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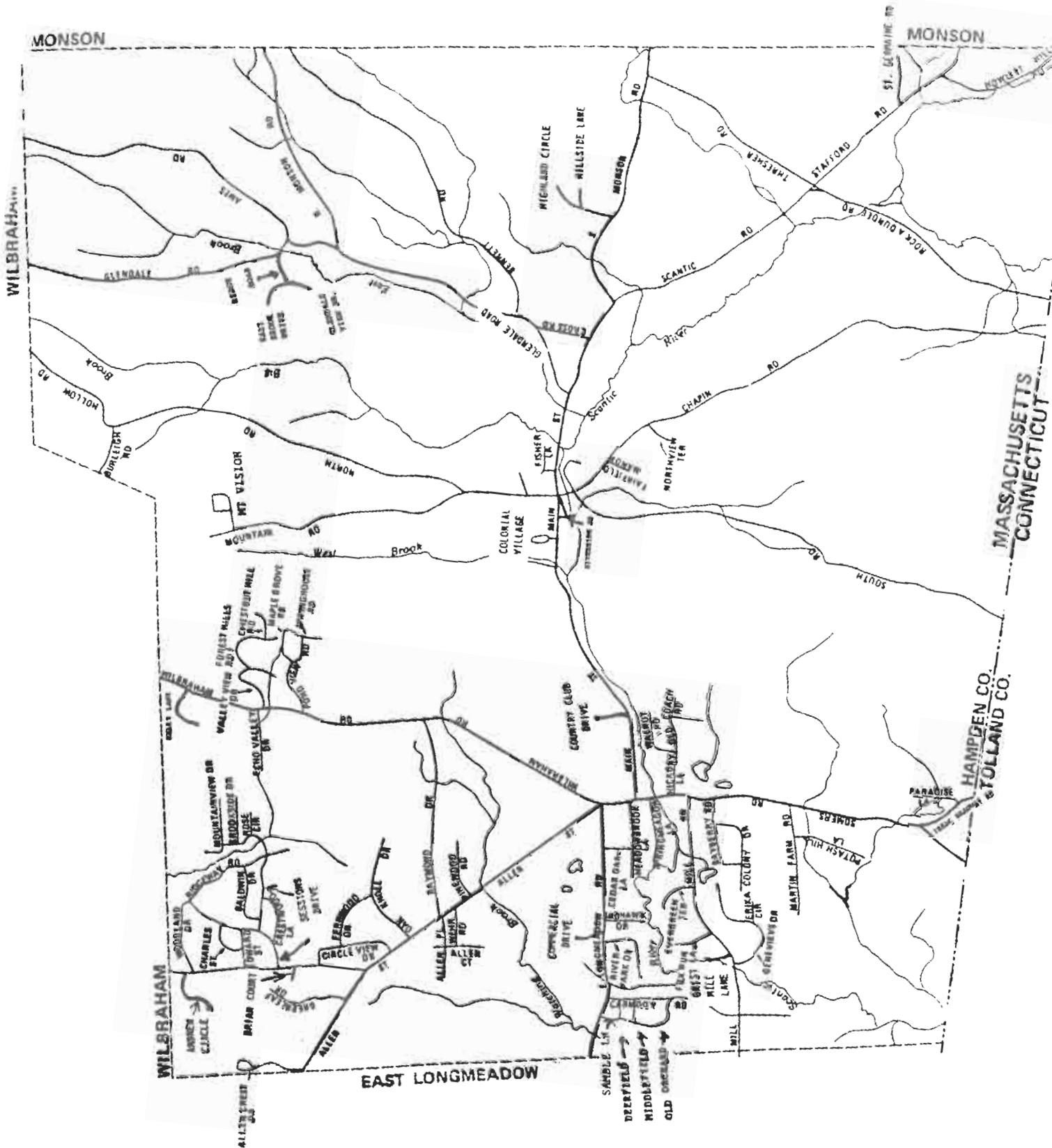


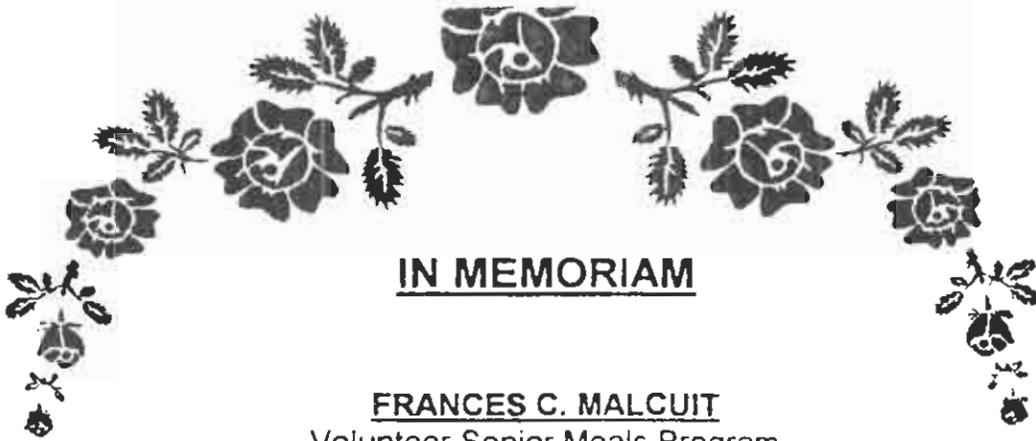
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IN MEMORIAM

FRANCES C. MALCUIT

Volunteer Senior Meals Program
Scantic Seniors Citizens Club

ERNESTINE JOHNSON

Librarian
Garden Club
Hampden Historical Society

CHARLOTTE E. MILLER

Teacher & Librarian/Hampden Schools

BARBARA KING HATCH

Hampden Grange

CARL P. LARSON

Board of Selectmen
Board of Assessors
Tax Collector

HELEN C. ENSLIN

Principal, Green Meadows School
Hampden Grange
Hampden Historical Society

LAURA P. GREEN

Clerk, Board of Assessors
Scantic Valley Riders Founder

PATRICIA WILCOX

Hampden Garden Club
Hampden Historical Society



INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN

Federal Census	1/1/91	4,709
State Census	1/1/85	4,762
Town Census	1/1/95	4,978

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

19.64 square miles

COUNTY

Hampden County

TAX RATE

\$16.56 for Fiscal Year 1996

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 308
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 237
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-722-2305

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, 566-2152

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month
7:30pm

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 CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meet as posted.

**HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Meet 2nd Tuesday at TWB

Meet 4th Tuesday at Minnechaug

Phone: 596-3884

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Meet 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July
& October at 7:30pm

Phone: 566-3304, 3357, 8556

COUNCIL ON AGING

Office Hours: Mon-Friday, 8:30am-4:00pm

Meet 2nd Tuesday of month at 9:00am

Phone: 566-5588 office

566-2157 transportation

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Meet 3rd Wednesday each month,

8:15am 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: 2nd & 4th Sat each Month

LAUGHING BROOK HOURS

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

Phone: 566-8034, 566-8035

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS -- 1995

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

Richard R. Green, Chairman 1996
 John M. Flynn, Chairman Health 1997
 Arthur A. Booth, Jr. 1998

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

Secretary to Board of Selectmen/Health
 Doreen M. Rauch

MODERATOR

Richard Patullo 1996

TOWN CLERK

Rita A. Vail 1998

TOWN TREASURER

Donna Easton-Vicalvi 1998

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Rita A. Vail 1998

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Richard A. Jalbert, Chair 1996
 Henry P. Baush 1997
 Stanley W. Witkop 1998

Clerk to Assessors

Diane Hildreth

**HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL
 SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

Mary Ellen Glover 1997
 Barbara MacKenzie 1996

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Beth E. Burger, Chairman 1996
 Elaine Kingsbury 1998
 Kathleen Hutchinson 1997

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman, and
 State Appointee
 Charles T. Schmitt 1999
 William G. Joy 1996
 Mildred E. (Betsy) Grant 1998
 Aline Burt 2000

CONSTABLES

Paul A. Bouchard 1998
 Miles M. Hapgood, Jr. 1998
 George K. Stone, Jr. 1998

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Robert F. Sazama, Jr. 1996
 Henry W. Dunwoody 1998
 Elizabeth Wells 1997

PLANNING BOARD

Joseph A. Dolben, Chairman 1998
 John D. Flynn 1999
 Mark Casey 1997
 Joseph Kruzel 2000
 Duane Mosier 1996

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
 Representative, Mark Casey

Clerk to Planning Board

Judith M. Jackson

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Mary Zamorski, Chair 1998
 David Kingsbury 1996
 Glennice Flynn 1996
 Sandra M. Rovelli 1997
 Dennis Herchel 1997

Clerk to Park Commissioners

Lorraine Aloisio

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1995

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Clifford Bombard 1998

DOG OFFICERS

Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control 1996

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Lawrence Hatch 1996

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Robin Warner 1996

SUPT. OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

Dana Pixley 1996

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Donald G. Kipetz 1996

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Richard Wiencek 1996

VETERANS' BENEFITS AGENT

Marilyn Bolaske 1996

ACTING CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Richard R. Green 1996

SUPT. OF STREETS

Dana Pixley 1996

TREE WARDEN

Dana Pixley 1996

POUND KEEPER & FIELD DRIVER

Robin Warner 1996

FENCE VIEWERS

John H. Field, II 1996

William H. Patric 1996

TOWN COUNSEL

Bruce D. Clarkin 1996

PARKING CLERK

Rita A. Vail 1996

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Patricia Smith 1996

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Albert H. LaPlante 1996

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Robert Lague 1996

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

William P. Patullo 1996

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Richard P. Jones, Chairman 1996

James D. Smith, Vice Chairman 1996

Richard Moriarty 1997

Yorke P. Phillips 1997

Richard J. Fadus 1998

Evelyn Schmidt, Clerk

BOARD OF APPEALS

L. Jed Berliner, Chairman 1997

Richard Patullo, Vice Chairman 1998

Helena L. Kullberg, Clerk 1996

Kenneth Lefebvre 1996

Dalton Philpott 1996

Judith Jackson, Clerk

BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES

David Scott 1996

Mary C. Cesan 1996

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

Dorothy Fritts, Chairperson 1996

Marilyn Abbott 1997

Aline Burt 1996

Reginald Johnson 1997

Doris Ouimet 1997

Carol Smith 1997

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

John Bethel 1996

Robert L. Burger 1996

Samuel Hanmer 1996

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

Samuel Hanmer, Chairman 1996

Jim Moriarty 1996

John D. Flynn 1996

Robin Warner 1996

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1995

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bonnie Geromini, Chairperson	1997
William Wilson	1996
Richard Gouvan	1996
Camilla J. Desmarais	1996
Jack Matthews	1998
Wayne Meisner	1996
Patricia Smith, Clerk	

