

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

As most residents of Hampden are aware, the members of the Highway Department spend a great deal of time each year trimming trees and removing brush from our roadsides. In late 1996, a winter storm severely damaged many trees along our roads. As a result of that storm the highway crew checked every road in town and cleaned up all fallen limbs and damaged trees. When this cleanup was complete we began several maintenance type projects. All gravel roads were topped with hardpack gravel and graded, street signs were replaced and obstructed ditches and culverts were cleaned as needed. Roads were patched, streets were swept and catch basins were cleaned. In a few locations around town, old catch basins collapsed and were rebuilt.

Other areas in town were improved for either safety reasons or normal maintenance. On Bennett Road, where an icing problem existed, 60 feet of 15-inch pipe and 2 catch basins were installed. A catch basin was added to Mohawk Drive and 260 feet of 6-inch sub-drainage was installed on River Park Drive. Guardrail was replaced in two areas along Main Street. Material that was removed from the Mill Pond Project was placed along Mill Road to create a safe and stable shoulder. And on South Road, trees were cut and ledge was removed so the road could be straightened to improve a dangerous section at the top of the hill. The cul-de-sac on Old Coach Road was improved and along with Pinewood Drive, they were sealed with liquid asphalt and stone.

With the use of available State Aid funds six roads received either a rehabilitation or construction project. Mill Road was reclaimed, graded and base coat paved from Grist Mill Lane to the Town Line to complete the entire road in two years. On Main Street, 42 catch basins were adjusted and the road was paved, in part, with these funds. Chapin Road and Mountain Road were both cleaned and had a leveling course paved their entire lengths. A coat of liquid asphalt and stone will complete this project. And finally, Glendale Road had a total of 1,200 feet of 12-inch drainage with 12 catch basins installed between Main Street and Bennett Road. This area was reclaimed, graded, curbs installed and completely paved with both base and top coats. As part of this project, Cross Road was paved as well.

With the positive vote of the residents, the second of a six-year paving plan was approved. As proposed, all of the work outlined at Town Meeting was completed. The following roads were paved:

Allen Street (from Circle View Drive to Somers Road), Main Street (from White Birch Apartments to North Road), Mill Road (from Grist Mill Lane to the Town Line), Mohawk Drive, River Park Drive and Riverside Drive.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dana S. Pixley
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

On December 7, 1996 a severe snowstorm hit this area. It caused extensive damage to a large number of trees along our roadsides. As a result of this storm and the extent of the cleanup efforts by both the members of the highway department and a hired tree service, the actual count of trees that were trimmed, cleaned up or completely removed could not be documented. On April 1, 1997, just as we were completing the cleanup of the first storm, another storm hit that created a similar mess again. Like the first one, cleanup efforts were too extensive to keep accurate records of. However, trees that were scheduled for removal were recorded. These trees are listed below.

Trees removed by the Highway Department were as follows:

Allen Street – 4	North Road – 4
Ames Road – 9	Old Coach Road - 1
Bennett Road – 4	Pondview Drive - 1
Burleigh Road – 1	Rock-A-Dundee Road - 1
Chapin Road – 2	Scantic Road - 2
Edwards Street – 16	Somers Road - 7
Main Street – 3	South Monson Road - 2
Martin Farms Road – 1	South Road - 6
Mill Road – 8	Stafford Road - 3
Mountain Road – 2	Wilbraham Road – 2

Trees removed with the assistance of a professional tree service were as follows:

Allen Street – 14	Mill Road – 3
Chapin Road – 1	South Road - 6
East Longmeadow Road – 1	Stafford Road - 1
Glendale Road – 4	Wilbraham Road - 3
Main Street – 2	

Stumps were ground down, loamed and seeded at several locations throughout the town in an effort to keep our roadsides clean and neat. They were located as follows:

Allen Street – 18	Mill Road - 7
Bennett Road – 1	Martin Farms Road - 1
Glendale Road – 1	Stony Hill Road - 4
Hickory Lane – 2	Wilbraham Road - 1
Main Street - 2	

If anyone would like to report a tree along the roadways that they feel is in poor condition, please feel free to contact me at the Highway Department office (566-8842).

Respectfully submitted,

Dana S. Pixley
Tree Warden

LAUGHING BROOK EDUCATION CENTER AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Established in 1968, Laughing Brook is a part of the Massachusetts Audubon Society's statewide system of wildlife sanctuaries and field offices; as such, it serves the Greater Springfield area. The sanctuary protects 354 acres of southern New England forest, meadow, and wetlands in the Scantic River watershed. As one of the Society's education centers, Laughing Brook is widely respected for the diversity and quality of its natural history and environmental education programs which are enjoyed by children, families, adults, school classes, and community groups. Four miles of comfortable walking trails, a variety of state-listed species, and the former home of children's author and naturalist Thornton W. Burgess are all found on the sanctuary and make Laughing Brook a special place to go birding, enjoy wildflowers, listen to the sounds of a woodland stream, participate in a program, observe wildlife in winter, do nature photography, assist with ecological studies, or serve as a volunteer at any time of the year.

Laughing Brook: The Wildlife Sanctuary

Approximately 3,000 visitors came to Laughing Brook this past year, not to participate in a program, but just to enjoy the natural beauty and observe the wildlife found in this very special place.

In order to better understand the status of our sanctuary's plants and animals, staff, volunteers, and program participants conducted a number of ecological inventory and monitoring activities this past year, including butterfly, dragonfly, and summer wildflower surveys. As a part of our Natural History Day Camp "Adventurers" program, youngsters tested the water quality of Laughing Brook and the Scantic River by checking on pH and dissolved oxygen levels, as well as by the variety of aquatic macro-invertebrates present.

Although Massachusetts Audubon rarely lists the status and/or species of state-listed wildlife found on its sanctuaries, we were pleased to discover a new population of one of our state-listed plants, and from the number of reported sightings, our resident wood turtle population seems to be doing very well. One old female wood turtle was even observed emerging from her winter dormancy by a group of college students participating in an ecological survey program!

Laughing Brook has always been known for its populations of woodland warblers and thrushes, and this past June and July, the area around the Education Center was inundated with the flute-like songs of veeries maintaining their breeding territories; ovenbirds accomplished the same task along Laughing Brook. Earlier in May, the trilling of male American toads hoping to attract female toads filled the air by Smiling Pool, while in August, dragonflies hovered near the pond's edge, vigorously defending their territories. In the fall, our late summer wildflowers hosted quite a show of Monarch and tiger swallowtail butterflies, and a number of sanctuary visitors took the opportunity to photograph these beautiful insects. "Our" turkey vultures have maintained their roosts along the sanctuary's glacial esker, and cedar waxwings regularly feed on the berry bushes planted by the parking lot.

As many people in the community know, the Burgess outbuildings have been deteriorating for a number of years, but Laughing Brook has lacked the funding to make repairs (a 1996 estimate placed the cost of their renovation at approximately \$125,000). However, last spring we decided to see what the level of interest was in restoring them, and asked our membership to make pledges as a symbol of their interest in this project. Unfortunately, we only received two pledges totaling \$260. Despite this, the Society decided to go ahead and "gut" the three buildings so that a more accurate renovation estimate could be determined. As of December 31st, the three buildings are almost ready for contractors to come in and submit bids, and the Burgess barn studio has already received a new roof and foundation (due to conditions created by the April 1st storm and an old tree), courtesy of the Society's emergency capital funding program. We hope community residents will indicate their interest in this project by contributing pledges of financial support or in-kind services.

In 1998, we are looking forward to installing a new trail sign system and having a new sanctuary trail map and brochure. We've made a few changes in the names, so that visitors can once more walk down the Crooked Little Path, the Green Forest and Storyteller's Trails, and the Jimmy Skunk Loop!

Laughing Brook: The Education Center

During the past twelve months at "Laughing Brook, the Education Center":

- 169 public natural history programs were run with a total of 1,785 participants;
- 18 outreach programs were presented to various community groups and reached 824 people;
- 47 school programs were held on sanctuary, and 121 school programs were conducted at schoolyards and parks; the audience total for these programs was 3,830 curious children;

- 85 teacher workshops (now called professional development opportunities) were held with a total of 1,119 enthusiastic educators participating;
- 225 children attended our Natural History Day Camp in July and August, and enjoyed the sanctuary and all of the learning opportunities it represents.

The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education awarded a Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Grant to Laughing Brook in both the 1997 and 1998 fiscal years. These grants allowed us to work with over fifty teachers throughout both the 1996-1997 and 1997-98 school years, teaching them how to conduct meaningful nature study activities while carrying out their science and mathematics curriculums. Elms College is our higher education partner in this endeavor.

Children ages 3-1/2 to 5 years of age have continued to enjoy Laughing Brook's "Little People's Adventures" program. The youngsters play nature-oriented games, make crafts, and explore the sanctuary in search of seasonal phenomena and signs of wildlife.

Laughing Brook received its fifth year of funding from the Massachusetts Department of Education and the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District for serving as the Museum Partner in the state's PALMS (Partnerships Advancing the Learning of Mathematics and Science) project in the 1997-98 school year. Our "PALMS Family Nights" have permitted local parents and children to sample the state's new approaches to mathematics and science education.

The Bay State Gas Company funded a "Naturalist in Residence" program last spring at Dorman School in Springfield. This innovative program brought a Laughing Brook educator into a school to work with teachers and students in carrying out their required curriculum through the medium of school yard nature activities. Our work with the Springfield Public Schools also included presenting seven days of professional development for their teachers, and beginning our fourth year of "Neighborhood Nature" (Neighborhood Nature is a four-part sixth grade program that deals with urban wildlife and environmental issues).

During 1997, we were pleased to continue our work with the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council by offering several Girl Scout Badge Days on science and nature topics. We were especially pleased to receive a grant from The Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation in December that will allow us to expand our work with both the girls and their leaders throughout the Greater Springfield area.

In the first two weeks of July, Laughing Brook once again had the opportunity to be a "museum partner" for the fifth year in a row with the Museum Institute for Teaching Science. We hosted thirty-five teachers over a two week period so that they could learn how to use the natural world to conduct scientific and mathematical experiments with their students.

