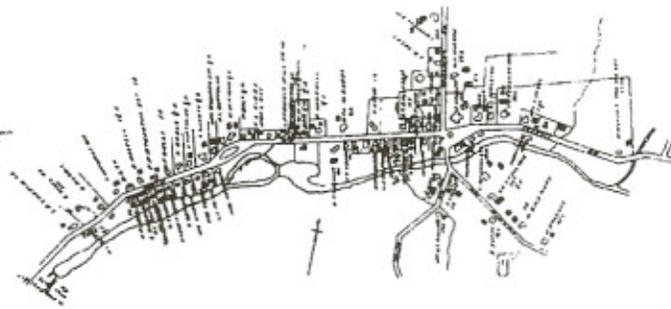




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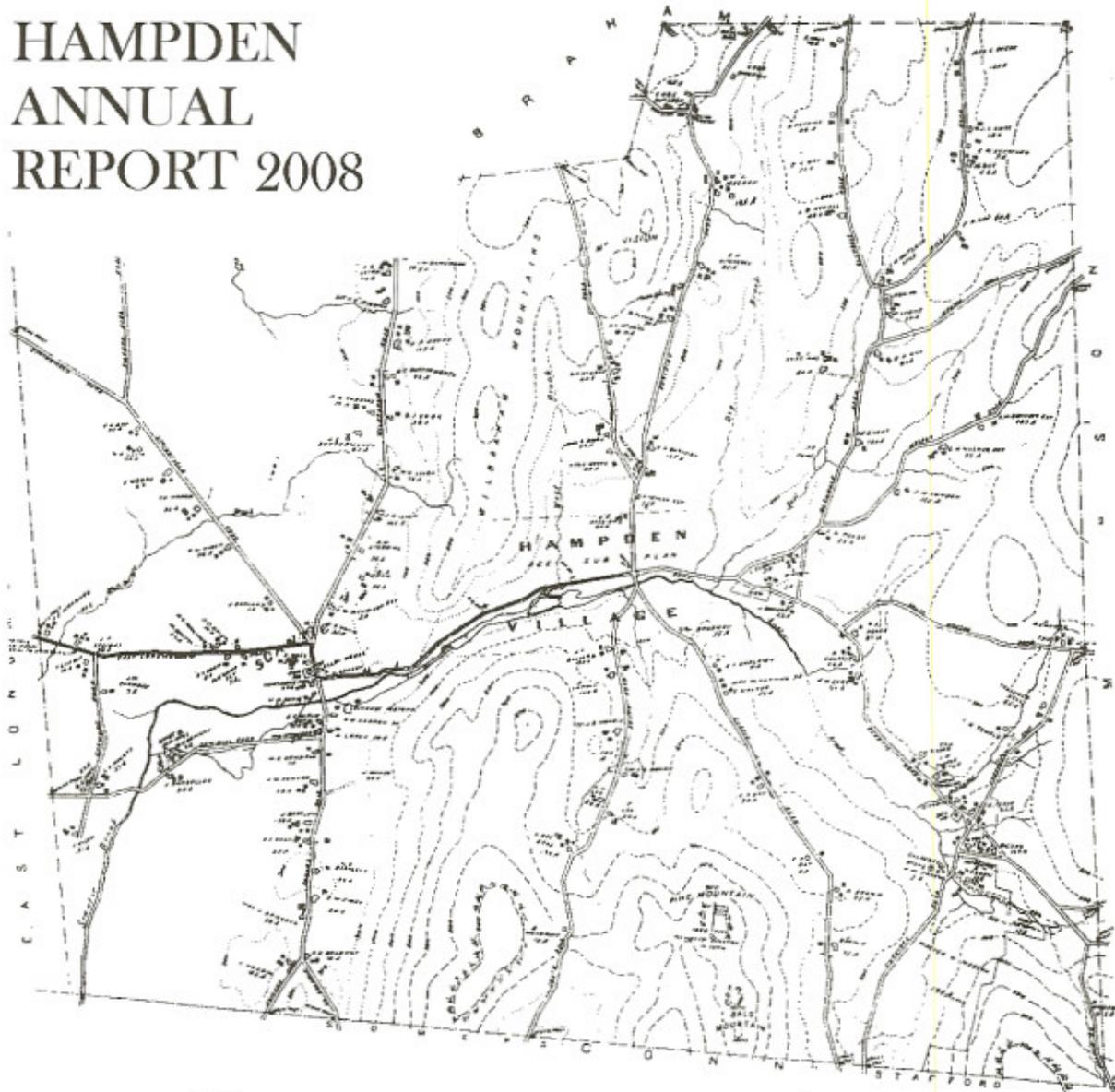


