

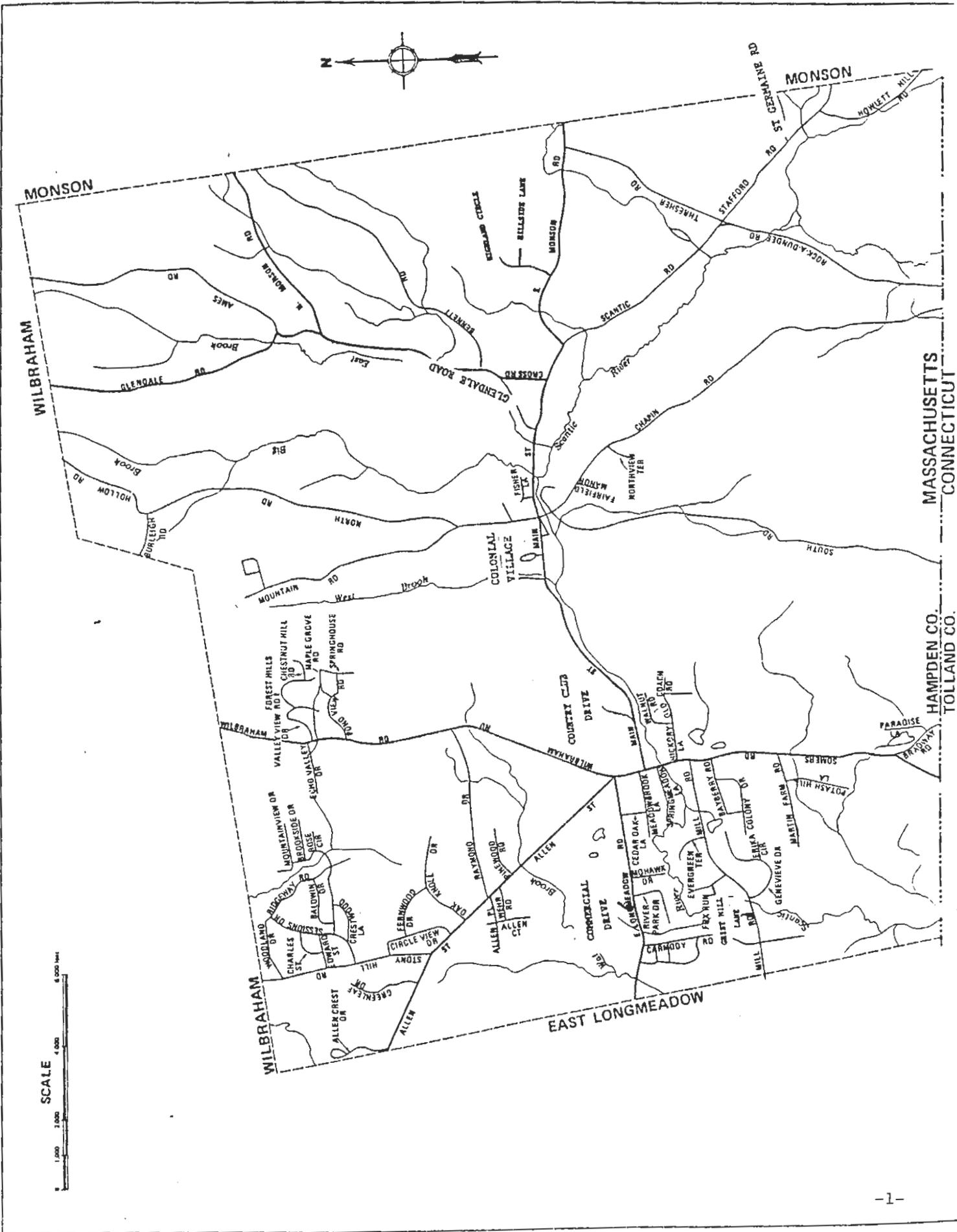
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HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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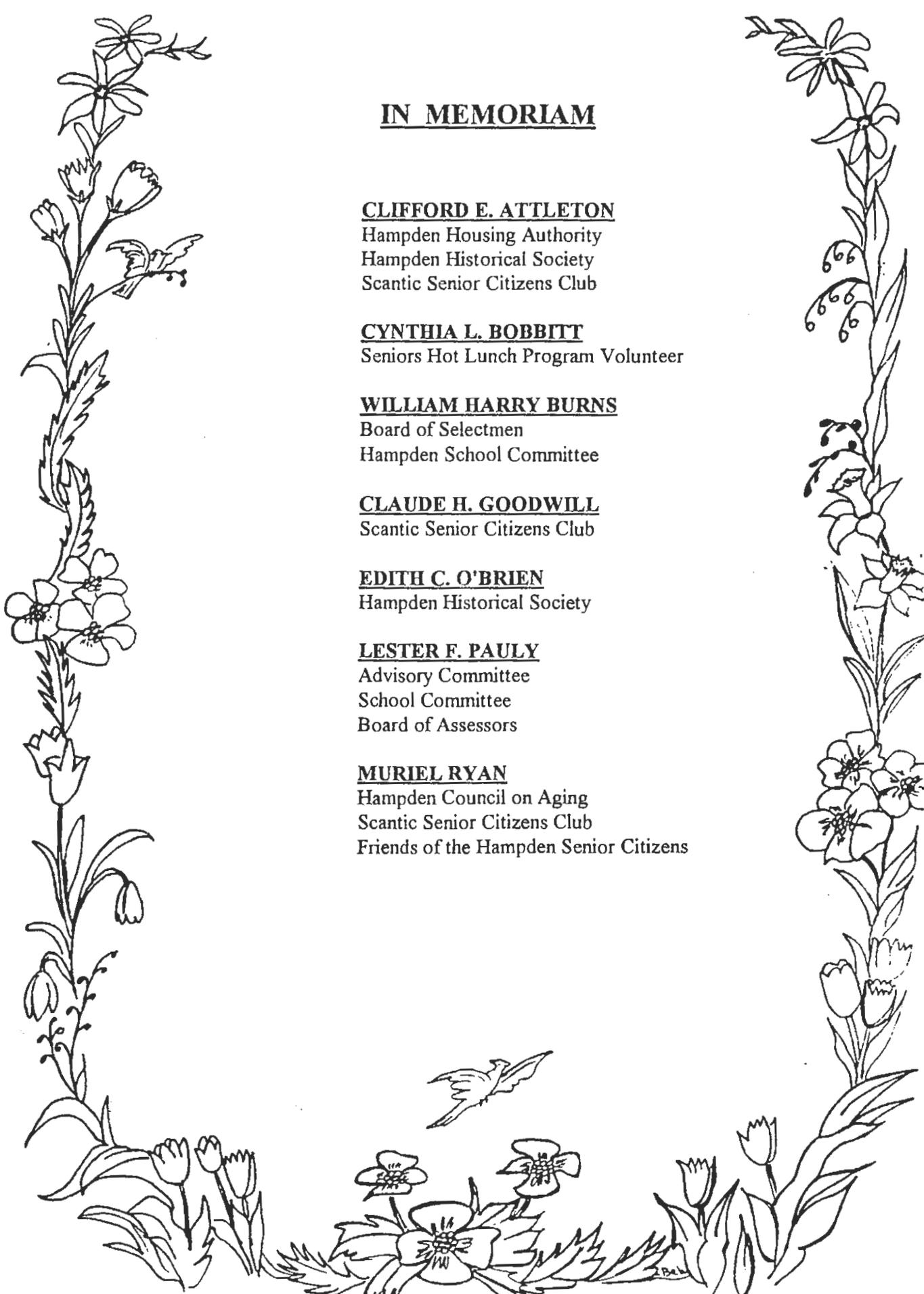
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MONSON