This past fall, Laughing Brook began to present a graduate course entitled, "Schoolyard Investigations" to teachers in the Ludlow Public Schools. As is true for many of our teacher workshops, the focus of this program was how to use schoolyard natural history to carry out the State's new mathematics and science program curriculum frameworks. Elms College is serving as our higher education partner with this program as well.

The Massachusetts Audubon Society is the largest conservation organization in New England. Concentrating its efforts in Massachusetts, the Society has more than 27,000 acres of conservation land/wildlife habitat under its protection, conducts nature education programs for 200,000 children annually, and advocates for sound environmental policies. Massachusetts Audubon is a state-wide non-profit organization with thirty-six sanctuaries open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas W. Kimball, Sanctuary Director

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

As in 1996, the Hampden Police Department experienced many changes over the past year. Two of our officers, James Collins and Jeff Farnsworth, were promoted to full time Sergeants after successfully completing a three week Command Training Program held at Babson College. Also Officer Joseph Henry was promoted from a reserve officer to a full time probationary Police Officer upon successful graduation from the 28th MPOC at MCJTC in Agawam. In addition, Radcliffe Kenison and Verna Caney were promoted from part time dispatchers to full time dispatchers. There were also a few new faces employed by the Police Department this past year. Christopher Doyle, Stephen Hill, Kristen Marciniac, Thomas Messier, Matthew Roman, Meghan Whitney, and Michael Woodard were appointed to double duty as Reserve Officers and part time dispatchers. Also Hampden native Kathy Zanetti was hired as the new Secretary for the Chief of Police. Her duties are wide ranging and include many administrative responsibilities.

1997 was also a year which saw many dedicated employees leave the Police Department to pursue other interests. Veteran dispatcher Sandra Ely-Gregoire retired, Reserve Officer Steve Leclair was hired by the University of Massachusetts Police Dept., Dispatcher Russ Mitchell resigned so that he could continue to pursue his educational goals, and Reserve Officer James Collins III regretfully resigned due to the time constraints of his full time job. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank those who have left the Police Department this past year. They were all dedicated professionals, and if the new employees of the Police Department can serve as they did, the Town of Hampden will benefit greatly.

Despite all of these new changes the Police Department accomplished a great deal in 1997. Once again the D.A.R.E. Program was a resounding success, and Officer William Joy Jr., has expanded the program to include the elementary grades. Also all of our Officers (full time & part time) were trained in the use of a portable semi-automatic defibrillator. The LIFEPAK 500 automated external defibrillator, as well as instructional salaries, were donated to the Police Department by the Hampden Lioness Club, and the training was paid for by the Town. Through the generosity of the Lionesses we now have the capability to diagnose and intervene in life-threatening cardiovascular events.

Also, this year saw the beginning of a joint effort between the Hampden and Wilbraham Police Departments to implement our three part Family Involvement Project. The program will involve the formation of a "Citizen/Juvenile Police Academy", sponsorship of an after school study program, and the development of various family oriented events & forums. These programs are funded through a Title V, "Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Programs" sponsored by the State Executive Office of Public Safety..

As you can see, my first full year as Chief of Police was a busy one. However, it also gave me the opportunity to realize how dedicated the Officers and staff members of the Police Department are to the Town of Hampden. It is my hope that next year, through the continuation of our community policing efforts the Police Department can aid in further strengthening the already strong community of Hampden.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, their staff, and all other town hall employees for their support and cooperation. I would also like to thank the Fire Chief and the members of his department, as well as the Highway Superintendent and the members of the Department of Public Works. And of course I would like to thank all of the fine men and women of the Hampden Police Department. I would especially like to thank the Reserve Officers for the unorthodox hours they work and their staunch availability. Their exemplary work has allowed the department to accomplish a great deal.. Finally, I would like to thank the residents of Hampden for their part in making Hampden the safe and friendly town that it is.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip J. Adams
Chief of Police

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I submit herewith, the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending, December 31, 1997.

During the year, the Police Department recorded 10,353 log entries. Of these 7,310 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.

Animal complaints	182	Larceny over \$250	21
Assault	10	Larceny under \$250	32
Assist other agencies	89	Liquor law violation	24
Assist other police departments	74	Missing persons	12
Assist citizens	226	Motor Vehicle assists	21
Attempted suicide	1	Motor Vehicle complaints	27
B&E – Burglary	14	Noise complaints	1
B&E – Motor Vehicle	21	Obscene phone calls	24
Burglar alarms answered	337	Officer wanted	74
Bylaw violation	8	Protective custody	1
Disabled Motor Vehicle	43	Property Lost	7
Disorderly conduct	3	Recreational vehicle complaint	15
Disturbance	50	Restraining Orders	16
Disturbance – Domestic	34	Restraining Order Violations	3
Family Offense	1	Stolen Cars – Reported/Recovered	9
Fire Department Assists	52	Suspicious Activity	303
Fire – MV	5	Threat Report	7
Fraud	2	Theft from MV	5
General Services	1,696	Trespassing complaint	7
Harassment complaint	7	Vandalism	47
Hunting violations	3	Weapons violations	4
Kidnapping	1		

During the year, 168 persons were arrested or summonsed and a total of 293 complaints were filed against them in the following categories:

Altered inspection sticker	2	Minor transporting alcohol	19
Assault	1	No license in possession	1
Assault in dwelling	1	Number plate violation	2
Assault & Battery – Domestic	11	Operating MV with suspended license	9
Assault & Battery	24	Operating under influence of alcohol	5
Assault w/ dangerous weapon	4	Operating uninsured motor vehicle	2
Attaching Plates	7	Operating unregistered motor vehicle	7
B&E daytime	10	Possession of marijuana	5
B&E of a motor vehicle	21	Procuring alcohol to minors	2
Defective Equipment	1	Reckless operation of MV	1
Disorderly person	3	Robbery – Unarmed	2
Failure to be in right lane	1	Speeding	4
Failure to dim headlights	1	Stop sign	1
Failure to use directional signal	1	Uninspected motor vehicle	1
Failure to stay in marked lanes	3	Violation of 209A restraining order	1
Minor in possession of alcohol	1	Warrants	17

There were 64 motor vehicle accidents involving 81 motor vehicles.

There were a total of 1,263 citations issued with 858 on radar.

WARNING CITATIONS

Child 6-12 without seatbelt	2	No license in possession	11
Defective equipment	37	No seat belt	4
Failure to dim headlights	4	Number plate violation	45
Failure to drive in right lane	1	Operating out of restriction	2
Failure to use direction signal	1	Recreational vehicle unregistered	1
Failure to yield at intersection	2	Speeding	463
Failure to keep right	3	Stop sign	42
Failure to notify RMV change	2	Uninspected motor vehicle	26
Impeded Operation	1	Unregistered motor vehicle	4
Marked lanes	6		

CIVIL CITATIONS

Cracked windshield	1	Number plate violation	9
Defective equipment	11	Operating out of restriction	1
Failure to grant right of way	7	Operating suspended license	2
Failure to drive in right lane	3	Reckless Operation	1
Failure to stop for school bus	5	Seat Belt violation	16
Failure to signal	1	Speeding	429
Failure to yield at intersection	2	Uninsured motor vehicle	2
Harsh noise	2	Unregistered motor vehicle	6
		Uninspected motor vehicle	42

CRIMINAL CITATIONS

Defective equipment	1	Rec/Snow vehicle public way	2
Failure to stop for Police	1	Seat Belt violation	1
Number plate violation	4	Speeding	18
Operating under influence of alcohol	3	Uninspected motor vehicle	1
Operating without a license	7	Uninsured motor vehicle	12
Operating with suspended license	28		
Reckless Operation	2		

During the year \$1,874.50 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits and reports. The town received \$15,302.50 from the Registry of Motor Vehicles, which was the town's share of fines collected.

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

1997 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TOWN REPORT

“Excellence First, Learning Always”

The goal of providing a quality education to the thousands of students attending our seven schools continues to be the focus of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District. It is the mission of the HWRSD to educate all students in a nurturing, challenging, and disciplined environment so their performance is a credit to themselves, their family, their community, and society. This report, for calendar year 1997, will focus on the continued efforts of school committee, administration, and staff to implement educational programs and practices that will enrich our curriculum and provide an equitable education for all students.

District Initiatives

Technology

The district's five-year technology plan continues to be focused on providing students with access to a variety of information through various technologies. All schools are networked and students at all grade levels are able to connect to the Internet for research purposes. Several new software programs have been purchased to provide curriculum and instruction enhancements. Programs such as The Tenth Planet (elementary math) and Accelerated Reader (Grade 3-5 Reading) are being used to assist students in acquiring the skills they need to be successful. Students at the Middle Schools and High School are using software, digital cameras, and video techniques to create multi-media research reports. The HWRSD received the "Lighthouse District" designation from the Department of Education because of the progress we have made in promoting technology use in the classroom. In December, the HWRSD launched its own website on the Family Education Network. Visit us at: <http://www.familyeducation.com/MA/Hampden-Wilbraham>

Curriculum and Assessment

Developing a coordinated, sequential curriculum that reflects state and national frameworks, continues to be a priority goal for our school district. Six groups of teachers have been developing a coordinated, district-wide curriculum for students.

The following is a review of our curriculum revision in progress.

- **Math**—A new K-8 curriculum is completed and will soon be published. Curriculum highlights include Addison-Wesley texts and materials as our base for all students up until grade five. At the middle school level, the seventh grade curriculum will be expanded to include teaching of pre-algebra skills to all seventh graders.
- **Social Studies**—A K-12 curriculum is near completion.
- **Science/Technology**—The science/technology committee has begun to map a K-12 curriculum.
- **Music/Art/P.E.**—All departments are working on updates in K-12 curriculum.
- **Language Arts**—Curriculum Committee will meet in 1998.

Facilities

The schools in Hampden and Wilbraham continue to see increases in enrollment. Green Meadows Elementary has grown from 344 students in 1994-95 to 394 in 1996-97. The overcrowding issue at Green Meadows resulted in the fourth grade moving to Thornton Burgess in the fall of 1997. Additional staff members were hired to reduce class sizes across the district. Green Meadows is now a Pre-K – Grade 3 building. Thornton Burgess is now a Grade 4-8 building, with Grades 6-8 functioning in a Middle School Model

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School Committee unanimously accepted a recommendation from the Building Study Committee in the spring of 1997 that addressed the district's increase in enrollments and overcrowding. This proposal went to Town Meetings for approval in Wilbraham and Hampden in the fall of 1997. The proposal, which recommended creating a Regional Early Childhood Center for Pre-K and full-day kindergarten at Mile Tree School and re-opening Stony Hill School in Wilbraham, was defeated.

