

# ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 1993

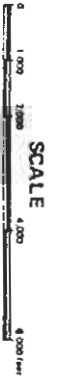


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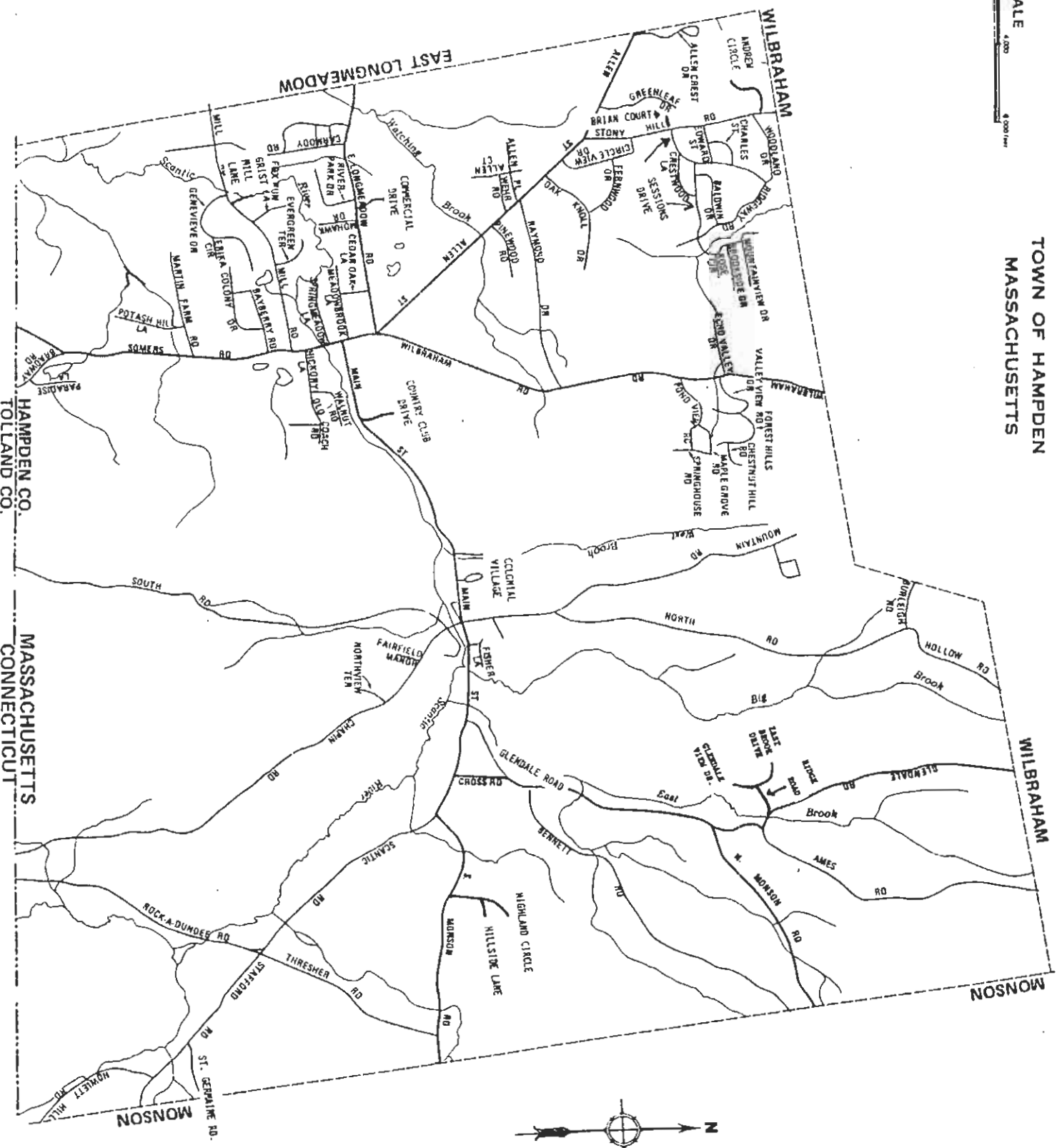
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TOWN OF HAMPDEN  
MASSACHUSETTS



HAMPDEN CO.  
TOLLAND CO.