CONSERVATION, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Donald Dorn	1996
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COUNCIL ON AGING

William T. Olmstead, Chairman	1997
Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman	1998
Albert L. Ouimet, Treasurer	1997
Dorothy Kibbe, Secretary	1996
Larry Blake	1998
Janice Gallivan	1996
Betsy Grant	1997
Harriet Hulse	1998
Virginia Schneider	1998

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

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Kathryn Henriques	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	1997
Walter Johnson	1998
Brian McQuillan	1996
Frank Krzanik	1997
Toi Graham	1997
Al Perusse	1998

COMPUTER STUDY COMMITTEE

John D. Flynn	1996
Richard Rediker	1996
Jim Moriarty	1996

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	1997
Elizabeth M. Wells	1998
Janet M. Redin	1996
Rita A. Vail, Clerk	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

George K. Stone, Jr.	1996
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SERGEANTS

Mark Reisner	1996
Donald Snow	1996

POLICE OFFICERS

James Collins	1996
Anna Joubert	1996
Jeff W. Farnsworth	1996
Michael J. Cooney	1996
Scott Trombley	1996
William Joy	1996

DISPATCHERS, full-time

Linda J. Ely	1996
Laurie Ryder	1996
Vema Carney	1996

DISPATCHERS, part-time

Faith Gentile	1996
Debra Martel	1996
Radcliffe Kenison	1996
John Dimaio	1996
Carolyn Brennan	1996
Lisa Corriveau	1996
Tricia Ryder	1996

RESERVE OFFICERS

Fred Lewenczuk	1996
Todd Ely	1996
Donna Vickery	1996
Harlan Cross	1996
Everett Walker	1996
Ronald Corriveau	1996
Laurie Ryder	1996
David S. Bertera	1996
Robert D. Robinson	1996
Kenneth Andres	1996
Louis Gordon	1996

POLICE MATRON

Mary C. Cesan	1996
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SECRETARY/CLERK TO POLICE DEPT.

Sandra Ely-Gregoire

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1995

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lawrence Hatch, Chief	1996
Howard Cutting, Assistant Chief	1996
Ronald Warner, Deputy Chief	1996
Thomas Poulin, Captain	1996
Peter Hatch, Lieutenant	1996

William Brown, Jr.	1996
James Burns, Jr.	1996
Gordon Casey	1996
Donald Dickinson	1996
Edwin Dunlea	1996
Michael Gorski	1996
Richard Harris	1996
Richard Hatch	1996
Steven Hoadley	1996
Joseph Grant	1996
Daniel R. Isham	1996
Keith Isham	1996
Albert Jones	1996
Matthew Loveling	1996
Henry Managre	1996
David Markham	1996
Michael Mauier	1996
Wayne Meisner	1996
Art McCarthy	1996
William Patric	1996
Edward Poulin	1996
Robert Sazama	1996
Robert Short	1996
Michael Sicbaldi	1996
Thomas Smith	1996
David Sutcliffe	1996
Charles Thans	1996
Richard Thayer	1996
Irving Witkop	1996

Auxiliary Firemen

Daniel J. Isham
Todd Schneider

**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**

Richard Hatch-Conservation Commission

Mary Grassetti-Arts Lottery Council

Scott Southworth-Electrical Inspector

George Romano-Planning Board Committee

Diane Knecht, Arts Lottery Council

James A. Reardon-Fire Department/Insect Pest Control

Eileen T.Robitaille-Advisory Committee

Raymond A. Schmuck-Police Department

James Hughes- Arts Lottery Council

Harold Swift, III-Police Department

John Sullivan-Council on Aging

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 in-depth 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:** Perc Season is March 1st thru May 1st. 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 three 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, Oil Burner, Smoke Detector, and Wood Stove 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.

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**

FEE S 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/min)..... 10cents/sqft
 Swimming Pool.....\$20.
 Solid Fuel Stoves.....\$15.

ELECTRICAL PERMITS **Robert Lague, tel 566-8472**
 Commercial/Industrial Building and Additions.....\$60.
 New House.....\$40.
 In the event of more than one unit per building, an additional fee of \$4 per unit will be charged, in addition to normal fee for new house.
 Alterations, Re-wiring Existing Structure.....\$40.
 Alterations, Change of Service, Temporary Service.....\$20.
 Additions-added rooms, breezeway, garage, etc.....\$20.
 Swimming Pool, Appliance.....\$20.

PLUMBING PERMITS **Bill Patullo, 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.

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.

FIRE PERMITS **Chief Larry Hatch, tel. 566-3314**
 Smoke Detector Inspection (NewHouse).....\$15.
 Smoke Detector Inspection (Real Estate Transfer).....\$15.
 Oil Burner inspection.....\$15.
 Blasting Permit.FireChief.....\$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.

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

BOARD OF HEALTH **Donald Kipetz, tel. 566-2151**
 Well Permit.....\$20.
 Percolation Test Permit.....\$100.
 Septic Tank Installation Permit(new or repair).....\$100.
 includes one revision,each additional revision.....\$50.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Office of the Board of Selectmen traces its origin back to the early years of the Commonwealth. As there were no elected officials, town meetings would "select" individuals to carry out the wishes of the town meeting. Over time these "selectmen" or "townsmen" evolved into elected three to nine person boards. During the later half of the 1600's and early 1700's the office began to take shape through tradition and legislation passed by the general court. Their responsibilities included, but were not limited to town finance, school operation, care of the poor, public works and local defense. The years have brought many changes with the establishment of many other elected and appointed boards who oversee operations previously directed by the Board of Selectmen.

As we enter the new millennium one thing remains exactly the same as it was in the seventeenth century. The Board of Selectmen exists for the sole purpose of carrying out the wishes of the voters.

The Board wishes to thank the many volunteers of the Adopt-A-Road Program, Hot Dog Social, Recycling Volunteers as well as all of the people who make events like Memorial Day and the Tree Lighting Ceremony possible.

We look forward to the coming year and encourage everyone to become involved when and where possible within the community.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Selectmen/Board of Health fees, licenses, permits, etc.	\$ 28,574.44
Building Department fees	\$14,286.26
Police Department permits, reports, etc.	\$1,669.00
Fire Department smoke alarm inspections, oil burner permits, etc.	\$2,647.72
Town Clerk Fees	\$9,881.62

MILL POND RECLAMATION

Interest has been extremely high over the past twenty-five years for the reclamation of Mill Pond. In years past, Mill Pond had been a great source of recreation, such as fishing, boating, ice skating and other recreational activity for our town residents. In addition, the pond served as a water recovery area during times of flooding, reducing the potential for flood damage to homes located in the Scantic River watershed area.

The Town of Hampden took title to Mill Pond and the land adjacent to it to the south and across Mill Road to the North in the late seventies as part of our open space/conservation program. Unfortunately, over the years, the pond has silted in to the point it no longer serves its intended uses.

Grant monies have been made available from several sources which could, if agreed at Town Meeting, provide the necessary funds to clean the pond of silt through dredging and provide the necessary storage capacity for excess water during periods of flooding and abnormally high water. With reclamation the Town may once again enjoy the beauty and recreational use of a lost natural resource while at the same time resting assured that the threat of flooding has been reduced significantly.

The project, even with matching funds grant monies (estimated at \$10,000), will require some sweat equity on the part of interested town residents. We request both your support at Town Meeting and your expression of interest to provide whatever help possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Authur A. Booth Jr.
Richard R. Green
John M. Flynn

Board of Health

The Board of Health of the Town of Hampden is made up of the members of the Board of Selectmen who retain a professional on a part time basis. Mr. Don Kipetz has served in this capacity for some years. We thank him for his good efforts.

Your Board of Health has always maintained a pro-active position in the management of their responsibilities. Every year the general activity has taken the main part of our time. These activities fall into the following categories: food inspection, permits, reports both local and state, disposal system - new building and repairs, flu vaccines clinics, water tests and rabies clinics. We should stress that the clinics are well attended by the townspeople and we will try to expand these type of services.

Title V - Individual Sewerage Disposal Systems was dramatically modified by the DEP during this past year. The regulations substantially changed the requirements in several areas, primarily requiring testing of septic systems at the time of a home sale. The categories of requirements were quite stringent. These changes caused undue hardship for many of our residents, as well as people throughout the other towns in the state. Specifically your Board of Health put in an extreme amount of effort into the modification of these requirements and worked closely with our state representative as well as organizations in Boston. Based on this effort Title V regulations were better defined, making it more acceptable to the communities. In addition the legislature is to enact a tax credit as an incentive for homeowners to update systems even if they are acceptable under the general Title V requirements.

Sanitary Landfill

Closure of the Hampden Sanitary Landfill was voted approximately two years ago. During the ensuing period a large amount of work had to be accomplished, pre-engineering, engineering approvals, reports to DEP and actual construction specifications and implementation.

At this juncture the landfill has been brought to specifications with the loam and seeding as the last part that remains to be completed.

The amount required from the town for financing of the landfill closure was reduced with revenues from Construction and Demolition material, which eliminated the purchasing of fill for contouring purposes. In addition, we have asked for bonding at the last town meeting and our project currently is well within the limits. We have applied for aid from the state, if available. If we are successful for this, then the amount actually utilized from local revenue would be reduced.

As a service within the sanitary landfill area, a transfer station has been developed and is in full operation. This facility is open 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Each Saturday and requires a bag fee.

The recycling area has been relocated to its permanent site, though the final driveway for the facility is not totally complete. Recycling has proven successful and as of February 1996 the facility will be operated on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Some grants have been received, in the form of containers, and we are currently in the midst of our third grant project. One very important part of the grant approval is based on the amount of recycling versus the amount deposited in the transfer station.

Volunteers are always needed to assist the recycling efforts. If you have any time, please contact our office. A general flier will be distributed shortly. It will provide a recap of hours, types of materials accepted and general recycling procedures. Additional items that might be accepted are always being reviewed and will be added as available. There will be a compost area available as well.

Bulk items' disposal has been well received and again will occur on a early Spring and late Fall cycle. Notices of this service will be either be by newsletter or through the local newspapers.

The Board of Health would like to commend all of the townspeople on their effort and support with the programs that have been developed. We meet every Monday night and your constructive comments and assistance would be most appreciated.