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School Committee then unanimously approved the Building Study Committee's second recommendation/alternative proposal, which creates an Early Childhood Center at Mile Tree for Wilbraham kindergartners and first graders, and reopens Stony Hill School. This option has received approval from the Department of Education School Building Governance Bureau and will require a debt exclusion override for Wilbraham in March of 1998. This proposal does not include any building in Hampden.

The district is still in the process of upgrading all physical plants. In 1997 we accomplished the following:

- Painted classrooms and hallways in all seven schools. Installed carpeting in Soule, Memorial, and Thornton Burgess office. Refinished stage floors at Thornton Burgess and Wilbraham Middle Schools. Refinished gym floor at Wilbraham Middle School.
- Purchased \$17,000 worth of classroom furniture for Green Meadows, Soule Road, Thornton Burgess, Wilbraham Middle, and Minnechaug
- Updated telephone system at Soule Road, Memorial, Mile Tree, and Wilbraham Middle School to replace the rotary dial telephones
- Installed new lighting system and control panel at MRHS auditorium
- Installed new roof on Soule Road School
- Installed a new foods lab at Minnechaug for school year 1997-98.

Personnel

Since regionalization occurred on July 1, 1994, a priority of the School Committee has been to restore programs and instructional staff eliminated due to prior budget restraints. The School Committee has also dedicated budget priority to reducing class sizes in the elementary classrooms by hiring additional staff. This effort has been limited by the availability of classroom space as our enrollment, district-wide, has increased from 3,194 students in 1993-94 to 3,540 in 1997.

We welcome the following new staff members in 1997.

Anne Axton-Jones
George Baker
Ellen Bartolomei
Laurie Bernstein
Donna Borchers
Judith Bowerman-Slezak
Patricia Buckley
Lois Campbell

Deborah Cook
Susan Deputy
Lorraine Dunn
Thomas Emery
Laurie Farkas
Robert Krol
Monique Latessa
Julie Ann LeClair
Roseann Mesheau

Ann Marie Mielke
Kellie Moriarty
Mary Pat O'Connor
Linda Pickreign
Jennifer Rothschild-Shea
Stanley Sadakierski
Theresa Terbush
Joan Vogel
Julie Vukovich

The district saw few retirements in 1997. Retirees are:

Eileen D. Connor, Memorial School
Irene Ersing, Soule Road School
Joyce D. Hess, Green Meadows School
Raffelena A. Latino, Minnechaug Regional High School
Ann T. Paulhus, Memorial School
Beverly A. Rainey, Memorial School
Doris S. Sullivan, Green Meadows School
John M. Trebbe, Director of Business Services

School Based Initiatives

Green Meadows School

As the fourth grade relocated to Thornton Burgess in 1997, a major goal of the School Improvement Plan, to create more space, was realized. An additional class in first grade and second grade was created, to reduce class size. Art was able to move out of the cafeteria, and music was moved out of a storage room and into a regular classroom.

In curricular areas, Green Meadows successfully implemented a new math program that reflects the national standards, implemented a new reading program in Grades K-4, and developed an after-school homework "club" for students that meets three days/week. In the fall of 1997, Green Meadows completed a new School Improvement Plan focusing on improving reading achievement for all students, developing and improving vocabulary in every child, improving school climate/culture and continuing to participate in quality professional development programs to improve instruction.

The school also dedicated a very special corner of the library in honor of Charlotte Miller, longtime librarian and teacher at Green Meadows School.

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School

The transition of the fourth grade to Thornton Burgess went extremely well, thanks to a transition team comprised of parents and administrators. A benefit of the relocation was the opportunity to add another teacher to the fourth grade staff to reduce class sizes.

In curricular areas, a revised Social Studies curriculum was implemented in Grades 6 and 7 with new textbooks and materials that match the State Frameworks. New math curriculum is in place in Grades 5-7 with an emphasis on teaching pre-algebra to all seventh grade students. Textbooks and materials were purchased in all grade levels to implement the curriculum. The sixth grade created a special event, a Medieval Feast in the cafetorium, as part of their Social Studies unit on that period of history. It received national recognition from the New England League of Middle Schools. The eighth grade Industrial Technology class placed first through third in a Technology Fair sponsored by Fitchburg State College.

The Hampden PTO continues to be an active and positive support for Green Meadows and Thornton Burgess Schools. Many dollars have been donated to purchase equipment for the schools and provide stipends for teacher materials. The Volunteers in Public Schools promoted the Read Aloud Programs and donated many books to our school libraries as well as providing guest speakers for "Career Day."

Memorial Elementary School

Memorial Elementary is focused on improving students' reading and writing ability by piloting the Houghton-Mifflin reading series in Grades K-3 and incorporating interactive writing and guided reading in the classroom. Memorial staff expanded implementation of Investigations Math Strategies as a way of improving students' sense of number relationships and higher level mathematical thinking.

Memorial School's theme (Teaching Peace by All We Do and All We Say) has been evidenced in 1997 by their involvement in several community services projects such as collecting items for the Tri-County Survival Center, visiting Wingate Nursing Home residents with gifts and singing and collecting books for needy students through the "Spread the Word" program.

Mile Tree School

Mile Tree School has progressed nicely with the goals of the School Improvement Plan. The media center has proven to be a useful tool to address the goal of increased mastery in geometry. Parent volunteers have been trained to use the Tenth Planet software.

Mile Tree School has the unique opportunity, along with Memorial School and Milton Bradley School in Springfield, of being Professional Development Schools in collaboration with Springfield College. In the fall, over 30 cooperating teachers met with Springfield College faculty and students. College Faculty reviewed new educational programs at Springfield College and the value of the pre-practicum experience. The afternoon session included the keynote speaker, Mary Ginley, 1998 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, who spoke eloquently on the "Best Practices in Urban and Suburban Schools: We are Doing a Great Job!".

Additional Professional Development School projects included a joint adoption of a golden eagle at Forest Park Zoo, grade three students attending a holiday musical performed by fourth grade Milton Bradley students and a pen pal project among the participating schools.

Soule Road School

Soule Road students piloted a computer-based reading program entitled, "Accelerated Reader." Students are tested for their reading level, given suggested books to read independently, then tested on the computer to measure their comprehension. The program has been quite successful at motivating students to read and book circulation at the school library has increased dramatically.

The School Improvement Plan focused on improving Grade 5 students' writing abilities. All students wrote an open-ended essay in the fall, which was scored using five levels of performance. Specific skill levels will be evaluated throughout the year as teachers work to improve students' written performances.

Through the efforts of Soule Road parent, Mrs. Mejkam Theurer, all students were given the chance to participate in a state and nationally sponsored PTA program entitled, "Reflections." Students create projects in one of four areas: visual arts, music, literature, or photography depicting a particular theme. The projects are judged and honored at a "Celebrate the Arts" night in February.

Lastly, Soule Road participated in many community service projects such as The Giving Tree at Tower Square, making Gingerbread houses for the Ronald McDonald House, Wingate Health Care, and Inwood Commons. Mrs. Vogel's class collected 2,000 bottles and cans so that they could adopt an endangered lemur at Forest Park Zoo. The entire student body donated 430 lbs. of food to the Survival Center over the holidays to support 105 families and individuals.

Wilbraham Middle School

Students in the seventh grade embarked on a four-day, three-night field trip to "Horizons for Youth" in Sharon, Massachusetts. This environmental program included many activities aimed at instilling an appreciation of our environment and what middle school students can do to make a difference.

Amy Schulze, Grade 7 Science teacher, received the WAL MART "Teacher of the Year Award." She was selected from 12 finalists in western Massachusetts. The award recognizes teachers who have demonstrated their commitment to their students, schools, and school districts. Mr. Dionne nominated Amy for this award for her tireless effort and commitment to Wilbraham Middle School. Amy has served on district committees for science and technology and numerous school committees. Wilbraham Middle School received a check for \$500 in Amy's name, which will be used to purchase instructional materials.

Sixth graders participated in the *UNION-NEWS* stock market program. Some students discovered the bounty of investing wisely while others learned of the pitfalls of speculation. A visit by Scott Abar from Merrill Lynch helped put things in perspective for our sixth grade students. As sixth graders were investing, our eighth graders learned more about town government thanks to a presentation made by Town Administrator, Bill Fogarty and Town Counsel, Michael Hassett.

The school year closed with a new celebration day called "Reach for the Stars." This special celebration included special academic and team building activities and programs, a barbecue lunch, and lots of smiles.

Minnechaug Regional High School

The opening of school in August 1997, presented a totally restructured high school program. Minnechaug initiated a semester program, which required students to take four, eight-five minute classes each semester. Study halls were eliminated and instructional time was increased to 1,020 hours per year with an increased emphasis on academic achievement.

Teachers implemented new teaching strategies and over 25 new courses were developed and added to the curriculum, including:

Theater Studies, Shakespeare Plays, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB Part 2, AP Calculus BC Part 2, Ecology, Intermediate Earth Science 2, Biology 2, Civilization and Culture of the Hispanic World, French 5 AP Literature, Spanish 5 AP Literature, Ethics in American Business, Computerized Accounting, Visual BASIC, and Programming Web Pages.

The faculty also continued a study of the curriculum to meet the newly developed state curriculum frameworks and prepare students for statewide testing, which will be instituted in the spring of 1998.

Athletic Team Accomplishments 1996

- Boys' Cross Country—Undeclared; League Champions
- Gymnastics—1st at PVIAC Tournament; Western Massachusetts Champions
- Girls' Volleyball—League Champions; 2nd in Western Massachusetts
- Boys' Basketball—League Tri-Champions
- Girls' Basketball—League Co-Champions; Western Massachusetts Champions, Division I State Champions
- Boys' Skiing—2nd in League
- Boys' Swimming—2nd in League; 2nd in Western Massachusetts
- Cheerleading—3rd in Regionals; 3rd in Pioneer Valley
- Girls' Lacrosse—2nd in League
- Boys' Tennis—League Champions; Western Massachusetts Champions, Division I State Finalists
- Boys' Track—Undeclared; 2nd in Western Massachusetts
- Boys' Cross Country—3rd in League; 3rd in Western Massachusetts
- Golf—3rd in League; 4th in Western Massachusetts
- September 28, 1997—First Home Game Under Lights

SAT Accomplishments—MRHS SAT scores increased 14 points in the Verbal Test and 16 points in the Math Test as compared to last year.