MASSACHUSETTS  
CONNECTICUT

MONSON

MONSON

WILBRAHAM

EAST LONGMEADOW

WILBRAHAM



**IN MEMORIAM**

**BARBARA L. EMERSON**  
Scantic Senior Citizens Club

**ARLINE M. HOWLETT**  
Hampden Public Library

**HAROLD D. JONES**  
Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

**JOHN R. LODER**  
Hampden Senior Citizens Club

**EDWARD W. MAXWELL**  
Highway Dept  
Scantic Senior Citizens Club

**ALLEN A. McCORMACK**  
Council on Aging  
Scantic Senior Citizens Club

**BERT B. NIETUPSKI**  
Hampden Board of Appeals  
Hampden Democratic Committee

**JAMES S. OLEND**  
Hampden Auxiliary Police Officer

**CARL A. SABIN**  
Hampden School Committee

**JULIA TERZI**  
Hampden School Dept  
Hampden Senior Citizens Club

# INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

## POPULATION OF HAMPDEN

Federal Census	1/1/91	4,709
State Census	1/1/85	4,762
Town Census	1/1/93	4,942

## GEOGRAPHIC AREA

19.64 square miles

## COUNTY

Hampden County

## TAX RATE

\$15.94 for Fiscal Year 1994

## 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 43  
Boston, MA 02133  
Phone: 617-722-2030

**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 - Donna Easton-Vicalvi**

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

Park Hours 8am-9pm, Apr. 1-Oct.31

Pool Hours July 1-Labor Day, 10am-6pm

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Meet 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm

Applications available from Town Clerk

**VETERANS' SERVICES – Marilyn Bolaske**

Office: 200 Main Street, Monson

Phone: 267-4140

**HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND THE INTERIM HAMPDEN-  
WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL  
COMMITTEE**

Meet third Wednesday each month 7:30 pm  
alternating locations, Minnechaug Regional  
High School Room B-5 and Thornton W.  
Middle School Library.

Phone: 566-8814, 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: Mon-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 Wed 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 Sat each month

**LAUGHING BROOK HOURS**

Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00am --5:00pm

Phone:566-8034, 566-8035

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS -- 1993

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

John M. Flynn, Chairman	1994
Arthur A. Booth, Chairman Health	1995
Richard R. Green	1996

Administrative Assistant to  
Board of Selectmen/Health  
Katharine D. Ashe

Secretary to Board of Selectmen/Health  
Doreen M. Rauch

### MODERATOR

Richard Patullo	1994
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### TOWN CLERK

Rita A. Vail	1995
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### TOWN TREASURER

Donna Easton-Vicalvi	1995
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### COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Rita A. Vail	1995
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### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Stanley W. Witkop, Chairman	1995
Henry P. Baush	1994
Richard A. Jalbert	1996

Clerk to Assessors  
Laura Green

### HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mary Ellen Glover, Chairman	1994
Eileen Nelson, Vice Chairman	1994
Barbara MacKenzie, Secretary	1994
Albert J. Hebert, Jr.	1994
Richard D. Gilday	1994

### HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Richard J. Rediker	1994
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### TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Elaine Kingsbury, Chairman	1994
Beth E. Burger	1996
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	
Mildred E. (Betsy) Grant	1998

### CONSTABLES

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

### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Robert F. Sazama, Jr.	1996
Richard A. Hatch	1994
Henry W. Dunwoody	1995

### PLANNING BOARD

Joseph A. Dolben, Chairman	1998
George Romano	1994
John D. Flynn	1994
Mark Casey	1997

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission  
Representative, John D. Flynn

### Clerk to Planning Board

Judith M. Jackson

### PARK COMMISSIONERS

Glennice Flynn, Chairman	1996
David Kingsbury	1996
James Hughes	1994
Sandra M. Rovelli	1994
Patricia Reardon	1995

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1993**

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Clifford Bombard 1995

**DOG OFFICERS**

Pam Harris 1994

**FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Lawrence Hatch 1994

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

Robin Warner 1994

**SUPT. OF INSECT PEST CONTROL**

James A. Reardon 1994

**BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT**

Donald G. Kipetz 1994

**VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER**

Richard Wiencek 1994

**VETERANS' BENEFITS AGENT**

Marilyn Bolaske 1994

**ACTING CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**

John M. Flynn 1994

**SUPT. OF STREETS**

Dana Pixley 1994

**TREE WARDEN**

Dana Pixley 1994

**POUND KEEPER & FIELD DRIVER**

Robin Warner 1994

**FENCE VIEWERS**

John H. Field, II 1994

William H. Patric 1994

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Bruce D. Clarkin 1994

**PARKING CLERK**

Rita A. Vail 1994

**ASSISTANT TREASURER**

Patricia Smith 1994

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Albert H. LaPlante 1994

**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**

Scott Southworth 1994

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

William P. Patullo 1994

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Richard Jones, Chairman 1996

James D. Smith, Vice Chairman 1996

Eileen T. Robitaille 1995

Richard Moriarty 1994

Yorke P. Hillips 1994

Evelyn Schmidt, Clerk

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

L. Jed Berliner, Chairman 1994

Richard Patullo, Vice Chairman 1995

Helena L. Kullberg, Clerk 1996

Kenneth Lefebvre 1996

Dalton Philpott 1996

Judith Jackson, Clerk

**BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES**

David Scott 1996

Duane Mosier 1995

Mary C. Cesan 1996

**ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL**

Diane Knecht, Chairman 1994

Mary Grasseti 1994

Margaret Rochford 1994

James Hughes 1994

Dorothy Fritts 1994

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

John Bethel 1994

Robert L. Burger 1994

Samuel Hanmer 1994

**RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE**

Robin Warner, Chairman 1994

Jim Moriarty 1994

John D. Flynn 1994

Samuel Hanmer 1994



## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1993

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bonnie Geromini, Co-Chairman	1994
Richard Hatch, Co-Chairman	1994
William Wilson	1996
Richard Gouvan	1996
Camilla J. Desmarais	1996
Jack Matthews	1995
Wayne Meisner	1996
Patricia Smith, Clerk	