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

Annual Activities provided by the Board of Health

Activity	1994	1995
Annual Flu Clinic (11-2-95)	222	233
Pneumonia Clinic	NA	NA
Annual Rabies Clinic (Dog & Cat)	35	60
Water Tests Taken (11/15/95)	54	45
Percolation Tests Taken	58	73
Septic Systems Installed and/or repaired	58	75
Installer Permits Granted	14	15
Septic Removal Permits Granted	7	6
Well Permits	44	36
Health Complaints	28	22
Court Actions	0	2
Food Service Permits	41	26
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1
Food Establishment Inspections	- twice yearly for established businesses	

Recycled during 1995 under the volunteer program

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>
Newspaper	90 tons	95 tons
Combined cardboard, plastic, tin cans, glass bottles & jars, metal and white goods	126 tons	172.81 tons
Bulk item Collection	15 tons	19 tons

Board of Health Telephone Number: 566-2151

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

LANDFILL	PERCOLATION TESTS
Hours are Saturday, 7AM to 5PM Recycling is the 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month.	Perc Season - 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

Annual Report of the Moderator 1995

Something was different at Town Meeting this year. For the first time since I have become Moderator there was a little slack in the budget. Not a lot mind you, but maybe a little discretionary money. Maybe this is a result of Regionalization of the schools, or is it a result of more aid from the state now that they have their house in order, or maybe we are just catching up with some of our needs, but for the first time in years there was a little available income that we the voters could decide how to spend. It is certainly too early to tell if this is a trend, we might know that answer in two more years.

Some wanted to put this money in savings, some to buy things that the town has been putting off and still some others wanted to cut property taxes. Two boards primarily, the Selectmen and the Advisory Committee, appealed to the voters to vote as each board believed was right for the town.

The voters need to ask each of these boards tough questions to defend their point of view. With this kind of debate, the town cannot help but win.

There is now a reason to come back to Town Meeting.

Respectfully,

Richard E. Patullo
Moderator

Report of the Board of Appeals 1995

Case -1	Special Permit to enlarge a building in the Commercial District	Granted
Case -2	Variance or Special Permit to allow the continuation of a Commercial Use on a lot not in the Commercial District.	Withdrawn
Case -3	Special Permit to allow the removal of earth to improve agriculture.	Granted
Case -4	Special Permit to allow the use of a nine acre parcel with a substandard frontage to be used for one residence.	Granted
Case -5	Variance from current zoning frontage and side lot requirement to allow a residence to be built on an 1/2 acre lot.	Denied
Case -6	Special Permit to allow removal of an existing residence with no legal frontage in order to rebuild.	Withdrawn

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, Alternate
Duane E. Mosier
Mary Chris Cesan

Report of the Planning Board

The composition and officers of the Board remained the same as last year. The members are: Joseph A. Dolben, Chair; John D. Flynn, Vice Chair; Mark Casey, representative to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission; Joseph Kruzel and Duane Mosier. Former member Paul Robaitaille continues to serve as our alternate representative to the PVPC.

Hampden Woods I still awaits the completion of the top coat; this has been delayed as a result of the bankruptcy of the developer. The work is bonded with a savings bank passbook so that we are comfortable that the road will be complete after the court deals with the bankruptcy. This has also delayed the developer's appeal in Land Court of the Board's decision denying Hampden Woods II

Hampden Heights I & II remain a problem. The development was foreclosed by the mortgagee in Spring 1994. As a result of the failure of the bank issuing the letter of credit, there is no bonding covering the remaining work to be completed before the road is acceptable to the Town. The Board has agreed that letters of credit will no longer be acceptable surety for subdivision development in the future. In the meantime, the Board has put the new owner of the remaining lots of Hampden Heights on notice that building permits for the remaining lots will not be issued until completion of the road construction is assured.

The Board remains active in reviewing and updating the Zoning Bylaw. In addition, the Board has completed the second major review of the Subdivision Rules and Regulations in the past few years. We would like to thank Dana Pixley for his assistance and suggestions.

The Board meets every second and fourth Wednesday and welcomes the input of all Hampden residents.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph A. Dolben
John D. Flynn
Joseph Kruzel
Mark Casey
Duane Mosier

Report of the Computer Study Committee

The Computer Study Committee is a ongoing task committee organized by the Board of Selectmen in 1986. Since that time, it has assisted the Town departments in purchasing, installing, and maintaining their computer systems. We have stressed a practical and consistent approach to implementing these systems with an emphasis on productivity and good value.

In the past year the Committee has assisted the Police Department in the development of specifications and bid evaluations for the acquisition of a Police Management System, which will provide all of the features needed to bring the Town on-line with other local, state and federal agencies.

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 Ridgeline and Hillside Committee

The Ridgeline and Hillside 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.

1995 saw six reviews by the Ridgeline and Hillside Board. We feel that the extra level of oversight given to development of these sensitive areas benefits all in the town.

All residents are welcome at any meeting and any volunteer help is greatly appreciated. We encourage all residents to make suggestions and comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Hanmer, Chair
Robin Warner
John D. Flynn
Jim Moriarty

HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING

Hampden's elder population, officially those over 60 years, are represented and served by the Council on Aging, a municipal agency whose function is to advocate for the needs of senior citizens. The Council on Aging offers assistance to seniors in areas of nutrition, health care, social activities, transportation, financial and legal information, caregiver support, as well as serves as a reference source for a variety of inquiries. These services are promoted through our monthly newsletter publication---The Scantic Scribe.

The Council on Aging welcomes inquiries from residents under the age of 60 who have faced challenges in their lives such as layoffs and unemployment. Information on fuel assistance, financial aid, or referrals for legal assistance is available through the COA office.

The Council on Aging office is located in the bottom floor of the Town House and is open Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:00pm. Kathryn Henriques, the Council on Aging Director, manages the office in conjunction with an Activity Coordinator and Outreach Worker. A volunteer citizens committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, oversees the administration of the agency. Funding for the COA is provided through the Town of Hampden as well as from various state and federal grants.

As always, the COA is very fortunate to have such willing and helpful volunteers to assist in a wide variety of activities. The COA recognizes these citizens and is grateful for their generosity and commitment.

The nutrition program sponsored through Greater Springfield Senior Services continues to flourish at Centennial Commons. Nearly 35 hot meals are served every weekday at 11:30am. Home delivered meals are brought to people who are unable to join us at the Commons. This nutrition program not only assures proper eating but also provides a wonderful opportunity for sociability and interaction.

The Council on Aging continues to coordinate various counseling services. Among them are SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) which is offered twice a month. SHINE is a free, confidential counseling service sponsored through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. SHINE's purpose is ensure that seniors are given accurate, up to date information concerning health insurance and health care options. AARP provides a free income tax preparation program for seniors. This is scheduled on alternate weeks during the tax preparation season. Both services are available by calling the COA office for an appointment.

The Council on Aging provides regularly scheduled foot care clinics, a weight control program, as well as an annual flu shot clinic which is offered in conjunction with the Hampden Board of Health. This year, the COA was awarded a grant to coordinate a health fair for seniors. This fair was a huge success and offered seniors the opportunity to gather information on as well be tested for various health disorders. The COA is hopeful to attain the funding again this year in order to continue its efforts in promoting good health for seniors.

The Council on Aging is always striving to improve the services we offer. To support this, the COA has gathered a group of representative town organizations and citizens to survey and assess the program we currently offer. This committee will also attempt to research new funding sources and service ideas.

Historically, the Hampden Council on Aging was the administrative and dispatching headquarters for the Tri Town Trolley. As a result of a recent government mandate, Tri Town Trolley's contract for the upcoming year was not renewed with PVTA. NCBA (National Caucus of Black Aged), the current Springfield operator, will be providing service to Hampden seniors in the future. Although a change in providers, transportation will continue to be available to Hampden seniors.

Each month, 600 Hampden seniors receive the "Scribe". This important newsletter provides news and information on matters pertinent to the lives of our elder citizens. It is written and published by the COA. The mailing costs, however, have been since its inception underwritten by the Friends of the Seniors and the Scantic Seniors Club. The townspeople, therefore, as well as the seniors, have benefited from the generosity of this private group. The Council on Aging wishes to acknowledge and thank these groups for their support of this newsletter and assume the responsibility for all publishing and mailing costs in the new fiscal year. To do this, we have included in our expense budget \$600 to cover the mailing expense.

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Another contribution to the "Scribe" is computer printing service, which, because the COA printer cannot deliver a satisfactory product, has been donated by another citizen of Hampden. While recognizing this voluntary assistance, the Council on Aging believes this too, is a necessary service and should come under the normal functions of the agency and supported by town funds. The requested \$400 will purchase a laser printer and result in more effective, professional communications to our elder citizens.

The Council's Board of Directors take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks to our Executive Director, Kathryn Henriques, for her accomplishments over the past two years. Her initiative in managing the COA programs and her administration of the Tri-Town Trolley have been most challenging. She has guided both elements with skill and tact and given Hampden high marks from both our seniors and our partners in the surrounding communities.

The Council on Aging holds a membership in the Massachusetts Association of Council on Aging Directors and Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging. The COA works cooperatively with the Scantic Senior Citizen Club and the Friends of Hampden Seniors.

The Council on Aging Board of Directors acknowledges the support of the people in Hampden, as well as the other town departments with who we work. It is this consolidated effort that makes Hampden such an enjoyable town to live in.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Olmstead, Chair
Dalton Philpott, Vice Chair
Dorothy Kibbe, Secretary
Al Ouimet, Treasurer

Harriet Hulse
Betsy Grant
Larry Blake
Virginia Schneider

GREATER SPRINGFIELD SENIOR SERVICES (GSSSI)

In October I was renominated by the COA as Hampden's representative to the GSSSI Board of Directors, and reappointed by the Board of Selectmen. My aims are (1) to improve understanding between the COA and this Area Agency, and (2) through this report communicate this information to Hampden's taxpayers. All Hampden voters, senior and younger-who care now or later for senior family members, should be alert to the services provided through GSSSI and the flow of State and Federal funds which pay for these services.

GSSSI's annual budget is about \$7million, of which Hampden's share is about 1.4%, spread over these services; for calendar years '94 and '95:

<u>Service</u>	<u>'94</u>	<u>'95</u>
State funded -1		
Adult Health Care	\$7,163	\$1,361
Homemaker	35,086	19,192
Personal Care	26,158	14,752
Social Day Care	3,120	3,354
Transportation	2,588	2,305
Federally funded 2		
Home Meals	14,878	11,396
Congregate Meals	21,770	27,188
Tri Town Trolley	6,000	6,000
COA Health Fair		<u>1,000</u>
Totals	\$116,763	\$86,548

1 - Home Care Regulations of the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs.