1996-97 COMPARISON OF SAT AVERAGE

Verbal		Math
534	Minnechaug	536
508	Massachusetts	508
505	National	511

Student Enrollment

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FIVE-YEAR ENROLLMENT HISTORY

GRADE	1993-94			1994-95			1995-96			1996-97			1997-98		
	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T
K	55	136	191	59	159	218	62	135	197	82	149	231	43	129	172
P-1	0	29	29	0	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	64	192	256	72	167	239	70	200	270	75	183	258	92	179	271
2	69	192	261	70	209	279	81	176	257	73	208	281	71	188	259
3	67	210	277	70	202	272	77	210	287	83	191	274	73	216	289
4	75	178	253	73	195	268	75	209	284	81	208	289	80	203	283
5	57	188	245	82	196	278	75	205	280	68	207	275	83	201	284
6	72	190	262	63	198	261	87	195	282	80	205	285	67	203	270
7	63	179	242	70	197	267	72	202	274	86	202	288	75	207	282
8	70	179	249	66	171	237	71	194	265	67	205	272	83	199	282
9	67	162	229	71	179	250	71	173	244	77	203	280	66	210	276
10	56	152	208	53	160	213	76	164	240	63	168	231	72	183	255
11	63	162	225	53	154	207	54	160	214	61	159	220	62	160	222
12	51	145	196	61	156	217	49	140	189	52	149	201	64	156	220
Gr. 9-12															
Other			75			83			82			64			77
TOTAL	829	2294	3198	863	2360	3306	920	2363	3365	948	2437	3449	931	2434	3442

School Councils

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School Committee wishes to thank the School Councils for their exceptional work in creating School Improvement Plans that are achievement-oriented, comprehensive documents that will guide the educational direction of their respective buildings. We would also like the community to recognize the services rendered by these parents and citizens of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District.

GREEN MEADOWS SCHOOL

ITJeff Sullivan, Principal
Joanne Brown
Monique Dangleis
Kathy Disa
Alicia Lipinski
Mary Lou Majkut
Richard Moriarty
Heidi Schwendenmann
Lisa Sternberg

MILE TREE SCHOOL

M. Jane Leone, Principal
Ellen Bartolomei
Claire Clini
Judy Curran
Patricia Hunt
Kathy Murphy
Bridget Sullivan

THORNTON BURGESS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Noel Pixley, Principal
Patty Casey
Patti Cubin
Patricia Downes
Cindy Flynn
George Ingle
Karen Kielb
Teri Miodonka
Cindy Powers
Deborah Thompson
Pat Williford

MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Ruth Tichenor, Principal
Anne Axton-Jones
Denise Cargill
Beth Cebula
Gloria Lash
Brad MacPherson
Susan Petzold
Jane Robinson
Mary Lahey

SOULE ROAD SCHOOL

Robert D. Lash, Principal
Andrew Cohen
Elizabeth Howarth
Lee Lyon
Catherine Mahoney
Charity Marlatt
Thomas Moran
Rosemarie Parker
Barbara Sibilta

WILBRAHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Robert Dionne, Principal
Catherine Alderman
Ellen Alpert
Susan Bunnell
Judith Curran
Mary Goodwin
Patricia Gordon
Lois Hedberg
Clifton Johnson
Catherine Levesque
Ellen Liebel
Barbara Lukis
Sharon MacDonald

MINNECHAUG REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Robert Johnson, Principal
John Chapdelaine
Mary Dionne
Patricia Gordon
Wilbur Jenkins
Kathryn Jobbins
Cynthia Kaveney
David LaLonde
Anna Mitchell
Deborah Sacon
Joyce Sager
Constance Shea
Martin Wesolowski

The School Committee thanks all those HWRSD citizens who have generously volunteered to contribute their time and expertise for the benefits of students.

School Committee

Paula R. Tingle, Chairperson
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Michele Agahigian
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Ronald E. Thomson

Superintendent of Schools

Brenda S. Dietrich, Ph.D.

**HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY97 OPERATING AND REVOLVING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY**

	A	B
BEGINING FUND BAL(S) 7/96		
		FY97
	BUDGET	OPERATING
REVENUE & INCOME	1996-1997	RECEIPTS
BASE AID CHAPTER 70	6,630,802	6,630,802
TRANSPORTATION AID	968,256	913,565
SBAB - REIMBRSMT ROOF	29,201	29,201
ASESSMENT HAMPDEN	3,297,313	3,297,413
ASSESSMENT WILBRAHAM	9,128,578	9,128,578
INTEREST	59,633	51,273
MISCELLANEOUS	-	10,877
STATE WARDS	-	7,109
REV ACCTS-97 RECEIPTS	-	-
REV -ADD'L FY97 TRF TO OPER'NS	-	-
TOTAL	20,113,783	20,068,818
		FY97
	FY97	ACTUAL
EXPENSE BY FUNCTION	BUDGET	EXPENSE
ADMINISTRATION	590,378	659,409
SUPERVISION-PRINCIPALS	1,337,027	1,309,378
TEACHING	10,195,888	10,224,555
PROF DEVELOPMENT	225,613	253,110
TEXTBOOKS	118,962	105,066
INST EQUIPMENT	52,948	41,864
HARDWARE/SOFTWARE/TECH	22,493	22,863
MEDIA SERVICES	265,401	260,105
AUDIO VISUAL	4,493	4,491
GUIDANCE	327,975	325,346
PSYCHOLOGICAL	310,452	315,405
HEALTH SERVICES	119,794	115,097
TRANSPORTATION	1,363,089	1,482,766
ATHLETICS & STUDENT ACT	397,208	374,045
CUSTDIAL & BLDG OPERATION	1,453,578	1,541,580
MT GROUNDS & PLANT & EQUIP	501,644	488,886
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,455,627	1,426,922
SHORT TERM DEBT EXPENSE	-	19,634
ACQUISITION OF BUSES	255,000	265,916
LONG TERM DEBT EXPENSE	152,003	152,003
TUITION	964,210	1,193,078
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE (1)	-	-
TOTAL	20,113,783	20,581,519
		(1)
END FUND BAL - 6/30/97		
(1) \$350,731 OF FY97 CHOICE FUNDS EXPENSE INCLUDED IN COL B ABOVE RATHER COL D (CHOICE)		
(2)SUM TOTAL- BEG BAL 138,272 + (44965) MINUS OVEREXP (117,005) EQUALS NEW BALANCE OF (23,698)		
(2) TRANSFER \$23,698 IN CHOICE FUNDS TO LEVEL EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY TO \$0		

**HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY97 OPERATING AND REVOLVING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY**

C	D	E	F	G
138,272	647,406	48,462	-	834,140
FY97	RECPTS	RECPTS	RECEPTS	
+/- OPER	SCHOOL	M'CAID	REVN'G	TOTAL
RECPTS	CH 97	FY97	TRSFERS	REVENUE
-				6,630,802
(54,691)				913,565
-				29,201
100				3,297,413
-				9,128,578
(8,360)				51,273
10,877				10,877
7,109				7,109
-	331,122	58,939		390,061
			40,286	40,286
(44,965)	331,122	58,939	40,286	20,499,165
FY97	FY97	FY97	FY97	FY97
+/- OPER	CHOICE	M'CAID	REVN'G	TOTAL
EXPENSE	EXP	EXP	TRSFER	EXPENDED
(69,031)	12,555			671,964
27,649		9,193		1,318,571
(28,667)				10,224,555
(27,497)				253,110
13,896				105,066
11,084				41,864
(370)	355,147			378,010
5,296				260,105
2				4,491
2,629				325,346
(4,953)				315,405
4,697				115,097
(119,677)				1,482,766
23,163				374,045
(88,002)				1,541,580
12,758	47,516			536,402
28,705				1,426,922
(19,634)				19,634
(10,916)				265,916
-				152,003
(228,868)				1,193,078
-	167,262	98,208	40,286	305,756
(467,736)	582,480	107,401	40,286	21,311,686
	(1)			
(23,698)	45,317	-	-	21,619
(2)	(2)			

TREASURER'S REPORT

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

City, Town, County or District

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

QUARTERLY REPORT OF RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Quarter
Ending:

31-Dec-97

PART I:

A. Cash and checks in office **0**

B. Non-Interest Bearing Checking Accounts*

Collateral'd	Comp	Financial	Balance
No	Bal	Institution	
No	No	State St	4,536.62

C. Interest Bearing Checking Accounts*

Collateral'd	Comp	Financial	Purpose	Interest	Balance
No	Bal	Institution		Rate	
No	No	Bank of WMA	Gen Fund	5.06	37,180.43

\$ 37,180.43

D. Liquid Investments *

Collateral'd	Comp	Financial	# of	Interest	Balance
No	Bal	Institution	Accounts	Rate	

No	No	Bank of WMA	1	1.53	2,238.53	
No	No	Fleet	1	4.05	2,807.18	
No	No	Mass Municipal Depository Trust	1	5.49	3,596.84	
Yes	No	BankBoston	1	3.9	109,111.50	
					Total:	<u>\$ 117,754.05</u>

TOTAL OF ALL LIQUID INVESTMENTS: \$ 159,471.10

TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

E. Term Investments

Certificates of Deposit:

Collateral'd	Comp	Financial	Purpose	Interest	Balance	
	Bal	Institution		Rate		
No	No	BankBoston	Trust	5.37	30,696.52	
No	No	Bank of WMA	Stabilization	5.2	105,091.18	
No	No	Bank of WMA	Trust	5.75	32,954.32	
					TOTAL:	<u>\$ 168,742.02</u>
					U.S. Treasury Bills	0
					Repurchase Agreements	0
					Others _____	0
					Total:	<u>\$ 168,742.02</u>