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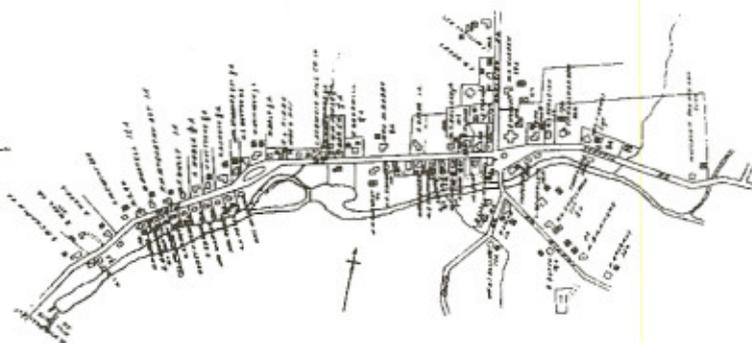


HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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## IN MEMORIAM



Miles Hapgood  
Constable  
Housing Authority  
Senior Center Volunteer

Ralph Miller  
Council on Aging

Dr. Heffernan  
Superintendent of Schools

John "Bill" Sullivan  
Chairman, Council on Aging

Eileen Schneeloch  
Advisory Clerk  
Senior Center Volunteer

Mattie Nichols  
Senior Center Volunteer

Raymond E. Carroll  
Senior Center Volunteer

## INFORMATION AND BUSINESS HOURS

**POPULATION OF HAMPDEN**

**Federal Census** 1/1/01 5,189  
**State Census** 1/1/85 4,762  
**Town Census** 1/1/08 5,143

**GEOGRAPHIC AREA**

**19.64 square miles**

**COUNTY**

**Hampden County**

**TAX RATE**

**\$13.45 for Fiscal 2008**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**Last Monday in April at 7:00pm**

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**First Monday in May, 7am-8pm**

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**GOVERNOR**

Deval Patrick  
Office of the Governor  
Boston, MA 02133  
Phone: 617-727-9173

**CONGRESSMAN**

Richard E. Neal  
437 Cannon House Office Bldg  
Washington, DC 20515  
Phone: 202-225-5601

**OR**

**U.S SENATORS**

Edward M. Kennedy  
U.S. Senate  
Russell Senate Office Bldg. Room 315  
Washington, DC 20510  
Phone: 202-224-4543

District Office  
Federal Building, Room 309  
1550 Main Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Phone: 413-785-0325

**OR**

2400 JFK Building, Room 409  
Boston, MA 02203  
Phone: 617-565-3170

**STATE SENATOR**

Gale Candaras, Hampden District  
State House, Room 308  
Boston, MA 02133  
Phone: 617-722-1291

**OR**

John F. Kerry  
U.S. Senate  
Russell Senate Bldg. Room 421  
Washington, DC 20510

District Office: 17 Main Street  
Wilbraham, MA 01095  
Phone: 413-599-4785

**OR**

145 State Street, Room 504  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Phone: 413-785-4610

**REPRESENTATIVE**

Brian M. Ashe  
2<sup>nd</sup> Hampden District  
State House, Room 437  
Boston, MA 02133  
Phone: 617-722-2425

**INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS**  
**BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES AND COMMITTEES**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm  
Phone: 566-2151 ext.100

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8am-2pm  
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 102

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

3<sup>RD</sup> Monday 6pm, or as necessary  
during budget process

**TOWN CLERK – Eva Wiseman**

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9am-3pm  
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 103

**TOWN TREASURER–Tracy Sicbaldi**

Office Hours: Tues. 5-7 pm  
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 105

**TAX COLLECTOR – Eva Wiseman**

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9am-3pm  
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 104

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Office Hours: Monday/Wednesday, 9am-2:00  
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 106

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Office Hours: Wed. 1-3 pm  
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 110

**PLANNING BOARD**

Office Hours: M-Thurs. 8am-12pm  
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 109

**WATER COMMISSION COMMITTEE**

**HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM**

**REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
Phone: 596-3884

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Phone: 566-2151 ext. 111

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 10:00am  
2:00pm  
Phone: 566-5588