### CONSERVATION, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Donald Dorn	1996
Mary Ann Hoyt	1996
Wayne Meisner	1996

### 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	1996
Claudia Elguero	1996
Dorothy Kibbe	1996

George Ingle, Hampden Rep to Board  
of Directors, Greater Springfield  
Senior Services Inc.

Betsy Grant	1994
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### COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Carolyn E. Brennan	1996
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### ELECTRIC COMMITTEE

George K. Stone, Jr.	1996
Richard Hatch	1996
Guy Bartolucci	1996
Raymond Shankel	1996

### ENERGY COMMISSION

George Audren	1994
Walter Johnson	1995
Brian McQuillan	1996
Frank Krzanik	1994
Toi Graham	1994
Al Perusse	1995

### BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	1994
Elizabeth M. Wells	1995
Janet M. Redin	1996
Rita A. Vail, Clerk	

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### CHIEF OF POLICE

George K. Stone, Jr.	1994
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#### SERGEANTS

William J. Chechile	1994
Raymond A. Schmuck	1994

#### POLICE OFFICERS

Mark Reisner	1994
Jeffrey Snow	1994
James Collins	1994
Anna Joubert	1994
Harold Swift, III	1994
Jeff W. Farnsworth	1994

#### DISPATCHERS, full-time

Paula Courtemanche	1994
Sandra Ely-Gregoire	1994
Linda J. Ely	1994

#### DISPATCHERS, part-time

Faith Gentile	1994
Laurie Ryder	1994
Debra Martel	1994

#### RESERVE OFFICERS

Jonathan D. Jennison	1994
Fred Lewenczuk	1994
Scott Mikkola	1994
Todd Ely	1994
Donna Vickery	1994
Richard Tardy	1994
Harlan Cross	1994
John Ryan	1994
Everett Walker	1994
Ronald Corriveau	1994
Laurie Ryder	1994
Michael Donovan	1994
Michael J. Cooney	1994
John F. Mruk, Jr.	1994
David S. Bertera	1994
Scott Trombly	1994
Robert D. Robinson	1994

#### SECRETARY/CLERK TO POLICE DEPT.

Nancy Joy

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1993

### VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lawrence Hatch, Chief	1994
Howard Cutting, Assistant Chief	1994
James Burns, Deputy Chief	1994
Ronald Warner, Captain	1994
Thomas Poulin, Lieutenant	1994

William Brown, Jr.	1994
James Burns, Jr.	1994
Gordon Casey	1994
Donald Dickinson	1964
Edwin Dunlea	1994
Michael Gorski	1994
Richard Harris	1994
Peter Hatch	1994
Richard Hatch	1994
Steven Hoadley	1994

Daniel R. Isham	1994
Keith Isham	1994
Albert Jones	1994
Henry Managre	1994
David Markham	1994
Michael Mauier	1994
Wayne Meisner	1994
Art McCarthy	1994
William Patric	1994
Edward Poulin	1994
James Reardon	1994
Robert Sazama	1994
Todd Schneider	1994
Robert Short	1994
Michael Sicbaldi	1994
Thomas Smith	1994
David Sutcliffe	1994
Charles Thans	1994
Richard Thayer	1994
Irving Witkop	1994

### Auxiliary Firemen

Joseph Grant
Martin D. Artioli
Daniel J. Isham

***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***

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***LUCILLE MULCAHY, Town Treasurer***

***DONALD L. DAVENPORT, School Committee***

***CAROL M. KEENEY, Administrative Assistant, Board of Selectmen***

***THOMAS E. POULIN, Vice Chairman, Planning Board***

***KATHLEEN A. FOSS, Planning Board***

***RICHARD & DEBRA O'CONNOR, Dog Officers***

***GORDON E. CLARK, Vice Chairman, Advisory Committee***

***JOANNA BARNES, Advisory Committee***

***JAMES McEWAN, Conservation Commission***

***PAUL BRAMAN, Volunteer Fire Department***

***JAMES INGRAHAM, Volunteer Fire Department***

***CHARLES MELVILLE, JR., Volunteer Fire Department***

# 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, in accordance with 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, tel. 566-2204, 525-2506

- 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.

## GAS PERMITS     Bill Patullo, tel. 566-8118

- 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.

## ELECTRICAL PERMITS     Dick Thayer, tel. 566-8042

- 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.

## FIRE PERMITS     Chief Larry Hatch, tel. 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.
- Tank and Burner Inspection ..... \$15.