MASSACHUSETTS
CONNECTICUT

HAMPDEN CO.
TOLLAND CO.

SCALE
1,000 2,000 4,000 8,000 Feet



IN MEMORIAM

CLIFFORD E. ATTLETON

Hampden Housing Authority
Hampden Historical Society
Scantic Senior Citizens Club

CYNTHIA L. BOBBITT

Seniors Hot Lunch Program Volunteer

WILLIAM HARRY BURNS

Board of Selectmen
Hampden School Committee

CLAUDE H. GOODWILL

Scantic Senior Citizens Club

EDITH C. O'BRIEN

Hampden Historical Society

LESTER F. PAULY

Advisory Committee
School Committee
Board of Assessors

MURIEL RYAN

Hampden Council on Aging
Scantic Senior Citizens Club
Friends of the Hampden Senior Citizens

INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN

Federal Census	1/1/91	4,709
State Census	1/1/85	4,762
Town Census	1/1/92	4,924

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

19.64 square miles

COUNTY

Hampden County

TAX RATE

\$13.96 for Fiscal Year 1993

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Last Monday in April at 8:00 pm

ANNUAL ELECTION TOWN OFFICERS

First Monday in May, 8:00 am-8:00pm

GOVERNOR

William F. Weld
Office of the Governor
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-727-3600

CONGRESSMAN

Richard E. Neal
437 Cannon House Office Building
Washington DC 20515
Phone: 202-225-5601

OR

District Office:
Federal Building, Room 309
1550 Main Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Phone: 413-785-0325

U.S. SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy
U.S. Senate
Russell Senate Office Bldg. Room 315
Washington DC
Phone: 202-224-4543