2 - Federal Older Americans Act of 1965, reauthorized, Title III.

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For the calendar years '93 and '94 there were only minor changes in these values, but for '95 total services decreased by \$30,000, primarily in State-funded services. In contrast, among the Federally funded services, congregate meals increased about 25%, in part reflecting the change in site from the Melville room in the Town House to the Centennial Commons. Since this is the major factor in the Federally funded services, it follows that this leads to the slight increase in the Federal "Match Fund" from \$279 to \$310 to be paid in Hampden's FY '97.

For the future, it is reported reliably that federal support for Title III services will be maintained at present levels until the end of Federal FY '96 (9/30/96), but will be reduced 5% for FY '97.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ingle

Hampden Housing Authority

At present, the elected members of the Hampden Housing Authority are Dalton E. Philpott, Vice Chairman and State Appointee, William G. Joy, Chairperson, Charles T. Schmitt, Treasurer, Mildred E. Grant, Assistant Treasurer and Aline Burt, Secretary. The staff is composed of Carole A. Robert, Executive Director, Gary DePace, Fee Accountant, Frank Hull, Maintenance Supervisor, and Reginald Temple, Maintenance Aide.

The Authority meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:15 AM 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 with the Town Clerk.

Tenants Organization - This group has its own officers and budget and plans its own meetings and programs throughout the year. Some of the tenants also attend the Authority meetings which are public and open to everyone.

Executive Office of Communities and 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 in Washington, DC. We are also in contract for the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan. Our goal is to provide safe and sanitary housing to all moderate income categories. All utilities except telephone and cable are included in the rent. The water is tested monthly by the DEQE lab and our water is safe through the monthly monitoring.

Inspections - These are done annually by the Director.

The Authority is always in the process of finding new sites for housing and as of this time, no grants have been issued.

The Authority would like to graciously thank the Police, Fire and Highway Departments for their efforts keeping our safety at all times and Dana Pixley for painting our arrows and street sweeping our roadway.

The Authority would also like to extend a special thanks to Bill Kulle for lighting our very tall Christmas tree for us this year. Thanks to Bill Joy for working on this also. The tenants were very happy to see the tree lit.

We have had an extensive modernization done at the Commons which includes new roofs, sidewalks, vinyl siding, doors, windows, etc. This has also been a record year for snow removal which we thank our maintenance staff for their efforts.

The Authority may be reached at the office at 26 Springmeadow Lane, Monday-Friday, 8am - 12:00 noon at 566-8157.

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The Authority is also putting a proposal in to Executive office of Communities and Development this year for an addition to the Community Building due to the activities in the Community Room which have been extensive as the tenants have many more activities they are working on such as card games, crafts, parties, etc.

We have also included a new event which began with Mr. William Joy. It is called a "Staff Supper" and entails a dinner every month with the staff and Mr. Joy's wife Nancy and daughter Ann working on it with us. This is a wonderful event and the tenants are enjoying it quite a bit. It gives everyone a chance to get out and socialize and also to get a fabulous meal.

The Congregate Meal Site is doing very well at the Commons and have celebrated their one year anniversary in November, Many activities are included such as scrabble, movies, jewelry classes and much more, Attendance has picked up dramatically since the move here. The Lunch Bunch is a very friendly group of people and we always have room for more to join in. Janis DeGrandpre can be reached at 566-8426 to make reservations or to answer questions you may have about the meal site.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole A. Robert, Executive Director

TENANTS ORGANIZATION

This organization has its own budget and by-laws. The committee consists of President, Aline Burt, Vice President, Claire Zykoski, Secretary, Pauline Booth, and Treasurer, Louis Groll.

Many events are planned throughout the year by this organization. An annual Bazaar and Bake Sale is one of the big events that also realizes profit for the tenants. Some of the monies earned are used for the Christmas Party that is attended by all the tenants and board members. We have a wonderful dinner catered usually with entertainment and Christmas cheer is enjoyed by one and all.

In the past few years a summer barbecues is enjoyed by everyone and new tenants are welcomed at this event and the Christmas party also. Many of the tenants join the garden growing flowers and vegetables. Last year this became a community garden with many of the towns people taking part. Everyone at the commons has an active part in the events offered through the Tenants Organization and we look forward to each new year.

The tenants are having a wonderful time with the new "Staff Supper" being offered by William Joy and the staff. This is a nice event especially for the winter months.

Many of the tenants have formed card groups and craft classes. The crafts are being made to put on sale at the Annual Bazaar and everyone is welcome to join in.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole A. Robert
Executive Director

1995 Report of the Conservation Commission

The Town of Hampden depends entirely on private wells and septic systems, therefore the integrity of bordering vegetated wetlands, swamps, wet meadows, streams, rivers, ponds and floodplains is especially critical. The Conservation Commission, comprised of seven appointed volunteers and associate members are charged with the responsibility of administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL. 131 sec 40) and the Town of Hampden Wetland Bylaw and Regulations.

During 1995, the Conservation Commission held 12 regular meetings on the second Monday of each month. We also held 3 special meetings on March 2, March 15, and November 22. This year the Commission issued paper work on four Notices of Intent, eleven Requests for Determination and three Certificates of Compliance, one extension of Order of Conditions and four Violation Notices. Two public hearings were held in March and April addressing an addition to the Town of Hampden Wetland Bylaw regulations. The result was the establishment of a 25 foot undisturbed buffer around all areas protected by the Wetland Bylaw.

Under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, Conservation Commissions have jurisdiction over 100 ft buffer from any protected area under the Act (MGL. 131 sec 40). It is strongly recommended to contact the commission concerning any work to be done within the buffer. Paperwork, if needed, is available at the Town House. Most violations occur because people are not aware of the scope of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and the Town of Hampden Bylaw.

We thank Richard Hatch for his years of dedication and service while serving as a member of the commission. We also thank Patricia Smith for her clerical assistance and advise. She can be reached at the Town House Monday through Thursday at 566-2206.

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, Chairperson
Camilla Desmarais
Richard Gouvan
Jack Matthews
Wayne Meisner
William Wilson
Patricia Smith, Clerk

Associate Member
Donald Dorn

HAMPDEN LAND PROJECT

Hampden Land Project (HLP) is one of over one thousand land trusts nationwide, working to promote the preservation of open space. As a local non-profit group, HLP acts in an advisory capacity, to provide information through open meetings with guest speakers, and as a liaison to state agencies to find funding for local projects.

Currently, HLP is working with landowners considering conservation easements on a portion of their property. In a conservation easement, the landowner enters a legal agreement that prevents development of the land, while retaining full ownership and use of the land. The land can be sold or transferred, with the conservation easement attached. In this way, the land is permanently protected, while the owner gains significant state, local, and federal tax advantages, and important shelter from inheritance taxes.

Lastly, HLP aims to inform those residents owning over 20 acres, or owning land abutting conservation land, who are considering sale of the land for income purposes, that the financial advantages of conservation options are often greater than outright sale of the property.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Himmelstein

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hampden Historical Society has been in existence for over thirty years. Since our first meeting on June 12, 1965, we have been receiving what is now a "treasure trove" of Hampden artifacts, memorabilia, old records, etc. for our two museums. One is housed upstairs and the Farm Museum is in the basement at Academy Hall.

Our year begins in May at Academy Hall and continues on the fourth Tuesdays of June, September, October, November, February and March. In April we have our Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper at the Hampden Federated Church.

This 1995-1996 year has been an extremely busy one with top-notch programs and fine speakers. Our projects this year included our annual American Flag Sale on Memorial Day, a special mailing of a two-page flyer sent out to every household in Hampden to acquaint our townspeople of Academy Hall, the Society, its museums, and programs. Included in the flyer was an application form for starting our membership drive. This flyer brought gratifying results. Forty-three new members joined the Society! Our membership list now totals almost 150. And, we are hoping for more and more new members.

Our Curator, Mrs. Beryle Doten, set up a Research Center in the museum with the donation of two MICROFICHE readers; however, we are in desperate need of a MICROFILM reader to complete the Center area.

Mrs. Doten received several donations this year and many have already been recorded in the Accession Records and have been gratefully acknowledged by mailings to the donors.

Through the generosity of our Hampden Arts Lottery Council we received a grant which made it possible to preserve on microfilm twenty-nine (29) of our most valuable record books - some dating back to the late 1700's! Also, copies of the old Baptist Church records were microfilmed. Also, Census records 1790-1910 of Hampden/Wilbraham were ordered from Salt Lake City.

In October we presented a "Walking Tour of the Old Center of the Village" in memory of Mrs. Miriam P. Bryans. We conducted two tours - one at 10AM, the second at 2PM. Each started at Academy Hall and returned there where refreshments were served and everyone was invited to visit the museums. There were six open-house Sundays held from 2PM - 4PM. A special open-house was held on Memorial Day and one on Saturday, the day of the Walking Tour.

Another special project was started and is still continuing, *the Postcard Project*. We have applied to the Hampden Arts Lottery Council to help us finance the publication of a book of old Hampden Postcards. It will contain at least two-hundred (200). Some were donated many years ago, some will be loaned to us when the printer requires them, and some were donated because of our poster appeal. We are still hoping for additional postcards to come in to add to the book.

In completing this report we would be remiss if we did not mention that the roof on Academy Hall is at least thirty years old and is in dire need of replacement.

Since Academy Hall is the oldest remaining building in our town, and houses within its walls so much of Hampden's historical past; and, since our members are dedicated to preserving and protecting the museum's contents, we feel we should bring the problem of the roof to the attention to our Townspeople.

Trustees: Frederick Maher
Beryle Doten, Curator
Walter Johnson

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy B. Hill, President
Carol Collins, Vice President
George Ingle, Treasurer
Linda Krawiec, Recording Secretary
Nancy Ayers, Corresponding Secretary

Hampden County Regional Dog Control Program Town of Hampden

June 1, - December 31, 1995

The Town of Hampden has a Canine Service Contract with Hampden County, as a participating member of the Hampden County Regional Dog Control Program (Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control Center). The H.C.R.D.C.P., represents Hampden in licensing and keeping of dogs, and provides a regional shelter for stray and abandoned dogs. The Center has a contractual veterinarian, Richard Vincunas, D.V.M., who is responsible for the general health of all impounded dogs, including administering Rabies vaccinations.

The H.D.R.D.C.P., represents Hampden in matters arising out of enforcement of Dog Control Ordinances and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Sections 137A-175, (including amendments through 12/31/78).