## PLUMBING PERMITS     Bill Patullo, tel. 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

## CALL-BACK FEES

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

## BOARD OF HEALTH     Donald Kipetz, tel. 566-2151

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

## Board of Selectmen

1993 has been an extremely active and important year. Many changes have taken place. The closure of the landfill and the implementation of a transfer station were completed in a short time. Recycling has increased and our facility has been modified to expedite the increase. Our School system will join the Regional District effective July 1, 1994 and will operate as a K-12 system.

These changes went smoothly and stand as a testimonial to the efforts of those directly involved and to the townspeople for their support and cooperation.

Great thanks goes to the officials, committees and employees in the Town Office, Highway, Fire and Police Departments for their effective, continuous and quality service.

Financial assistance from the State has not been readily available, but the ability of Departments to provide service is to be commended. Work on town roads has moved along well and 1994 will show further improvements.

It is worthy to mention that Hampden, for several years, was one of a very few towns with no debt. Three years ago a debt was incurred for School, Town House and Highway building improvements. There will always be need for new equipment, facilities improvement and expansion, but with community support they will be accomplished smoothly and with the least possible tax impact.

Two years ago, we implemented a self insured employee health benefits program. This program is in conjunction with East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, and Wilbraham - Scantic Valley Regional Health Trust. Service is excellent, with a cost that is manageable for employees and the town. The ambulance service has gone well also. We have worked jointly with adjacent communities, keeping costs of support at a reasonable level. The Four Town Regional Selectmen's Group has continued with positive output, as demonstrated in the areas of Employee Health Benefits and Ambulance Service.

In the past the Board of Selectmen organized a roadside cleanup prior to Memorial Day. This year we have organized an Adopt-a-Road program and solicited the organizations in Hampden to participate. Response was excellent and more activity will be seen in the year to come.

Each year, at the end of Memorial Day services there is a pause as to what to do next. This year, we are organizing a Town "Hot Dog Roast". This will be held at the Town-Fire House area. Town organizations will provide a member to serve in facilitating this effort. Donations will cover expenses and our goal is to have as many townspeople as possible have a pleasant hour or so of visiting and getting to know their neighbors.

Hampden is a unique community. It is located in close proximity to urban areas, yet has a rural character and provides a quality of life that may be equaled, but not exceeded.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The following fees have been reported as received and turned over to the Treasurer in 1993.

Selectmen/Board of Health fees, licenses, permits, etc.	\$ 34,128.70
Building Department fees	\$ 16,639.10
Police Department permits, reports, etc.	\$ 2,963.00
Fire Department smoke alarm inspections, oil burner permits, etc.	\$ 2,131.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 4,276.02

## Adopt-A-Road



## Sleigh Rally



## Board of Health

The Hampden Board of Health consists of the Board of Selectmen and a Registered Sanitarian, who provides the technical support for all health matters. Mr. Don Kipetz continues to provide that support to the Board. The Board of Health continues their personal involvement in all health matters ensuring that Hampden citizens receive every possible consideration and assistance in their health needs.

Emphasis in 1993 has been placed on activities associated with the Landfill closure as directed by the Department of Environmental Protection. Other tasks such as supervision of domestic water and waste treatment systems, food service inspections, permits and reports continue at an increased pace as indicated by the activities report at the end of this article.

Three areas that have caused significant increased activity by your Board of Health are the Landfill closure, new proposed Title V (septic systems) regulations and concerns for the increase in suspected rabies activity in our region.

**Landfill** - The landfill is officially closed to all household refuse. We have successfully implemented a transfer station for the collection, compacting and removal of all household waste from town. Worthy of note is that fact that our Highway Department actually built the facility. With an original estimate of over \$100,000 and a town approved budget of only \$70,000, the task was not only completed by the November 1, 1993 target date but well within the budgeted amount. Special thanks too have been extended to Massachusetts Electric for their generosity in donating over \$10,000.00 of effort in constructing the site. Massachusetts Electric provided polesetting, supplies and power lines to our facility at no cost to the citizens of Hampden. Many meetings and discussions with the DEP have taken place to assure the town is proceeding on a proper course to comply with closure schedules for all such landfills by the end of 1994. Closure estimates of \$600,000-700,000 are still being used by our engineering design firm of Tighe & Bond. With good business management and cooperation of all involved in this process, a sizable savings to the closure costs will be realized. As of February 1, 1994 we have received and or invoiced over \$249,792.00 for the construction and demolition material (C&D) received in the landfill. We can continue until May or June of 1994 with this method of revenue generation which will provide an offset to the closure costs. We will have a better feel for actual receipts at the time of the annual town meeting when an Article to Bond a sum certain for closure is presented. We feel we are on schedule and on target to complete this task to the satisfaction of everyone involved. The many positive comments from those who use the new transfer station and those who have an interest only from an environmental aspect have been overwhelming. **NO TAX DOLLARS HAVE BEEN USED TO DATE FOR BUILDING THE TRANSFER STATION OR FOR ENGINEERING COSTS.** These costs have come entirely from revenue collected through C&D disposal. It should also be noted that if a business relationship could not have been reached the town would have had to pay for and provide fill to meet grade requirements established by the D.E.P.