OR

2400 JFK Building, Room 409
Boston, MA 02203
Phone: 617-565-3170

John F. Kerry
U.S. Senate
Russell Senate Bldg. Room 421
Washington DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-2742

OR

145 State Street, Room 504
Springfield, MA 01103
Phone: 413-785-4610

STATE SENATOR

Brian Lees, Hampden District
State House, Room 313
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-722-1291

OR

District Office: 10 Parker Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151
Phone: 413-543-2167

REPRESENTATIVE

Mary Rogeness, 2nd Hampden District
State House, Room 39
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-722-2240

OR

Residence: 22 Warren Ter, Longmeadow
Phone: 413-567-5480

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES & COMMITTEES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm
Meet every Monday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2151

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd Wednesday each month, 7:30pm
Phone: 566-3214

TOWN CLERK - Rita A. Vail

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm
Phone: 566-3214

TOWN TREASURER - Lucille Mulcahy

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm
Phone: 566-2401

TAX COLLECTOR - Rita A. Vail

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm
Phone: 566-2206

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-2:30pm
Meet 2nd Tuesday 7:30pm to 9:00pm
Phone: 566-3223

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meet 2nd Monday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2206

PLANNING BOARD

Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2403
566-8591 for appointment

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd Wednesday each month at 7:00pm

PARK COMMISSION

Meet 2nd & 4th Thursday at 7:30pm
Phone: 566-3214

BOARD OF APPEALS

Meet 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm
Applications available from Town Clerk

VETERANS' SERVICES -- Marilvn Bolaske

Office: 200 Main Street, Monson
Phone: 267-9903

HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:30pm
Phone: 566-8814

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd & 4th Monday at Superintendent's
Office, Minnechaug at 7:30pm
Phone: 596-3884

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Meet 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July
& October at 7:30pm
Phone: 566-3304, 3357, 3963

COUNCIL ON AGING

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm
Meet 2nd Monday of month at 1:00pm
Phone: 566-5588 office
566-2157 transportation

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Meet 3rd Wednesday each month, 9am at
Centennial Commons
Phone: 566-8157

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office Hours: Every Wednesday 4pm-6pm
Phone: 566-2204

HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Meet 3rd Wednesday each month
Phone: 566-3047

HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 11:00am -- 8:00 pm
Tuesday: 11:00am -- 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 11:00am -- 8:00 pm
Thursday: 11:00am -- 5:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00am -- 3:00 pm

Library **CLOSED** Saturdays from June 15th thru
September 15th

SANITARY LANDFILL HOURS

Saturday: 7:00am -- 5:00pm
RECYCLE; second Saturday each month

LAUGHING BROOK HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00am -- 5:00pm
Phone: 566-8034, 566-8035

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS -- 1992

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

Richard R. Green, Chairman 1993
 John M. Flynn, Chairman Health 1994
 Arthur A. Booth, Jr. 1995

Administrative Assistant to
Board of Selectmen/Health
 Carol M. Keeney

Secretary to Board of Selectmen/Health
 Katharine D. Ashe

MODERATOR

Richard Patullo 1993

TOWN CLERK

Rita A. Vail 1995

TOWN TREASURER

Lucille Mulcahy 1995

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Rita A. Vail 1995

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Richard A. Jalbert, Chairman 1993
 Henry P. Baush 1994
 Stanley W. Witkop 1995

Clerk to Assessors

Laura P. Green

HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mary Ellen Glover, Chairman 1993
 Eileen Nelson, Vice Chairman 1995
 Barbara MacKenzie, Secretary 1994
 Albert J. Hebert, Jr. 1994
 Donald L. Davenport 1995

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Yorke R. Phillips 1993

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Elaine Kingsbury, Chairman 1994
 Beth E. Burger 1993
 Kathleen Hutchinson 1995

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Florence E. Kirk, Chairperson 1995
 Charles T. Schmitt 1994
 William G. Joy 1996
 Dalton Philpott - recommended as State appointee

CONSTABLES

Paul A. Bouchard 1995
 Miles M. Hapgood, Jr. 1995
 George K. Stone, Jr. 1995

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Robert F. Sazama, Jr. 1993
 Richard A. Hatch 1994
 Henry W. Dunwoody 1995

PLANNING BOARD

Joseph A. Dolben, Chairman 1993
 Thomas E. Poulin, Vice Chairman 1995
 Kathleen A. Foss 1996
 John D. Flynn 1997
 Mark Casey 1993

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Representative, John D. Flynn

Clerk to Planning Board

Judith M. Jackson

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Glennice Flynn, Chairman 1993
 David Kingsbury 1993
 James Hughes 1994
 Sandra M. Rovelli 1994
 Patricia Reardon 1995