During this period, the following list indicates duties conducted by Dog Officer Nick Dominik, and other dog officers on emergency call:

Investigation of loose dog complaints	60
Investigation of barking dog disturbances	11
Stray dogs captured and impounded at center	22
Dog bite investigations	7
Vicious/loose dog complaints	5
Stray dogs brought to the center by Hampden residents	2
Stray dog complaints	12
Sick and or injured dogs	6
After-hour emergency calls	14
Impounded	26
Returned to owners	13
Adopted to new owners	14
Euthanized	6
Transported to Rowley Animal Hospital for medical treatment (County billed \$40.00)	2
Licenses sold at Center	18
Board of Selectmen's Meeting attended	1

The H.C.R.D.C.P., has the capacity for formal quarantine of possible rabid dogs and is a team member for immediate laboratory testing, if required. The Center held three Rabies Clinics (Spring, Summer and Fall) during 1995, providing reduced cost rabies vaccine, for dog and cats, and offering some vaccines free to financially needy owners. The Center installed an up-dated computer system and now is enabled to track repeated violations. We also participate in computer chip scanner for quick owner identification.

Dog Officers respond to public complaints and service requests by interacting with local police, town officials, State Animal Inspectors, Boards of Health and State agencies to ensure public safety.

Our staff wishes to compliment the citizens of Hampden for their concern in canine matters and their cooperation in canine law enforcement.

Submitted by

Roberta M. Panuccio, Director

Animal Health Inspector

As the animal inspector for the town of Hampden, I would like to report the following for 1995.

	GRADE	PUREBRED
Number of Dairy Cows over two years	3	
Number of Dairy Heifers one to two years	1	
Number of Dairy Calves under one year	5	
Number of Dairy Bulls	4	
Number of Dairy Steers	0	
Number of Dairy Herds (one animal constitutes a herd)	1	
Number of Beef Cows over two years	18	18
Number of Beef Heifers one to two years	5	1
Number of Beef Calves under one year	10	2
Number of Beef Bulls	1	1
Number of Beef Steers	1	1
Number of Beef Herds (one animal constitutes a herd)	7	
Number of Oxen	2	
Number of Horses (work & saddle)	157	
Number of Ponies	37	
Number of Goats	16	
Number of Sheep	18	
Number of Llama	4	
Number of Swine	2	
Number of Swine Herd (one animal constitutes a herd)	1	
Number of Poultry (farms consisting of 25 birds or more)	30	
Number of Poultry Flocks	1	

There were 3 dog bites and 1 cat bite reported.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Warner, Animal Inspector

Hampden Cultural Council

Members of the former Hampden Arts Lottery Council voted in October to change the name to the Hampden Cultural Council to conform to the nomenclature of the Massachusetts Cultural Council and other towns in the state.

The council granted requests for funding for projects in 1995 in the amount of \$3000. Every effort was made to make awards that would benefit citizens of the town directly and cover a wide range of activities and interests. These awards were given for:

- Summer Reading Programs at the Hampden Town Library
- Preservation of historical materials and research by the Historical Society of Hampden
- An art exhibition for 6th grade children and an art competition for high school students sponsored by the Town Gallery
- Presentation of Julius Caesar for Minnechaug High School students
- a trip to the Hitchcock Environmental Center for 6th grade students at Thornton Burgess School
- Funds supporting the Radio Reading Service which provides radio programming to visually handicapped children and others who enjoy their services
- BRAVO, a newspaper of the arts available free to the community and distributed at the Hampden Public Library

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-Stories and Songs of New England - an entertaining program made available through the parks and recreation dept. and the library.

The present council wishes to thank former members Mary Grasseti and James Hughes whose terms have expired. A very special thank you goes to Diane Knecht who served as chairperson of the council with wonderful enthusiasm and equally admirable efficiency. We are grateful for her ongoing help.

Respectfully submitted
Dorothy Fritts - Chairperson

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL
Marilyn Abbott
Aline Burt
Dorothy Fritts
Reginald Johnson
Doris Ouimet
Carol Smith

Veterans' Services Department Annual Report for Town Of Hampden

In 1995 there was one family aided by the Veterans' Services Department.

The total amount expended was \$2,254.80, of which 75% is reimbursed by the State. The town's share being \$563.70.

As a result of the VA service work performed by the area office in Monson, veterans and their dependents in Hampden received \$380,182.00 in Federal Benefits. The awards cover veterans non-service connected pensions, service connected compensation, retroactive awards and burial benefits.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn F. Bolaske
Veterans' Agent

Report of the Parks and Recreation Department

Memorial Park had a busy season this year with people enjoying Kids Castle and many other activities throughout the summer months. Kids Castle is now in the process of getting ready to place memorial benches around the play area. If anyone would like to purchase a memorial bench the cost is \$250.00.

The summer camp program was very successful and well attended each week. Campers enjoyed a wide variety of projects, including Arts and Crafts, Science, Sports and Pool Time. Swimming lessons were also taught in the nontraditional format for the first time this year and campers really seemed to enjoy it. The hours of the camp were extended this year for the purpose of giving the campers more pool time. Stephanie Roj was our Summer Director and did a wonderful job, managing both the Pool and summer Camp. Next summer's registrations will have the weekly themes attached. Thanks to Marta Willey, the camp as well as the Community enjoyed a song and storyteller sponsored by the Library through the Arts Lottery.

We also held our first summer concert in the Park on July 23. The music consisted of flute and guitar by Mike Casey & David Giguissepe . We hope to repeat this event again and would appreciate any suggestion from the community. If you have a favorite group please let us know.

There was also numerous repairs made to the Park this summer. All benches and bleachers have been restored, the Brook at Memorial Park has been cleaned and the stream can once again run free. Through a joint effort with the RAH Board two new basketball hoops have been installed at the Park. The old roof on the Pavilion has been replaced with a new one.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people at Town Hall who help to keep the Parks and Recreation Department running smoothly, because without their help it would be very difficult to maintain an elected volunteer board. Thank you Kate, Doreen, Donna, Pat and Rita. A heartfelt thank you to Dana Pixley and the Highway Department. A crew that goes beyond recognition for their tireless effort in Community service. Last but not least, thank you to our staff that help each summer to maintain the park and fields, Larry and Kevin

Thanks also to Recreation Association of Hampden (RAH) for the sports programs that they provide to the many hundreds of children in the Community. A great big round of applause to the coaches who volunteer and dedicated their time and effort on behalf of our children. According to the RAH Board, the number of children participating in town sports has continued to grow rapidly over the years, therefore more field space is required. We are presently looking into a new soccer field at the landfill, as our sports programs continue to grow there will be a need for more playing fields.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. The meetings are held at the Town Hall and all town residents are encouraged to attend. We welcome new ideas and any new programs for the residents of Hampden.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Zamorski
David Kingsbury
Sandi Rovelli
Dennis Herchal
Glennice Flynn

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners

The Commissioners have been active in overseeing the maintenance of Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery, filling sunken graves, grading and seeding have been accomplished. Arrangements are also made for the excavation and refilling of the graves at time of interment and the installation of foundations for markers in cooperation with the various monuments vendors. Seventeen interments were made during the year. Several lots have been sold in Old Cemetery and lots are still available there.

This year the Prospect Hill fence was painted using funds from the interest on perpetual care fund. The perpetual care fund is derived from contributions from town residents. Other than the mowing included in the town budget and the fees derived at the time of interment, this is the only source of funds to maintain the cemeteries.

Once again we are requesting that all winter decorations are removed by April 15th in preparation for the redecoration of the graves for Memorial Day. We would also request that old decorations and trimmings from shrubs be placed in or by the barrel provided for that purpose at each cemetery. Rubbish thrown into the woods or over the fence has to be picked up by someone else to avoid an obnoxious mess on the property of others.

Please be reminded that any plantings put in to decorate the graves must be kept within the bounds of the plot described in the deed and are the responsibility of the owner for maintenance. Any plantings or decorations violating this rule will be removed.

Quarterly meetings of the Cemetery Commissioners are held at the Town House the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 pm. 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
Henry Dunwoody 566-3357
Elizabeth Wells 566-8556

Report of the Building Commissioner

BUILDING PERMITS/INSPECTIONS

Signs:	2
Houses:	14
Additions:	16
Garage:	4
Alterations:	7
Sheds:	4
Barns:	2
Pools:	8
Porch/Deck:	8
Stove permits:	1
Demolition:	0
New commercial:	5
Greenhouses:	0
TOTAL:	71
DEMOLITIONS:	0

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

TOTAL: 99

PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTIONS

TOTAL: 75

Respectfully submitted

Albert H. LaPlante
Building Commissioner

1995 REPORT OF THE LIBRARY

The mission of the Hampden Public Library is to provide materials of popular interest to our adult and juvenile patrons, and to provide materials and services to help local residents satisfy their informational and educational needs.

In 1995 the Hampden Library staff worked very hard to accomplish this mission using all available resources. The growing pool of resources included our traditional print and non-print collection, new CD ROM reference titles, an internet link (available during the summer of 1995) and our new automated resource-sharing network connection, CWMARS. We encourage residents to visit the library and see the resources we have to offer!

The 1995 summer reading program's theme was "Reading is Natural." Over 100 boys and girls participated in the program with 86 completing the reading requirements. We would like to thank the following people for helping to make the program a success: Kerry Cesan for creating the bulletin boards; Ceci Melville for listening to book reports; and all the parents who helped at our weekly programs.

The following organizations and agencies provided funding for special programs at the library during 1995:

Red Cross baby-sitting course - Lions Club
Creative writing course for adults and children - Dept. of Ed. Learning Together Grant
Illustrators' workshop for children - Dept. of Ed. Learning Together Grant
UMASS K12 Internet Link - Dept. of Ed. Learning Together Grant
Folksinger and magician for the Summer Reading Program - Hampden Arts Lottery Council
Storyteller and singer for the Summer Reading Program - Friends of the Hampden Library.

Participants in the creative writing course and the illustrators' workshop worked cooperatively to produce a wonderful book called, A Creative Summer - Hampden 1995 (copies are available at the library.) This book was made possible by the diligent efforts of Chris Bandoski, Laura Chaffin, Clare Doyle, Dorothy Fritts, and Carol Gauthier.

We would like to thank our library volunteers, Bea Margeson and Joanne Savage, and all the members of the Friends of the Library for their help and support throughout 1995. A special thank you and best wishes to volunteers Dorothy Hauser and Daniel Brewer who faithfully came to the library every week for many years and have now moved on to other endeavors. Finally, to all our patrons many thanks for your ongoing support of the Hampden Public Library.