**HAMPDEN HOUSING  
AUTHORITY**

Centennial Commons  
Phone: 566-8157

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Office Hours: Every Tues 6-8 pm  
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 107

**HAMPDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Phone: 566-3047

**HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
HOURS**

Tuesday, 1-8 pm, Wednesday,  
10 am- 5pm  
Thursday, 1-8 pm, Saturday,  
9am- 1pm

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Monday-Friday, 7:00am-3:30pm  
Phone: 566-8842

**TRANSFER STATION**

Saturday, 8am-4pm, Tuesday, 1-4pm  
Recycling: Same Hours  
Phone: 566-2035

**INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS**  
**BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES AND COMMITTEES**

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Applications available from Town Clerk

**PARK COMMISSION**

Office Hours: M-Thurs. 12 – 4 pm

Call 566-2151 ext. 108

**VETERAN'S SERVICES- Robert Mathison**

110 Main Street, Suite 12,

Monson, MA 01057

Phone: 267-4140

**RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE**

Phone: 566-2151 ext. 109

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Phone: 566-8327

**HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Meet as posted

**STORMWATER COMMISSION**

Phone: 566-2151 ext. 109

## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Board of Selectmen	9 to 3	Monday thru Thursday
Board of Health	8 to 2	Monday thru Thursday
Town Clerk	9 to 3	Monday thru Thursday
Tax Collector	9 to 3	Monday thru Thursday
Board of Assessors	9 to 2	Monday and Wednesday
Conservation Commission	1 to 3	Wednesday
	11 to 1	Friday
Highway Department	7 to 3	Monday thru Friday
Planning Board	8 to 12	Monday thru Thursday
Ridgeline/Hillside	8 to 12	Monday thru Thursday
Park and Rec	12 to 3	Monday thru Thursday
Building Inspector	6 to 8	Tuesday evenings
Treasurer	5 to 7	Tuesday evenings
Library	1 to 8	Tuesday
	10 to 5	Wednesday
	1 to 8	Thursday
	10 to 2	Saturday

## TOWN OFFICES

EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS	MEETINGS
<a href="mailto:advisory@hampden.org">advisory@hampden.org</a>		3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 6 pm**
<a href="mailto:assessors@hampden.org">assessors@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 106	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday*
<a href="mailto:cemetery@hampden.org">cemetery@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 111	
<a href="mailto:coa@hampden.org">coa@hampden.org</a>	566-5588	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 8:30 am
<a href="mailto:conservation@hampden.org">conservation@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 110	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7 pm
<a href="mailto:hamp hous@verizon.net">hamp hous@verizon.net</a> (Hampden Housing Authority)	566-8157	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 8:15 am
<a href="mailto:health@hampden.org">health@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 102	Monday 6:30 pm
<a href="mailto:highway@hampden.org">highway@hampden.org</a>	566-8842	
<a href="mailto:inspector@hampden.org">inspector@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 107	Tuesday 6pm - 8 pm
<a href="mailto:parks@hampden.org">parks@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 108	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
<a href="mailto:planning@hampden.org">planning@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 109	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7
<a href="mailto:police@hampden.org">police@hampden.org</a>	566-8011	
<a href="mailto:selectmen@hampden.org">selectmen@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 100	Monday 6:30 pm
<a href="mailto:treasurer@hampden.org">treasurer@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 105	Tuesday 5 pm – 7 pm
<a href="mailto:townclerk@hampden.org">townclerk@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 103	

Town of Hampden Website: [www.hampden.org](http://www.hampden.org)

Historical Commission  
Library Trustees  
Memorial Park

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7 pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 8 am  
April 1 – October 31

DEP's updated Title 5 Website: [www.mass.gov/dep/brp/wwmhome.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dep/brp/wwmhome.htm)

\*or by appointment

\*\*or as necessary during budget process

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS – 2008

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

Richard R. Green, Chairman 2009  
Vincent J. Villamaino, BOH Chair 2010  
John D. Flynn 2011

Administrative Assistant to  
Board of Selectmen  
Pamela Courtney  
  
Coordinator for Board of Health  
Jane Budynekiewicz

### MODERATOR

Richard Patullo 2009

### TOWN CLERK

Eva Wiseman 2010

### TOWN TREASURER

Tracy Sicbaldi 2010

### COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Eva Wiseman 2010

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Norman Charest, Chair 2009  
Stanley Witkop 2010  
Robert Makuch 2011

