

LIBRARY STATISTICS

General Services

Circulation

Print Material – Adult	13,970	Volumes Added	2,155
Print Material – Juvenile	11,713	Volumes Discarded	486
Non-print Material	11,760	Total Collection	27,001
Inter-library Loan	508	Magazine subscriptions	69
TOTAL	37,951		

Finances FY99

Receipts

Municipal Appropriation	\$69,616
State Aid	2,333
TOTAL	\$71,949

Expenditures

Wages	\$54,730
Books & Materials	13,948
Maintenance Agreements	2,285
Expenses	986
TOTAL	\$71,949

(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
 Ellen C. Bump, Library Director

HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department responded to 112 calls in 1999. This is an increase of 29 calls over 1998.

I want to thank the taxpayers for their continued support at Town Meetings that enabled us to purchase 15 new S.C.B.A. (Scott Packs). Thanks also to those that supported our Easter Flower Sale and Fall Raffle.

A Truck Committee has been appointed with the intention of replacing our 1964 Ford Pumper. Also, remember to change your Smoke Detector batteries once a year and Carbon Monoxide Detectors every 5 years.

A total of \$1,824.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for Inspections and Permits.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Poulin
Chief, H.V.F.D.

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The Fire Department responded to 16 Brush or Grass Fires in 1999.

Hopefully, with good weather conditions and responsible outdoor burning, this can be reduced.

Burning Season is from January 15th through May 1st. Permits may be obtained by calling **566-3314** after 9:00 a.m.daily. Burning hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Permits are issued on a daily basis.

1278 Permits were granted in 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Poulin
Forest Fire Warden

TREE WARDEN

In 1999, the members of the Highway Department, along with the occasional assistance of a local tree service, removed 160 trees that were dead, dying or diseased from along our town's roadsides. Below, I have listed the streets where a total of 66 trees were taken down and cleaned up by the Highway Department and 94 trees that were felled by a professional tree service and then cleaned up by the Highway Department. This continued maintenance of the trees within the town helps reduce our exposure to personal injury, power outages and in general improves the overall appearance of the town.

Trees removed by the Highway Department were as follows:

Cross Road – 9	North Monson Road – 1
Genevieve Drive – 7	Scantic Road – 6
Glendale Road – 4	South Road – 1
Main Street – 3	Wilbraham Road – 7
Mill Road – 28	

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

Allen Street – 11	Mill Road – 10
Ames Road – 4	Mountain Road – 6
Bennett Road – 7	Pondview Drive – 2
Carmody Road – 8	Potash Hill Lane – 1
Chapin Road – 1	Raymond Drive – 1
Circle View Drive – 1	Scantic Road – 1
East Longmeadow Road – 1	Somers Road – 12
Glendale Road – 5	South Road – 1
Hollow Road – 1	Stafford Road – 4
Main Street – 3	Wilbraham Road – 14

A total of 41 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 – 8	Pondview Drive – 2
Carmody Road – 4	Raymond Drive – 1
East Longmeadow Road – 1	Scantic Road – 1
Hollow Road – 5	Somers Road – 4
Main Street – 3	Wilbraham Road – 9
Mill Road – 3	

If anyone has any questions regarding a town tree or would like to report a tree that they feel is in poor condition, please feel free to contact me at the Highway Department office (566-8842).

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley
Tree Warden

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The year 1999 was far different from the past several years. We had become accustomed to enjoying the ability of making significant improvements on several of the town's roads. This past year however, these improvements came to a halt. Unfortunately, the fourth year of the 6-year Paving Plan was defeated at the local ballot and the state failed to release any highway aid to the town in time to be useful this past year. This eliminated all local paving projects and all road construction projects for the entire construction season. We did, however, complete the construction projects from the year prior, with a final surface of trap rock and asphalt being installed on all of South Road and 2,500 feet of North Road.

With the lack of funds to do direct work on the roads, we stayed busy doing projects that offered a change of pace and also saved the town some money. We built the complete well house building at the site of the town's public water supply at Laughing Brook. This included the installation of an access road and gate leading out to Main Street. Another project undertaken was the repair of the entire length of the picket fence at the Prospect Hill Cemetery. This consisted of replacing rotted sections, scraping the entire surface and painting it with two coats. We hauled all of our winter road sand into the stockpile and built foundations for the new flagpoles on the town common.

Other maintenance projects were performed throughout the year as well. A set of bridge rails were replaced and painted on South Monson Road, 300-feet of guardrail was replaced on North Monson Road, all dirt roads were graded and ditches were cleaned. Collapsed culverts were replaced on Rock-A-Dundee and Scantic Roads, as were catch basins on South Monson Road and Main Street. A new basin and 96-feet of pipe was installed on St. Germain Road to correct a water problem in that area. As funding allowed, streets were swept and catch basins were cleaned. All traffic lines were repainted including stop lines, crosswalks and arrows.

Each year there are normal operations, which require a considerable amount of time and effort, and therefore should also be listed. The highway department cleared 15 winter storms last year, completely removed over 150 dead trees from the tree belts and trimmed several roads of overgrown brush. All roadsides in town were mowed, and on a regular basis, the many acres of public grounds at the schools, cemeteries and all other town properties were mowed and trimmed. The equipment was maintained which this year included the sandblasting and painting of several of the dump bodies.

As mandated by the state, new underground storage tanks, pumps, monitoring systems and alarms were installed at the highway department for the fuels used in all of the town vehicles. This necessitated several changes and has provided much safer conditions for the employees as well as the environment.

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, Matthew Frederick and Jason Walbridge) for their continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year of 1999 included a new direction for the Hampden Police Department. An ongoing shift in years past, towards a goal in working with the community, has evolved giving our officers the opportunity to be part of the entire community. Officers can now be seen in the school buildings, on patrol, in places of business, senior citizen homes, Centennial Commons, Memorial Park, civic organization meetings, along with responding to calls for service.

Our mission is not a program, a person, or a specialized division within the police department. It is a philosophy and our "Mission Statement" which encourages all of our police officers and residents to work together to address the problems related to crime, fear of crime, and issues that detract from the overall quality of life in this community. We have developed a new vision and have translated this vision into action.

Promotions started the new year with two of our officers. Officer Anna Mascaro has been promoted to Sergeant and was assigned to supervise the third shift. Reserve Officer John DiMaio has been appointed to a full time police officer and will join Sergeant Mascaro, and Officer Henry on the third shift working towards the Accreditation Program. In addition to these two promotions, officers on the second shift have taken on the task of working with the Special Olympics with the Recycle for Gold Program. Under the direction of Sergeant Collins, Officers Cooney and Joy will interact with the residents on removing unregistered vehicles off their property. Officers on the first shift have re-established the house checks for anyone in the community who would like their home and/or business checked while being away for any period of time. This task is provided under the direction of Sergeant Farnsworth with Officers Trombly, and Ely, with the second shift personnel assisting. All of the above programs have been done above and beyond the normal calls for service. Full time dispatchers have taken on the task of providing firearms permit to all requesting residents. The new firearms law, which was passed by the legislatures this year has placed enormous demands on this process. This time consuming task is spearheaded by Radcliffe Kenison, who spends many hours above his normal duties in having this process run as smoothly as it does. Most communities have added extra personnel to accomplish this job, but Racky has done this with our current dispatchers and at no additional cost to the community. A job well done.

Our continuing activities with grant money are alive and well. We are able to have officers in the school with the D.A.R.E., Read-A-Loud, Resource Officer, Operation Challenge Programs, and a new program called Adopt-A-Grade. Each full time officer has adopted a grade and will work with all the students in that grade throughout the year in hopes that both officer and child alike will learn from each other. All Officers, full time and reserve, and our civilian dispatchers as well, are involved with the Citizens Police Academy, File of Life Program with the Senior Citizens, Dinner & a Movie Program, and the Instructional Golf Program with the Golf Pro at the Hampden Country Club. The first phase of the Trading Card Program was completed by all officers this year with the final phase to be incorporated in the Adopt-A-Grade Program.

