

Report of the Board of Appeals

So, friends and neighbors, another year has past. This one was perhaps more difficult than others. We all have been badly affected by the economic times - the worst in my lifetime (all of 42 years). Job losses, foreclosures, unaffordable car repairs, bank failures, and generally "doing without."

The Board had 11 petitions in 1992 and 11 in the previous year, both down from 15 in 1990, 22 in 1989, 17 in 1988, and 21 in 1987. Zoning matters reflect general economic activity, and this Report is smaller than previous ones. So is the Town's disposable budget.

Our 1992 decisions:

Variance Requests

	Action
Commercial building construction within front setback.	Denied.
Parking within front setback from "paper street."	Granted.
Addition within side setback, high water table.	Granted.
Pre-existing barn in new large lot zone "panhandle."	Granted.

Special Permit Requests

Addition in non-conforming residential lot.	Granted.
Automotive business in Commercial District.	Granted.
Addition to conforming building.	Denied.
Automotive business in Commercial District.	Granted.
Plumbing/heating business in Commercial District.	Granted.
Gravel removal for agricultural improvement.	Granted.
Large lot zoning.	Granted.

Administrative Appeal Requests

None.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF APPEALS

L. Jed Berliner, Chair
Richard E. Patullo, Vice Chair
Helena Kullberg, Clerk
Kenneth E. Lefebvre
Dalton E. Philpott

David R. Scott
Duane E. Mosier
Mark Casey

Report of the Planning Board

1992 was a year of reduced activity by the Planning Board. There were no subdivisions approved in 1992, presumably a result of the poor economic conditions in Western Massachusetts.

Work was ongoing in a number of subdivisions previously approved. Notable among these were the Glendale Estates and Hampden Woods subdivisions which were purchased by new owners from banks which had lent on the original development. Another new and disturbing situation was the failure of two banks providing letters of credit guaranteeing performance by the developers in two other subdivisions. The successor banks have not chosen to honor the prior letters; fortunately, the risk to the Town is low in both cases, and the Board is taking steps to replace the letters of credit with other forms of surety.

Brian Court was completed and made ready for Town acceptance.

The Board is considering some of the changes which seem to be taking place in Town and what, if any, controls should be established to deal with them. For example:

- Should there be some relaxation of the current prohibition against so-called in-law apartments in single family residences? If there should be allowances made, what controls does the Town need? We have proposed wording for a Bylaw change, but feel that the issue merits additional study.
- Should there be additional refinements to the large lot zoning provision passed in 1992?
- Should there be expansion, restriction or both of home occupations allowed in residential districts? Should there be a provision allowing parking of commercial vehicles?
- Should there be additional refinements to the dimensional requirements for building lots?

Based on the results of last year's Town Meeting, the Board would like to obtain input from townspeople interested in these subjects during 1993 so that any changes proposed will have wide support. We'd like informal input on these issues and any others which should be added. More important, we would like to have interested townspeople serve on a subcommittee of the Board to provide advice on dealing with these issues.

The Hillside and Ridgeline Committee, (Robin Warner, Chair, John D. Flynn, Sam Hanmer, and Jim Moriarty) had a busy year. As more and more development takes place on land that was previously considered to be unsuitable for building, it is necessary for a more focused review to take place to protect the homeowner, the neighbors and the Town.

The Board welcomed new member Mark Casey. And we accepted with regret the resignation of Richard Brown.

Joseph A. Dolben, Chairman
Mark Casey
John D. Flynn
Kathleen A. Foss
Thomas E. Poulin

Hampden Council On Aging

For most Hampden Seniors and their Caregivers, the Council on Aging continues to be the first place of contact made for information and referral in the areas of health care, nutrition, caregivers support, home-delivered meals, financial and legal assistance.

The Council on Aging has also opened its doors to those residents under 60 who have been faced with financial changes in their lives such as layoffs, unemployment, unexpected medical expenses etc. Our Executive Director provides information on fuel assistance, financial assistance, referrals for legal assistance and food commodities. The COA distributes USDA Food Commodities quarterly to over 93 individuals in Hampden of all ages. To be eligible, individuals must receive an income level at or below the poverty level. It is painfully clear that the fiscal crisis that has devastated the federal and state government is also paralyzing families in Hampden. The Council on Aging has also become a liaison between residents or individuals who work in the town who contribute money and groceries to those needy families or individuals who can benefit from their generosity.