Assistant to the Assessors  
Dawn Barnes 2009

### HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGION

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Scott Chapman 2009  
Lisa Morace 2011

### TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN LIBRARY

Ray Andree, Chair 2009  
Kathleen Hutchison 2010  
Beth Burger 2011

### HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

George Stone, Vice Chair 2010  
Kathleen Flynn 2011  
Jacqueline Weissbach 2012  
Lucretia Hembt 2009  
Benjamin Bump-State Appointed

### CONSTABLES

George K. Stone, Jr. 2010  
Miles Hapgood, Jr. 2009  
Arthur A. Booth, Jr. 2010  
Charles Wood 2009

### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Richard Hatch, Chairman 2010  
Judith Hatch 2009  
Ed Norman 2011

### PLANNING BOARD

Joseph A. Dolben, Chair 2011  
Cornelius Flynn 2009  
Joseph Kruzel 2010  
John Matthews 2012  
Robert Howarth 2013

Judith M. Jackson, Assoc. 2009

Deborah House, Clerk 2009

### PARK COMMISSIONERS

Laurence Forrest, Chair 2009  
Robert G. White, Jr. 2009  
Mark A. Goossens 2010  
Harold House 2011  
Rick Kapinos 2011

Deborah House, Clerk 2009

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2008

### TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Clifford Bombard 2009  
 Judy Mikkola, Asst. to Accountant 2009

### DOG OFFICERS

Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control 2009

### FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Peter Hatch 2008  
 New Chief, Mike Gorski 2009

### INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Shelly Sears 2009

### SUPT OF INSECT/PEST CONTROL

Dana Pixley 2009

### BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Lorri McCool 2009

### VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Arthur A. Booth 2009

### VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER

Robert Mathison 2009

### SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Dana Pixley 2009

### TREE WARDEN

Dana Pixley 2009

### FENCE VIEWERS

John H. Field 2009  
 William H. Patric 2009

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

Lance Trevallion 2009

### ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Gary Courtney 2009  
 Robert Lague, Alt. 2009

### PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Dennis Chaffee, Sr. 2009  
 Bernie Sears, Alt. 2009

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Timm Marini, Chair 2009  
 Doug Boyd 2011  
 Carol Fitzgerald 2010  
 Jeff Smith 2010  
 Jamie Collins 2009

### BOARD OF APPEALS

M. Chris Cesan, Chair 2010  
 Richard Jones, Vice Chair 2010  
 Kenneth E. Lefebvre 2011  
 L. Jed Berliner 2009  
 Richard E. Patullo 2011  
 Judith M. Jackson, Clerk 2009

Mark R. Barba, Alternate 2009  
 Cheryl Cudnik, Alternate 2009  
 David R. Scott, Alternate 2009

### CULTURAL COUNCIL

Rick Rubin, Chair 2009  
 Glennice Flynn, Sec. 2009  
 Elizabeth Howarth, Treas. 2009  
 Patricia Ehlers 2009  
 Catherine Mahoney 2009

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2008

### TOWN COUNSEL

David J. Martel

2009

### PARKING CLERK

Eva Wiseman

2009

### RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

John Matthews

2009

Richard Patullo

2009

Bonnie Geromini

2009

### BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER

Ed Hatch

2011

George Bouchard

2010

Richard Jalbert

2009

Michael Framarin, Oper.

2009

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Phil Grant

2010

Pat Cote

2008

Bonnie Geromini

2008

Jeff Liquori, Chair

2009

Judy McKinley Brewer

2009

Judy Mikkola

2009

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Connie Witt, Chair

2009

Chrissy Cesan

2010

Sally Bryce

2010

Tom Foster

2009

Al Perusse

2010

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Dana Pixley, Super.

2009

Patrick Markham

2009

Robert Richards

2009

John Ouellette

2009

Lauren Comstock

2009

### COUNCIL ON AGING

Brian MacLeod, Chair

2011

Patricia Clark, Vice Chair

2010

Rita Vail

2011

Shirley Gouvan

2009

Virginia Schneider

2010

Deanna Vermette

2011

Mary Malinski, Secretary

2010

Al Ouimet

2009

Karen Leger

2009

Kathleen Foster

2009

### BOARD OF REGISTRAR

Arthur A. Booth, Jr

2009

Elizabeth M. Wells

2009

Janet M. Redin

2009

Eva Wiseman, Clerk

2010

### COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Rebecca Moriarty

2009

John J. Shay, Hampden Rep to GSSSI

2009

Michael Framarin, Water Op.