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.

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LIBRARY STATISTICS

General Services

Circulation:

Print Material - Adult	13,251	Volumes Added	1,202
Print Material - Juvenile	18,481	Volumes Discarded	138
Non-print materials	11,570	Total Collection	18,628
Inter-library loan	567	Magazine subscriptions	64
TOTAL	<u>43,869</u>		

Finances FY95

Receipts

Municipal appropriation	\$54,455
State Aid	2,333
	<u>\$56,788</u>

Expenditures

Wages	\$43,632
Books & materials	11,455
Supplies	1,701
	<u>\$56,788</u>

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

The Fire Department responded to 80 calls this past year, as follows. Brush -12, Housing for the Elderly -11, Automatic home fire alarms -18, Structure -8, chimney -7, mutual aid calls -6, carbon monoxide detectors -4, accidents -3, vehicle fire -2, Mary Lyons Nursing Home -2, Bomb threat -1, oven fire -1, furnace fire -1, and trash fire -1.

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 8:00am and 4:00pm.

This past year 12 firefighters took and passed the firefighter 1-c course sponsored by the Mass State Fire Academy.

This past year, we awarded five scholarships to the children of firemen who are furthering their education. We would like to thank everyone for your continued support of our flower sale and raffle, whose profit goes into the scholarship fund.

Carbon Monoxide. First, I would like to thank the Hampden Lions Club for their very generous donation of a air quality tester to the fire department. Second, I would ask everyone to not run your car, snowblower, lawnmower or other gas fired equipment in the garage. 99% of the calls for CO detector going off were the result of this being done. Third, please have your heating equipment including the chimney serviced every year by a professional to make sure it is clean and working properly.

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 \$2,647.72 to the town treasurer for inspections and permits.

This past year former Fire Chief James Reardon retired from the department after 38 years of service. I wish to thank Jim for his years of dedicated service to the town of Hampden.

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 1,520 burning permits were issued during the burning season.

In 1995 we responded to 12 brush fires.

Respectfully submitted

Lawrence W. Hatch
Forest Fire Warden

Report of the Highway Department

The construction season of 1995 was known for perfect weather. The winter ended early with a total of 22 storms that required attention by the Highway Department. With the nice weather and early thaw, we got a jump on the various maintenance projects that must be done each year and had the opportunity to complete more work on the roads than usual.

Some of the maintenance jobs performed were; painting of all cross walks and stop lines, grading all gravel roads, cleaning of several drainage ditches, removal and cleanup of dead trees (see Tree Wardens Report), cleaning all catch basins and sweeping of several miles of roads.

Using available state-aid from the Massachusetts Highway Department, this year the following roads received some form of surface treatment; Wilbraham Road was repaved for a distance of one mile (completing the entire length over a two year period) and Raymond Drive was completely repaved. Asphalt and stone was used to resurface the following roads; Thresher, Stafford, St. Germain, Woodland, Edwards, Charles, Sessions, Ridgeway, Baldwin and Crestwood.

Also, using state-aid, a section of Chapin Road was reconstructed. This was the second of a two year project that went from the TENNECO Pipeline south for a distance of 2,000 feet. The work there included an entire new drainage system, removal of old roadway, graveling, grading, paving and installing curbs. Work will be completed this year by loaming and seeding the shoulders.

The Highway department also began constructing a new area at the Transfer Station for recycling. This will be completed this spring, and will make the efforts there much easier.

In September of 1995, the voters approved the purchase of two new trucks for the Highway Department. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported this important vote. These vehicles were absolutely necessary to us in order to provide you, the residents of Hampden, with the service we try very hard to give. I would also 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, Bob Kibbe, Robert Richards, Albert Rosati Jr., Rick Brown Jr.) for their continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Dana S. Pixley
Highway Superintendent

Report of the Tree Warden

This part year, Planning Board member Duane Mosier and I worked on establishing a new set of standards for the planting of trees in a newly constructed sub-division. This resulted in a set of guidelines that are clear for the developer to follow and will provide an attractive planting program for the town. I would like to thank Duane for his effort and cooperation.

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 83 trees being cut down and cleaned up. Again, trimming of dead wood from trees was done on a limited basis.

Trees removed by the Highway Department were as follows; Allen street - 7, Bennett road - 2, Chapin Road - 10, East Longmeadow Road - 2, Glendale Road - 5, Main Street - 1, Mohawk Drive - 1, North Road - 3, Raymond Drive - 1, Rock-A-Dundee Road - 4, Scantic Road - 6, Somers Road - 2, South Monson Road - 3, Stony Hill Road - 1, Thresher Road - 4 and Wilbraham Road - 7.

Trees removed with the assistance of a professional tree service were as follows; Allen Street - 1, Baldwin Drive - 1, Chapin Road - 4, East Longmeadow Road - 1, Main Street - 3, Mountain Road - 3, North Road - 5, Old Coach Road - 1, Valley View Drive - 1, Walnut Road - 2, Wilbraham Road - 2.

A total of seven trees were trimmed by the tree service and fourteen stumps were ground out all over town. If anyone has questions regarding trees on town property, or would like to report a tree in poor condition, please feel free to contact me at the Highway Department office (566-8842).

Sincerely yours,
Dana Pixley

RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF HAMPDEN

The Recreation Association of Hampden [RAH] being a board of volunteers was challenged this year to fulfill its mission to provide the athletic recreational program for the youth of Hampden. Long standing members; specifically Bill Decoteau, Jim Connery, Rich Hersman, Chet Kapinos, and Vinnie Villamaino who devoted countless hours to the town RAH program and held dominant positions, resigned from their respective positions on the board. In many cases, although their children have transcended the RAH program, they remained committed to serve the town youth well past reasonable expectations. Their efforts are remarkable, the results endure!

Confronted with this transition, the RAH board wishes to thank those remaining members, coaches, coordinators, and volunteers who stepped up and forward to accept additional responsibilities to maintain a positive perspective. The demands of registration, coordination, outfitting, coaching, competing, financing, and administrating the RAH program is dependent upon involvement from the residents of this town. The equation is simple: if you child is involved, get involved at some capacity. The price for your lack of effort will potentially be a "line item" to fund a sports coordinator as evident in many towns.

In 1995 the operating budget for the RAH program was substantial. In fact, income received from fees was \$32,733. Expenses for items such as league registration fees, uniforms, pertinent athletic equipment, maintenance, officiating fees, and miscellaneous expenses totaled \$29,740.

	General	Soccer	B-Ball	Baseball	Softball	Total
Income	3374.99	15514.37	9127.82	3954.18	761.67	32733.03
Debits	<u>1693.83</u>	13753.67	9615.19	3644.81	1033.45	<u>29740.95</u>
Total	1681.16	1760.70	-487.37	309.37	-271.78	2992.08

Two sports; basketball and baseball /softball were negative financial propositions mainly due to the high costs of officiating mandated by league requirements, and the provision of uniforms. We cannot help but to remind you here; calculate personpower costs to effectively coordinate and administrate the RAH program, and the town is faced with a significant expense. If not your time, your Money!!

RAH has experienced a youth participation expansion in all sports. RAH anticipates this trend to continue based upon the towns demographics, and further tax the demands on the program.

Fall Soccer	260 Athletes 143 Boys	117 Girls 188 League/72 Instructional
Basketball	195 Athletes	147 League/48 Instructional
Spring Soccer	181 Athletes	44 Under 8 60 Girls 77 Boys
Baseball Softball	137 Athletes	65 T-Ball 21 Girls 51 Boys

RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF HAMPDEN P2

Participation is the foundation of RAH programs, and a rewarding experience the goal for all youth. The towns teams excelled at all levels, and exceeded towns of significantly larger size. Problems did arise, and the RAH board maintains an open door policy to hear all complaints, concerns, comments, and suggestions.

The future is promising, a great deal of work lies ahead. In 1996 the RAH board looks forward to new fields, better competitive programs, revised administrative policies and procedures, and your involvement!!

Respectfully Submitted;

Doug Boyd	Paul Snopek
Dave Casey	Al Struthers
Rick DeSanti	Tim Teehan
Jim Mahoney	Al Walder
Jim McEwan	
Jim Morris	

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I submit herewith, the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending, December 31, 1995.

During the year, the Police Department recorded 4,018 log entries. Of these, 1,613 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 type of complaints received and investigated by the Police Department.

Ambulance assists	149	Fire complaint, (no assist from fire dept.)	16
Animal complaints	83	Fire department assists	105
Annoying phone calls	37	General services	940
Assault	8	Larceny over \$250.00	30
Assists by the highway department	70	Larceny under \$250.00	32
Assists by other police departments	92	License plates reported stolen	4
Attempted suicide	1	Missing persons	19
B&E attempted forcible entry	3	Motor vehicle complaints	226
B&E forcible entry	20	Noise complaints	44
Bikes recovered	7	Obscene phone calls	3
Bikes reported stolen	9	Protective custody	2
Bomb scare	1	Recreational vehicle complaints	13
Buildings found open	48	Stolen license plates recovered	3
Burglar alarms answered	335	Stolen cars recovered	10
Citizen assists	67	Stolen cars reported	5
Death	2	Stolen merchandise recovered	3
Disturbance	9	Stolen motorcycles recovered	2
Dog bites	3	Stolen motorcycles reported	3
Dog complaints	57	Suspicious activity	219
Environmental police assists	27	Vandalism	93
Family problems	55	Weapons, carry, shooting, possession	24

During the year, 162 persons were arrested or summonsed and a total of 299 complaints were filed against them in court, in the following categories:

Allowing uninsured m/v to be operated	2	Minor transporting alcohol	1
Allowing unregistered m/v to be operated	3	No registration in possession	2
Altered inspection sticker	1	No seat belt	1
Altered license	1	Operating m/v with license revoked	3
Assault and battery	7	Operating m/v with license suspended	20
Attaching plates	7	Operating m/v without authority	1
Attempted kidnapping	1	Operating to endanger	1
Attempted sexual assault	1	Operating under influence of alcohol	16
B&E daytime with intent felony	13	Operating uninsured m/v	16
Defective equipment	5	Operating unregistered m/v	14
Disorderly person	1	Operating without a license	21
Domestic violence	5	Plate light not lit	4
Failure to dim headlight	1	Possession of Class C controlled substance	1
Failure to keep right	1	Possession of cocaine	2
Failure to signal before turning	1	Possession of drug paraphernalia	2
Failure to stay in marked lanes	15	Possession of marijuana	5
Failure to stop for police officer	4	Possession of marijuanaw/intent todistribute	2
False information to a policeofficer	4	Possessionofstolenm/v	2
Fugitive from justice	2	Procuring alcohol to a minor	1
Harsh objectionable noise	4	Receiving stolen property	4
Improper passing	1	Revoked registration	7
Larceny over \$250.00	4	Sale of alcohol to a minor	1
Larceny under \$250.00	4	Speeding	16
Leaving scene property damage accident	5	Violation of 209A restraining order	2
Loud exhaust	1	Wanton destruction of property	1
Minor in possession of alcohol	15	Warrants	44

Police Department P 2

There were 89 motor vehicle accidents involving 123 motor vehicles with 17 people requiring medical treatment.