NUTRITION

The Title III-C Nutrition Program funded through Greater Springfield Senior Services under the Federal Older Americans Act provided daily Hot Lunches and Home Delivered Meals to Hampden Elders. Janis DeGrandpre, Mealsite Manager, reported that over 5,796 congregate meals are estimated to be served this year in the Melville Room of the Town House. Over 3,198 meals are estimated to be delivered to frail home-bound elders by the completion of this year.

HEALTH SERVICES

Health related programs are ongoing services provided by the Council on Aging. We offer quarterly extensive Blood Screenings which include Cholesterol Screenings, monthly Blood Pressure Clinics, Hearing Screenings, Foot Care Clinics as well as the annual flu immunization clinic.

Approximately 798 out of the 820 seniors living in Hampden have been served by the Council on Aging at least one time.

SHINE

Serving Health Information Needs of Elders: The elders in Hampden are indebted...literally... to the COA's health insurance counselor, Lucille Mulcahy. Lucille has saved elders over \$5,000.00 in reclaimed medical bills this year. Lucille attended monthly training sessions focusing on the diverse and confusing area of health insurance and has assisted many elders in our community in submitting forms and applying for extended coverage.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers continue to be the central workforce of the Council on Aging and the Meal Site. No program or service would be possible without your continued active involvement. During 1992-93, 77 volunteers gave 4,897 hours of service. If the town were to pay these people for their work it would cost \$44,073.00!! THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

The COA receives a great deal of support from various town departments and is grateful for their assistance during the year. A special thanks is extended to the Highway Department under the supervision of Dana Pixley for their ongoing assistance with garaging one of Tri-Town Trolley's vans and the departments willingness to offer their technical assistance whenever needed.

TRI-TOWN TROLLEY

The PVT (Pioneer Valley Transit Authority) funds the Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Program of the Council on Aging. Hampden continues to coordinate and schedule transportation for the residents living in Hampden, Wilbraham and East Longmeadow. In 1992 over 14,000 trips were recorded. Elders and handicapped riders are provided transportation to Medical Appointments, Physical Therapy, Chemotherapy, Adult Day Care, shopping and to the congregate meal sites for .50 each one-way trip.

The Council on Aging holds membership in the National Council on Aging, Massachusetts Association of Council on Aging Directors and Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging.

The Council on Aging is a town appointed board. Members include: Bill Sullivan, Dalton Philpott, Al Ouimet, Harriet Hulse, Dorothy Kibbe, Janice Gallivan, Claudia Elguero, Bill Olmstead and Betsy Grant.

Employees include: Tiny Burt-Green Thumb, Catherine Mackey-Senior Aide, Helena Kullberg-Dispatcher & Community Service Coordinator, Robin Oey-Dispatcher, George Lough-Driver, Howard Kutting-Driver, Lynn Zanolli-Driver, Karen Weigel-Driver and Janis DeGrandpre-Greater Springfield Senior Services-Meal Site Manager, Carolyn Brennan-Executive Director.

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; and Charles T. Schmitt, Assistant Treasurer. We were all saddened recently by the death of our Treasurer Clifford E. Attleton. He will be missed by us all.

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 9:00am 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 throughout the year. There is always something for all who wish to participate and some tenants also attend the Authority meetings.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMUNITIES & DEVELOPMENT

The Authority is under the direct supervision of this unit in conjunction with our contract for 40 years, entered into in 1976 with HUD (Housing & Urban Development) in Washington DC. 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 through on our monthly water sample testing, updating the landscaping etc.

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 carried on as necessary each year. Included in this is painting, trim, windows, new doors where needed, etc.

ADDITIONAL HOUSING

The Planning Grant from EOCD for Chapter 705 Family Housing 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 housing.

POLICE, FIRE, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS

"Many Thanks 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, Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 12:00 noon, the telephone number is 566-8157.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence E. Kirk, Chairperson

Hampden Housing Authority

TENANTS ORGANIZATION

The Tenants Organization at Centennial Commons meets four times a year for meetings. The current officers are Betsy Grant, President; Rose Hathaway, Vice President; Marjorie Tierney, Secretary and Louise Groll, Treasurer.

There have been some changes during the past year. Some of our friends have left us and others have joined us. The present staff is Carole Robert, Executive Director; Frank Hull, Maintenance Supervisor and Reginald Temple, Maintenance Aide.

A Modernization Project is planned and is scheduled to start in the spring. During the year Chief Stone gave us a talk on safety and a member of the Fire Department demonstrated the use of fire extinguishers.