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1992

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Clifford Bombard 1995

DOG OFFICERS

Richard & Debra O'Connor 1993

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Lawrence Hatch 1993

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Robin Warner 1993

SUPT. OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

James A. Reardon 1993

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Donald G. Kipetz 1993

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Richard Wienck 1993

VETERANS' BENEFITS AGENT

Marilyn Bolaske 1993

ACTING CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Richard R. Green 1993

SUPT. OF STREETS

Dana Pixley 1993

POUND KEEPER & FIELD DRIVER

Robin Warner 1993

FENCE VIEWERS

John H. Field, II 1993

William H. Patric 1993

TOWN COUNSEL

Bruce D. Clarkin 1993

PARKING CLERK

Rita A. Vail 1993

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Patricia Smith 1993

TREE WARDEN

Dana Pixley 1993

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Albert H. LaPlante 1993

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Scott Southworth 1993

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

William P. Patullo 1993

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Richard Jones, Chairman 1993

Gordon E. Clark, Vice Chairman 1993

Joanna Barnes 1994

Eileen T. Robitaille 1995

James D. Smith 1994

Evelyn Schmidt, Clerk

BOARD OF APPEALS

L. Jed Berliner, Chairman 1994

Richard Patullo, Vice Chairman 1995

Helena L. Kullberg, Clerk 1993

Kenneth Lefcbvre 1993

Dalton Philpott 1993

Judith Jackson, Clerk

BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES

David Scott 1993

Duane Mosier 1995

ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

Diane Knecht, Chairman 1994

Mary Grasseti 1994

Margarct Rochford 1994

James Hughes 1994

Dorothy Fritts 1994

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

John Bethel 1993

Robert L. Burger 1993

Samuel Hanmer 1993

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

Robin Warner, Chairman 1993

Jim Moriarty 1993

John D. Flynn 1993

Samuel Hanmer 1993

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1992

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bonnie Geromini, Co-Chairman	1994
Richard Hatch, Co-Chairman	1994
William Wilson	1993
Richard Gouvan	1993
Camilla J. Desmarais	1993
James McEwan	1993
Jack Matthews	1995
Patricia Smith, Clerk	

CONSERVATION, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Donald Dorn	1993
Mary Ann Hoyt	1993
Wayne Meisner	1993

COUNCIL ON AGING

John Sullivan, Chairman	1994
Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman	1995
Albert L. Ouimet, Treasurer	1994
Harriet Hulse	1995
William T. Olmstead	1995
Janice Gallivan	1993
Claudia Elguero	1993
Dorothy Kibbe	1993
George Ingle, Hampden Rep to Board of Directors, Greater Springfield Senior Services Inc.	

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Carolyn E. Brennan	1993
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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE

George K. Stone, Jr.	1993
Richard Hatch	1993
Guy Bartolucci	1993
Raymond Shankel	1993

ENERGY COMMISSION

George Audren	1994
Walter Johnson	1995
Brian McQuillan	1993
Frank Krzanik	1994
Toi Graham	1994
Al Perusse	1995

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	1994
Elizabeth M. Wells	1995
Janet M. Redin	1993
Rita A. Vail, Clerk	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

George K. Stone, Jr.	1993
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SERGEANTS

William J. Chechile	1993
Raymond A. Schmuck	1993

POLICE OFFICERS

Mark Reisner	1993
Jeffrey Snow	1993
James Collins	1993
Anna Joubert	1993
Harold Swift, III	1993
Jeff W. Farnsworth	1993

DISPATCHERS, full-time

Paula Courtemanche	1993
Sandra Ely-Gregoire	1993
Linda J. Ely	1993

DISPATCHERS, part-time

Faith Gentile	1993
Laurie Ryder	1993
Michael J. Cooney	1993
John F. Mruk, Jr.	1993

RESERVE OFFICERS

Fred Lewenczuk	1993
Scott Mikkola	1993
Todd Ely	1993
Donna Vickery	1993
Richard Tardy	1993
Harlan Cross	1993
John Ryan	1993
Everett Walker	1993
Ronald Corriveau	1993
Laurie Ryder	1993
Michael Donovan	1993
Michael J. Cooney	1993
John F. Mruk, Jr.	1993

SECRETARY/CLERK TO POLICE DEPT.