There were a total of 498 citations issued with 281 on radar.

Warning Citations

Cracked windshield	1	No seat belt	1
Defective equipment	12	Operating without a license	1
Failure to keep right	1	Plate light not lit	3
Failure to yield to oncoming traffic	2	Speeding	103
Harsh objectionable noise	2	Stop sign	13
Marked lanes	2	Studded tires	2
No helmet	1	Too little tire tread	1
No license in possession	6	Uninspected m/v	9
No muffler	1	Unregistered m/v	9
No registration in possession	4		

Civil Citations

Allowing unregistered operation	6	Misuse of dealer plate	1
Bald tires	1	No child restraint	1
Defective equipment	3	No license in possession	3
Driving with a open container	1	No seat belt	4
Failure to display plate	1	Number plate not illuminated	1
Failure to drive in right lane	1	Number plate obscured	1
Fail to stop for school bus w/red lights flash 2		Speeding	185
Failure to yield at intersection	1	Stop sign	12
Failure to yield to oncoming traffic	1	Uninspected m/v	35
Headphones, wearing while driving	2	Unregistered m/v	17
Marked lanes	5		

Criminal Citations

Allowing uninsured m/v to be operated	3	Operating to endanger	1
Allowing unregistered m/v to be operated	3	Operating without a license	19
Altered inspection sticker	1	Operating with revoked license	2
Attaching plates	6	Operating with suspended license	13
Defective equipment	4	Plate light out	2
Failure to dim high beams	1	Revoked registration	7
Failure to stop for police officer	1	Speeding	12
Harsh objectionable noise	3	Uninsured m/v	14
Leaving scene property damage accident	4	Unregistered m/v	11
Marked lanes	6	Using m/v without authority	1
No registration in possession	1		

During the year, \$1,936.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards and pistol permits. The town received \$11,345.00 from the Registry of Motor Vehicles, which was the town's share of fines collected.

Our Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone System has been in operation since the spring of 1995. The new system has become a very important part of the Police Department and is working very well. We again wish to emphasize how important it is to have your house number prominently displayed to help emergency service's to respond to your home.

The DARE program is continuing in our local schools. Acting Sergeant Snow conducts the DARE program two days each week and has made it very successful and well accepted. Any resident who wishes to contribute to the DARE program may do so by sending their donation to "Hampden DARE" in care of the Hampden Town Treasurer.

Police Department P3

In August the Police Department obtained a 1985 4 wheel drive Chev K5 Blazer through a State and Federal program which allows local communities to receive surplus military property. This vehicle has proved to be invaluable to the department during this winter. The department was able to maintain its patrols no matter what the weather and we were able to transport many residents who were unable to make it to their homes. While the department did not have to pay any cost for the vehicle, we did have to install lights, siren and radio equipment. I would like to thank the members of the Hampden Police Association and Bourbeau & Hinch Insurance Agency, Inc. for the donations given to the department which paid for the equipment.

In July Officer Donald Snow was promoted to the position of Acting Sergeant to fill a vacancy due to the retirement of Sergeant Raymond Schmuck as a result of a disability. Acting Sergeant Snow has been assigned to the 11-7 shift. In August William Joy Jr joined our department as a full time officer. Officer Joy is a former Monson Police Officer and the son of former Chief of Police William Joy Sr. and Nancy Joy who retired from the Police Department as Chief's Secretary in 1994.

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 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

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
621 Main Street
Wilbraham, Massachusetts 01095

1995 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TOWN REPORT

Excellence First, Learning Always: The Strategic Plan, initiated during 1994, continues to play an important role in the development of the Regional School District. The Vision and Mission Statements have been stated as action steps with individuals assigned the responsibility of moving the steps forward. At the present time, the Steering Committee is monitoring the progress of the plan and will be reporting to the school committee this spring.

A number of educational initiatives have been implemented and significant program changes occurred in 1995. Reading Recovery, an early intervention reading program for selected Grade 1 students has been expanded from its start at Green Meadows School to the elementary schools in the district. All kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms have a new assessment and report cards in place which reflects classroom activities and stresses parent-teacher conferences.

At Thomton Burgess and Soule Road Schools, the science curriculum has been reviewed and is currently offered through thematic units with a clear scope and sequence. The social studies program at Wilbraham Middle School has been revised for Grades 6-8. At Minnechaug, a new English program, entitled "Literature and Composition," has been developed and required for all Grade 9 students. Also at Minnechaug, the business and technical education departments are expanding their relationship with Springfield Technical Community College, offering students the opportunity to gain credit for their high school course of study. As required by the Massachusetts Department of Education, the general track at the high school has been eliminated. Students previously assigned to level three courses have been absorbed in level two classes. The high school administration is closely monitoring this change as to the impact on the school's effectiveness in meeting student needs.

Green Meadows School initiated a "Read Aloud" program sponsored by the Volunteers In Public Schools (VIPS), which brought members of the community into the school. Each class has a unique puppet mascot and the book read by the adult to the students is presented as a gift to the class through funding by the Comprehensive Health Grant.

The conversion of administrative and student data from the PDP-11 main-frame computer, to site based personal computers, was completed this past summer. All financial and administrative functions are now generated on site and managed by school personnel. A group of citizens serving on a technology advisory committee have provided helpful guidance in this major conversion.

While school population has not reached the heights of the early seventies, the student population in Hampden and Wilbraham increased for the sixth straight year. This prompted the school committee to form a Facilities Planning Committee to look at the long-range needs of the school system. The committee consists of parents, administrators, school committee members, and teachers. The Facilities Committee is charged with making a recommendation to the school committee in March of 1996, as to whether there is a need for additional school space. Town Meeting action is required to form a Building Committee.

A highlight of the past school year at Minnechaug was the presence of Mr. Simon Gillett, a Fullbright Exchange Teacher from The Blandford School, Blandford Dorset, England. Simon served as a member of the English department, replacing Mr. David Bernstein, who took over Mr. Gillett's duties at The Blandford School. Simon's insight and wit were enjoyed by all. In addition to his teaching duties, Simon also coached in the boys' soccer program, which in true English style, he referred to as "football."

A number of improvements in school facilities were accomplished in the past year. The construction and dedication of the Spear Memorial Field, to Amy and Allison Spear, took place on June 11, 1995. The fields represent a major improvement to the resources at Minnechaug and will be utilized by the field hockey and softball teams. In December a tree planting and ceremony was held by friends and relatives in memory of Robert Persons, a member of the Class of 1996, who died in an automobile accident at the start of the school year.

Other facility improvements include the reconstruction of the track, which will be utilized for the first time in the spring of 1996. At Thornton Burgess Middle School, the roof replacement was completed, the univents have all been examined and repaired, and are fully functional. Through a joint effort by the town and school district, a new walk-in freezer has been installed at Thornton Burgess. At Mile Tree, Soule Road, Memorial, and Minnechaug, the fuel tanks have been replaced to avoid soil contamination through leaks and assure the safety of the students assigned to the buildings.

Our communities were saddened by the deaths of Mrs. Charlotte Miller, the librarian and kindergarten teacher at Green Meadows School, and Mrs. Joan Neelans, a long-time teacher at Soule Road School and administrative assistant to the Superintendent of Schools. For the past two decades, Charlotte and Joan touched the lives of thousands of students and contributed greatly to their school and profession to improve the education of children in Hampden and Wilbraham.

A number of long-term faculty members retired during the past year. They are:

- Judith Moriarty, Green Meadows School
- Cecelia Nicholas, Thornton Burgess Middle School
- Roger McCarthy, Soule Road School
- Edward Nelligan, Wilbraham Middle School
- Jeanne Strycharz, Wilbraham Middle School
- James DeWolf, Minnechaug Regional High School
- Patricia Osmond, Minnechaug Regional High School

To all the retirees, the committee expresses their appreciation for many years of dedicated service and extends their wishes for a long and healthy retirement.

After many years as a teacher and administrator in the Hampden Public Schools, Mr. John Farrell, Principal of Green Meadows School, decided on a career change to become a full-time reading recovery teacher. Mr. Thomas J. Sullivan, of East Longmeadow, was appointed Principal of Green Meadows School, after serving a number of years as a teacher and principal in the Springfield Public Schools. Joining the school district as Assistant Superintendent is Dr. Anne Towle, who served previously as the Director of Elementary Education in Holliston, Massachusetts. Dr. Towle received her doctorate from Boston College, and has extensive experience in curriculum development, performance assessment, and professional development.

With 88% of the senior class at Minnechaug taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), Minnechaug 's scores remained well above national and state averages.

1994-95 COMPARISON OF SAT AVERAGE

Verbal		Math
455	Minnechaug	516
430	Massachusetts	477
420	National	482

The Class of 1995 placed 71% of its members in four-year colleges and over 10% in two-year colleges.