Our Community Room is used for meetings and social affairs. A Television set and VCR was a gift from the Authority.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Tierney, Secretary

The Historical Society of the Town of Hampden, Inc.

Our report to the townspeople of Hampden this year emphasizes several aspects of our society's purpose and of our dedication to meeting that challenge as follows:

1. We have almost completed revising our bylaws (to bring our 1974 bylaws up to date) to help us better serve our community.
2. We intend to have an extensive membership drive to invite "young and old" to help us achieve our goal of obtaining, collecting and preserving Hampden things of historical value and interest consistent with the purpose of our society.
3. We also wish to especially acknowledge several townspeople who have dedicated so much of their time and effort to making our museum a show-place for historically significant Hampden artifacts:

Mrs. Frances Stockton Jones
Miss Gertrude Lyons
Mrs. Bette Curtis
Mrs. Beryle Doten

We wish to invite all Hampden townspeople interested in Hampden history to attend our meetings and to our "open house" dates when you can come in and see for yourself the wonderful collections pertaining to our Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy B. Hill
Secretary Protem

1992 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) and the Town of Hampden Wetland Bylaws. The integrity of bordering vegetated wetlands, swamps, wet meadows, streams, rivers, ponds and flood plains is especially critical in a town that depends entirely on private wells and septic systems.

During 1992, the Conservation Commission held 12 regular meetings on the second Monday of each month. There were also three special meetings and 2 Public Hearings on the Town of Hampden Wetland Bylaw. This year the Commission issued paper work on 9 Determinations, 6 Notices of Intent, 8 Violations and 1 Extension Application. One subdivision filed with the Commission. 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. These fees, supplemented with those required by the Hampden Wetland Protection Bylaw, enables us to hire professional consultants to assist us in project reviews. We also work closely with the Town Engineer and Town Counsel.

The Commission is budgeted fifteen hours per month for clerical assistance, which is served by Patricia Smith. She can be reached Monday through Thursday at the Town House at 566-2206.

Throughout the years, land owners have donated property to the Commission. This property is designated as Conservation Land. This year we are pleased to report a generous donation of riverfront property owned by William Buereau. This donation was accepted at the Special Town Meeting last fall. We would like to thank Mr. Buereau for his part in adding to the preservation of the green belt along the Scantic River. Any citizen interested in learning more about the function of the Commission is encouraged 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: Clerk

Hampden Arts Lottery Council

The Hampden Arts Lottery Council approved funds in the amount of \$2,262.00 for the Spring Cycle.

The following grants were awarded for that Cycle;

The Hampden Public Library - A summer reading program
Green Meadows School - A performance at Springfield Symphony Hall

A joint effort from the Hampden Park and Recreation Department and the Hampden Arts Lottery Council sponsored a program by Yankee Notions at the Town Rec. on Family Day.

The Hampden Council on the Aging and the Hampden Parks Department and the Hampden Arts Lottery Council had a Craft Fair at Thornton Burgess School where the New England Brass Quartet performed.

A Grant for PASS was approved for the Green Meadows School for a performance at Springfield Symphony Hall.

Three members of the Arts Council completed their terms of appointment: Beth Burger, Elizabeth Fenn and Laura Chaffin. The newly appointed member of the Council is Mrs. Dorothy Fritts.

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

Diane Knecht, HALC, Chairperson

HAMPDEN ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

Mary Grassetti
Dorothy Fritts
James Hughes
Diane Knecht
Margaret Rochford

Dog Officer Report

In the past year, I have received a numerous variety of complaints related to dogs. Such as, loose and barking dogs, lost dogs, found dogs, dead dogs in road, injured dogs, etc. I have responded asap to these complaints and dealt with them responsibly and within legal restraints.

Most all dogs unclaimed by their owners, after holding them the mandatory ten days, were adopted into good homes.

Anyone in Hampden having a dog related complaint is asked to contact the Hampden Police Dept. who will contact me to try to remedy the problem for you.