A special large item drop program (sofas, chairs, mattress, etc.) will be introduced for the spring and fall. Watch for notification of this special program in your mail.

Our recycling program has been expanded and is working well with the volunteers. However if we are to be successful in the future, the facility must be open a minimum of twice a month and must be staffed with at least one responsible full time attendant. In addition we should provide a protective cover over the area where the volunteers work to better access the facility during bad weather and hot summer days. These two areas are being discussed and will be implemented after thorough review by all involved. We must remember that because of the recycling efforts we were able to increase the amount of revenue producing C&D taken in to the landfill. Please note the report at the conclusion of this report on the results of our recycling effort. Again we must provide our thanks and gratitude to all those volunteers who selflessly give of their time in the interest of our community. A special thanks to Kate Ashe who not only volunteers but coordinates and pulls the activity together on an monthly basis.

**Title V** - As discussed in previous reports septic tank regulations are about to be revised. The revisions, when passed, will require all systems to be pumped out a minimum of every three years. Furthermore, all systems are to be inspected within 5 years. The inspection will be to determine if the system needs to be upgraded to meet new codes. This inspection and maintenance program is the reason for the town requiring all new systems and any that are repaired to installed access manholes to ground level.



The town further recommends that all homeowners install access manholes at their convenience now to avoid having to do it, when the codes take effect. These changes should not have a major impact on our community since we have been working with implementation of similar requirements for several years.

Rabies - We knew it was coming, we knew we had to train and teach the community, which was done and more importantly we knew the consequences if we had not. During this report period the Board of Health has received and acted upon many reports of suspicious acting wild and domestic animals. The remains of many animals have been sent to the state laboratory for examination for the rabies virus with no positive results until recently. During mid January a suspicious raccoon was tested and found to be rabid. Thanks to the quick thinking and reaction of some local residents and veterinarians no persons or domestic animals were harmed. However, reminders are in order to bring to everyone's attention again that this is a dangerous situation and could have dire consequences if specific rules are not followed when confronted with a potentially rabid animal. The rules to follow are simple.

- \*\*\* Vaccinate your pet cats and dogs.
- \*\*\* Avoid all stray and wild animals.
- \*\*\* Fasten trash can lids tightly. Garbage attracts raccoons and strays.
- \*\*\* If bitten or scratched by any animal, wash out wound thoroughly and see a doctor at once.
- \*\*\* For more information, call Hampden Board of Health @ 566-2151, Hampden Police Dept. @ 566-8011 or the Department of Public Health at (617)522-3700 Ext. 420. The Police Department, usually the first responder to such calls will contact our animal control officer for quarantine issues.

Your Board of Health needs and wants your constructive input and is always available to be of service to you. 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

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

## Annual Activities provided by the Board of Health

Activity	1992	1993
Annual Flu Clinic (10-14-93)	220	247
Pneumonia Clinic (10-14-93)	NA	152
Annual Rabies Clinic - Cat	NA	34
Annual Rabies Clinic - Dog	22	21
Water Tests Taken (10-19 & 10-20)	75	101
Percolation Tests Taken	99	65
Septic Systems Installed and/or repaired	58	60
Installer Permits Granted	29	17
Septic Removal Permits Granted	5	5
Well Permits	25	43
Health Complaints	28	28
Court Actions	0	0
Food Service Permits	35	33
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	3
Food Establishment Inspections	-	twice yearly for established businesses

### Recycled during 1993 under the volunteer program

	1992	1993
Newspaper	66.5 tons	69 tons
Combined cardboard, plastic, tin cans, glass bottles & jars, metal and white goods	54.5 tons	66.12 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 thru 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 Cross Rd 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 #8). A sign will also be posted at the entrance to the landfill.

**Transfer Station - Open 7:00AM to 5:00PM every Saturday**

All materials must be in bag (40 gal max.)  
"BAG TAGS" must be attached to every bag.

**BAG TAGS** are 50¢ each and are available at:  
Selectman's office, Green Valley Pharmacy, Hampden Hardware,  
Professional Cleaners, Village Food Mart

## **Annual Report of the Moderator 1993**

If it's not one thing it's another. After struggling with the budget and the effects of prop. 2 & 1/2 for these many years the town meeting budget process has just gotten harder. Education reform that was put into law by Boston will mean that the minimum school budget will be set by the state not by the town. This means the largest segment of our budget can not be touched by the town meeting in the constant effort to stay within 2 & 1/2. I do not know what solution the town will chose in this budget battle, or even if there is one good answer, but I hope you will be there to help set the priorities rather than just to complain about it later.

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. In 1993, we assisted the Police Department is purchasing and installing a computer system.