As in the years past, the Hampden Police Department has seen the addition of several new personnel, as well as the loss of a few valued members of the Department. New to the Department in 1999, are Branford Caney, Ralph Jensen, John LaPlante, Daniel Lowe, Avery Lynch, Brett Purchas, and Charles Seder, all of who are Dispatcher/Reserve Officers. Leaving the force this past year were Dispatch/Reserve Officers Michael Gralinski, Kristen Marciniac, Matthew Roman, and Michael Woodard.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, their staff, and all other town hall employees for their support and cooperation throughout the year. 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. A special thanks to all of the men and women of the Hampden Police Department in working towards the goals of our "Mission Statement". A huge thank you to Kathy Zanetti, Chief's Secretary, for being available day after day and making change after change. And 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

Report of the Police Department

I submit herewith, the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending, December 31, 1999.

During the year, the Police Department received 11,352 calls for service. Most of the calls received by this department were for assistance, complaints and for reporting crimes or accidents. The following is a general breakdown of some of the types of complaints received and investigated by the Police Department.

Accident (Property Damage)	74	Illegal Dumping	15
Accident (Personal Injury)	9	Larceny (Over \$250)	24
Accident (Hit & Run)	5	Larceny (Under \$250)	43
Alarm (Burglary)	304	Medical Assist	143
Alarm (Fire)	56	Missing Person	24
Alarm (Hold-Up)	7	M/V Stolen	2
Alarm (Other)	13	M/V Repossession	1
Alarm (Panic/Trouble)	10	M/V Disabled	48
Animal Complaint (Domestic)	168	M/V Stop	1,183
Animal Complaint (Wild)	32	Officer Assistance	51
Annoying/Obscene Phone Calls	37	Property (Lost)	4
Assault & Battery	7	Property (Found)	15
Assist Citizen	256	Property (Returned)	23
Assist Motorist	13	Restraining Order Served	22
Assist Other Agencies	59	Restraining Order Violation	3
Assist Other Police Departments	59	Runaway	3
Breaking & Entering/Burglary	10	Suicide Attempt/Threat	3
By Law Violation	27	Summons Served	120
Disturbance (General)	27	Suspicious Automobile	141
Disturbance (Domestic)	21	Suspicious (Other)	58
General Services	837	Suspicious Person(s)	74
Harassment	8	Threat Report	3
House Checks	192	Trespass Complaint	15
Hunting Violations	3	Vandalism	90

During the year we had 614 total offenses committed, with 189 total arrest and 20 juvenile arrests. Listed below are some of the complaints filed.

Assault	19	Liquor Law Violation	43
Burg/Breaking & Entering	28	Motor Vehicle Theft	5
Disorderly Conduct	3	Murder	1
Driving Under The Influence	9	Other Offenses	79
Drug/Narcotic Violation	7	Runaways	3
Drunkennes	7	Trespassing	7
Forgery	3	Vandalism	11
Larceny	8		

We had 79 motor vehicle accidents this year. We also had another fatality this year.

There were a total of 1,361 citations issued during the year. 90% of these citations were measured by radar. The average speed is 49 mph. Average mph over speed limit is 15 mph.

Police Department P2

WARNING CITATIONS

Fail to keep right	4	Seat Belt Violation	5
Fail to notify RMV of change	1	Speeding Violation	348
Fail to stop for police	2	Spillable Load	3
Fail to yield at intersection	3	Stop Sign Violation	32
License/Reg. not in possession	7	Unregistered M/V Trailer	3
Number Plate Missing	16	Vehicle Violations	35
Marked Lanes Violation	1		

CIVIL CITATIONS

Fail to keep right	4	Seat Belt Violation	43
Fail to yield at intersection	1	Speeding Violation	532
License/Reg not in possession	19	Spillable Load	3
Marked Lanes Violation	2	Stop Sign Violation	15
Number Plate Missing	3	Unregistered MV/Trailer	10
Oper MV - License Restrictions	5	Vehicle Violations	35

CRIMINAL CITATIONS

Fail to notify RMV of change	1	Speeding	28
Fail to stop for police	4	Uninsured Vehicle on Public Way	20
Improper Operation of MV	2	Unlicensed Operation of M/V	16
License/Reg. Not in possession	4	Unregistered MV/Trailer	10
Op. M/V with Revoked License/Reg	30	Vehicle Violations	3
OUI	5		

During the year \$3,779.50 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits, photographs, and various reports. The town has received \$22,655.00 from the Registry of Motor Vehicles, which represents the town's share of fines collected.

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

1999 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TOWN REPORT

“Excellence First, Learning Always”

As we end this century and begin to enter the new millennium, the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District continues to focus its efforts on preparing students to live and work in the 21st century. The district continues to meet the challenges of dealing with a growing student population while continuing to deliver a quality educational program that is evident in a pattern of sustained excellence in student performance. The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District is committed to providing all students with high quality instruction and educational opportunities. The future is bright and, with the help of the two towns, the HWRSD will continue to excel in providing an optimal educational environment for our students.

District Initiatives

Construction Projects

There were many capital projects in different stages of completion throughout 1999. The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Building Committee successfully guided the completion of the Stony Hill Elementary renovation project and met the construction timeline in order to allow all Mile Tree students to relocate to Stony Hill in the fall of 1999. The re-dedication ceremony was held November 7, 1999, with Senator Brian Lees in attendance. On September 1, 1999, M. Jane Leone, Principal of Mile Tree, and a staff of over 30 teachers, paraprofessionals and support personnel opened the doors to 296 students in grades 1 through 4. The building has been completely renovated within budget limits, and will house grades 2-6 for SY 2000-2001.

Mile Tree Elementary was closed in June of 1999 to allow for the renovation of the existing building which entailed demolishing several classroom walls and removing the stage in the cafetorium. As of December 1999, Mile Tree was 80% completed and is expected to be finished by June 2000, on time and on budget. Mile Tree will be the Early Childhood Center for Wilbraham pre-school, kindergarten, and grade 1 students. In the fall of 2000, all kindergarten students and first graders in Wilbraham will attend school at Mile Tree, thereby relieving the remaining elementary buildings of overcrowding.

The completion of Stony Hill and Mile Tree will be the beginning of a reorganization plan in Wilbraham involving grades K-6 for 2000-2001. Both Stony Hill and Mile Tree construction projects qualify for 67% reimbursement by the Department of Education School Building Assistance Grant Program.

Minnechaug Regional High School had several capital projects undertaken simultaneously during 1999. The Towns allowed the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School Committee to bond for \$1.5 million to replace 60% of the roof, replace the boilers, repair the pool filtration system, purchase new doors for the main entrances to the front of the building, install a wooden floor in the old gym, replace the lockers in the girl's locker room, and complete other small projects as remaining funds allowed. As of December 1999, the roof, pool, and boiler projects were successfully completed, with the gym floor installed, but not completely finished for student use. The remainder of the projects will be completed between January and May 2000.

Wilbraham Middle School had major renovations completed to the univent heating and air circulating system and exterior drainage around the building in an effort to address air quality issues at the school.

The Wilbraham Finance committee and Selectmen supported the repairs to the air circulation system and drainage issues by appropriating the funds to complete the work during the summer and fall of 1999.

Curriculum

High expectations for students – an important indicator of the quality of any educational program – are embodied in the curriculum for each content area in the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District.

The past four years have been productive and successful in the completion of a coordinated sequential curriculum that reflects the state frameworks in language arts, math, foreign language, science, social studies, art, music, health and physical education. The completion of these curriculum goals has resulted in a significant, positive impact on the successful performance of our students on MCAS tests.