F. Trust Funds

Collateral'd	Comp	Financial	# of	Interest	Balance	
	Bal	Institution	Accounts	Rate		
No	No	BankBoston	9	4.2	13,530.60	
No	No	Bank of WMA	6	2.83	48,857.17	
					Total:	<u>\$ 62,387.77</u>

TOTAL OF ALL CASH AND INVESTMENTS: \$ 390,600.89

TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MA
RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH
JULY 1, 1996 TO JUNE 30, 1997

Balance, July 1, 1996	\$ 761,358.00
Receipts: July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997	9,398,731.00
Disbursements: July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997	<u>8,774,536.00</u>
Balance, June 30, 1997	<u>\$ 1,385,553.00</u>

Composition of Cash Balances:

Interest Bearing Accounts:

BankBoston	\$ 180,176.00
Bank of Western Massachusetts	553,461.00
Fleet Bank	647,379.00

Non-Interest Bearing Accounts:

State Street Bank & Trust Company	4,537.00
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\$ 1,385,553.00

Presentation of Cash on Balance Sheet:

General Fund	\$ 509,964.00
Special Revenue Fund	646,754.00
Trust and Agency Fund	228,835.00

\$ 1,385,553.00

TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MA
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
JULY 1, 1996 TO JUNE 30, 1997

Composition of Investments Balances:

Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust	<u>\$ 3,499.00</u>
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Presentation of Investments on Balance Sheet:

General Fund	<u>\$ 3,499.00</u>
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BY

DONNA M. EASTON-VICALVI
TOWN TREASURER

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Office of the Board of Assessors functions on a calendar of events which compels accomplishment of duties and reports at designated times during the year. The fulfillment of these duties mesh with the offices of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Accountant and the Department of Revenue. The task of the Assessors was accomplished as required on time and with pride. The Board of Assessors thanks all the people in the Town House for their cooperation and the residents of the town for their support.

In our busy agenda the Assessors not only meet the demand of the aforementioned calendar but also attempt to satisfy request of taxpayers, real estate people, appraisers, committee persons and general information seekers. You the taxpayers and others who have gathered in this office know how time consuming these demands are and we realize how important your needs are, we have done the best we can.

In 1997 a step to improve the personal service has now been made. Two counter top data viewing computers have been installed to enable information seekers of property listing and value to quickly and efficiently satisfy their needs. This serve-yourself has eased some of the personal service demands.

The Assessors office will continue in 1998 to provide more effective ways to serve all our visitors. Any and all suggestions are invited.

The second phase of the full measure and list program we started last year is very much in progress. Field workers are making house calls and gathering data to upgrade listing data. Market studies are being performed.

In general the Board of Assessors had a busy but good year in 1997.

And remember if you are looking for an abatement see the Assessors, if you have any dumb questions see the Tax Collector.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Jalbert, Chairman MAA
Henry P. Baush, MAA
Stanley W. Witkop
Diane Hildreth, Clerk

FISCAL YEAR 1997

Total appropriations to be raised	\$5,828,544.00
Other local expenditures	100,509.69
State and County Cherry sheet	34,957.73
Allowance for abatements and Exemptions (overlay)	<u>73,161.00</u>
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$6,037,172.42

FY1997 Estimated Receipts by Cherry Sheet	\$537,182.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$395,038.77

Penalties and Interest on Taxes and Excises	26,048.55
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	16,366.20
Departmental Revenue-Schools	20,000.00
Departmental Revenue-Libraries	772.15
Other Departmental Revenue	29,471.10
Licenses and Permits	5,590.00
Fines and Forfeits	22,728.70
Investment Income	21,676.06
Miscellaneous Recurring	<u>8,998.57</u>
Total	\$ 546,690.10

Revenue Sources (other) \$155,333.00

Total Estimated Receipts \$ 1,272,392.00

Total amount to be raised by Taxation

Real Estate	\$ 4,603,068.07
Personal Property	<u>161,711.35</u>
Grand Total	\$ 4,764,779.42

Total Valuation \$ 271,962,296.00

Fiscal Year 1998 Tax Rate \$ 17.52

Statutory Exemptions Granted on Real Estate

Fiscal Year 1997 Exemptions \$10,771.25

Motor Vehicle Excise Committed in 1997

1997	\$ 397,752.78
1996	5,956.79
1995	<u>115.00</u>
Total	\$403,824.57

Motor Vehicle Excise Abated in 1997

1997	\$ 12,733.68
1996	<u>1,208.99</u>
Total	\$ 13,942.67

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

At a Special Town Meeting in October of 1997, voters authorized money for a new tax program for the Tax Collector's office and an abatement module for the Assessors' office. The tax bills that were printed and mailed in December have a new look to them. More information is given on the tax bill regarding assessments and the print is easier to read. Third quarter bills were mailed in December and fourth quarter bills, due May 1st, will be mailed separately by April 1st. It appears that it is to the benefit of everyone that each quarter tax bill gets mailed separately. I am grateful for the support received at the Special Town Meeting and am working to implement the new system for a smooth transition.

The tax rate for fiscal 1998 is \$17.52. This is the first time that I remember the tax rate going down without assessments going up! Third and fourth quarter tax bills usually reflect an increase in dollar amounts from fifty to one hundred dollars. This year tax bills actually went down. I expected a rash of calls asking if this were in fact possible but no such calls came. Perhaps the four cent decrease in the tax rate was overshadowed by the White House scandal. But in my small world, I recognize this too as history-making. It could only have been accomplished with the cooperation of all the town boards and committees and the excellent leadership of the Advisory Board. As a tax payer I am grateful.

By the end of calendar year 1997, Hampden had less than \$20,000 outstanding in real estate taxes. I am proud of having an aggressive reputation in this area because it is one of the variables considered (and affects the Town's rating) when the Town Treasurer goes for borrowing/bonding, etc. One Hampden citizen (who will remain nameless, but identifies himself as an "idle putterer") calls me Hampden's "iron lady".

When auto excise taxes are delinquent, I (after mailing one demand bill) turn them over to a deputy collector who then sends and delivers another set of notices. With each mailing, a fee is added to the tax bill. Initially, the fee is \$5.00 with the first demand bill. With the second notice, an additional \$15.00 is added; then \$14.00 with another delivery. If the bill is still not paid the Registry of Motor Vehicles is notified and they "mark" the person and vehicle for non-renewal. This marking process carries with it another \$20.00. For such a person to renew either a drivers' license or car registration, s/he must pay the excise tax with interest and fees. For those paying on time, no consideration need be given here, but for those who consistently pay late maybe a new year's resolution would be appropriate.

The tax office continues to welcome questions regarding tax payments, bills, account status, etc. The phone numbers are 566-2206 or 566-3214. Questions about assessments, abatements, exemptions should be directed to the Assessors' office at 566-3223.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita A. Vail, Collector of Taxes

TOWN CLERK

In last year's town report, I made statements in anticipation of an article passing at the Annual Town Meeting regarding hunter/landowner permission forms. WELL! Hunters (it seemed by the thousands) attended Town Meeting to refute my report and then to vote down the article I had anticipated. I respect the Town Meeting process. It is the reason Hampden has open town meetings. But what I appreciate, far more than the process, is the manner of those persons who spoke. They refuted what I had written, challenged me, and argued their points on the floor. They humbled me and verbally contradicted me, and they did this in such a gentle manner and so respectfully that I hardly realized that I had been beat up. I appreciate the consideration. I saw the class and quality of the voters who opposed my own view. I will try not to presume again.

The money collected in 1997 and submitted to the Treasurer is as follows:

Fish and Game		
Gross	\$6,748.30	
Fees (to Town)		290.55
Dog Licenses		1,327.00
UCC Recordings		510.00
Certified Copies and Publications		1,153.52
Trade names and Marriages		535.00
Miscellaneous		<u>2,120.00</u>
		5,936.07 Total

Available in the Town Clerk's office:

Subdivision Control Law	5.00	
Zoning By-Law	7.00	
Zoning Map	7.00	
Certified Copies (vital statistics)	5.00	
Marriage License	15.00	
Trade Name in Business (dba)	20.00	
Street List	7.00	
Voters' List	7.00	
Voters' List on diskette	20.00	
Voter Registration Card	5.00	
Hampden Street Map	no charge while supply lasts	

Vital statistics recorded in Hampden are: 1995 1996 1997

Births	42	32	26
Deaths	56	57	71
Marriages	16	16	15

Respectfully submitted,

Rita A. Vail, Town Clerk

MINUTES Annual Town Meeting, April 28, 1997

Voters in attendance 194

Moderator, Richard Patullo, opened the meeting at 8:30 PM. Adjourned for the Special Town Meeting. Re-opened at 9:22PM.

Article 1. The Town voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 1996 be accepted as printed.

Article 2. The Town voted that the sums of money shown in the column entitled Fiscal 1998 Recommended of the Supplementary Report and Recommendations of the Hampden Advisory Committee be granted and appropriated for the specific purposes designated and that the same be expended only for such purposes. Each number being considered a separate appropriation and that the Town raise and appropriate such sums as may be required to defray said charge for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1998.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Recommended	
1.0 Accountant		
1.1 Salary	11,493	
1.2 Clerical	1,922	
1.3 Expenses	3,100	16,515
2.0 Advisory Committee		
2.1 Clerical	3,161	
2.2 Expenses	170	3,331
3.0 Appeals, Board of		
3.1 Clerical	2,874	
3.2 Expenses	160	3,034
4.0 Assessors, Board of		
4.1 Salaries	9,609	
4.2 Clerical	13,987	
4.3 Expenses	2,400	
4.4 Data Processing	300	
4.5 Revaluation Update	1,700	
4.6 Mapping Maintenance	900	
4.7 Computer Maint.& Supp	0	
4.8 Field Review	1,200	30,096
5.0 Building Department Expenses		
5.1 Code and Gen Enforcement	400	
5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	0	400
6.0 County Retirement	88,415	88,415
7.0 Insurance		
7.1 Property and Liability	52,000	
7.2 Employee Benefits	88,800	
7.3 Unemployment Compensation	2,000	142,800
8.0 Law and Claims		
8.1 General	820	
8.2 Town Counsel	15,005	15,825
9.0 Moderator		
9.1 Salary	0	
9.2 Expenses	100	100
10.0 Planning Board		
10.1 Clerical	8,170	
10.2 Expenses	535	8,705
11.0 Registrars, Board of (Voters)		
11.1 Salaries	716	
11.2 Election Expenses	1,200	
11.3 Street Lists	1,540	3,456
12.0 Selectmen		
12.1 Salaries	7,048	
12.2 Executive Asst	26,280	
12.3 Secretarial	17,941	
12.4 Expenses	1,600	