Nancy Joy	
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APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1992

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lawrence Hatch, Chief	1993
Howard Cutting, Assistant Chief	1993
James Burns, Deputy Chief	1993
Ronald Warner, Captain	1993
Thomas Poulin, Lieutenant	1993

Paul Braman	1993
William Brown, Jr.	1993
James Burns, Jr.	1993
Gordon Casey	1993
Donald Dickinson	1993
Edwin Dunlea	1993
Michael Gorski	1993
Richard Harris	1993
Peter Hatch	1993
Richard Hatch	1993
Steven Hoadley	1993
James Ingraham	1993
Daniel Isham	1993
Keith Isham	1993
Albert Jones	1993
Henry Managre	1993
David Markham	1993
Steve Mauier	1993
Wayne Meisner	1993
Charles Melville, Jr.	1993
William Patric	1993
Edward Poulin	1993
James Reardon	1993
Robert Sazama	1993
Todd Schneider	1993
Robert Short	1993
Michael Sicbaldi	1993
Thomas Smith	1993
David Sutcliffe	1993
Charles Thans	1993
Richard Thayer	1993
Irving Witkop	1993

Auxiliary Firemen

Joseph Grant
Martin D. Artioli

***IN RECOGNITION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE***

TO THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN

***THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE
THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS***

MARY BARKHUFF, Library Trustee

RICHARD M. BROWN, Planning Board

JOHN M. O'BRIEN, Advisory Committee

AUSTIN G. McKEON, Advisory Committee

LAWRENCE SMITH, Board of Appeals Alternate

HENRY HANMER, Insurance Committee

WILLIAM OLMSTEAD, Insurance Committee

HENRY DUNWOODY, Council on Aging

ROBERT ZEPKE, Volunteer Fire Department

CARL HATCH, Volunteer Fire Department

ROBERT W. CLARKE, Insurance Committee

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A BUILDING PERMIT

The following is an outline of the steps that must be taken in order to secure a building permit, including the necessary supplementary permits or approvals, as may be required. The Board of Selectmen hopes that this procedure will eliminate confusion which might otherwise arise. Specific questions or a more indepth review of a particular department's requirements may be discussed with each inspector.

1. Application to Building Department

Complete the building permit application and submit to the Building Inspector with 2 sets of site plans prepared by a professional engineer or Registered Land Surveyor, along with the application fee, as required by Zoning Bylaw 8.1.3. If you have questions, contact:
Al Laplante: 566-2204

2. Planning Board

The application and plot plan will be submitted to the Planning Board. Petitioner will verify that this is a registered lot, with the proposed building meeting all zoning requirements (which may include application to the Ridgeline & Hillside Committee - Zoning Bylaw 7.12). Contact the clerk to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting:
Judy Jackson: 566-8591 (Home phone)

3. Highway Department

If the driveway requires the crossing of an open ditch, contact the Highway Superintendent for sizing and proper installation of the culvert. When any new driveway is installed (entering off of a paved roadway), the builder will be required to pave an apron from the edge of the pavement back to the front property line (usually 7-10 feet) at the driveway entrance. If you have questions, contact:
Dana Pixley: 566-8842

4. Conservation Commission

Verify with this Board if you are near or part of your property is in or near the Wetlands Area. If you have questions contact the clerk:
Pat Smith: 566-2206

5. Percolation Test

Test dates are March 1st to May 15th. The Owner/Engineer arranges appointment for percolation with the Board of Health Agent and pays fee. Percolation test is valid for two (2) years from date of issue.

6. Well Permit

Well installer submits to the Board of Health a permit and plan of property with well, septic system and house shown, at the time of application and with the permit fee.

7. Well Installation

After the well is installed, the installer must file a Well Water Completion report with the Board of Health. Property owner must then have the water tested, with results sent to the Board of Health before a building permit will be issued.

8. Septic Application

Engineer must submit septic design application to the Board of Health, signed, stamped and with the fee paid. A septic permit which is approved shall expire two years from the date of issue unless construction of the approved system is begun before the expiration date.

9. Septic Installation

Septic Installer must be licensed by the Town of Hampden and must advise Board of Health before installation starts. Installation must be inspected by Board of Health Agent and Design Engineer before system is covered.

10. Septic Compliance

Engineer and installer must sign Certificate of Compliance after the final inspection.

11. Building Department

Building plans must be submitted for review by the Building Inspector. A building permit will not be issued until all prior steps have been successfully gone through. The permit is valid for three (3) years from date of issue. Construction work must begin within six months of receiving building permit, and work must be finished within three years. If you have questions contact:
Al LaPlante: 566-2204

12. Electrical, Plumbing, Gas and Oil Burner Permits

Requests for the above permits are to be submitted to the Building Department, with the necessary Building Permit fee. The applicant contacts the appropriate inspector with the inspection request. An Occupancy permit will be issued only after the Building Inspector checks with other inspectors to make sure all the above procedures have been completed, as well as insuring that the house number is permanently found on the property and easily readable from the street.