In tandem with the creation of an aligned, correlated curriculum, K-12, is the development of meaningful assessments that accurately reflect what students know and are able to do at each grade level. The HWRSD continues to meet the accountability standard of curriculum development that states that the written curriculum must be the tested curriculum, and the tested curriculum and written curriculum should be what is taught in our classrooms. A comprehensive assessment plan has been implemented that measures student achievement based on national norms by administering the ITBS in grades 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9. The state requires we administer the MCAS tests in grades 4, 8 and 10. Students who score above the 97th percentile in grade 7 on the ITBS qualify for the Johns Hopkins Gifted and Talented Program in the district.

As part of the assessment program, staff has begun to develop portfolio standards for students in grades K-12 and continue to utilize open-ended questions in all content areas with matching scoring guides (rubrics) that align with the state tests. Students are writing in every area and being held to high performance standards.

Technology

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District's five-year technology plan continues to provide guidance for the purchase and implementation of technology-enhanced learning opportunities in our buildings. The computer lab at Thornton Burgess has changed to a PC lab, and improvements were made in 1999 with the purchase of six new computers. Upgrades were completed on computers in all elementary buildings to allow for web publishing. At Minnechaug Regional High School, the H-15 writing lab was upgraded, and new computers were added to the lab to accommodate 25 stations. The math department at MRHS received 10 new computers, and new software and upgrades were installed in the D-5 (business department) lab computers. Color scanners were purchased through a grant and installed at the MRHS library, Green Meadows, Soule Road, and Thornton Burgess. All school nurses received new computers for their record-keeping, and 17 new computers were purchased through special education and Title I grants for our resource rooms.

At Stony Hill Elementary, 108 computers were purchased and installed through the construction bond. The library at Stony Hill will be automated by the end of the year so students can use an electronic card catalog to locate and check out materials.

All classrooms in all buildings are connected to the Internet, and continue to provide optimal learning experiences for HWRSD students.

Adult Community Education and Recreation

This program was created in 1997 and, under the direction of Ned Doyle since its inception, the Adult Community Education and Recreation Program has grown rapidly. The program has many components including a summer camp program for youth, a college-level credit program run by Holyoke Community College and Lesley College, a year-round community recreation program, a high school summer school program, an elementary summer reading program, and evening and weekend classes for adults offered at the high school. Since the spring of 1998, enrollment has grown from 144 participants to 298 participants. This service to the community has been well-received and is destined for even greater success in future years.

School Based Initiatives

Green Meadows School is currently in the second year of implementing its curriculum initiative "First Steps" to enhance student writing. Parent workshops were held during the year to introduce the goals of the program and a publication center is being created with the hopes that every young author at Green Meadows will be "published." Green Meadows is particularly proud of its third grade's performance on the ITBS this year. Ninety-four percent of third graders scored in the proficient to advanced range, and no third grader scored in the pre-reader range. Seven classrooms are using the Accelerated Reader Program, a computer based testing program that encourages students to read more books independently. "Keyboard Kids," a grant funded, after-school program, was implemented to give students extra help in reading and keyboarding. In community service programs, over 80 shoeboxes filled with personal care products were delivered to families overseas, and children collected thousands of pennies to help re-open a school in Kosovo. They became involved in the Kosovo project through Lieutenant Kevin Podmore, son of George Podmore, Hampden Postmaster. The VIPS program continued to coordinate the Read Aloud Program funded by Monson Savings Bank, which provided several books that were "gifted" to the classrooms by special readers who visit during the year to read aloud to students.

Memorial Elementary School welcomed a new principal in the fall with the retirement of Dr. Ruth Tichenor. The new principal, appointed by the Superintendent, was Mrs. Deborah Thompson, former special education coordinator and teacher at Thornton Burgess Middle School. Memorial Elementary also welcomed the addition of two fourth grade classrooms from Soule Road School in preparation of the reorganization to occur next year. The Memorial library was remodeled over the summer with new carpeting, blinds, and tables where students could sit and conduct research. In addition, the fire doors in the hallway were painted, thereby successfully removing most of the orange paint in the building. Memorial School continued its partnership with the Milton Bradley School in Springfield and participated in pen pal projects, science visits, and other exchanges. Memorial staff developed a theme to celebrate its upcoming 50th Anniversary, and focus on the school's ongoing efforts to foster respect for oneself and others. As a community service project, Memorial Elementary School donated 850 pounds of food to the Survival Center, and the fourth grade class made gingerbread houses that they donated to area hospitals and nursing homes. The School Improvement Plan includes improving students' reading and writing skills by training staff in the First Steps Writing Program, and implementing the Houghton-Mifflin reading curriculum across all grade levels. Another goal is to improve students' sense of number relationships using Investigations as part of the math curriculum.

Stony Hill Elementary re-opened as a public school for the first time in 17 years. Mrs. Leone, principal at Mile Tree, and her staff moved to Stony Hill while Mile Tree's renovations were completed. The staff had only two weeks to move, unpack, and prepare for their student's arrivals. They accomplished their tasks in record time, and were ready to receive grade 1-4 students on the first day of school in a "new" building. At the dedication ceremony on November 7th, a corner of the Stony Hill library was dedicated to long-time

Stony Hill principal, Alan J. Rubin, who passed away recently. The books in Alan Rubin's corner were donated by friends, family, staff and community members in Principal Rubin's honor. From a technological standpoint, over 100 computers were installed and networked in August, and the Winnebago computerized/electronic library system was installed for student use. The Stony Hill School Improvement initiatives are focused on improving student writing skills, implementing the Houghton-Mifflin Reading Program, and integrating technology into the instructional process. Stony Hill also relocated three fourth-grade classes from Soule Road into the building in preparation for the reorganization of the Wilbraham Schools next year, and created a positive school climate celebrating diversity and appreciation of all cultures.

Soule Road School held its fall Open House in September with nearly 100% parent participation. The PTA sponsored two special events for 5th graders this year. Students were able to visit a Starlab (portable planetarium) in the gym, made possible through the Springfield Science Museum. Then, the students were able to view the planets and constellations through telescopes set up outside as they held the second "Stargazers Night" funded through the SMART Grant. Soule Road students also participated in a "2000 for 2000" campaign to celebrate the millennium through reading. The goal is for students and staff to read 2000 books before the year 2000. The Soule Road library also received a "facelift" this summer with a fresh coat of paint, new carpeting, and blinds. Soule Road School's Improvement Plan contains five goals including establishing common benchmarks for grade four and five writing prompts, developing millennium projects by grade level, investigating enrichment opportunities that support student learning, and updating and revising Soule Road School's safety and security plan. The PTA also undertook a major fundraising project to build a new playscape for the school as it becomes a grade 2-6 building next year. Another special event this year was a history presentation by a descendant of the Soule family who gave the students a multi-media presentation and shared several artifacts from the family farm. As a community service project, the PTA sponsored an infant gift-giving program called "Babes in Toyland" for the Salvation Army. The students responded overwhelmingly to the request for gifts.

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School's School Improvement Plan focused on improving reading comprehension skills, writing skills, and math skills as well as developing a character education/community service program. TWB staff continues to work with Wilbraham Middle School staff to develop writing rubrics (guides) to assess students' writing skills in all content areas. Thornton Burgess students worked on several themes in 1999 geared toward helping one another, and those less fortunate. They donated gifts of money, food and clothing to several area charitable organizations. Students also participated in a "Career Day" that was sponsored by VIPS to encourage students to begin thinking about their future goals. The After-School Homework Center again flourished through a grant provided by the Police Department. The Awesome student program continues to recognize the good deeds of students in grades 6-8 at TWB. Once a month, students assemble to recognize their peers who were nominated and selected as "Awesome Students." This past year, students at TWB were able to take advantage of a number of exciting field trips that were offered at the various grade levels. These educational trips took students and staff to such cities as Washington DC, New York City and Boston. Many thanks to the parents, PTO, and VIPS for their continued support of the programs and activities of TWB.