2009

### STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Joe Kruzal, Chair

2009

Dana Pixley

2009

Duane Mosier

2009

Jean Hall

2009

Bruce Libby

2009

Karl Sternberg

2009

Denise Fiedler

2009

## **APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2008**

### **CABLE COMMITTEE**

Philip Grant	2009
David Lalonde	2009
Duane Mosier	2009
Mark Barba	2009

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Donald Collins, Chair	2009
William Gouzounis	2009
Richard Ayers	2009
Thomas Argenio	2009
Carol Fitzgerald	2010

### **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Doug Boyd	2010
John M. Flynn	2009
Dorothy Kibbe	2010
Lynne Wallace	2009
Cornelius Flynn, Planning Board Rep.	
Phillip Grant, Conservation Comm. Rep.	
Ben Bump, Housing Auth. Rep.	
Connie Witt, Historical Comm. Rep.	
Harold House, Park & Recreation Rep.	

### **ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**

Sheila Slate	2009
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### **ASSISTANT TREASURER**

Richard Patullo	2009
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### **PVPC COMMISSIONER**

Robert Howarth	2009
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### **PVTA REPRESENTATIVE**

Doreen Fadus	2009
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### **ADA COORDINATOR**

Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	2009
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**IN RECOGNITION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE  
TO THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN, THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE  
FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS**

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Chris McDonald, Park Commissioner

Diane Hildreth, Board of Assessors

Miles Hapgood, Constable, Housing Authority, Sr. Center Volunteer

David Quill, Cemetery Commissioner

Anthony Bongiorno, Planning Board

Bobbie Addison, Advisory Committee Clerk

Helena Nossal, Senior Center Administrative Clerk

Kathy Foster, Cemetery Commission Clerk

Janis DeGrandpre, Senior Center Activities Director

Bobbie Grant, Senior Center Activities Coordinator

Kathy Pessalano, Advisory Committee

Michael Crowley, Advisory Committee

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN PERMIT FEES  
(FEES FOR PERMITS AFTER THE FACT ARE DOUBLED)  
REVISED 3/3/2008**

**Building Permits - Lance Trevallion - 566-2151 ext 250**

Commercial/Industrial Building (\$250) min)	40-cents/sq ft
New House Additions	30-cents/sq ft
Alterations/Renovations	
Total Estimated Cost under \$5000	\$80
Total Estimated Cost over \$5000	\$120
Accessory Buildings/ Basements/ Decks/ Garage (\$40 minimum)	20-cents/sq ft
Windows/ Siding/ Roofing	\$40 each
Swimming Pool	\$40
Solid Fuel Stoves	\$40

**Electrical Permits - Gary Courtney -566-2151 ext 251**

Commercial/Industrial Building Additions, 3 inspections	\$180
New House , 3 inspections	\$120
Alterations/Rewiring Existing Structure, 2 inspections	\$80
additional inspections \$40 per inspection	
Change of Service/Temp Service, 1 inspections	\$40
Additions, 2 inspections	\$80
additional inspections \$40 per inspection	
In ground Swimming Pool, 2 inspections	\$80
Above ground Swimming Pool, 1 inspection	\$40
Appliances, 1 inspection	\$40

**Plumbing Permits – Dennis Chaffee -566-2151 ext 252**

Commercial/Industrial Building, 3 inspection	\$180
New House, 3 inspections	\$120
additional inspections \$40 per inspection	
Additions/ Renovations, 2 inspections	\$80
Additional inspections \$40 per inspection	
Hot Water Heater Gas or Electric, 1 inspection	\$40

**Gas Permits – Dennis Chaffee - 566-2151 ext 252**

All gas permits, 1 inspection	\$40
additional inspections \$40 per inspection	

**Re-inspection Fees**

Re-inspection fees for Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Fire Inspections	\$40
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Any additional inspection required by any inspector will be \$40 per inspection

# **TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING STATION**

Cross Road, Hampden, MA 01036

## **HOURS OF OPERATION:**

**FOR HOUSEHOLD TRASH DISPOSAL: Tues: 1-4 pm; Sat: 8am-4pm**

**RECYCLING: Tues: 1-4 pm; Saturday: 8am-4pm**

**ALL VEHICLES ENTERING THE TRANSFER STATION MUST HAVE A TRANSFER STATION STICKER.**

The stickers are sold at the Board of Health office. First car sticker costs \$15.00\*; additional stickers within the same household: \$5.00.