Sincerely,

RICHARD J. O'CONNOR
Hampden Dog Officer

Animal Health Inspector

As the Animal Health Inspector for the Town of Hampden, it is my responsibility to make regular and thorough inspections of all livestock facilities (cattle, sheep, swine, goats and horses) as required by Chapter 129, Section 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws. These inspections are done in the fall of each year and include 1) an examination of the animals to ensure they are free from contagious disease, and 2) an inspection of the premise where the animals are kept in regards to adequate food, water, shelter, cleanliness, light, ventilation, and general management practices. This is NOT a tax source. Also, any signs of animal abuse are reported to the State Division of Animal Health, and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

It is also my responsibility to quarantine any dog or cat that has bitten or scratched a person, or domestic pet that may have had contact with a rabid animal. The quarantine period is for 10 days. Rabies has entered the state and the Mass Dept. of Public Health has issued a public health alert. It is extremely important to VACCINATE ALL PETS for rabies. It is now a state law to vaccinate cats for the rabies virus. Cats are the natural bridge between people and wildlife. Please teach your children not to touch any species of wildlife: raccoon, fox, skunk, stray cat or kitten. They may be infected with the rabies virus and this is when a possible human exposure can occur. If you do see any strange acting wildlife or feral cat, please call the Police Department or the Selectman's Office. The animal will be submitted for rabies testing.

My animal inspection report for the year 1992 is as follows:

	GRADE	PUREBRED
Number of Dairy Cows over two years	16	1
Number of Dairy Heifers one to two years	8	
Number of Dairy Calves under one year	15	
Number of Dairy Bulls	2	
Number of Dairy Steers	0	
Number of Dairy Herds (one animal constitutes a herd)	2	
Number of Beef Cows over two years	14	5
Number of Beef Heifers one to two years	12	15
Number of Beef Calves under one year	1	17
Number of Beef Bulls	1	3
Number of Beef Steers	1	5
Number of Beef Herds (one animal constitutes a herd)	10	
Number of Oxen	0	
Number of Horses (work & saddle)	170	
Number of Ponies	33	
Number of Goats	14	
Number of Sheep	30	
Number of Swine	2	
Number of Swine Hers (one animal constitutes a herd)	1	
Number of Poultry (farms consisting of 25 birds or more)	0	
Number of Poultry Flocks	0	

There were 8 dog bites and 1 cat scratch reported.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Warner, Animal Inspector

Veterans' Services Department

Annual Report for Town Of Hampden

In 1992, there were two families aided by the veterans services department.

The total amount expended during the year was, \$2,478.60 of which 75% is reimbursed by the state, the towns share being, \$619.65. Under the provisions of Chapter 115 of the General Laws as amended, veterans and their dependents were granted financial assistance.

The Veterans' Service Office not only processes 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
Veterans' Agent

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners

The Commissioners have been active in overseeing the maintenance of Prospect Hill and Old Cemeteries. Regular mowing of both cemeteries, filling of sunken graves, grading and seeding have been accomplished. Arrangements are also made for the excavation and refilling of the graves at the time of interment. Several lots were sold in Old Cemetery and lots are still available there. During the year, 18 interments were performed.

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

With the assistance of the Selectmen's Office and the Superintendent of Highways, Dana Pixley, bids were solicited for replacement of the picket fence along the front of Prospect Hill Cemetery.

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,

Robert Sazama, Jr.	566-3304
Richard Hatch	566-3963
Henry Dunwoody	566-3357

Dutch Elm Disease

During the year 1992 we cut down and removed 8 elm trees from the following roads in the town, Main Street, Carmody Road, Chapin Road, North Monson Road, Allen Street and Glendale Road.

The elm bark beetle that destroys elm trees has taken its toll of roadside elm trees throughout the town, leaving very few elm trees that have not had to be cut down and removed.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Reardon
Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Gypsy Moth Report

The year 1992 saw another decrease in the number of egg clusters found and destroyed throughout the town, less than 100 egg clusters were found and no one area of the town showed a heavy infestation.

In the late summer and early fall we have to contend with the tent caterpillar. These are not to be confused with the gypsy moth, tent caterpillars will eat only the leaves in a small area of a tree and cause no permanent damage to the tree.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Reardon
Superintendent of Insect Pest Control.

Report of the Parks & Recreation Commission

Our goal this year has been to provide fun programs for every age group in our community. To achieve that purpose, we instituted several new and exciting events. The Commission worked creatively with other Town departments to develop programs on a larger scale than would be possible if we organized them separately. In a community our size, interactive programs are not only desirable, they are necessary.

Family Day at Memorial Park was held in July. The Commission and Hampden Arts Lottery sponsored a concert by Yankee Notions. Families were encouraged to bring picnics and bathing suits. Games were organized during the afternoon for the children. The Triathlon was a particular favorite. The Hampden Firemen and the Hampden Policemen played a challenge softball game that was as much fun to watch as it was to play. The Park Commission provided free watermelon for everyone.