Wilbraham Middle School had the good fortune of bringing back the national touring group of the Young Americans this fall who gave a sold-out performance at Minnechaug Regional High School with over 200 WMS students participating in a singing and dancing celebration of music and children. The talented WMS students also gave a performance of the musical "Grease" last spring to sold-out audiences. The School Improvement Plan focused on improving writing skills and math skills and working with TWB on developing matching rubrics to score writing assessments in all content areas. As a celebration of diversity, and in conjunction with the PTO and cafeteria staff, Wilbraham Middle School celebrated International Week March 1999 that included special lunch menus. As a building goal, WMS students completed several community service projects. Students helped fill 784 shoeboxes with personal care items that were sent to children in need around the world. They also donated 125 tree ornaments to Baystate Medical Center and collected items to fill 13 large boxes for the Springfield Rescue Mission. Additionally, each Star Time Class adopted a child at the Prospect House, and filled a stocking with gifts

during the winter holidays. The Homework Center continues to assist students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. each day as funded by a grant from the Police Department.

Minnechaug Regional High School

MRHS entered into its third year under the new, extended block schedule in the fall of 1999. Curriculum and teaching strategies were substantially adjusted to the new scheduling format. All departments worked on the development and inclusion of writing assignments across the curriculum and focused on enhancing test-taking skills and content area knowledge to positively impact on SAT, MCAS and ITBS test scores. Sophomores were also encouraged to take the SAT, resulting in 127 students taking the test in 1998-1999 compared to less than 25 the previous year. Additionally, MRHS faculty and administration worked with the School Council to develop the initial steps in a violence prevention and response plan.

Department News

The Guidance Department refined their developmental guidance program after studying various other programs throughout the country. The Internship Program piloted the year before grew from 23 students to over 70 in 1998-1999. Several English teachers were part of a \$3 million grant to the Massachusetts Academy of Teachers to study school-wide student portfolios/autobiographies.

In Minnechaug athletics, six league championships and five Western Massachusetts championships are indicators of a very successful program. We continue to offer 28 sports activities (14 boys/14 girls), providing one of the most complete and diverse programs in the commonwealth. Athletic teams also excel in the classroom; virtually every team at every level received the MIAA Academic Excellence Award.

The Math Department integrated MCAS review questions into its freshman and sophomore curriculum as well as a focus on SAT preparation. Math teachers continue to expand their use of computers in their programs. In business courses, teachers expanded their use of pairing of students and group work through projects and presentations. They also integrated a variety of innovative student assessments including Powerpoint presentations, and the use of student portfolios and daily journals. Our Future Business Leaders of America chapter continued to be active in the state competitions with nine of our students receiving awards. In the Family and Consumer Science Department, Baking and Food Technology classes experienced the greatest growth, and Mrs. Joanne Weisser was named Outstanding New Professional of the Year at the Massachusetts Family and Consumer Science Annual Meeting. The Minnechaug science students worked very successfully with the Conservation Committee and the Department of Environmental Protection in their Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Project. Our Science Olympiad Team placed first in western Massachusetts competition. Music students set records for successful participation at the District and All-State Music Festivals. As in the past, a full schedule of musical performances was presented throughout the year. The Technical Education/Computer Department has expanded student involvement in the use of computers, especially in CAD, Internet web site classes, and computer programming. Many Tech Ed classes are now paralleling English Department written work guidelines, modifying their tests and quizzes to support SAT and MCAS formats, and are placing a greater emphasis in the design process. They have entered into a cooperative effort with the Science Department to explore ways to integrate science and technology.

Our History and Social Studies Department developed a new 9th grade world history curriculum built around the Frameworks and directed toward supporting students' success in MCAS. With the opening of an additional computer lab in room J7, the department has moved toward maximizing this technology in its classes. The Model Congress and Mock Law Teams excelled in their competitions this year.

Minnechaug continued to offer a most extensive array of student activities this last year. To highlight a few, the American Technology Honor Society was officially recognized. The first annual Original/Happy Endings Football Game was held. Falcon Players were state finalists with many receiving individual

recognition. The Environmental Club won the Western Massachusetts Championship. The Future Business Leaders of America attended a national leadership conference. Our Sailing Club participated in a regatta at the Coast Guard Academy. Our *Smoke Signal* won a prize for an outstanding newspaper from the Scholastic Press Forum, and second prize in the Quill and Scroll International Paper Award.

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FIVE-YEAR ENROLLMENT HISTORY

GRADE	1995-96			1996-97			1997-98			1998-99			1999-2000		
	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T
K	62	135	197	82	149	231	43	129	172	50	162	212	50	144	194
P-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	70	200	270	75	183	258	92	179	271	58	149	207	67	177	244
2	81	176	257	73	208	281	71	188	259	86	196	282	57	175	232
3	77	210	287	83	191	274	73	216	289	73	194	267	91	213	304
4	75	209	284	81	208	289	80	203	283	67	224	291	72	204	276
5	75	205	280	68	207	275	83	201	284	82	204	286	72	240	312
6	87	195	282	80	205	285	67	203	270	84	205	289	82	213	295
7	72	202	274	86	202	288	75	207	282	65	204	269	84	216	300
8	71	194	265	67	205	272	83	199	282	78	219	297	64	217	281
9	71	173	244	77	203	280	66	210	276	80	220	300	89	245	334
10	76	164	240	63	168	231	72	183	255	68	202	270	73	209	282
11	54	160	214	61	159	220	62	160	222	66	173	239	63	190	253
12	49	140	189	52	149	201	64	156	220	62	158	220	69	182	251
Gr. 9-1															
Other			82			64			77			87			88
TOTAL	920	363	3365	948	2437	3449	931	2434	3442	918	2508	3516	933	2625	3646

SAT Accomplishments

The district's SAT scores continue to exceed the State and National averages.

1998-1999 COMPARISON OF SAT AVERAGE

Verbal		Math
517	Minnechaug	523
511	Massachusetts	511
505	National	511

Over 89% of Minnechaug graduates enrolled in colleges. The Class of 1999 placed 67% of its members in 4-year colleges. Our students continue to attend highly competitive colleges. The Class of 1999 sent graduates to Boston College, Colgate University, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Syracuse University, Tufts and West Point. Over 20% of students attended two-year colleges.

Two of our 1999 graduates were National Merit Semi-Finalists and several students were commended for their performance on advanced placement exams.

MCAS Scores

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) is in its second year as the commonwealth's state wide assessment program for public schools. MCAS measures the performance of students, schools, and districts on the academic learning standards contained in the Massachusetts *Curriculum Frameworks*, fulfilling requirements of the Education Reform Law of 1993. The MCAS tests are designed to measure student performance against the standards contained in the *Curriculum Frameworks*. Consistent with this purpose, results on the MCAS tests are reported according to performance levels that describe student performance levels that describe student performance in relation to established state standards. There are four performance levels: *Advanced*, *Proficient*, *Needs Improvement*, and *Failing*. School, district, and state level results are reported as the number and percentage of students attaining each performance level for each subject area and grade level tested.

In May 1999, students in grades 4, 8, and 10 in our district, and in all Massachusetts public schools, completed the second annual administration of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, which included tests in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science & Technology. History and Social Science was tested at the eighth grade level. We are particularly pleased that Hampden-Wilbraham students exceeded the state average in every area, and showed improvement from 1998 scores. The district was ranked 36th in the state and was in the top 20 ranking for all of our elementary, middle and high school scores, which is an improvement over last year.

The following chart shows the distribution of scores.