Also during the past year the Committee has assisted other Town departments with their computer questions, such as the Board of Assessors and the Library.

The Committee has a master plan which we feel represents a prudent, fiscally responsible path for the Town to follow. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Flynn, Chair  
Jim Moriarty  
Richard Rediker

## Report of the Board of Appeals

The following listing summarizes the activity of the Board of Appeals for 1993:

<b>Variance Requests</b>	<b>Action</b>
Reconstruct preexisting barn located 15' from from street line	Granted
To build a garage on lot with no street frontage	Granted
Erect garden shed within pre'67 side setback of 20' Front setback of 50' in R-6 requiring 75'	Denied
Building lot in R-6 District with less than required 60,000 Sq. ft.	Denied
 <b>Special Permit Requests</b>	
To open an auto repair shop in Commercial District	Granted
To rebuild a dwelling on a lot having no frontage on a public street	Granted
To remove excess earth for agricultural use	Granted
To create a large substandard frontage lot of 9.5 acres	Granted
To create a large substandard frontage lot of 10 acres	Granted
To create a large substandard frontage lot of 17 acres	Granted
To create a large substandard frontage lot of 10 acres	Granted
 <b>Administrative Appeal Requests</b>	
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  
Mary Chris Cesan

## Report of the Planning Board

Officers for this year remained the same as last year with Joseph A. Dolben serving as Chair, John D. Flynn as Vice-Chair as well as representative to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and former member Paul Robitaille is our Alternate to the PVPC. John D. Flynn represented Hampden at the annual conference of the Federation of Planning & Appeals Boards.

Work conflicts resulted in resignations of Kathleen Foss and Tom Poulin; their contributions will be missed. Tom Poulin had been the member with the longest tenure, and his knowledge and diligence on behalf of the Board will be hard to replace. George Romano, Jr. was welcomed as the Board's newest member, and we look forward to his contributions.

The Bylaw 7.2.4, added in 1993, allowing a landowner with eight acres to request a Special Permit for a large lot frontage exemption, has been successfully used by several residents through the Board of Appeals.

Subdivision Rules & Regulations were revised and reprinted after an April Public Hearing. There were no new subdivision Definitive Plans submitted to the Board in 1993, although the second phase of Hampden Woods is anticipated in 1994.

The three new streets of the Glendale Estates Subdivision were accepted. Trees have been planted and will be checked for health in the Spring prior to releasing the remainder of the performance guarantee. Several homes are occupied and others are being built.

Country Club Estates is seeing its third winter and has not as yet been made ready by the developer for Town acceptance. Due to lack of bonding on the property, the Town prepared a legal injunction to prevent the owners from selling lots until security is satisfied.

Brian Court, (Del Negro Subdivision), was accepted at a Town Street in Article #14 at the April 26, 1993 Town Meeting.

Hampden Woods I Subdivision has been very active all year, and since the base coat paving in July, several homes are now occupied and several are being built.

Hampden Heights I & II, which has not received its final coat of paving, has, according to the owners, been up for sale all year. A second phase, Hampden Heights III has been reviewed and endorsed. No contract has been entered into and it was voted that this new phase not be allowed to start until Phases I & II are completed. A Public Hearing was held on April 20 with many residents of the subdivision in attendance to ask questions.

During the year, a regular part of meetings were reviews of Hillside applications with the Chair of the Ridgeline & Hillside Committee and reviews of site plans with the Building Commissioner.

In addition, several meetings were held with residents to solve problems associated with their lots. Many times the problem presented cannot be solved in accordance with the Bylaw. In some cases, the Board of Appeals is the next step; however, a variance is difficult to get due to the hardship criteria that must be met.

Subjects under review going into 1994 are signs, common driveways, subdivision sidewalks (should they be required), shed side setback requirements, requiring building envelopes to be shown on Definitive Plans, and accessory apartments.

Joseph A. Dolben, Chair  
John D. Flynn, Vice Chair  
Mark Casey  
George Romano, Jr.  
Judith Jackson, Clerk to Planning Board

## **Report of the Ridgeline and Hillside Committee**

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 Building Inspector.

In 1993, 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.

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  
Sam Hanmer

## **Dutch Elm Disease**

During the year 1993 a total of eleven diseased elm trees were cut down and removed from the following roadsides: South Road, Somers Road, East Longmeadow Road, Wilbraham Road, Ames Road and North Monson Road.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Reardon  
Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

## **Gypsy Moth Report**

The year 1993 saw very little damage to the town's shade trees from the gypsy moth. All indications show that there will continue to be a decrease in the gypsy moth egg hatch for the next few years.

In late summer and early fall many tent caterpillars appear along the roadsides, these caterpillars strip the leaves off the trees and look unsightly but they do little or no damage to the shade trees.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Reardon  
Superintendent of Insect Pest Control.