**Stickers are valid for one year and expire on June 30th of the following year.**

## **HOUSEHOLD TRASH**

All household trash must be disposed of in yellow preprinted bags purchased from the following locations:

- Board of Health Office
- Transfer Station
- Council on Aging / Senior Center
- The Grog Shoppe

The bags are sold in packages of 10.

**16 Gallon bags= \$10.00**

**33 Gallon bags= \$20.00**

Massachusetts prohibits the disposal of the following items:

- ❖ Paper and cardboard
- ❖ Bottles and cans
- ❖ Narrow neck plastics
- ❖ Leaves and yard waste
- ❖ Car batteries
- ❖ TV's and computers
- ❖ Large home appliances
- ❖ Hazardous waste

**Be sure to keep these items out of your trash.**

## **What are considered hazardous items?**

Products with labels that say “caustic”, “toxic”, “corrosive”, “poison”, “flammable”, “warning”, “danger”, or “caution”, are considered hazardous items.

Examples: antifreeze, mercury, creosote, chemistry kits, DDT, drain cleaners, fertilizers, pesticides, gasoline, pool chemicals, paint thinner, wood stain, lead based paint, brake fluid, etc. *Call the Board of Health office` for a complete list.*

**Wait for the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, held in September of every year, to dispose of these items.**

**Look for the Bulk Disposal Day, April 2009 at the Transfer Station – call for an appointment.**

## **Recycling Information**

*Recycling – It’s easier than you think!*

Recycling requirements have changed over the years, making it even simpler for you to take part. You no longer have to remove labels or keep track of many other recycling rules. Most items can just be dropped in the bin!

*Your efforts are making a difference!*

Our town sends its recyclable materials to the Springfield Material Recycling Facility (MRF). Last year, the “MRF” collected more than 50,000 tons of recyclables from communities in Western Massachusetts. That included enough paper to save 595,000 trees and enough plastic soda bottles to make 160,000 fleece jackets. Enough energy was saved by recycling aluminum cans to run a refrigerator for 65,500 days. You have helped make our recycling program a success. With your continued commitment, we will achieve our recycling goals. Keep up the good work!

# RECYCLING GUIDE

## MIXED PAPER:

*\*All paper and cardboard must be clean & dry\**

- **Junk Mail**, *including window envelopes*
- **Newspaper & Inserts**
- **Magazines & Catalogs**
- **Paper Bags**
- **Paperbacks & Phone Books**, *Remove Covers*
- **Computer Paper, White and Colored office paper**
- **Cardboard**, *flattened*
- **Cereal Boxes, Shoe Boxes, etc.**, *Remove Plastic liners*
  - **NO egg cartons, pizza boxes, or wrapping paper**
  - **NO take-out containers**
  - **NO soda or beer holders /cartons**
  - **NO waxed paper or waxed cardboard**
  - **NO Plastic Grocery Bags**

## CONTAINERS:

*\*All containers must be rinsed to remove all residue.\**

- **Glass bottles & jars**, *all colors*
- **Aluminum/Tin/Steel Cans & lids**
- **Aluminum Foil**
- **Milk & Juice Cartons (Tent-Top) Drink Boxes**, *remove straws*
- **Plastic Bottles, Jars, Tubs, less than 2 gallons (With the Recyclable Symbol, # 1-7)**, *discard plastic caps and lids*
  - **NO light bulbs, window or auto glass, dishes, glasses, Pyrex, ceramics, or broken glass**
  - **NO paint or aerosol cans or other metal objects**
  - **NO plastic bags, containers over 2 gallons, motor oil jugs, chemical containers, Styrofoam flower pots or trays**

## CLEAN METAL:

- **Pipes, Aluminum Gutters, Bikes**
  - **NO appliances**
  - **NO gas engines**

## YARD WASTE:

- **Leaves**
- **Grass**
- **NO branches**

**Maximum Wt. per item: 25-lbs.**

## **MORE RECYCLING TIPS**

### **Clothing:**

Goodwill and Salvation Army take clothes, draperies, etc.

### **Books:**

Donate to libraries. Some bookstores buy used books.