Changes were made at Memorial Park Pool this summer. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult when in the pool area. While this may have caused some initial inconvenience, the overwhelming response was positive. The Commission also enforced the "Hampden residents and their guests only" rule. We hope that all Town residents will take advantage of our beautiful park. Jane Budynkiewicz, the swim director, did a fine job this year. The lifeguards did a great job keeping the pool area safe for everyone.

Memorial Park Summer Camp was a success again this year. We had full enrollment every week. Jan Kibbe, camp director, and her terrific staff, ensured a fun and educational experience for campers. We would love to have some older children attend camp next summer. We have some exciting programs planned! **Watch for the notice to sign up early!**

One of our most exciting projects was the Hampden Fine Arts and Crafts Fair held in November. The Park and Recreation Commission and the Council on Aging were co-sponsors of the event. The Hampden Arts Lottery helped us fund the New England Brass Quartet for a concert during the Fair. Several Girl Scout troops provided food and babysitting. There were over 40 crafters and fine artists selling their products. Thanks to a very funny and friendly polar bear, we had a great turnout. Our thanks to everyone who participated in this event - especially the customers! Next year we plan to have demonstrators of various crafts and painting. This was a terrific multi-departmental event and we look forward to future opportunities to work together.

Throughout the year, RAH provides various sports programs for the youth of Hampden. Thank you to the large group of dedicated volunteers who make the sports programs a success.

The Commission would like to thank all the wonderful people who work for us during the year. Kevin Miller did a truly outstanding job of field maintenance. Tom Brennan is our programs coordinator and keeps our schedules straight. Tom also organized the field games for Family Day and helped make the day such fun. Larry Smith is the person who keeps the park from falling apart. He is doing an exemplary job of preventive maintenance. However, the tennis courts at Thornton Burgess are in sad shape and will need resurfacing to be usable. We will be asking you at the Town Meeting if this is something the Town wants to do. It's your money - tell us how you would like it spent.

The Park & Recreation Commission employed 24 people last year. We would like to thank them all for the dedication and enthusiasm that they brought to their jobs. Without them our programs would not exist. We are planning our schedule for the coming year: so far they include - Fine Arts and Crafts fair, Family Day, concerts, swim lessons. If anyone has a suggestion for an event or program they would like to see, please let us know. Our meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at Hampden Town Hall.

We would like to thank the Highway Dept. for their unstinting help and also the people of Hampden for supporting us and participating in our programs. We look forward to serving you in the future.

Glennice Flynn, Chair
Jim Hughes
Dave Kingsbury
Sandi Rovelli
Patricia Reardon

Recreation Association of Hampden

Board Members

Vin Villamaino	President
Bill Crum	Vice President
Jim Connery	Secretary
Pam Hebert	Treasurer
Paul Snopek	Membership/Registration
Ken Quackenbush	Publicity
Joe Noonan	Ways & Means
Dick De Sousa	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, soccer and basketball.

The Sixth 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Vin Villamaino
President

Report of the Building Commissioner

BUILDING PERMITS/INSPECTIONS

Houses:	17
Additions:	30
Decks:	10
Garage:	7
Porch:	6
Alterations:	9
Sheds:	4
Barns:	3
Pools:	2
Comm. Additions:	1
Stove permits:	4
Demolition:	2
New commercial:	2
Greenhouses:	3

TOTAL: 106

FIRE INSPECTIONS

Smoke detectors:	90
Oil burner inspection:	19
Propane gas inspection:	15
Underground tank removal:	5

TOTAL: 129

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

TOTAL: 110

PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTIONS

TOTAL: 93

N.B. One building was declared unsafe for habitation.

Respectfully submitted

Albert H. LaPlante
Building Commissioner

Report of the Library

1992 was a great year for the Hampden Public Library. Circulation increased 20% and through a very generous gift from the Friends of the Hampden Library a compact disc collection was started with over 60 new discs.

Two big changes were made at the library in 1992 in an effort to maximize services available to Hampden residents. First, the library expanded its schedule and is now open Tuesdays, and second, the library converted to an automated circulation system.

The successful implementation of both changes was made possible by a very cooperative, hard-working staff and a marvelous network of volunteers. Many thanks to the following volunteers who helped with the year-long automation project: Daniel Brewer, Tiny Burt, Dorothy Hauser, Josephine Kibbe, Reggie Kostanski, Phyllis Lajeunese, Bea Margeson, Helen Massenberg, Monica Miele, Lynn Shay, and Peg Therrien.