Fees are shown on the reverse side. If you have questions, or if the Board of Selectmen may be of service, please contact us at the Town House, 566-2151

ALL FEES ARE PAYABLE TO THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN



FEES FOR BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, GAS, FIRE & HEALTH PERMITS

BUILDING PERMITS ☎ Al LaPlante, ☎ 566-2204, 525-2506

GAS PERMITS ☎ Bill Patullo, ☎ 566-8118

- Application for Building Permit.....\$10.
- Commercial/Industrial Building (\$100 minimum)..... 10 cents/sq.ft.
- New House (\$ 60 minimum) 10 cents/sq.ft.
- In the event of more than one unit per building, an additional fee of \$4 per unit will be charged in addition to normal fee for new house
- Alterations/Additions: Accessory Buildings (\$ 25 minimum) 10 cents/sq.ft.
- Swimming Pool.....\$20.
- Solid Fuel Stoves.....\$15.

ELECTRICAL PERMITS ☎ Scott Southworth, ☎ 566-5830

- Commercial/Industrial Building and Additions.....\$60.
- New House\$40.
- In the event of more than one unit per building, an additional fee of \$4 per unit will be charged, in addition to normal fee for new house
- Alterations, Re-wiring Existing Structure\$40.
- Alterations, Change of Service, Temporary Service.....\$20.
- Additions—added rooms, breezeway, garage, etc.\$20.
- Swimming Pool, Appliance.....\$20.

PLUMBING PERMITS ☎ Bill Patullo, ☎ 566-8118

- Commercial/Industrial Building.....\$75.
- New House\$50.
- An additional fee of \$2 per fixture over 10 fixtures will be charged, in addition to the normal fee of \$50 per building
- Additions - additional charges as above\$30.
- Swimming Pool\$20.
- any swimming pool with a permanent plumbing connection is subject to a permit fee

All Gas Permits.....\$20.

In the event of multiple occupancy or multi-unit dwellings, the charge will be \$20 per meter up to five fixtures; above that, the fee will be \$2 per fixture.

SOLAR PERMIT

Permits for solar installations will be based on the categories contained in the columns for Building, Electrical & Plumbing.

FIRE PERMITS ☎ Chief Larry Hatch, ☎ 566-3314

- Smoke Detector Inspection (New House).....\$15.
- Smoke Detector Inspection (Real Estate Transfer).....\$15.
- Oil Burner Inspection.....\$15.
- Blasting Permit (Fire Chief)\$10.
- Renewal of Smokeless Powder (Fire Chief).....\$ 5.
- LP Gas Storage Permits (Fire Chief).....\$15.
- Underground Storage Tank Installation (Fire Chief).....\$10.
- Underground Storage Tank Removal (Fire Chief).....\$40.

CALL-BACK FEES

Call-back fees for Electrical, Plumbing, Building & Fire Inspectors.....\$15.

BOARD OF HEALTH ☎ Donald Kipetz, ☎ 566-2151

- Percolation Test Permit.....\$35.
- Septic Tank Installation Permit (new or repair)\$50.
- Well Permit.....\$20.

Board Of Selectmen

If Government is to succeed, it must always concern itself with the future. As residents of the Town of Hampden, we obviously need to deal with the issues of the day, but we must also realize that decisions we make today may have a profound impact on what occurs tomorrow. We, as Selectmen, realize this and make every effort to be sure all are treated fairly, consistently and with sensitivity to each situation. With this in mind, here is where we are and where we hope to be going. The town facilities and infrastructure are for the most part in good condition. This as a result of the capital renovations of 1990, the purchase of a new fire truck in 1991 and dump truck in 1992; as well as the town's continued commitment to updating police cruisers as often as possible. We must keep this pattern going as well as a wary eye on the roads and bridges in town that require the most care and maintenance.

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program has proven to be an asset to our community already, although the larger dividend is farther down the road. We should make every effort to keep this program going at both the local and regional level.

During this report period, the Board of Selectmen appointed Selectmen Art Booth to establish and coordinate a team to perform a "Self-Evaluation" of the Town's buildings and facilities in accordance with the requirements of the recently enacted Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Survey Team completed their task and the final report was submitted on the 26th of January 1993, on schedule. As a result of the public law, the Town of Hampden is required to inform all the residents that the Town does not discriminate against persons with disabilities. Should any resident of the Town feel the need to discuss this matter, or comment on the subject of the law, they should feel free to contact the Selectmen's Office. It is our highest priority that all townspeople be able to access town government both today and well into the future as a result of this report.

The health insurance arrangement for town employees entered into as a result of Hampden's participation in the Regional Selectmen's Group, has already saved the town thousands of dollars. We are currently looking at several other projects with this group that we hope will bring even more benefits to our community in the coming years. This group was honored to receive the Kenneth E. Pickard Memorial Innovation Award for 1992 for cooperative selectboard for regionalization of service.