### **Wire Hangers:**

Accepted by many dry cleaners in the region. May be accepted in scrap metal bin if hangers have no plastic.

### **Plastic Bags:**

Recycled at some area supermarkets

### **Polystyrene "Peanuts":**

Call 1-800-828-2214 or 1-800-789-4623

## **Motor Oil and Paint Disposal**

**Used motor oil** is accepted at Auto Zone and other stores where motor oil can be purchased. Do not bring this to the Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

**Latex paints** can be disposed of with your regular trash after it is allowed to dry out. See the drying procedure below.

### **Empty Cans:**

Remove the lid and let dry completely to a solid state. Place in your trash. If it does not completely dry, treat as a partial can.

### **Partially Full Cans:**

Remove the lid. Pour in absorbent kitty litter. Stir the mixture. Let dry to a solid state — usually happens overnight. Check to make sure that it is completely dry. If there is still liquid residue left, repeat the procedure. Once paint is completely dry, place can without lid in the trash. Place lid separately in the trash.

**Stains and Lead based Paints should be saved for Hazardous Waste Collection Day.**

## **WHAT ABOUT TIRES, BATTERIES, OLD CELL PHONES?**

### **Car tires:**

Remove the rim, place the rubber tire in a 33 gallon trash bag (only 1 tire per bag) and this can be disposed of as trash. You may throw the rim in the scrap metal recycling container.

**Alkaline batteries** can be thrown in the regular trash.

**Rechargeable batteries** should be recycled. Most Radio Shack stores & national hardware chains have free drop boxes.

**Old cell phones** must be recycled. While the toxic materials (including arsenic in semi-conductors) in a single phone are minimal, consider the number of discarded cell phones in the relatively short time the technology has been available. Throwing these devices in landfills will cause lasting damage to the environment. There are various recycling programs and drop off centers for recycling. The phones are either refurbished and used for domestic violence victims or taken apart and the various components recycled. Please call your cell phone company to get information on their recycling program or drop off center.

## **BULKY ITEMS**

**(Furniture, mattress, appliances, etc.)**

Call **Bulk Disposal, Inc.** at 596-9276. Pick-up and Drop-off rates available.

## **CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS DISPOSAL**

Call **Waste Management Western Processing Facilities**, 120 Old Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 for rates, directions and hours of operation.

**Tel. 596-4635 or 1-800-545-4560**

For any other questions regarding the Transfer Station operations or trash disposal and recycling, contact the Board of Health office at **566-2151 ext. 102**  
Mondays thru Thursdays, 8am—2pm.

## ANIMAL INSPECTOR

As the Animal Inspector for the Town of Hampden, I would like to report the following for 2008:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Young</u>
Cattle: (Adult= 2 years + over)		
Dairy	0	0
Beef	15	3
Steers/Oxen	0	1
Goats (Adult= 1 year + over)	25	0
Sheep (Adult= 1 year + over)	14	3
Swine		
Breeders	0	0
Feeders	0	0
Llamas/Alpacas	12	1
Equines: Horse/Ponies	134	1
Donkeys/Mules	2	0
Poultry: Chickens	298	
Turkey	5	
Waterfowl	33	
Gamebirds	0	
Rabbits	6	

There were three domestic animals quarantined due to a wildlife encounter, and four dog bites to humans and one cat bite to humans. There were three dog to dog attacks.

Respectfully submitted:

Shelley Sears  
Animal Inspector

## BOARD OF APPEALS

2008 – 1 A variance to provide relief from Section 7.2 the required setbacks, to allow the expansion of a single car garage to a two car garage.

This request was denied.

2008 – 2 A variance to seek an amendment to a variance dated 7.26.86 by deleting the first condition to wit; “this parcel of land of approximately 130 acres is to be utilized for the construction of only (10) single family dwelling and shall not be subject to future subdivisions.”

This petition was denied by the Board; however the decision is pending by appeal to Hampden County Superior Court, Civil Action.

2008 – 3 Renewal of a Special Permit to allow earth removal for agricultural land improvement.

This Special Permit was granted.

Respectfully submitted:

M. Chris Cesan, Chair

Richard P. Jones, Vice Chair

L. Jed Berliner, Clerk

Richard E. Patullo

Kenneth E. Lefebvre

Judith M. Jackson, Secretary

Cheryl M. Cudnik, Alternate

David R. Scott, Alternate

Mark R. Barba, Alternate

## **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

The Board of Assessors would like to take this opportunity to thank Diane Hildreth for her years of service to the Town of Hampden. She brought to the board a breadth of knowledge, a commitment to excellence and a diligent work ethic. She was a tremendous asset to the board and the town. We will miss her, wish her well in her new job and greatly appreciate her years of service.