Lynn Shay joined the library staff in 1992 to replace Cecilia Melville who retired in January 1993. We wish Ceci well in her retirement and are very pleased to have Lynn on staff at the library.

In 1992 the library continued offering pre-school story hours, adult book discussion groups and programming for all ages. The theme of the 1992 Summer Reading Program was "Reach for It - Go for the Gold" which was based on the Summer Olympics. 150 boys and girls participated in the program and 98 completed the necessary requirements. Special weekly programs included a puppet show, a storyteller, sidewalk art, and a pet show. The Young Adult Reading Club also performed two short plays at the final ceremony.

We would like to thank Kerry Cesan for her creative efforts in designing all the bulletin boards for the Summer Reading Program. Also, many thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring many of the weekly programs and for providing refreshments at these programs. The Friends also provided paperback books for program participants who completed 10 book reports.

Finally, we extend sincere thanks to all our patrons for their continuing donations and support during 1992.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	11AM - 8PM	Thursday	11AM - 5PM
Tuesday	11AM - 5PM	Saturday	10AM - 3PM
Wednesday	11AM - 8PM		

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

LIBRARY STATISTICS

General Services

Circulation:		Volumes Added	1,132
Print Material	32,151	Volumes discarded	450
Non-print materials	11,242	Total collection	18,287
Inter-library loan	348	Magazine subscriptions	62
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	43,741		

Finances

Receipts	
Municipal appropriation	\$48,234
State Aid	2,333
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	\$50,567

Expenditures	
Wages	\$ 35,150
Books & materials	12,318
Supplies	3,099
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	\$50,567

(NOTE: The status of the library's trust funds are listed in the Treasurer's Report)

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Kingsbury, Trustee Chair
Beth Burger, Trustee
Kathleen Hutchison, Trustee
Marta Willey, Library Director

Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

The Fire Department responded to 68 calls this past year. Three of these calls were for mutual aid assistance to surrounding towns. We requested help from our neighbors only once this past year.

This past year, we had a serious fireworks accident. I would like to thank State Fire Marshall Trooper Michael Mazza for his tireless investigation which led to the arrest and conviction of two persons for selling and/or manufacturing of illegal explosives.

In November, the Hampden County Fire Mutual Aid Association held their monthly meeting in Hampden. In 1992, I was again elected Secretary and Treasurer of the county association.

When you sell or refinance 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 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

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

Anyone who is 19 years old, a Hampden resident and can pass a physical exam and wants to help the town is eligible to join the Fire Department, just give us a call. (566-3314)

This past year, I turned in \$1,955.00 to the Town Treasurer for inspections and permits.

I wish to thank the Police and Highway Departments for their cooperation in helping the Fire Department 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 10:00am to 4:00pm daily. 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 may obtain a permit by calling 566-3314 after 9:00am on the day that you wish to burn.

Last year, 1,139 burning permits were issued during the burning season.

In 1992, we responded to 14 brush fires. Two of the fires covered large areas and needed time consuming hand labor to dig up and soak the dry forest cover of last spring. These fires were the cause for extra funds being transferred into the Forest Fire wages account.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Hatch
Forest Fire Warden

Report of the Highway Department

In the year 1992, there were a few changes which may have been recognized by townspeople who are familiar with the Highway Department. The first was the retirement of longtime employee Raymond Balser. Ray, who began working for the town in 1955, retired in June after serving the town for 21 years. On behalf of the community, we wish him a happy and healthy retirement. Another change that took place, was the desperately needed replacement of one of our four dump-trucks. Its replacement was possible due to the support of the townspeople, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for that support, it is greatly appreciated.

Again this year, various rehabilitation projects were completed. Due to funds provided by the state through a Transportation Bond Issue, the following roads were paved: Somers Road (from the CT state line, North for 1/2 mile), Meadowbrook Lane (complete), Main Street (from Glendale Road to Chapin Road) and Sessions Drive (from Baldwin Drive to Mountainview Drive), Brookside Drive was completely paved following the installation of 125' of drainage and 2 catchbasins. Other related projects: modifications to the parking areas at the Fire Department and Town Hall, Gerrish Park (complete with parking areas), the bridge and guardrails at the town line on South Monson Road, a 250' section of Baldwin Drive and 100' of drainage installed on Wilbraham Road. Culverts were replaced on Chapin Road and Howlett Hill Road.