As always the call goes out for volunteers to work on various projects within the town and a well done with thank you to those who have pitched in this year and years past.

The Town remains a desirable place to both live and work, a direct result of all of our financial support as well as those who have given their time and themselves. A tradition that must continue.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Green, Chairman
John M. Flynn
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.

The following fees have been reported as received and turned over to the Treasurer in 1992.

Selectmen/Board of Health fees, licenses, permits, etc.	\$ 18,580.00
Building Department fees	\$ 15,890.70
Police Department permits, reports, etc.	\$ 23,029.50
Fire Department smoke alarm inspections, oil burner permits, etc.	\$ 1,955.00
Town Clerk fees	\$ 4,496.64
Tax Collector fees	\$ 40,201.56

Board of Health Report

The Hampden Board of Health is comprised of the members of the Board of Selectmen, who retain the services of a Registered Sanitarian. Currently our Sanitarian is Mr. Don Kipetz. The Hampden Board of Health has always maintained a hands-on attitude in the performance responsibilities of its duties and in involvement with Hampden citizens.

For 1992 the general activities have been supervision of domestic disposal and water systems, food establishment inspections, permits and reports. In addition to these duties, special yearly activities of flu clinics, water tests, and rabies clinics have been carried out with the usual success. The 1992 recap of activities is provided at the end of this report, showing an increase in demand for the Board of Health services.

Hampden, fortunately, is still classified as a rural community. The actual problems that are encountered, for the most part, are not complicated. For the past several years the Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Protection has sought to make Article Five, dealing with residential disposal systems, more stringent. This should become a reality shortly; the good news is that most of the changes that will be required were implemented by the Board of Health several years ago.

SANITARY LANDFILL

The Hampden landfill has continued to work well, providing a service at modest cost. Currently the landfill operational expense is substantially below that of other communities of our size.

The expense of operating the landfill is a cost assumed in the General Budget. Other communities have charged fees, but it has been the feeling of the Hampden Board of Selectmen/Board of Health that the basic service should be provided under the general tax rate as a convenience to the town residents.

Hampden has substantial acreage suitable for landfill expansion. Due to recycling and adequate management, the existing operating site has been more than sufficient and would in itself last for some years. This year the DEP proclaimed that all landfills, and there are 127 towns in the Commonwealth with landfills, will be closed by 1994. There may be some adjustment to this time reference, but, in the final analysis, the landfill is going to close. We have, as you will note in past reports of Town Meetings, been targeting for the late 90's as a date for closure.

The technology and engineering design for closure is pretty basic; the real questions are the expense of closure and how we as a town will take care of the waste removal in the future. A ballpark figure for landfill closure would be in the neighborhood of a half-million dollars. If we were then to go to a collection and transfer station, that would be an additional expense. Of the closing cost, fifty or sixty percent is in the cost of the cover material.

Several towns have banded together and, with assistance from Senators and Representatives, filed bills to assist the communities in securing State funding for closure purposes, and in addition, to extend the closure date two to three years from 1994.

Your Board of Health is working closely with this group, as well as with available sources of material for closure. One possible source of cover material is the construction site of the third artery in Boston. Without becoming too obsessed with this issue, we want all residents to know that the Board of Health is working closely on all matters concerning the landfill.

The Board of Health will offer at Town Meeting choices to the townspeople to illustrate how our rubbish removal and solid waste disposal can be addressed. This information would also have dollar estimates.

Possible methods of disposal are:

1. Closure of Landfill
Development of Transfer Station
Contractor to Transport to Resource Recovery Site
2. Closure of Landfill
Transfer Station established with Contractor pickup at curbside as well as operation of the transfer station.
3. Closure of Landfill
Town to contract with rubbish removal company for pickup -
No Transfer Station in town
4. Closure of Landfill
Residents to individually contract for rubbish pickup

RECYCLING PROGRAM

This recycling program is a completely volunteer activity under the direction of the Hampden Board of Health Secretary, Kate Ashe. Further in the report is a list of the items recycled and outline of operation.

Because the recycling program has been voluntary, it has been difficult to have personnel at the landfill more often than once a month. We all realize that twice a month would be much more convenient to town residents and ask that those who can give a day or a half-day do offer their services for this civic purpose. We are grateful to those groups who selflessly give of their time to help our community.

We do appreciate your input to the Board of Health and we are always available to be of service. We appreciate the cooperation and assistance of all townspeople in making HAMPDEN a more healthful place to live. If you have questions, call on us at any time.

Respectfully,

HAMPDEN BOARD OF HEALTH

John M. Flynn, Chairman
Richard R. Green
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.