1999 MCAS Scores HWRSD

Percentage of Students at Each Performance Level

All Students	Advanced	Proficient	Needs Improvement	Failing (Tested)	Number of Students Tested
Grade 4					
English Language Arts	0	32	65	4	293
Mathematics	18	29	42	11	295
Science & Technology	25	54	19	3	295
Grade 8					
English Language Arts	4	68	25	4	309
Mathematics	7	32	39	21	310
Science & Technology	8	33	33	27	309
History and Social Science	2	13	52	34	309
Grade 10					
English Language Arts	3	44	36	17	295
Mathematics	10	23	32	34	295
Science & Technology	2	36	46	16	295

New Staff

A number of new staff joined us this year. They are:

Joanne Anello Maher
 Elisa Baird
 Joanna Brega
 Dorothea Crowley
 Shahla Dabiri
 John Derosia

Stephanie Harju
 Sara Korte
 Chantali Latulippe
 Kimberly Leary
 Kathleen McDonald
 Julie McKinnon

Michael Orzech
 Jessica Paris
 Julie Phelps
 Thomas Potter
 Heather Wages
 Catherine Zawrotny

Mary Jo DiNardo
Tammy Garvey
Katey Greene

Katherine Messina
Elizabeth Newman
Mary O'Neil

Cindy Zielinski

RETIREES:

David Barry, Minnechaug Regional High School
Dr. Richard Brown, Minnechaug Regional High School
Donald Cantwell, Wilbraham Middle School
Dorothy Corriveau, Wilbraham Middle School
Genevieve Keddy, Wilbraham Middle School
Mary Beth Lanoie, Green Meadows School
Evelyn Mabuck, Soule Road School
Lorraine Morrell, Minnechaug Regional High School
Joan Reil, Superintendent's Office
Sharon Queen, Stony Hill School
Sandra Sanders, Minnechaug Regional High School
Marion Sears, Memorial School
Florence Sheehan, Minnechaug Regional High School
Encarncao Silveira, Minnechaug Regional High School
Dr. Ruth Tichenor, Memorial School

School Councils

The committee wishes to acknowledge the effectiveness of the School Councils and to thank them for volunteering their personal time to pursue a commitment to the education of our young people. We would also like the community to recognize the services rendered by these parents and citizens of the HWRSD.

GREEN MEADOWS SCHOOL

T. Jeffrey Sullivan, Principal
Ellen Collins
Jean Hall
Richard Moriarty
Kathleen Pessolano
Valerie Ross
Mary Ellen Shea
Cheri Tanguay
Phyllis Walsh

MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Deborah Thompson, Principal
Peggy Brady
Pat Colkos
Marcia Jackson
Kim Marowski
Kim Mele
Gail Smead
Sharon Tellier
Deb Wandzilak

STONY HILL SCHOOL

M. Jane Leone, Principal
Ellen Bartolomei
Charles Brock
Pat Hunt
Shawn Lawrence
Karen Murphy
Linda Rozolsky
Elaine Stinson

SOULE ROAD SCHOOL

John F. Cavanaugh, Principal
Cathy Brunelle
Maureen Burke
Claire Clini
Stephanie Harju
Betty Howarth
Cathy Mahoney
Charity Marlatt
Jane Robinson

THORNTON BURGESS MIDDLE SCHOOL

WILBRAHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Noel P. Pixley, Principal
Jim Bartolomei
Patti Casey
Beth Crowley
Monique Latessa
Alecia Lipinski
Pat O'Connor
Pat Pastoreck
Nancy Roy

Robert A. Dionne, Principal
Ellen Alpert
Scott Berg
Dierdre Barbeau
Donna Berrouard
Kathleen Dusel
Susan Fitts
Janice Hassett
Luzanne Laba
Meg Robbins
Jane Stenning
Teresa Terbush

MINNECHAUG REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

John K. Logan, Jr., Principal
Judy Bowerman
Sue Bunnell
Elizabeth Contant
David Demos
Lindsay Ervin
Wilbur Jenkins
Clifton Johnison
John Logan
Linda Rooney
Gregory Schmutte
Constance Shea
Joanne Weisser
Peter Wolkowski

Staff News

School Committee

The next school year will find the School Committee continuing to work with the administration and staff to create a smooth transition in Wilbraham as Mile Tree becomes a pre-kindergarten, full-day kindergarten, grade 1 center, and Soule Road, Memorial and Stony Hill Schools become grade 2-6 buildings. Space issues in the Hampden schools, and increasing enrollments throughout the district will create new challenges. As always, communicating regularly with patrons, parents and town officials about budget issues and the necessity to maintain adequate funding, will be a priority.

School Committee

Ronald E. Thomson, Chairperson
Paula R. Tingle, Vice-Chairperson
Joel A. Berman
Pamela C. Burch
Richard W. Grono
Lois R. Megliola
Mary Anne Morris

TREASURER'S REPORT

This year the Town's financial position was strengthened. Surplus FY99 lottery monies in the amount of \$56,083.00 provided a nice windfall in September. The finance board, selectmen and voters approved an addition to the Town's Stabilization Fund. The fund balance is \$140,763.67. This fund was established in 1996 and it is very important to the Town's financial status to maintain such a contingency. Barring any unforeseen major cash expenditures short-term interest will not be needed this year, and turned back in on June 30th.

On the following page is a list of the tax title properties that have been filed in Land Court. The Treasurer's office has received "absolute title" to one more property this year as the result of foreclosure (designated by *). This land is now town owned and can be auctioned by the Treasurer. Auctions will be advertised and take place when the Town can auction more than one parcel.

The Treasurer's office is open Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-1:00pm. If any resident has any questions please call 566-2401.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Easton-Vicalvi
Town Treasurer

City, Town, County or District

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

QUARTERLY REPORT OF RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Quarter Ending:

31-Dec-99

PART I:

A Cash and checks in office 0

B. Non-Interest Bearing Accounts*

Collateral'd	Comp	Financial	Balance	
	Bal	Institution		
No	No	State St	155.83	
No	No	Monson Sav/Sr. Center	\$20,455.69	\$ 20,611.52

C. Interest Bearing Checking Accounts*

Collateral'd	Comp	Financial	Purpose	Interest	Balance
	Bal	Institution		Rate	
No	No	Bank of WMA	Gen Fund	3.15	245,599.14
No	No	BankBoston	WMLEC	3.5	87.97
No	No	Fleet	WMLEC	4.75	16015.29
No	No	Commonwealth	WMLEC	5.457	600000
					<u>861,702.40</u>

D. Liquid Investments *

Collateral'd	Comp	Financial	# of	Interest	Balance
	Bal	Institution	Accounts	Rate	
No	No	Fleet	1	3.8	3,893.78
No	No	Mass Municipal	1	5.29	3,974.13
		Depository Trust			
Yes	No	BankBoston	1	3	51,211.11
					\$ 59,079.02

TOTAL OF ALL LIQUID INVESTMENTS: \$ 941,392.94

TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

E. Term Investments

Certificates of Deposit:

Collateral'd	Comp	Financial	Purpose	Interest	Balance
Bal		Institution		Rate	
No	No	Monson Sav	Stabilization	5	140,763.67
TOTAL:					<u>\$ 140,763.67</u>
U.S. Treasury Bills					0
Repurchase Agreements					0
Others _____					0
Total:					<u>\$ 140,763.67</u>

F. Trust Funds

Collateral'd	Comp	Financial	# of	Interest	Balance
Bal		Institution	Accounts	Rate	
No	No	Monson Sav	15	5	132,603.04
Total:					<u>\$ 132,603.04</u>
TOTAL OF ALL CASH AND INVESTMENTS:					<u><u>\$ 1,214,759.65</u></u>

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The year 1999 amounted to a very busy, productive and rewarding year.