12.5	Legal Advertising	300	
12.6	Computer Study Committee	0	53,169
13.0	Tax Collector		
13.1	Salary	16,060	
13.2	Clerical	3,367	
13.3	Expenses	1,965	
13.4	Bank Charges	0	21,392
14.0	Town Clerk		
14.1	Salary	16,060	
14.2	Clerical	2,932	
14.3	Expenses	1,020	
14.4	Town Publications	200	20,212
15.0	Town Report	2,500	2,500
16.0	Treasurer		
16.1	Salary	17,274	
16.2	Clerical	2,932	
16.3	Expenses	900	
16.4	Certifying Notes	100	
16.5	Interest on Loans (short term)	5,000	
16.6	Tax Title Expense	0	
16.7	Payroll Service	5,400	
16.8	Bank Service Charges	700	32,306
17.0	Veterans' Benefits	5,000	5,000
18.0	Greater Springfield Senior Services	302	302
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT			447,558
GENERAL TOWN SERVICES			
20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance	2,000	2,000
21.0	Cemetery Commission	80	80
22.0	Conservation Commission		
22.1	Clerical	1,728	
22.2	Expenses	450	2,178
22.5	Council on Aging		
22.6	Director's Salary	25,538	
22.7	Expenses	2,610	28,148
23.0	Transfer Station	31,000	31,000
24.0	Dutch Elm Disease	0	0
25.0	Insect Pest Control	100	100
26.0	Library		
26.1	Salaries		
26.2	Expenses		
26.3	Books and Periodicals		67,539
27.0	town Events	800	800
29.0	Office Equipment		
29.1	Acquisition	4,000	
29.2	Maintenance	5,000	
29.3	Supplies	8,000	
29.4	Postage	8,000	25,000
30.0	Parks and Recreation		
30.1	Salaries	18,199	
30.2	Operating Expenses	5,710	
30.3	Capital Improvements	0	
30.4	RAH--Baseball	1,252	

30.5	RAH--Softball	172	
30.6	RAH--Girls Soccer	500	
30.7	RAH--Boys Soccer	500	
30.8	RAH--Basketball	948	27,281
31.0	Public Grounds	32,350	32,350
32.0	Town House Maintenance		
32.1	Custodian	13,002	
32.2	Maintenance and Repairs	9,000	
32.3	Heat and Utilities	20,000	42,002
33.0	Tree Warden		
33.1	Expenses	2,200	
33.2	Planting Trees	450	2,650
34.0	Ambulance	12,000	12,000
35.0	Gasoline	20,000	20,000
36.0	Street Lighting	14,500	14,500
TOTAL GENERAL TOWN SERVICES			307,628
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			
40.0	Superintendent's Salary	39,401	39,401
40.5	Superintendent's Overtime	0	
41.1	Paving		
42.0	Highway Maintenance	69,727	69,727
43.0	General Highway Expenses	66,168	66,168
44.0	Snow and Ice Removal	34,900	34,900
45.0	Street Sweeping and Catch Basin Cleaning	14,000	14,000
46.0	Other Highway Accounts		
46.1	Highway Engineering	0	
46.2	Road Machinery Maintenance	10,000	
46.3	Town Garage Maintenance	3,800	13,800
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			237,996
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY			
50.0	Animal Inspection		
50.1	Salary	693	
50.2	Expenses	240	
50.3	Rabies Management	0	933
51.0	Civil Defense Supplies	10	10
52.0	Dog Officer		
52.1	Animal Control Account	5,100	
52.2	Dog Damage Fund	300	5,400
53.0	Fire Department		
53.1	Fire Chief Salary	628	
53.2	Fire Chief Expenses	1,000	
53.3	Operation	19,000	20,628
54.0	Forest Fires	1,300	1,300
55.0	Forest Fire Warden	413	413
56.0	Health, Board of		
56.1	Salary	2,988	
56.2	Expenses	4,516	
56.3	Septic Review	0	
56.4	Well Testing	42,000	49,504

57.0	Police			
	57.1 Chief's Salary	52,868		
	57.2 Salaries	519,365		
	57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	9,000		
	57.4 Other Expenses	19,700		
	57.5 New Cruisers	24,354		
	57.6 Training	15,482		
	57.7 Equipment	0		
	57.8 WMLEC	250		
58.0	Other Police Accounts			
	58.1 Election Coverage	510		
	58.2 Towing Clerk	250		
59.0	Parking Clerk	0	641,779	
TOTAL PROTECTION			719,967	
SCHOOLS				
69.0	Regional School District			
	69.1 Assessment	3,519,599	3,519,599	
SUB TOTAL			5,232,748	
70.0	Local Government Debt			
	70.1 Principal	250,000		
	70.2 Interest	72,738	322,738	322,738
GRAND TOTAL-----			\$5,555,486	

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

Article 4. The Town voted to accept Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2.

Article 5. The Town voted unanimously to accept \$192,797 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution pursuant to Massachusetts General Law and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.

Article 6. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$110,822 for paving Town roads, subject to a positive referendum vote on a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under Proposition 2 1/2 so called.

Article 7. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 8. The Town voted to amend the general by-laws as described in Article 8 of the Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 9. The Town defeated the amendment to the general by-laws as described in Article 9 of the Town Meeting Warrant.

For 55 Against 90

Article 10. The Town defeated the amendment to the general by-laws as described in Article 10 of the Town Meeting Warrant.

For 53 Against 75

Article 11. The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Article 12. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 for the first year of a five year lease purchase of a 2 1/2 cubic yard front end loader.

Article 13. The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Article 14. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the payment of legal expenses incurred with the defense of lawsuits entitled Samuel Gibson et al vs. Town of Hampden and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$100,000 under General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7 (1-A).

Article 15. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 16. The Town voted unanimously to amend the Zoning By-Laws as described in Article 16 of the Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 17. The Town voted unanimously to amend the Zoning By-Laws as described in Article 17 of the Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 18. The Town voted unanimously to amend the Zoning By-Laws as described in Article 18 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 19. The Town voted unanimously to amend the Zoning By-Laws as described in Article 19 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 20. The Town voted to amend the Zoning By-Laws as described in Article 20 of the Town Meeting Warrant
For 79 Against 2

with the following amendments to the article

Amendment #1: In the Definitions Section--Deleting the first two lines and inserting "Planned Unit Residential Development (PURD). A residential development for people 55+ on a tract of land of ten (10) acres or more under single. . ."

and Section 7.13.1.1 by replacing it with:
"7.13.1.1 To provide housing for people 55+. All occupants must be age 55 or older. This will minimize the potential impacts in terms of noise, traffic, parking, environmental impacts and related issues of such multifamily housing on surrounding properties."

and Section 7.13.4.1 by replacing it with:
"7.13.4.1 Minimum Parcel Size. The total parcel shall have a minimum area of ten (10) acres. No more than 50% shall be wetland or encumbered by easements or be unusable."

and Section 7.13.5 by replacing it with:
"7.13.5 Density Regulations
The maximum number of dwelling units permitted within the PURD is one (1) dwelling unit per 35,000 square feet."

and Section 7.13.10.B, by replacing "2000" with "6000" and "5%" with "2%".

Amendment #2: Add to Section 7.13.2.A

"(7) Affirmation of the proposed use of the parcel by a positive endorsement with a 2/3 majority vote at an Annual Town Meeting."

Article 21. The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen, by virtue of Chapter 40, Section 8C of the General Laws, to accept for no monetary consideration subject to restrictive covenants for conservation and passive recreation purposes the property described in Article 21 of the Town Meeting Warrant.

For: 51 Against: 15

Article 22. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 23. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen, by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take, in fee simple for highway purposes, HIGHLAND CIRCLE, as recommended by the Planning Board including easements relating thereto as described in Article 23 of the Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 24. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen, by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take, in fee simple for highway purposes, HILLSIDE LANE, as recommended by the Planning Board including easements relating thereto as described in Article 24 of the Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 25. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen, by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take, in fee simple for highway purposes, KELLY LANE, as recommended by the Planning Board including easements relating thereto as described in Article 25 of the Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 26. The Town voted to approve the Conservation Commission's use and expenditure of fees received from the filing of Notices of Intent in order to defray its expenses as allowed under Section 54 of Chapter 287 of the Acts of 1989 amending Chapter 131, Section 40.

Article 27. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$500 for the Conservation Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted upon and approved at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase.

Article 28. The Town voted to transfer from the Library fund \$2,333 to be used by the Library Trustees at their discretion.

Article 29. The Town voted that in Fiscal Year 1998, if additional state aid for Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.

Article 30. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Article 31. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45PM.

Attest: Rita A. Vaul Town Clerk

MINUTES -- SPECIAL TOWN MEETING -- October 27, 1997

Voters in attendance: 337

Moderator, Richard Patullo, opened the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Article 1. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$13,000 to upgrade the Tax Collection/Assessing computer system.

Article 2. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$13,000 for engineering services to repair the Somers Road Bridge.

Article 3. The Town voted to accept the grant of a restrictive covenant known as a "Conservation Restriction" in favor of the Town of Hampden pursuant to M.G.L.A. Chapter 184 Section 31-33 for no consideration, from the Massachusetts Audubon Society Inc. of 208 South Great Road, Lincoln, Massachusetts said restrictive covenant to be placed on a part of the real estate owned by Massachusetts Audubon Society Inc. and more specifically described in a deed recorded in Book 9077, Page 464 of the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, said "Conservation Restriction" is more specifically described in Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Declared 2/3 majority by the moderator.

Article 4. The Town voted to take no action.

Article 5. The Town voted to, through the Board of Selectmen, petition the Massachusetts Legislature to pass a law authorizing the creation of a Special Water District in the Town of Hampden pursuant to M.G.L.A. Chapter 41, Section 124 and the Code of Massachusetts Regulations, said water district more specifically described in Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 6. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$8,000 to install a new well.