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FIVE-YEAR ENROLLMENT HISTORY

GRADE	1991-92			1992-93			1993-94			1994-95			1995-96		
	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T
K	61	149	210	64	170	234	55	136	191	59	159	218	62	135	197
P-1	0	25	25	0	25	25	0	29	29	0	17	17	0	0	0
1	63	175	238	65	188	253	64	192	256	72	167	239	70	200	270
2	80	165	245	63	187	250	69	192	261	70	209	279	81	176	257
3	60	172	232	76	182	258	67	210	277	70	202	272	77	210	287
4	77	180	257	61	189	250	75	178	253	73	195	268	75	209	284
5	63	167	230	73	190	263	57	188	245	82	196	278	75	205	280
6	73	148	221	63	180	243	72	190	262	63	198	261	87	195	282
7	66	169	235	73	164	237	63	179	242	70	197	267	72	202	274
8	57	156	213	62	167	229	70	179	249	66	171	237	71	194	265
9	58	164	222	63	172	235	67	162	229	71	179	250	71	173	244
10	52	154	206	56	162	218	56	152	208	53	160	213	76	164	240
11	56	150	206	51	152	203	63	162	225	53	154	207	54	160	214
12	53	157	210	51	152	203	51	145	196	61	156	217	49	140	189
Gr. 9-12															
Other			10			10			75			83			82
TOTAL	819	2131	2960	821	2280	3111	829	2294	3198	863	2360	3306	920	2363	3365

The committee wishes to applaud the effectiveness of the School Councils and make note to the community the services rendered parents and citizens of Hampden:

GREEN MEADOWS

Marilyn Abbott
Douglas Boyd
Mary Grasetti
Katherine Nardi
Patricia Pastoreck

THORNTON BURGESS

Corinne Ballas
Susan Gorski
George Ingle
Karen Kielb
Rod Larsen
Kris Tower

MINNECHAUG REGIONAL

Joseph Carr
Wilbur Jenkins
Kimberly Kisner
Brenna Leahey
Charity Marlatt
F. Navab
Diana Taeger
Marge Ziencina

In the coming year the committee will be dealing with the search for a new superintendent and principal of Thornton Burgess Middle School. Revision of the administrative structure will be dealt with and the resolution of collective bargaining contracts will be given top priority.

The school committee thanks all those citizens who have volunteered to contribute their time and expertise for the benefit of the students. Working together we continue to work toward *Excellence First, Learning Always.*

Mary Ellen Glover, Chairperson
Ellen K. Leritz, Vice-Chairperson
Michele Agahigian
Joseph J. Basile

Barbara MacKenzie
Paula R. Tingle
Thomas R. Toman

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
WILBRAHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
June 30, 1995

ASSETS

Accounts Receivable	\$ 79,941.81
Food Service - Inventory	13,834.95
Deferred Compensation w/ Fiscal Agent	74,861.44
Petty Cash	400.00
Cash on Hand	17,424.24
Checking Accounts	157,003.65
Ludlow Savings	173,326.34
M.M.D.T.	1,686,658.53

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 2,203,451.26

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Encumbered Funds FY95	602,459.05
Accrued Payroll FY95	753,120.81
Due to IRS	242.98
Due to Commonwealth	27,963.68
Health Insurance Reserve Account	24,331.26
Workers' Comp Reserve	2,407.95
Transportation Parts Account	275.00
Employee Deductions	17,127.27
School Choice	489,284.43
Wilbraham School Choice	26,546.00
General Operating Funds	
Deferred Compensation Payable to Participan	74,861.44
Excess and Deficiency Funds	138,272.38
Petty Cash Advance	100.00
Authorized Deferral Teacher Salaries	(452,185.00)
Federal & State Grants	90,435.58
Revolving Funds	
Food Services	180,452.77
Non Resident Tuition	11,090.18
Adult Education	1,334.00
Athletic Revolving	11,038.64
Community Recreation	2,561.56
Rental of Facilities	9,944.16
Replacement accounts	23,789.33
Platts Oilgram	862.00
Sped/Springfield Tuition & Expense	14,957.15
Summer School	4,565.74
Primer Revolving	111.43
Grant Benefits	1,592.15
Medicaid Reimbursement	47,103.39
Hampden Activity Accounts	6,237.44
Early Childhood/SPED Revolving	3,502.68
Day Care - K-Day @ Green Meadows	3,777.00
MRHS Revolving Funds	17,921.03
Tailings	329.61
Private Grants	2,717.11
Spear Memorial Fund	60,321.03
Capital Fund Projects- Roof Warranty	4,000.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

\$ 2,203,451.23

Treasurer's Report

The past year did show a slight increase in interest rates on the Town's investments. I was able to invest some of the Town's trust funds in certificates of deposits at 5.25% and 6%, not exactly the high yields of ten years ago but better than the last few years. Interest on investments rose from \$10,350.09 in '94 to \$14,656.38 in '95. The duty of safeguarding as well as investing public funds has become increasingly difficult. As we see banks merge this reduces the number of institutions the Treasurer can use and still stay within FDIC limits. One solution has been collateralized accounts which offer safety at slightly lower interest rates.

Last year I reported that 13 properties had been placed in Land Court for foreclosure by the Town. These properties had been in arrears for several years. All attempts by the Collector and myself to collect went unheeded. Since beginning the Land Court process, one of the properties was purchased and redeemed. Two other properties will be auctioned, not by the Town, but by the mortgage holders, after which the liens will be paid with the proceeds of the sales. Two properties have been cleared through Land Court and can be sold in one year. The remaining eight properties are at various stages of clearing Land Court. The process can be complicated and lengthy, however it is important as it gives "absolute" title of the land to the Town. This year accounts totaling \$33,735.31 have been collected by the Treasurer. All of these accounts are being kept current as of this date.

As always, I welcome any questions or comments from residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Easton-Vicalvi
Treasurer

City, Town, County or District TOWN OF HAMPDEN

QUARTERLY REPORT OF RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Quarter Ending December 31, 1995

PART I:

A. Cash and checks in office -0-

B. Non-Interest Bearing Checking Accounts *

<u>Collat - eral'd Y/N</u>	<u>Comp. Bal. Y/N</u>	<u>Financial Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Balance</u>
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Total				<u>-0-</u>

C. Interest Bearing Checking Accounts *

<u>Collat - eral'd Y/N</u>	<u>Comp. Bal. Y/N</u>	<u>Financial Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Bank of WMA</u>	<u>Gen Fund</u>	<u>3.80</u>	<u>\$ 72,152.33</u>
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Total					<u>\$ 72,152.33</u>

D. Liquid Investments *

<u>Collat - eral'd Y/N</u>	<u>Comp. Bal. Y/N</u>	<u>Financial Institution</u>	<u># of Accounts</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>BayBank</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4.00</u>	<u>\$ 121,621.59</u>
<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Bank of WMA</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1.53</u>	<u>1,290.15</u>
<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>State St</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4.00</u>	<u>663.02</u>
<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Shawmut</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4.75</u>	<u>2,822.32</u>
<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Fleet</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4.582</u>	<u>305,742.07</u>
<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>MMDT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5.51</u>	<u>54,049.01</u>
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Total					<u>\$486,188.16</u>

E. Term Investments *

Certificates of Deposit

Collat - eral'd Y/N	Comp- Bal. Y/N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance
N	N	BayBank	Trust-Library	5.25	\$ 28,528.69
N	N	Fleet	Trust-Cemetery	6.20	20,000.00
N	N	Fleet	Trust-Senior Center	6.20	10,000.00
Total					\$ 59,528.69

U.S. Treasury Bills

Repurchase Agreements

Others

Total

\$59,528.69

F. Trust Funds

Collat - eral'd Y/N	Comp- Bal. Y/N	Financial Institution	# of Accounts	Interest Rate	Balance
N	N	BayBank	9	4.5	\$10,098.01
N	N	Fleet	6	1.8	40,619.46
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Total					\$50,717.47

Total of all Cash and Investments

\$668,587.65

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THE TOWN CLERK

Vital statistics recorded in Hampden are:

	1993	1994	1995
Births	32	36	33
Deaths	63	71	56
Marriages	21	24	16

Money submitted to the Town Treasurer in 1995 is

Fish and Game	
Gross	\$5555.55
Fees	136.55
Dog Licenses	1425.00
UCC Recordings	490.00
Certified Copies and Publications	911.07
Trade Names and Marriages	585.00
Miscellaneous	915.00
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	4462.62 Total

Available in the Town Clerk's office:

Subdivision Control Law	\$ 3.00
Zoning By-Law	5.00
Zoning Map	5.00
Certified Copies (vital statistics)	5.00
Marriage License	15.00
Trade Name in Business (dba)	20.00
Street List	5.00
Voters' List	5.00
Voters' List on disk	20.00
Voter Registration Card	5.00
Hampden Street Map	no charge while supply lasts

In 1995 Massachusetts, through its Town and City Clerk offices, successfully implemented the National Voter Registration Act. This statute proposes the maintenance of accurate and current voter registration lists and ease of all eligible citizens to register to vote. A person may register to vote at the DMV and at other state agencies. Because the voter data base is state wide--all cities and towns sharing the same information--double registration is avoided.

I believe that Massachusetts is the first state in the nation to put this Central Voter Registry system in place. The state conducted meetings and classes to educate the staff of all Town and City Clerks. Our Hampden office attended four all-day classes and recently hosted a class attended by Town Clerks and staff from Wilbraham, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow and Hampden. Three persons from the Secretary of State's office taught this class. It was a chance to ask individual questions and iron out any wrinkles we may have found with each of our applications.

Again it is time to thank the residents of the Town of Hampden for the daily support given in numerous ways. I am looking forward to your response to the local census inquiry. We always have a high percentage of returns without second notices being mailed. This reduces the cost to the Town and the time necessary to get accurate updated, information. Thank you for your efforts in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita A. Vail, Town Clerk

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The fiscal year 1995 closed and fiscal year 1996 opened in a very normal manner with moderate activity above the routine calendar events.

The Board of Assessors brought into our office a new clerk, Diane Hildreth.

Plans are being made for a Valuation Certification program that shall take place during FY 1997. Valuation Certification is a state mandated process that requires all cities and towns in the Commonwealth to demonstrate that their real estate and personal property values are at full fair values. Valuation updating must be achieved triennial, Hampden's next date is fiscal 1997. At the next town meeting the town will be asking the voters to approve and fund a plan the Assessors will present.

A very great loss occurred to the Board of Assessors when our coworker and good friend Lori Green passed away. Lori was well known for her assistance with all taxpayers that came to our office. Lori had served well the town of Hampden for eighteen years, thank you-you are missed.

This year Mr. Stanley Witkop will have served the Town of Hampden in the Assessors office for 25 years. Congratulations and thank you Chuck.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Baush
Stanley Witkop
Richard Jalbert, Chairman

Total appropriations to be raised	\$5,270,574.00
Other local expenditures	153,360.00
State and County Cherry sheet	34,008.00
Allowance for abatements and Exemptions (overlay)	73,783.00
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$5,531,725.00

1995 Estimated Receipts by Cherry Sheet	\$464,779.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$344,715.00
Penalties and Interest on Taxes and Excises	37,430.00
Dept. of Revenue-Libraries	835.00
Other Departmental Revenue	34,363.00
Licenses and Permits	22,753.00
Fines and Forfeits	23,640.00
Investment Income	18,049.00
Miscellaneous Recurring	<u>6,718.00</u>
Total	\$488,503.00
 Revenue Sources	 87,031.00