## Hampden Council On Aging

The Council on Aging is a department of the Hampden municipal government. It is permitted under ch.40, s.8b, of the Massachusetts General Laws. Members of the Council are appointed by the Selectmen. Our Executive Director, Carolyn Brennan, was hired by the Selectmen to assess and advocate for the needs of elders in Hampden.

Over 85% of the older adults in Hampden this year were provided information and referral on areas ranging from home care, home delivered meals, health care, nursing home information, caregivers support to financial and legal assistance. Not only were individuals over 60 given assistance but also to caregivers under 60, such as adult children and younger relatives who are caring for an elderly person in Hampden. Most of these caregivers are women, supporting a statistic that the "average woman spends 17 years raising children...and 18 years caring for an elderly parent." The Council on Aging attempts to support these women who are need of a variety of services and information.

The Council on Aging also focused attention on providing a social center for Hampden elders. Janis DeGranpre (Meal Site Manager) was hired with funds from a state grant to coordinate social activities at the Council on Aging. Focus was given specifically to intergenerational activities through the support of the Community Learning Grant awarded to the Hampden School Department.

Highlighted programs this year include:

SSI Outreach- Under a grant from Families USA, the Council on Aging was able to assist Hampden elders in their home or at the COA apply for Supplemental Social Security Income. Historically, elders needed to drive to Springfield and apply at the Social Security Office.

Nutrition- The Title III Nutrition Program funded through Greater Springfield Senior Services under the Federal Older Americans Act provided daily hot meals and home delivered meals to Hampden elders. On an average weekday, 15-20 meals are served in the Melville Room of the Town House and 28-30 meals are delivered by volunteers to the frail elders living in their homes.

Health Services- Due to limited space and more activity in the Town House, the monthly Foot Care clinic and Blood Pressure clinic were relocated to Centennial Commons , the elderly housing complex on Springmeadow lane.

In cooperation with the Board of Selectmen and the volunteer assistance of Dr. Hebert, BeBe Morianity, Judy Hatch, Pat Smith and Anne Sleith over 200 flu and pneumonia shots were administered to older adults and those younger residents suffering from chronic breathing disease.

SHINE(Serving Health Information of Elders)-Ed Schenk replaced Lucille Mulcahy as our Health Insurance Counselor. Ed assists individuals in sorting out confusing insurance forms, counsels those who may be over or under-insured or who may not understand their eligible reimbursements owed to them.

Transportation- The Hampden Council on Aging continues to be the central administrative and dispatching office for a regional Paratransit service for the elderly and handicapped. Tri-Town Trolley is subsidized by Pioneer Valley Transit Authority and serves Hampden, East Longmeadow and Wilbraham residents. Rides are provided for \$.50 to medical appointments, dialysis, adult day care, physical therapy and shopping.

Volunteers are the lifeline for the Council on Aging. None of the services provided could be maintained at the present professional level if the 70 and more volunteers did not contribute their valuable time and talents to help the elderly in Hampden. The Council on Aging is indebted to these amazing volunteers.

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.

Bill Sullivan  
Dalton Philpott  
Al Ouiment  
Harriest Hulse  
Dorothy Kibbe

Bill Olmstead  
Betsy Grant  
Claudia Elguero  
Janice Gallivan



**GREATER SPRINGFIELD SENIOR SERVICES**

As Hampden's representative on the Board of Directors of the Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc. (GSSSI), I serve to improve communications between this Area Agency on Aging and the Hampden's Council on Aging. Nominated by the COA and appointed by the Board of Selectmen, I believe that Hampden voters, - especially the senior citizens and those not yet seniors, but possibly concerned with the care of parents and others in this category - should understand the relationship between COA and GSSSI.

Under the Federal Older Americans act of 1965 and the Home Care Regulations of the Commonwealth's Office of Elder Affairs, GSSSI was created in 1972 to distribute as administered services, funds, - nearly \$7.5 million in '93 - provided by these governments. On the basis of established needs, Hampden received, in the form of services, \$113,613 in 1993. This is about 1.4% of the total GSSSI budget. These services are accessed thru COA; their dollar values are:

Adult Health Care	\$ 4,855
Homemaker	36,465
Personal Care	23,599
Social Day Care	3,120
Transportation	3,661
Home Meals	16,930
Congregate Meals	17,983
Tri Town Trolley	6,000
COA Health Screenings (ended 9/30/93)	<u>1,000</u>
Total	\$113,613

Due to varying, but generally increasing, needs in Hampden, and elsewhere within the GSSSI area, and to fluctuations in the level of available funds, a negative imbalance of about \$28,000 occurred in 1993. Federal law provides for the contribution - by the towns and cities so served - of "matching funds" to defray this imbalance. Hampden's share - 1.4% - of this imbalance is \$389. While such payment is not mandatory, and no penalty will accrue if this payment is not made, it is hoped that Hampden voters will vote to make this payment.

Geo. Ingle,

Hampden Representative

## **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 and Mildred E. Grant, 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 9:00am 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 and guidelines from E.O.C.D., following through on our monthly water sample testing.

