority may be reached at the office at 26 Springmeadow Lane, from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, Monday - Friday. The telephone number is 566-8157.

Respectfully Submitted,

Florence E. Kirk
Chairperson
Hampden Housing Authority

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY TENANTS ORGANIZATION

Its time to reflect on 1991 at Centennial Commons.

Carole Robert is our Executive Director, Frank Hull, Maintenance Supervisor and Reginald Temple, Maintenance Aide.

During the year the stoves were replaced in the apartments as were the Smoke Detectors. We also have new washers and dryers in our Laundry Room.

Our Community Room continues to be the center of activities. There were several craft classes held during the year. In August the Scantic Senior Citizens Club held their picnic at the Commons. In October our Annual Bazaar was held. As always, it was a huge success. Our Christmas Party was held in December in the form of a Luncheon.

Now is the time to look ahead. Soon everyone will be planning flower gardens. The number of vegetable gardens has decreased but the flower gardeners are very enthusiastic. Some improvements are being planned for the spring and summer.

Meetings of the Tenant's Organization are held quarterly. The officers for the coming year are Margaret Pooler, President, Mildred Dufault, Vice President, Marjorie Tierney, Secretary and Louise Groll, Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marjorie Tierney
Secretary
Tenant's Organization

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN

In addition to its ongoing function relating to the collecting and preservation of Hampden's history and making it available to researchers, the Hampden Historical Society was involved in one major project this past year. Working on weekends over a couple of months, volunteers from the Society, joined by Selectmen and one paid employee with equipment from the Town Highway Department, were able to straighten up and reposition an estimated 125 grave stones in the Old Cemetery which had fallen over or were leaning because of years of freeze-thaw cycles and the resulting ground heaving. This will hopefully prevent further damage to those stones. The more difficult task of repairing, restoring and stabilizing other stones which have already broken or been damaged will hopefully follow in short order. We wish to express our thanks to the dozen or so people who assisted in this project and who helped to preserve some of the town's more important artifacts.

The Hampden Historical Society is open to the public and anyone may join or attend meetings. We gather at Academy Hall at 7:30 P.M. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. We do not have meetings in December, January, July or August. For those interested in joining and supporting our organization, membership is a modest \$3 per person or \$5 per family for the year. Business meetings are followed by an interesting and enjoyable program on a variety of historical subjects of general interest, as well as refreshments. Anyone interested in local history or history in general will find us to be an active and friendly organization of people with similar interests.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Krawiec, Secretary
Hampden Historical Society

1991 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.L.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 systems.

During 1991 the Commission held 12 regular meetings on the second Monday of each month. There were also 6 special meetings due to an overburden of work. Twenty four various projects and six violations were handled by the Commission. Three of these projects were subdivisions. 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.

Filing fees, ordered by the state, are entered into a special revenue account. This enables 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 at 566-2206.

Throughout the years landowners have donated property to the Commission. This property is designated as conservation land. This year, we are pleased to report we have two proposed land donations to be put before a future Town Meeting for acceptance by a vote of the people.

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
Camilla Desmarais
Richard Gouvan
Jack Matthews
James McEwan
William Wilson
Patricia Smith, Administrative
Assistant

HAMPDEN ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL
HALC REPORT 1991

The Hampden Arts Lottery Council approved funds in the amount of \$2,450.00 for the Spring 1991 Cycle. As there was severe cuts in the Massachusetts Arts Lottery funding, there was no Fall 1991 Cycle.

The following grants were awarded for the Spring 1991 Cycle;

The Hampden Council on Aging- Art classes for the Seniors
The Hampden Public Library - Performer for the Library's 100th Anniversary
The Hampden Historical Society - Program - Jim Douglas Historical Balladeer
The Hampden Historical Society - Slide talk on historical homes in New England
The Hampden Historical Society - Matericals for preservation of artifacts
The Hampden P.T.O. - program for children about books
The Hampden P.T.O. - Author of book for children came to discuss writing
New England Brass Quartet - Free public concert of brass music performed at Thornton Burgess Gazebo
Zacciah Blackburn - demonstrated and explained wood instruments in a program for the children

We are not certain if there will be a Fall 1992 Cycle, please look for press releases at that time if you are interested in applying for a grant.

If anyone is interested in joining the Hampden Arts Lottery Council please, contact myself or the Selectmen's Office.

Diane Knecht

Chairman, HALC

HAMPDEN ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

Beth Burger
Laura Chaffin
Elizabeth Fenn
Mary Grassetti
James Hughes
Diane Knecht
Margaret Rochford