Along with the normal calendar of events to fulfill, a total revaluation was brought to a close with great success. To recall, the town approved an article at the 1996 annual town meeting that allowed the assessors to contract with a property valuation company to put the town in certification status for FY 97 and undertake a full measure and list revaluation to be completed for FY 2000. The four- year program was completed with out stress and within a very budget wise contract.

All properties in town were visited for exterior and interior inspection and measurements. Most visitations were completed in the first visit, while others took two and three calls. All exterior data was collected, and about 97% of all interior data was completed. The field work progressed on schedule. The Board and the field workers would like to thank the property owners of Hampden for their cooperation.

The results of the valuation were published in a report and were viewed by a great deal of taxpayers at the Board of Assessors office and the Library. Most viewers accepted the results with out issue while others brought to our attention incorrect listings that were corrected.

As in most valuations, some values increased, many stayed the same and others showed a decrease. The outcome of the valuation was accepted by the Department of Revenue and Hampden had the distinction of being the first municipality to be certified by the Department of Revenue for FY 2000.

It was with mixed feelings that the Board of Assessors said good-bye to their very good friend and co-worker of the past four years, Diane Hildreth. Diane showed her skills and performed as an excellent clerk and became a great asset to the office. Before Diane departed she shared her knowledge and routine with the Board of Assessors new clerk, Susan Rauscher. Stop by the office when you can and say hi to Sue.

For all the cooperation and support from all the boards, clerks and officers in the town, we thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Jalbert, Chairman
Henry P. Baush, MAA
Stanley W. Witkop, MAA
Susan Rauscher, Clerk

FISCAL YEAR 2000

Total appropriations to be raised	\$6,626,807.19
Other local expenditures	53,708.05
State and County Cherry sheet	26,652.00
Allowance for abatements and Exemptions (overlay)	<u>96,629.88</u>
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$6,803,797.12

Board of Assessors P2

FY2000 Estimated Receipts by Cherry Sheet	\$632,123.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$443,230.00
Penalties and Interest on Taxes and Excises	15,110.00
Departmental Revenue-Schools	22,497.00
Departmental Revenue-Libraries	901.00
Other Departmental Revenue	33,430.00
Licenses and Permits	6,044.00
Fines and Forfeits	24,932.00
Investment Income	17,029.00
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring	3,000.00
Additional Lottery Receipt	<u>56,083.00</u>
Total	\$ 619,256.00
Revenue Sources (other)	\$ 323,584.19
Total Estimated Receipts	\$ 1,574,963.19
Total amount to be raised by Taxation	
Real Estate	\$5,037,576.04
Personal Property	<u>191,257.88</u>
Grand Total	\$5,228,833.92
Total Valuation	\$ 297,600,110.00
Fiscal Year 2000 Tax Rate	\$ 17.57

Statutory Exemptions Granted on Real Estate

Fiscal Year 1999 Exemptions \$12,068.00

Motor Vehicle Excise Committed in 1999

1999	\$ 471,157.68
1998	8,431.88
1996	<u>32.92</u>
Total	\$479,622.48

Motor Vehicle Excise Abated in 1999

1999	\$ 14,060.65
1998	<u>1,537.02</u>
Total	\$ 15,597.67

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Status of outstanding taxes may be found in the Town Accountant's report. According to the latest audit, the accountant's and tax collector's numbers (regarding collected and outstanding real estate, personal property and excise taxes) agreed to within one dollar.

I thank my office staff, Pat Smith, for her dedication to her job and excellent interface and rapport with the public whom we serve. Her constant support contributes to a pleasant office and completion of the work required in the tax office.

We continue to welcome questions regarding tax payments, bills and account status. We may be reached at 566-2206 and 566-3214. Questions about assessments, abatements and exemptions may be directed to the Assessors' office at 566-3223.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita A. Vail, Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK

Money collected in 1999 and submitted to the Treasurer is as follows:

Fish and Game		
Gross	6340.85	
Fees (to Town)		285.10
Dog Licenses		1,151.00
UCC Recordings		780.00
Certified Copies and Publications		1,488.75
Trade Names and Marriages		665.00
Miscellaneous		<u>625.00</u>
		4,994.85 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:	1997	1998	1999
Births	32	48	33
Deaths	71	59	59
Marriages	15	23	21

Respectfully submitted,
Rita A. Vail, Town Clerk

Moderator, Richard Patullo, opened the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Article 1. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$16,000 to Law & Claims, Line Item #8.2 Town Counsel.

Article 2. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$2,500 for a salary classification and compensation study for non-bargained town employees.

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

Article 4. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$29,120 for the purchase of a 42hp tractor with diesel engine complete with rear mount motor and mid-mount cutting bar.

Article 5. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 6. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$852 to Line Item #31.0 Public Grounds.

Article 7. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$1207 to Line Item #42.0 Highway Maintenance.

Article 8. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$2,863 to Line Item #43.0 General Highway.

Article 9. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$837 to Line Item #44.0 Snow and Ice.

Article 10. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$52,200 to purchase or lease and install a public safety radio system to upgrade and replace the current communications system.

Article 11. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$2,948 to Line Item #57.1 Chief's Salary.

Article 12. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$46,466 to Line Item #57.2 Police General Salaries.

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

Article 14. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$5,520 to Line Item #57.6 Police Training.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Attest: Rita A. Vail Town Clerk

Transfer from unappropriated available funds

Article 1	16,000	Article 10	52,200
Article 2	2,500	Article 11	2,948
Article 4	29,120	Article 12	46,466
Article 6	852	Article 14	5,520
Article 7	1,207		
Article 8	2,863		
Article 9	837		
			160,513 Total

MINUTES

Special Town Meeting, May 24, 1999

81 Voters in attendance

Town Moderator, Richard Patullo, opened the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Article 1. The Town of Hampden voted to approve (pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 16(d)) the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School Committee's incurring debt for capital improvements and purchases at Minnechaug Regional High School in an amount not to exceed 1.5 million dollars, with yes votes counting as approval and no votes counting as disapproval.
2/3 majority declared by Moderator

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Attest: Rita A. Vail Town Clerk

MINUTES

Special Town Meeting, July 26, 1999

Attendance: 254

Moderator, Richard Patullo opened the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Article 1. The Town of Hampden voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 as an addition to the prior appropriation of \$3,917,906 on April 26, 1999 for line item 69.1.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Attest: Rita A. Vail Town Clerk

Raise and Appropriate	
Article 1	\$80,000
	—————
	\$80,000 Total

62 Voters in attendance

Moderator, Richard Patullo opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Article 1. The Town voted to reduce Line Item #30.1 Salaries by the sum of \$4,000 and transfer that \$4,000 to the Parks & Recreation Line Item #30.0 Director's Salary.

Article 2. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$5,000 to expand the scope of work for a salary survey for non-bargained town employees as previously approved under Article #2 of the Special Town Meeting held during the Annual Town Meeting on April 26, 1999.

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

Article 4. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 5. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$21,912.19 to Line Item #57.2 General Salaries as a result of employee retirement settlement.

Article 6. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$2,000 to Line Item #57.4 Other Expense.

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

Article 8. The Town voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 86, Section 1724 entitled "An Act Establishing the Scantic Valley Water District".

Article 9. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 10. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$200 for the Historical Commission.

Article 11. The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen, to accept a deed for (In recordable form acceptable to the Town of Hampden) or by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take in fee simple for highway purposes, Perennial Lane, as recommended by the Planning Board including easements relating thereto as described in Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Passed by 2/3 vote declared by the Moderator

Article 12. The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed for (In recordable form acceptable to the Town of Hampden) or by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take in fee simple for highway purposes, Steepleview Drive, as recommended by the Planning Board including easements relating thereto as described in Article 12 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Passed by 2/3 vote declared by the Moderator

Article 13. The Town defeated the vote to request the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District to use the proceeds of the sale of their school buses solely for the purpose of defraying regional capital expenditures and/or refurbishment of the regional owned school building.