Construction projects completed this year: the final paving of Scantic Road from South Monson Road to Main Street, a catch-basin and 40' of drainage on Carmody Road and a loading ramp for trailers at the Sanitary Landfill.

Numerous maintenance jobs were performed as well. Some of these were: rebuilding the benches at the Town Common, repairing the Gazebo, sandblasting and painting the equipment, ditches were cleaned and shoulders were cut as needed, catch-basins were cleaned and some streets were swept. The complete job of repairing and repainting all of the town line signs, and all guardrails in town was done. All traffic lines were repainted as well.

Each year the Highway Department spends a considerable amount of time cutting brush and trees on town property. For a complete list of these activities, please refer to the report of the Tree Warden.

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

Sincerely yours,

Dana S. Pixley
Highway Superintendent

Report of the Tree Warden

I am pleased to report that once again the town funded the Tree Planting Account with \$400.00 in fiscal year 1993

1993. This account has not been funded by the town for the past two years. Last year, however, the Hampden Garden Club generously purchased trees that were planted around the town. The \$400.00 budgeted this year will pay for four trees approximately 2-1/2 inches in caliber. Dead and dying trees were also removed.

Again in 1992, the Highway Department with the occasional assistance of a tree service, took down the majority of all dead trees on town property. The year ended with a total of 134 trees being cut down and cleaned up. Trimming of dead wood from very large trees was done on a limited basis.

Trees removed by the Highway Department were as follows; Allen Street - 1, Ames Road - 3, Carmody Road - 6, Chapin Road - 6, Cross Road - 1, East Longmeadow Road - 2, Glendale Road - 5, Hollow Road - 37, Isaac Bradway - 1, Main Street - 3, Mill Road - 11, North Road - 5, North Monson Road - 6, Prospect Hill Cemetery - 1, Scantic Road - 4, Somers Road - 3, St. Germain Road - 1 and Stony Hill Road - 2.

Trees removed with the assistance of a professional tree service were as follows; Chapin Road - 1, Glendale Road - 2, Main Street - 1, Mill Road - 2, Mountain Road - 1, North Road - 20, Pondview Drive - 1, Riverpark Drive - 2, Scantic Road - 2, St. Germain Road - 2 and Wilbraham Road - 2.

Once again, stumps were ground on a limited basis as follows; Main Street - 6, North Road - 3, Prospect Hill Cemetery - 2, Rock-A-Dundee Road - 2, Scantic Road - 2, Sessions Drive - 1, Springhouse Road - 1, Stony Hill Road - 2 and Wilbraham Road - 2.

If any one should have any questions regarding any trees on town property, or would like to report a public tree in poor condition, please feel free to contact me at the Highway Department office (566-8842).

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, 1992.

During the year, the Police Department recorded 4,073 log entries. Of these, 1,711 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.

Aggravated assault	5	General services	708
Ambulance assists	102	Larceny over \$250.00	35
Animal complaints	107	Larceny under \$250.00	69
Annoying phone calls	60	Missing persons	16
Assist highway department	95	Motor vehicle complaints	126
Assist other police departments	133	Noise complaints	54
B&E attempted forcible entry	3	Obscene phone calls	15
B&E forcible entry	27	Protective custody	5
Buildings found open	115	Recreational vehicle complaints	9
Burglar alarms answered	250	Stolen cars recovered	4
Citizen assists	89	Stolen cars reported	5
Death	4	Stolen merchandise recovered	6
Disturbance	27	Stolen motorcycles reported	6
Dog bites	5	Suspicious activity	290
Dog complaints	76	Vandalism	175
Family problems	75	Weapons, carry, shooting, poss.	30
Fire department assists	95		

During the year, 184 persons were arrested or summonsed and a total of 437 complaints were filed against them in the following categories:

Altered inspection sticker	3	Receiving stolen property	7
Altered license	3	Reckless operation of m/v	1
Assault & battery	9	Revoked registration	21
A&B with dangerous weapon	2	Speeding	48
Attaching plates B&E into an auto	10	Stop sign	5
B&E daytime with intent felony	3	Trespassing	1
B&E nighttime with intent	1	Uninspected m/v	8
Defective equipment	10	Warrant	36
Disorderly persons	2	Wilf. & malicious destruction	1
Domestic violence	10	Failure to signal before turning	1
Failure to change address	1	Violation of 209A restra. order	2
Failure stay in marked lanes	23	Wanton destruction of property	3
Failure stop for police officer	7	Oper. recrea. veh. on public way	1
Improper passing	1	No eye protection on m/c	1
Larceny over \$250.00	9	No license in possession	2
Leaving scene property damage acc.	4	Operating m/c without headgear	1
Malicious destruction property	11	Operating m/v w/ lic. suspended	36
Minor possession of alcohol	3	Oper. m/v with license revoked	6
Minor transporting alcohol	4	Oper. m/v without authority	3
No child restraint	1	Operating to endanger	1
Operating uninsured m/c	2	Oper. under infl. of alcohol	25
Operating uninsured m/v	35	Unreg. recreational vehicle-	1
Operating unregistered m/c	2	Oper. recrea. veh. w/o helmet	1
Operating unregistered m/v	36	Operating m/c without m/c lic.	1
Operating without a license	19	Larceny of m/v	1
Possesion of burglary tools	2	Larceny in building	3
Possesion of firearm w/o license	1	Poss. elec. mach. w/obl. ID #'s	1
Possesion of marijuana	2	Possesion of false license	1

There were a total of 461 citations issued with 292 on radar.

There were 93 motor vehicle accidents involving 136 motor vehicles with 14 persons reporting injuries.

Warning Citations

Marked lanes	1	Uninspected m/v	4
Speeding	54	No tail lights	1
Stop Sign	5	Fail stop for police officer	1

Civil Citations

Defective equipment	8	Speeding	220
Failure to display headlights	1	Stop Sign	14
Failure to slow at intersection	4	Uninspected m/v	21
Failure to yield oncoming traffic	1	Unregistered m/v	6
Headphones, wearing while driving	3	Fog lights used improper	1
Improper passing	2	Fail. stop w/school bus light on	3
Marked lanes	2	Failure to use care in passing	1
No child restraints	2	Loud muffler	1
No license in possession	2	No left side mirror	1
No registration in possession	1	Failure to drive in right lane	1
Restricted hours	2		

Criminal Citations

Attaching plates	5	Revoked registration	17
Defective equipment	7	Speeding	15
Failure to stay right	2	Uninspected m/v	5
Fail. stop for police officer	4	Uninsured m/v	27
Leav. scene prop. dam. accident	3	Unregistered m/v	24
Marked lanes	2	Using m/v without authority	1
No license in possession	2	Oper. m/c without m/c license	1
Operating with suspended license	10	Oper. m/c without eyewear	1
Operating with revoked license	1	Oper. m/c without headgear	1
Operating to endanger	3	Possession of forged license	1
Operating without a license	8		

Adult alcohol program	10 people
Minor alcohol program	4 people
Court costs, fines	\$4193.00
Victim-witness program	\$ 965.00
House of Correction, direct	1 year, 4 months
House of Correction, suspended	2 years, 6 months
Protective custody	2 people
Cases dismissed	8 cases
Show cause hearings	101

During the year \$2260.00 was turned over the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits and reports. The town received \$8415.00 from Massachusetts Trial Court in Palmer and \$12,352.50 from the Registry of Motor Vehicles which was the town's share of fines collected.

As I reported last year, the state-wide Enhanced 911 Program is in the process of being installed throughout the state. Hopefully, some of the equipment will begin to be installed towards the end of 1993. Along with our Town Clerk, I wish to emphasize how important it is that all of our homes have street numbers prominently displayed. This will help to expedite emergency services by the police, fire and ambulance and will allow us to find your home should you not be able to finish your conversation for any reason. Should you not have a number assigned to your home, please contact the building inspector for Hampden and he will be happy to assist you.

Again this year, Hampden Police Department has participated in the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program). Officer Snow, our DARE instructor, has been conducting DARE courses in our community and, for the first time, has conducted high school classes. The high school program involves students in the 10th grade and the first half of the program has been very successful.

Our department has been trying to fund the DARE program through donations, state and private grants and fund-raising. We are hoping that our programs can continue to be partially funded by these donations, along with money I am requesting in the police department budget for the 1993-1994 budget period, we will be able to maintain our DARE program throughout the school year. We are asking for your support for this very important program which has received tremendous response from students, parents and educators.

Any resident who wishes to contribute to the DARE program may do so by sending their donation to "Hampden DARE" in care of Town Treasurer Lucille Mulcahy.

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 members of his department, the Highway Superintendent and members of his department, all of the elected and appointed town officials we have worked with and the citizens of the community for their continued support and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

George K. Stone, Jr.
Chief of Police