Article 7. The Town voted to accept a reduction in Line Item #69.1, Regional School District Assessment, in the amount of \$35,597.

Article 8. The Town defeated the vote to amend the Agreement between the Towns of Hampden and Wilbraham, Massachusetts, with respect to the formation of a regional district, by adding the following language as Section III (B) (4):

The Towns of Hampden and Wilbraham, in their desire to form a Regional Early Childhood Center to be located at the facility presently known as Mile Tree School in Wilbraham, hereby agree to amend their Regional Agreement as follows:

All residents of the member towns in kindergarten will receive education in a regionalized center to be located in a facility presently known as Mile Tree School in Wilbraham.

Article 9. The Town noted to take no action.

Article 10. The Town voted to take no action.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM.

Attest: Richard Patullo Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

CLIFFORD E. BOMBARD

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary		Account Group	Totals	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fund Type				Memorandum
				Trust and Agency	General Long Term Debt			
Assets								
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Schedule E, Note 4A)	\$ 509,964	\$ 646,754	-	\$ 228,835	-	\$	1,385,553	
Investments (Schedule F, Note 4A)	3,499	-	-	-	-	-	3,499	
Cash in Custody of Others (Note 4A)	-	-	-	33,045	-	-	33,045	
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes (Schedule G)	119,954	-	-	-	-	-	119,954	
Excise and Other Taxes (Schedule H)	25,663	-	-	-	-	-	25,663	
Tax Liens (Schedule I)	90,268	-	-	-	-	-	90,268	
Departmental (Schedule J)	(59,718)	-	-	-	-	-	(59,718)	
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	-	142,577	-	-	-	-	142,577	
Due from Other Funds (Note 4C)	-	137,011	-	-	-	-	137,011	
Due from Other Governments (Note 4D)	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,390,000	-	1,390,000	
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Notes/Debt (Note 4H)	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,390,000	\$	1,390,000	
Total Assets	\$ 689,630	\$ 926,342	\$	\$ 261,880	\$ 1,390,000	\$	3,267,852	

Liabilities and Fund Equity							
Liabilities:							
Warrants Payable (Note 4E)	\$ 117,290	\$ 13,964	-	-	-	\$	131,254
Employee Withholdings	3,119	-	-	-	-	-	3,119
Taxes Collected in Advance (Note 4F)	36,486	-	-	-	-	-	36,486
Due to Other Funds (Note 4C)	90,056	-	\$ 52,521	-	-	-	142,577
Due to Others (Note 4G)	-	-	-	\$ 33,045	-	-	33,045
Deferred Revenue:							
Property Taxes	39,390	-	-	-	-	-	39,390
Other (Note 4H)	115,931	137,011	-	-	-	-	252,942
Bonds Payable (Note 4I)	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,390,000	-	1,390,000
Total Liabilities	402,272	150,975	52,521	33,045	1,390,000	\$	2,028,813

Fund Equity							
Reserved for Encumbrances (Note 4J)	81,260	-	-	-	-	-	81,260
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal (Note 4J)	-	-	-	29,266	-	-	29,266
Reserved for Over (Under) Estimates (Note 2B)	(263)	-	-	-	-	-	(263)
Reserved for Deficits (Note 2B)	(61,651)	-	\$ (52,521)	-	-	-	(114,172)
Unreserved:							
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures (Note 4I)	-	2,333	-	-	-	-	2,333
Undesignated	268,012	773,034	-	199,569	-	-	1,240,615
Total Fund Equity	287,358	775,367	(52,521)	228,835	-	-	1,239,039
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 689,630	\$ 926,342	\$	\$ 261,880	\$ 1,390,000	\$	3,267,852

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997**

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trusts	(Memorandum Only)	
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ 4,758,372	-	-	-	\$	4,758,372
State Receipts	484,970	-	-	-	-	484,970
Excise and Other Taxes	421,043	-	-	-	-	421,043
Licenses, Permits, Fees	83,679	-	-	-	-	83,679
Interest	47,725	\$ 27	-	\$ 9,434	-	57,186
Grants and Fees	-	1,155,470	-	-	-	1,155,470
Additions	-	-	-	561	-	561
Total Revenues (Note 3)	5,795,789	1,155,497	-	9,995	-	6,961,281
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	387,893	86,462	-	-	-	474,355
Protection of Persons and Property	668,123	105,114	-	-	-	773,237
Health and Human Services	88,781	86,974	-	-	-	175,755
Public Works	436,578	164,502	-	-	-	601,080
Culture and Recreation	120,593	27,924	-	1,589	-	150,106
Education	3,304,929	-	-	-	-	3,304,929
Insurance and Employee Benefits	274,112	-	-	-	-	274,112
State Assessments	44,810	-	-	-	-	44,810
Capital Outlay	-	-	\$ 251,963	-	-	251,963
Debt Service:						
Principal	250,000	-	-	-	-	250,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	39,694	-	-	-	-	39,694
Continuing Appropriations	44,723	-	-	-	-	44,723
Total Expenditures (Note 3)	5,660,236	470,976	251,963	1,589	-	6,384,764
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	135,553	684,521	(251,963)	8,406	-	576,517
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	(65,500)	-	-	-	65,500	-
Operating Transfers Out	27,333	(27,333)	-	-	-	-
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	(38,167)	(27,333)	-	-	65,500	-
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	97,386	657,188	(251,963)	73,906	-	576,517
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	189,972	118,179	199,442	125,663	-	633,256
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ 287,358	\$ 775,367	\$ (52,521)	\$ 199,569	\$	1,209,773

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**TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997**

	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	Fund Balances July 1, 1996	Fund Balances June 30, 1997
Highways	\$ 215,523	\$ 164,502	-	\$ 51,021	\$ (51,021)	-
Federal Grants:						
COPS MORE	37,493	37,493	-	-	-	-
Police Computer Grant	-	15,000	-	(15,000)	15,000	-
Police Task Force	3,017	2,885	-	132	1,934	2,066
Council on Aging	500	500	-	-	-	-
State Grants:						
Community Policing	4,500	4,134	-	366	-	366
Bullet Proof Vests	-	-	-	-	898	898
Council on Aging Grants	2,664	5,103	-	(2,439)	5,867	3,428
Library Grants	5,188	5,279	\$ (2,333)	(2,424)	9,146	6,722
Arts Lottery Grant	3,150	4,234	-	(1,084)	4,234	3,150
Septic System Repair Program	38,000	20,020	-	17,980	25,000	42,980
Mill Pond Grant	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Extended Polling Hours	387	300	-	87	935	1,022
Western Massachusetts Law Enforcement Consortium - Mobile Data System	650,000	5,300	-	644,700	-	644,700
Other:						
Pioneer Valley Transit Authority	6,306	10,948	-	(4,642)	4,642	-
Council on Aging Revolving	2,995	2,819	-	176	1,482	1,658
Arts Council Revolving	2,177	699	-	1,478	-	1,478
Conservation Revolving	388	1,775	-	(1,387)	11,715	10,328
Board of Health Revolving	14,763	12,925	-	1,838	2,887	4,725
Parks and Recreation Revolving	13,486	17,712	-	(4,226)	6,801	2,575
Recycling Revolving	3,213	2,184	-	1,029	2,362	3,391
Dump Tags Revolving	29,700	32,475	-	(2,775)	14,283	11,508
Building Inspector Revolving	15,574	15,258	-	316	4,652	4,968
Insurance Settlement	-	-	-	(25,000)	25,000	-
DARE Program	6,997	14,150	-	(7,153)	7,755	602
Police Off Duty	9,954	10,894	-	(940)	5,487	4,547
Restitution	40,361	37,685	-	2,676	6,748	9,424
Engineering Fees	49,161	46,702	-	2,459	2,372	4,831
	\$ 1,155,497	\$ 470,976	\$ (27,333)	\$ 657,188	\$ 118,179	\$ 775,367

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997**

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 4,640,601	\$ 4,640,601	\$ -
State Receipts	484,264	484,970	706
Excise and Other Taxes	355,721	421,043	65,322
Licenses, Permits, Fees	72,048	83,679	11,631
Interest	58,006	47,725	(10,281)
Total Revenues (Note 3)	<u>5,610,640</u>	<u>5,678,018</u>	<u>67,378</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General Government	485,460	458,140	27,320
Protection of Persons and Property	672,863	668,395	4,468
Health and Human Services	91,275	88,781	2,494
Public Works	375,531	436,610	(61,079)
Culture and Recreation	120,593	120,593	-
Education	3,304,929	3,304,929	-
Insurance and Employee Benefits	276,072	274,112	1,960
State Assessments	44,547	44,810	(263)
Debt Service:			
Principal	250,000	250,000	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	39,694	39,694	-
Total Expenditures (Note 3)	<u>5,660,964</u>	<u>5,686,064</u>	<u>(25,100)</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(50,324)</u>	<u>(8,046)</u>	<u>42,278</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	(65,500)	(65,500)	-
Operating Transfers Out	27,333	27,333	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(38,167)</u>	<u>(38,167)</u>	<u>-</u>
Budget Variance:			
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses (Note 2)	<u>\$ (88,491)</u>	<u>\$ (46,213)</u>	<u>\$ 42,278</u>

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TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS
 SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN BOND INDEBTEDNESS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

Description	Interest Rate	Month/Year Issued	Final Maturity Date	Original Amount Issued	Balance July 1, 1996	Issued During Year	Paid During Year	Balance June 30, 1997
Inside Debt Limit:								
Capital Improvements Projects	6.1%-6.2%	12/89	12/1/96	\$ 1,850,000	\$ 250,000	-	\$ 250,000	-
School Roof	4.51%	8/96	8/15/2002	\$ 490,000	-	\$ 490,000	-	\$ 490,000
Outside Debt Limit:								
Landfill Closure	4.51%	8/96	8/15/2002	\$ 900,000	-	900,000	-	900,000
					\$ 250,000	\$ 1,390,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,390,000

	Amortization Schedule		Total
	Principal	Interest	
1998	\$ 250,000	\$ 57,950	\$ 307,950
1999	240,000	46,312	286,312
2000	225,000	35,269	260,269
2001	225,000	25,087	250,087
2002	225,000	15,244	240,244
2003	225,000	5,119	230,119
\$ 1,390,000			\$ 184,981
			\$ 1,574,981