Article 14. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$75,000 to the Stabilization Fund.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Attest: Rita A. Vail Town Clerk

MINUTES Annual Town Meeting April 26, 1999

Town Moderator, Richard Patullo, opened the meeting at 8:00 PM and adjourned at 8:15 for the Special Town Meeting. Re-opened at 8:43 PM.

Article 1. The Town voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 1998 to accepted as printed.

Article 2. The Town voted that the sums of money shown in the column entitled Fiscal 2000 Recommended of the Supplementary Report and Recommendations of the Hampden Advisory Committee (except as shown where amended) be granted and appropriated for the specific purposes designated and that the same to 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, 2000. The amounts are as follows:

		Fiscal 2000 Recommended	Totals
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
1.0	Accountant		
	1.1 Salary	\$ 12,192	
	1.2 Clerical	2,039	
	1.3 Expenses	3,425	17,656
2.0	Advisory Committee		
	2.1 Clerical	3,354	
	2.2 Expenses	170	3,524
3.0	Appeals, Board of		
	3.1 Clerical	3,053	
	3.2 Expenses	160	3,213
4.0	Assessors, Board of		
	4.1 Salaries	10,194	
	4.2 Clerical	18,804	
	4.3 Expenses	2,400	
	4.4 Data Processing	300	
	4.5 Revaluation Update	2,200	
	4.6 Mapping Maintenance	900	
	4.7 Computer Maintenance and Supp.	500	
	4.8 Field Review	1,200	36,498
5.0	Building Department Expenses		
	5.1 Code & General 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	100,000	
	7.3 Unemployment Compensation	2,000	154,000
8.0	Law and Claims	25,000	
	8.1 General	0	
	8.2 Town Counsel	0	25,000
9.0	Moderator		
	9.1 Salary	0	
	9.2 Expenses	100	100
10.0	Planning Board		
	10.2 Clerical	8,667	
	10.3 Expenses	535	9,202
11.0	Registrars, Board of(Voters)		
	11.1 Salaries	760	
	11.2 Election Expenses	2,100	
	ii.3 Street Lists	2,280	5,140
12.0	Selectman		
	12.1 Salaries	7,477	
	12.2 Administrative Asst.	27,880	
	23.3 Secretarial	19,048	
	12.4 Expenses	1,600	
	12.5 Legal Advertising	300	
	12.6 Computer Study Committee	0	56,305
13.0	Tax Collector		
	13.1 Salary	17,039	
	13.2 Clerical	3,572	
	13.3 Expenses	1,965	
	13.4 Computer Maintenance	3,620	
	13.5 Tax Title Work	500	
	13.6 Tas Title Admin.	1,500	28,196

A true copy. Attest: Richard A. V. V. Town Clerk

14.0	Town Clerk		
	14.1 Salary	17,039	
	14.2 Clerical	3,111	
	14.3 Expenses	1,020	
	14.4 Town Publications	200	21,370
15.0	Town Report	5,200	5,200
16.0	Treasurer		
	16.1 Salary	18,326	
	16.2 Clerical	3,111	
	16.3 Expenses	900	
	16.4 Certifying Notes	100	
	16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	5,000	
	16.6 Tax Title Expense	10,500	
	16.7 Payroll Service	6,900	
	16.8 Bank Service Charges	700	
	16.9 Tax Title Admin.	2,250	47,787
17.0	Veterans' Benefits	5,000	5,000
18.0	Greater Springfield Senior Services	302	302

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT 507,308

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	1,834	
	22.2 Expenses	450	2,284
22.5	Council on Aging		
	22.6 Director's Salary	27,093	
	22.7 Clerk	5,434	(amended from 5,276)
	22.8 Expenses	8,600	41,127
23.0	Transfer Station	15,000	15,000
24.0	Dutch Elm Disease	0	
25.0	Insect Pest Control	0	
26.0	Library		
	26.1 Salaries		
	26.2 Expenses		
	26.3 Books and Periodicals		71,680
27.0	Town Events	800	800
29.0	Office Equipment		
	29.1 Acquisition	3,000	
	29.2 Maintenance	5,508	
	29.3 Supplies	8,000	
	29.4 Postage	9,000	25,508
30.0	Parks and Recreation		
	30.1 Salaries	17,185	
	30.2 Operating Expenses	7,200	
	30.3 Capital Improvements	5,000	(amended from 2,000)
	30.4 RAH - Baseball	1,252	
	30.5 RAH - Softball	1,000	
	30.6 RAH - Girls Soccer	500	
	30.7 RAH - Boys Soccer	500	
	30.8 RAH - Basketball	948	
	30.9 Director's Salary	23,000	56,585
31.0	Public Grounds	34,580	(amended from 32,580)
			34,580
32.0	Town House Maintenance		
	32.1 Custodian	13,802	
	32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	9,000	
	32.3 Heat and Utilities	23,000	45,802
33.0	Tree Warden		
	33.1 Expenses	2,540	
	33.2 Planting Trees	450	2,990
34.0	Ambulance	11,065	11,065
35.0	Gasoline	19,000	19,000
36.0	Street Lighting	15,100	15,100

TOTAL GENERAL TOWN SERVICES 343,601

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

40.0	Superintendent's Salary	51,254	51,254
41.1	Paving		
42.0	Highway Maintenance	72,178	72,178
43.0	General Highway Expense	69,956	69,956

44.0	Snow and Ice Removal	36,188	36,188
45.0	Street Sweeping and Cath Basin Cleaning	14,500	14,500
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 257,876

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

50.0	Animal Inspection		
50.1	Salary	1,545	
50.2	Expenses	240	
50.3	Rabies Management	0	1,785
51.0	Civil Defense Supplies	10	10
52.0	Dog Officer		
52.1	Animal Control Account	4,800	
52.2	Dog Damage Fund	300	5,100
53.0	Fire Department		
53.1	Fire Chief Salary	666	
53.2	Fire Chief Expenses	1,000	
53.3	Operation	19,000	20,666
54.0	Forest Fires	1,300	1,300
55.0	Forest Fire Warden	438	438
56.0	Health, Board of		
56.1	Salary	3,170	
56.2	Expenses	4,516	
56.3	Septic Review	0	
56.4	Well Testing	21,000	
56.5	Water District	6,500	
56.6	Roadside Animal Removal	0	35,186
57.0	Police		
57.1	Chief's Salary	58,287	
57.2	Salaries	595,742	
57.3	Maintenance of Cruisers	10,000	
57.4	Other Expenses	35,479	(amended from 25,000)
57.5	New Cruisers	0	
57.6	Training	34,842	(amended from 16,000)
57.7	Equipment	800	
57.8	WMLEC	250	
57.9	Additional Officer	0	
58.0	Other Police Accounts		
58.1	Election Coverage	1,366	
58.2	Towing Clerk	250	
59.0	Parking Clerk	0	737,016

TOTAL PROTECTION 801,501

SCHOOLS

69.0	Regional School District	3,917,922 4,036,859*	(118,953 added by amendment, subject to a positive referendum vote) 4,036,859
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SUB TOTAL 5,947,145*

70.0	Local Government Debt		
70.1	Principal	255,000	
70.2	Interest	74,269	
70.5	Highway Loader	21,232	350,501 350,501

GRAND TOTAL 6,297,646*

* \$118,953 subject to a positive referendum vote

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 to accept a sum of \$192,787 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.

Two-thirds majority called by Moderator.

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 take no action on this Article.

Article 9. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$6,330 for the purchase of a hydraulic sander.

Article 10. The Town voted to transfer from the stabilization fund the amount of \$18,368 for the purchase of a heating system for the Town House.

Two-thirds majority vote declared by Moderator.