Annual Activities provided by the Board of Health

Activity	1991	1992
Annual Flu Clinic (10-15-92)	190	220
Annual Rabies Clinic	22	22
Water Tests Taken (11-2 & 11-3)	51	75
Percolation Tests Taken	64	99
Septic Systems Installed and/or repaired	40	58
Installer Permits Granted	23	29
Septic Removal Permits Granted	6	5
Well Permits	19	25
Health Complaints	28	28
Court Actions	0	0
Food Service Permits	40	35
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1
Food Establishment Inspections	-	twice yearly for established businesses

Recycled during 1992 under the volunteer program

	1991	1992
Newspaper	59 tons	66.5 tons
Combined cardboard, plastic, tin cans, glass bottles & jars, metal and white goods	39.5 tons	54.5 tons

Board of Health Telephone Number: 566-2151

Board of Health Hours: 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

LANDFILL	PERCOLATION TESTS
<p>Hours are Saturday, 7AM to 5PM</p> <p>Recycling is the second Saturday of each month.</p>	<p>March 1st through May 15th, providing the frost is out of the ground. Percolation tests require an appointment with the Board of Health agent and the property owner's engineer performing the test.</p>



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.

Annual Report of the Moderator 1992

As of the time of this report it appears that this will be a difficult year in the budget process. The expenses of the Town are going up faster than the tax increases allowed by Proposition 2-1/2. People expect more service from the Town. As crime gets worse, citizens want more protection. Education get more complex and expensive, and more important. Sanitary Landfills are more costly than was the town dump. Town employees expect raises, and benefits and insurances are soaring.

During the early years of Prop 2-1/2 the State made up more and more of the shortfall each year, until finally the State was brought to its knees financially. The problem is not how to make it through this year, but where are we going in the future, what services do we want, and what are we willing to pay for them.

In business it is easy to know if you are on the right track. If you provide the wrong service, or it costs too much, or you are inefficient in providing it, your profits suffer. If they suffer enough, you go out of business. Government has it much harder, there is no reality check. No way of knowing how much is right. Except one. Your vote.

There are some tough questions to be asked. There are some major priorities to be set. There are some hard decisions to be made. There are some important votes to be cast.

During this last year's Presidential race, MTV used the slogan "VOTE OR LOSE". I couldn't say it better myself.

Respectfully,

Richard E. Patullo
Moderator

Report of the Computer Study Committee

The Computer Study Committee is a ongoing task committee organized by the Board of Selectmen in 1986. It was charged with the purpose of evaluating municipal functions to see if they could be helped by adding some level of computerization.

Last year the Committee assisted in the implementation of computer systems for the Town Treasurer and the Selectmen's office. Our goal this year is provide the Police Dept. with a powerful and cost-effective computer system that will allow them to maintain closer contact with outside law enforcement agencies and to provide them with better reporting and accounting capabilities.

In these tough economic times, it is sometimes difficult to recognize the advantages of capital investment in computers and software. We are always available to respond to any questions or inquiries that residents may have. We wholeheartedly welcome any suggestions and advice. We can be contacted through the Selectmen's office.

Thank you,

John D. Flynn
Jim Moriarty
Rich Rediker

Report of the Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee has spent most of its time monitoring the numerous changes affecting our town's fiscal condition since the last Town Meeting. We have maintained committee member assignments as liaisons to the Local School Committee, Regional School Committee, Parks & Recreation and the Selectmen's office to insure we are aware of future plans which will impact the towns' financial situation and our ability to budget them.

Again this year, we requested "needs" budgets which resulted in many additions to last years figures such as tennis court resurfacing, paving for our roads, computer hardware/software, police protection costs, school programs and new laws effecting rabies control and private septic reviews. Another burden we face is the increased winter precipitation has depleted the snow and ice account early in January.

The FY94 budget process will require difficult choices made with fewer options available. The stabilization fund was depleted at our last Town Meeting to balance the FY93 budget leaving nothing for 94. We are again faced with the problem of the State releasing the aid figures late again this spring. While we expect State Aid to be level funded this year, there will be a large shortfall between our expected revenue and the requested budgets. The options we face are either drastic cuts or a Proposition 2-1/2 override. It is important to be prepared to be an informed voter at Town Meeting this year. Please read carefully the reports and articles contained in this Annual Town Report. To better understand the report and to give the Advisory Committee feedback on your views, we will hold a Public Budget Hearing on Monday, March 15, 1993 at 8:00pm in the Town House auditorium. Your questions and concerns are what we as a committee, as well as other taxpayers want to know when faced with this difficult decision.

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Jay O'Brien and Austin McKeon for their service to our committee. Their insight and wholehearted participation will be truly missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Jones, Chairman
Gordon E. Clark, Vice Chairman
Joanna L. Barnes
Eileen T. Robitaille
James D. Smith
Evelyn L. Schmidt, Clerk