TOWN OF HAMPOEN
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES
BUDGET VS ACTUAL
6/30/97

	APPROPRIATION & CARRYOVERS*	TRANSFERS IN(OUT)	TOTAL AVAILABLE	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE
ACCOUNTANT					
SALARY	10,894.00		10,894.00	10,894.00	
CLERICAL	1,822.00		1,822.00	1,822.00	
EXPENSES	3,100.00		3,100.00	3,100.00	
ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	2,996.00		2,996.00	2,996.00	
EXPENSES	170.00		170.00	145.00	25.00
APPEALS BOARD					
EXPENSES	160.00		160.00	145.00	14.91
CLERICAL	2,724.00		2,724.00	2,724.00	
ASSESSORS					
SALARIES	9,100.00		9,100.00	9,100.00	
CLERICAL	13,257.00		13,257.00	13,231.18	25.82
EXPENSES	2,400.00		2,400.00	2,398.98	1.02
DATA PROCESSING	300.00		300.00	288.99	11.01
MAPPING MAINT.	900.00	600.00 A	1,500.00	1,500.00	
REVALUATION UPDATE	1,705.00		1,705.00	1,700.00	5.00
FIELD REVIEW	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00	
BUILDING DEPT.					
CODE ENFORCEMENT	400.00		400.00	400.00	
COUNTY RETIREMENT	105,922.00		105,922.00	105,922.00	
INSURANCE					
PROPERTY/LIABILITY	52,000.00		52,000.00	52,000.00	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	116,150.00		116,150.00	114,189.58	1,960.42
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
LAW & CLAIMS					
GENERAL	820.00	608.60 A	1,428.60	1,428.35	0.25
TOWN COUNSEL	25,223.00		25,223.00	22,859.75	2,363.25
MODERATOR					
EXPENSES	100.00		100.00		100.00
PLANNING BOARD					
CLERICAL	7,744.00		7,744.00	7,740.00	4.00
EXPENSES	535.00		535.00	535.00	
REGISTRARS					
SALARIES	678.00		678.00	678.00	
ELECTION EXPENSES	2,570.00	244.00 A	2,814.00	2,814.00	
STREET LISTS	1,540.00		1,540.00	1,540.00	

SELECTMEN					
SALARIES	6,681.00		6,681.00	6,681.00	
SECRETARIAL	24,910.00		24,910.00	24,910.00	
CLERICAL	17,006.00		17,006.00	17,006.00	
EXPENSES	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,600.00	
LEGAL ADVERTISING	300.00		300.00	130.94	169.06
TAX COLLECTOR					
SALARY	15,222.00		15,222.00	15,222.00	
CLERICAL	3,191.00		3,191.00	3,191.00	
EXPENSES	1,965.00		1,965.00	1,962.00	2.92
TOWN CLERK					
SALARY	15,222.00		15,222.00	15,222.00	
EXPENSES	1,020.00		1,020.00	896.13	123.87
CLERICAL	2,779.00		2,779.00	2,779.00	
TOWN PUBLICATIONS	200.00		200.00	200.00	
TOWN REPORT	2,500.00	872.87 A	3,372.87	3,372.87	
TREASURER					
SALARY	16,373.00		16,373.00	16,373.00	
EXPENSES	900.00		900.00	900.00	
PAYROLL SERVICE	5,400.00		5,400.00	4,541.31	858.69
CERTIFYING NOTES	100.00		100.00	50.00	50.00
INTEREST(SHORT TERM)	5,000.00		5,000.00	3,570.00	1,430.00
TAX TITLES	10,000.00		10,000.00	7,713.86	10,286.14
CLERICAL	2,779.00		2,779.00	2,779.00	
BANK CHARGES	700.00		700.00	400.73	291.27
VETERANS	3,500.00	3,242.74 A	6,742.74	6,742.74	
GR SPFLD SENIOR SERV	310.00		310.00	310.00	
ACADEMY HALL MAINTENANCE	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,744.61	255.39
CEMETERY COMMISSIDNERS	00.00		00.00		00.00
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	1,638.00		1,638.00	1,638.00	
EXPENSES	450.00		450.00	343.74	106.26
COUNCIL ON AGING					
DIRECTOR	24,207.00		24,207.00	22,180.72	2,026.28
EXPENSES	2,610.00		2,610.00	2,490.89	119.11
SANITARY LANDFILL	31,000.00		31,000.00	30,964.61	35.39
DUTCH ELM DISEASE	200.00		200.00	200.00	
INSECT PEST CONTROL	100.00		100.00	100.00	
LIBRARY	63,694.00		63,694.00	63,694.00	

MEMORIAL DAY	800.00		800.00	530.48	269.52
OFFICE EQUIPMENT					
ACQUISITION	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,597.96	302.04
MAINTENANCE	4,300.00		4,300.00	4,258.60	41.40
SUPPLIES	8,000.00		8,000.00	7,202.11	797.89
POSTAGE	7,000.00		7,000.00	7,000.00	
PARKS AND RECREATION					
SALARIES	17,250.00		17,250.00	17,250.00	
EXPENSES	6,910.00		6,910.00	6,909.34	0.66
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS					
RAH BASEBALL	1,252.00		1,252.00	1,252.00	
RAH SOFTBALL	172.00		172.00	172.00	
RAH GIRLS SOCCER	500.00		500.00	500.00	
RAH BOYS SOCCER	500.00		500.00	500.00	
RAH BASKETBALL	948.00		948.00	948.00	
PUBLIC GROUNDS	29,370.00		29,370.00	29,366.50	3.50
TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE					
CUSTODIAN	12,500.00		12,500.00	12,500.00	
MAINT & REPAIRS	9,000.00	746.34 A	9,746.34	9,728.34	18.00
UTILITIES	20,000.00	3,531.04 A	23,531.04	23,531.04	
TREE WARDEN					
EXPENSES	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
PLANTING TREES	450.00		450.00	449.80	0.20
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	12,000.00		12,000.00	11,109.60	890.40
GASOLINE	20,000.00		20,000.00	19,960.92	39.08
STREET LIGHTING	14,500.00	1,290.86 A	15,790.86	15,790.86	
SUP'T OF HIGHWAYS	37,347.00		37,347.00	37,347.00	
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	67,629.00		67,629.00	67,591.92	37.08
GENERAL HIGHWAYS	59,824.00		59,824.00	59,824.00	
SNOW AND ICE	33,379.00		33,379.00	95,029.82	(61,650.82)B
STREET SWEEPING	14,000.00		14,000.00	14,000.00	
OTHER HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS					
MACHINERY MAINT.	10,000.00	800.00 A	10,800.00	10,640.16	159.84
TOWN GARAGE MAINT.	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00	
ANIMAL INSPECTION					
SALARY	657.00		657.00	657.00	
EXPENSES	240.00		240.00	240.00	
CIVIL DEFENSE SUPPLIES	400.00		400.00	212.06	187.94

DOG OFFICER				
ANIMAL CONTROL	5,100.00	5,100.00	4,709.00	391.00
DOG DAMAGE FUND	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRE DEPT.				
CHIEF'S SALARY	595.00	595.00	595.00	
CHIEF'S EXPENSES	1,000.00	1,000.00	324.75	675.25
OPERATIONS	18,500.00	18,500.00	18,500.00	
FOREST FIRES	1,300.00	1,300.00	897.00	402.92
FOREST FIRE WARDEN	391.00	391.00	391.00	
BOARD OF HEALTH				
SALARY	2,832.00	2,832.00	2,832.00	
EXPENSES	4,516.00	4,516.00	4,202.45	313.55
WELL TESTING	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	
POLICE				
CHIEF'S SALARIES	50,491.00	50,491.00	50,282.19	208.81
GENERAL SALARIES	511,289.00	511,289.00	510,624.23	664.77
CRUISER MAINT.	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	
EXPENSES	19,700.00	19,700.00	19,699.95	0.05
TRAINING	13,000.00	13,000.00	12,986.49	13.51
NEW CRUISER	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	
NEW EQUIPMENT	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,986.20	13.80
LEAA	250.00	250.00	250.00	
OTHER POLICE ACCOUNTS				
ELECTIONS	1,912.00	1,912.00	1,255.10	656.90
TOWING	250.00	250.00	20.00	230.00
REGIONAL SCHOOL	3,304,929.00	3,304,929.00	3,304,929.00	
LOCAL GOV'T DEBT				
PRINCIPAL	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	
INTEREST	39,694.00	39,694.00	39,693.75	0.25
PRIOR YEAR CARRY OVERS				
PAVING	110,822.00 *	110,822.00	110,789.72	32.28
THORNTON BURGESS ROOF	24,911.11 *	24,911.11	24,911.11	
LANDFILL CLOSURE	334,531.40 *	334,531.40	227,052.49	107,478.91
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES 4/26/96				
#7 REVALUATION	78,000.00	78,000.00	19,500.00	58,500.00 C
#13 CONSERVATION FUND	500.00	500.00	500.00	
#16 RESERVE FUND	20,000.00	(11,936.45)	8,063.55	8,063.55
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES				
SEPTEMBER 11, 1996				
#5 POLICE COMPUTER	14,742.42 *	14,742.42	12,859.50	1,882.92 C
#3 STABILIZATION FUND	65,000.00 *	65,000.00	65,000.00	
APRIL 29, 1996				
#1 TOWN HOUSE INPR.	17,175.00 *	17,175.00	17,175.00	

02 ACADEMY HALL	11,000.00 *	11,000.00	9,475.28	1,524.80 C
04 MILL POND REST.	10,000.00 *	10,000.00	1,713.80	8,287.00 C
05 CEMETERY PAVING	897.23 *	897.23	0.00	897.23 C
07 POSTAGE MACHINE	3,500.00 *	3,500.00	3,500.00	
APRIL 28, 1997				
06 MWEC LEGAL	15,000.00	15,000.00	7,331.87	7,668.93 C
07 SCANTIC LEGAL	74,000.00	74,000.00	69,922.21	4,077.79 C
	6,096,511.16	(0.00) 6,096,511.16	5,932,885.15	163,726.01

NOTES:

- A) ADVISORY TRANSFERS
- B) TO BE RAISED IN FISCAL 1997
- C) TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO FISCAL 1998