Article 11. The Town voted to transfer from the stabilization fund the amount of \$34,458 for the purchase of new SCBA Air Pack equipment, including trade-in of old equipment, for the Volunteer Fire Department.

Two-thirds majority vote declared by Moderator.

Article 12. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the restoration of Mill Pond subject to receiving matching funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

Article 14. The Town voted to amend the General By-Law of the Town of Hampden as described in Article #14 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Article 15. The Town voted to amend the General By-Law of the Town of Hampden Chapter II, Section I, third paragraph, by deleting "The number of registered voters to constitute a quorum at Town Meeting shall be 75." and adding "The number of registered voters to constitute a quorum at a Town Meeting shall be 50."

Article 16. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$7,000 to paint the exterior of Academy Hall.

Article 17. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 18. The Town voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws to create a revolving fund to receive firearms license and permit fees authorizing the Police Chief to expend money from such fund to pay the state its share of such fees and to use the balance for the purpose of establishing a Police Technology Fund to replace or add new technology.

Article 19. The Town voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws to create a revolving fund for the purpose of defraying expenses with receipts from reproduction of public records to be expended by the Board of Assessors.

Article 20. The Town voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 8d of the Massachusetts General Laws, to establish an Historical Commission under Chapter 40 Section 8D of the Massachusetts General Laws, and establish a new budget line item number for operating expenses, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five (5) commissioners to said commission.

Amendment: to delete "to raise and appropriate \$200" from the original motion.

Article 21. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

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

Article 23. The Town voted unanimously to amend the Zoning By-Law as described in Article #23 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, with the following amendment:

Add to paragraph 2 "except when a residence has been destroyed as described in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 3."

Article 24. The Town voted unanimously to amend the Zoning By-Law as described in Article #24 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 25. The Town voted unanimously to amend the Zoning By-Law as described in Article #25 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, with the following amendment:

Delete 7.5.4.1.4.1.1 and replace it with the following
 "7.5.4.1.4.1.1 The common driveway shall not constitute a street or an approved way nor shall any lot line along the common driveway constitute frontage;" and
 in 7.5.4.1.4 delete the following: "up to two (2)".

Article 26. The Town defeated the vote to amend the Zoning By-Law as described in Article #26 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant including Table 7.15.

Amendment: to remove the last sentence of 7.15: "FROSD shall be encouraged within the town, and shall be the preferred method of development wherever the following purposes would be served."

For 40 Against 27

Article 27. 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 28. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 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 29. The Town voted to transfer from the Library fund \$2,333 to be used by the Library Trustees at their discretion.

Article 30. The Town voted that in Fiscal Year 2000, if additional state aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.

Article 31. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Article 32. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 PM.

Attest: Rita A. Vail Town Clerk

Article	Raise and Appropriate	Accept (local aid)	Transfer from Stabilization	Transfer
2	\$6,297,646*			
5	118,953 **	192,787		
6	110,822**			
	-110,822◇			
9	6,330			
10			18,368	
11			34,458	
12	10,000***			
16	7,000			
28	1,000			
29				2,333
31	20,000			
	<u>6,223,023</u>	<u>192,787</u>	<u>52,826</u>	<u>2,333</u>

* \$118,953 of this amount is subject to positive referendum vote.
 ** subject to positive referendum vote.
 *** subject to receiving matching funds from Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 ◇ referendum vote of May 3, 1999 failed.
 ◇◇ referendum vote of June 7, 1999 failed.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

**FISCAL YEAR
1999**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
CLIFFORD E. BOMBARD C.M.A
TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
 JUNE 30, 1999

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary		Account		Totals	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fund Type		Group		(Memorandum Only)	
				Trust and Agency	Term Debt	General Long	Term Debt		
\$	1,236,511	\$ 551,851	\$ 55,000	\$ 245,062	-	\$	2,088,424		
	3,888	-	-	-	-	-	3,888		
	-	-	-	54,039	-	-	54,039		
	149,242	-	-	-	-	-	149,242		
	57,406	-	-	-	-	-	57,406		
	124,398	-	-	-	-	-	124,398		
	-	32,404	-	-	-	-	32,404		
	(57,652)	-	-	-	-	-	(57,652)		
	-	157,331	109,094	437	-	-	266,862		
	46	26,065	529,400	-	-	-	555,511		
	-	-	960,000	-	-	\$ 900,000	1,860,000		
\$	1,513,839	\$ 767,651	\$ 1,653,494	\$ 299,538	\$	900,000	\$ 5,134,522		

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents (Schedule E, Note 4A)
 Investments (Schedule F, Note 4A)
 Cash in Custody of Others (Note 4A)
 Accounts Receivable:
 Property Taxes (Schedule G)
 Excise Taxes (Schedule H)
 Tax Liens (Schedule I)
 Departmental (Schedule J)
 Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts
 Due from Other Funds (Note 4C)
 Due from Other Governments (Note 4D)
 Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Notes/Debt (Notes 4J,K)
Total Assets

Liabilities and Fund Equity

Liabilities:
 Warrants Payable (Note 4E)
 Employee Withholdings
 Taxes Collected in Advance (Note 4F)
 Due to Other Funds (Note 4C)
 Due to Others (Note 4G)
 Due to Other Governments (Note 4H)
 Deferred Revenue:
 Property Taxes
 Other (Note 4I)
 Notes Payable (Note 4K)
 Bonds Payable (Note 4J)
Total Liabilities

Fund Equity:

Reserved for Encumbrances (Note 4L)
 Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal (Note 4L)
 Reserved for Over (Under) Estimates (Note 2B)
 Reserved for Deficits (Note 2B)
 Unreserved:
 Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures (Note 4L)
 Undesignated
Total Fund Equity

Total Liabilities and Fund Equity

TOWN OF HAMPTDEN, 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, 1999**

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trusts	(Memorandum Only)	
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ 5,138,090	-	-	-	\$	5,138,090
State Receipts	618,580	-	-	-	-	618,580
Excise and Other Taxes	454,165	-	-	-	-	454,165
Licenses, Permits, Fees	85,531	-	-	-	-	85,531
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	15,125	-	-	\$ 12,692	-	27,817
Investment Income	19,056	-	-	-	-	19,056
Grants and Fees	-	\$ 1,329,926	\$ 55,000	-	-	1,384,926
Additions	-	-	-	1,540	-	1,540
Total Revenues (Note 3)	6,330,547	1,329,926	55,000	14,232		7,729,705
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	332,565	36,421	-	-	-	368,986
Protection of Persons and Property	789,080	1,065,437	-	-	-	1,854,517
Health and Human Services	88,363	80,975	-	5,617	-	174,955
Public Works	548,782	188,139	-	650	-	737,571
Culture and Recreation	146,628	31,918	-	-	-	178,546
Education	3,731,339	-	-	905	-	3,732,244
Insurance and Employee Benefits	258,756	-	-	-	-	258,756
State Assessments	36,818	-	-	-	-	36,818
Capital Outlay	-	-	730,669	-	-	730,669
Debt Service:						
Principal	240,000	-	-	-	-	240,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	55,417	-	-	-	-	55,417
Continuing Appropriations	18,760	-	-	-	-	18,760
Total Expenditures (Note 3)	6,246,508	1,402,890	730,669	7,172		8,387,239
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	84,039	(72,964)	(675,669)	7,060		(657,534)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	2,333	3,273	-	-	-	5,606
Operating Transfers Out	-	(2,333)	(3,273)	-	-	(5,606)
Proceeds of Bonds and Notes	-	-	960,000	-	-	960,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	2,333	940	956,727	-		960,000
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	86,372	(72,024)	281,058	7,060		302,466
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	309,779	766,709	(159,795)	206,661		1,123,354
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ 396,151	\$ 694,685	\$ 121,263	\$ 213,721		\$ 1,425,820