### **INSPECTIONS**

Inspections of all apartments are done annually by Carole Robert and Frank Hull, and results are reported to the Authority Board.

### **MODERNIZATION UPDATE**

This year has brought changes to the Centennial Commons. We now have beautiful cement sidewalks, new roofs, windows, siding, doors, etc.

We have also included new trees and fence on Cedar Road walkway and had the hole filled in on the private driving area on Cedar Road

### **ADDITIONAL HOUSING**

We are conducting ongoing efforts in this area and as of this time no new grants have been offered.

### **POLICE, FIRE, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS**

Thanks to all of the above, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

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 to discuss activities, problems, etc. for the benefit of the Commons. The current officers are Betsy Grant, President, Marjorie Tierney, Vice President, Pauline Booth, Secretary and Louise Grool, Treasurer.

There have been some changes in the last year in the way of modernizing and renovations. It looks lovely at the Commons with our bright new colors and light cement walkways.

Events such as Christmas parties, Birthday Parties, Picnics, Meetings, etc. are held in our beautiful Community Building. We also pick up our mail and have our laundry in this building. This is a lovely place to gather and get to know each other.

In the spring, we have a wonderful garden area allotted to those who wish to plant flowers and vegetables.

The Tenants at the Commons plan many events such as Bingo, Canasta on a weekly basis.

We also work out of our own budget which we refurbish annually and sometimes semi-annually with a Bake and Tag Sale or Bazaar. Every one helps out and a very good profit is realized from this.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole A. Robert  
Executive Director

## **The Historical Society of the Town of Hampden, Inc.**

We have completed revising our by-laws this year (bringing our 1974 by-laws up to date).

We will continue to have an extensive membership drive to invite "young and old" to help us preserve Hampden things of historical value and interest to the Society and Town of Hampden.

We wish to especially acknowledge the dedication of several who have spent many hours in making our museum a "show-place" for Hampden artifacts.

Mrs. Beryl Doten  
Mrs. Betty Curtis  
Mrs. Leona Isham

We invite all Hampden townspeople to attend our meetings and to our "openhouse" dates so you may see the excellent collections pertaining to our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen R. Kennedy  
Corresponding Secretary

## 1993 Report of the Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission is comprised of 7 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 by-laws. 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 1993 the Conservation Commission held 12 regular meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month. There were also 4 special meetings. This year the Commission issued paperwork on 13 Notices of Intent, 10 Determinations and 3 Certificates of Compliance. Orders of Conditions were issued on one subdivision. Site inspections were conducted for each of the filings as well as numerous other situations which came under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Filing fees, ordered by the State, are entered into a special revenue account. These fees, along with those required by the Hampden Wetland Protection by-laws enable us to hire professional consultants to assist us in our project reviews. We work closely with the Town engineer and Town counsel. The Commission is budgeted 15 hours per month for clerical assistance, which is served by Patricia Smith. She can be reached at the Town House on Monday through Thursday at 566-2206.

This past year members voted upon and approved the Regulations for the Town of Hampden Wetland by-laws. This vote was preceded by two public hearings on the regulations.

We wish to thank Jimmy McEwan for his years of dedication and service while serving as a member of the Commission.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Geromini, Co-Chairman  
Richard Hatch, Co-Chairman  
Camilla Desmarais  
Richard Gouvan  
Jack Matthews  
Wayne Meisner  
William Wilson  
Patricia Smith, Clerk

## Hampden Arts Lottery Council

The **HAMPDEN ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL** approved funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the 1993 cycle. The grants were approved in Boston and awarded as follows.

Music for Seniors - A Concert by Patty Carpenter  
Art Classes for Seniors - Hampden Council on Aging  
Creative Video Photography - Hampden Public Library  
Tom McCabe's Storytelling Hour - Hampden Public Library  
Concert of New England Folk Music by Yankee Notions  
Preservation of Artifacts for the Hampden Historical Society

If anyone is interested in joining the Hampden Arts Lottery Council, please contact any member of the Council or call 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

June 1, 1993 I became the dog officer for the Town of Hampden. My duties include picking up stray or lost dogs, finding the owner of a lost dog, picking up injured animals, and hearing and attempting to resolve numerous varieties of dog complaints. Usually a dog problem can be resolved by speaking to all the parties involved in the dispute. When a resolution can not be reached the next step is a selectmen's hearing. They make a decision on how to remedy the situation.

If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to dogs, please feel free to call my office at 267-4142, leave your name and phone number, I will return your call as soon as possible. If you have an emergency contact the police dept. and they will contact me.

Dogs reported lost:	16
Dogs found and picked up:	10
Dogs returned to owners:	8
Dogs adopted:	2
Lost cats:	8
Barking complaints:	20
Abuse complaints:	7
Loose dogs:	37

I'd like to thank the Hampden Police Dept. for all their help during the past 6 months, and also the dispatchers.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Harris, 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 1993 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,

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