Diane's decision not to seek re-election in May of 2008 brought a new member to our board, Robert "Bob" Makuch. Bob is retired from the private sector where he worked as a manager for a large corporation. Bob has a voracious quest for knowledge and has jumped right into his new work. He is a great addition to our board.

The re-evaluation of property values in our town was recently completed. Many properties saw a reduction in value reflective of the trend in the market. Our new tax rate has been set at \$14.23 per thousand. The selectmen voted to use a single tax rate for the town as it has in the past. A single tax rate means that all types of property are taxed at the same rate.

The board hopes to maintain level services for FY2010 although we anticipate cuts to local aid from the state.

Respectfully,

Norman Charest, Chairman  
Stanley Witkop  
Robert Makuch  
Dawn Barnes, Assistant to the Board

**REPORT OF THE BUILDING  
COMMISSIONER  
2008**

<b>Building Permits &amp; Inspections</b>		<b>Total Permits &amp; Inspections</b>	
Dwelling	4	Building	126
Addition / Alteration	56		
Commercial new	0	Electrical	84
Commercial addition or alteration	3		
Pool	8	Plumbing	82
Garages	1		
Outbuilding	21		
Woodstoves	33		
Signs	0		
Fire damage	0		
Demolition	0		
<b>Total Building</b>	<b>126</b>		

The Building Department would like to remind you that Building Permits are required for roofing, siding, replacement windows, wood or pellet stoves, assessor buildings as well as new construction.

The Town of Hampden has recently approved Regulations for Outdoor Wood-fired Boilers/Furnaces. Plumbing and electrical permits are required as part of the installation process as well as a permit from the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lance Trevallion  
Building Commissioner



## BOARD OF HEALTH

	2006*	2007*	2008*
Annual Flu Clinic	185	185	142
Pneumonia	0	10	10
Lyme Disease	14	15	45
Annual Rabies Clinic	50	50	50
Percolation Tests	57	40	36
Septic Systems – Installed/Repaired	65	84	46
Well Permits	18	51	7
Septic Haulers Permits Issued	4	4	4
Disposal Works Installers Licenses Issued	17	10	12
Food Service Establishment Permits Issued	28	28	28
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1	1
Health / Nuisance Complaints	3	7	12
No. of gallons of Hazardous Household Waste Collected	800	500	600

\*(Numbers based on calendar year)

The Transfer Station is being used by approximately 754 households, where 366 tons of solid waste and 251 tons of recyclable materials were processed. The recycling area opened for weekly recycling to make it more convenient for all town residents to recycle. **As a result of our weekly recycling efforts we have decreased our trash intake by 214 tons and increased our recycling material by 31 tons. This saves our community money while protecting the environment.**

The Town held two Bulk Removal Days in April and October. The hours of operation were from 9:00am to 2:00pm and during this period nearly 35 residents took advantage of the drop-off. We recycled 51 items including electronic items such as TV's, computer monitors, computer CPU's and stereo equipment. We recycled white good items (some containing CFC's) such as refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, stoves and dehumidifiers. We recycled car/lawn tractor batteries. We recycled misc metal items such as household, lawn/garden tools, lawnmowers and car parts. The balance we received were 21 items of furniture, mattresses, box springs, tires, misc clean-up and remodeling debris. In speaking with the residents who participated, they were very pleased to have this service offered again". The plan is to try and have two a year.

The Board of Health would like to thank the people that keep the transfer station running smoothly on a weekly basis, Tom Balsler and Carroll Willey. A thank to the Highway Superintendent, Dana Pixley and the Highway Department for all their continuous help in keeping the transfer Station mowed and looking beautiful. For more information on how to use the transfer station, please refer to the Transfer Station Information section of this Town Report.

On April 5, 2008, we held our annual Rabies Clinic at the Highway Department Town Garage, where 50 dogs/cats were vaccinated. Many thanks to Dr. Penny Peck for her time and to our Town Clerk, Eva Wiseman, for her help in issuing dog licenses, and to the Girl Scouts, who, once again, lent a hand in organizing this important annual event.

On September 13th, we participated in the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Day that was held at East Longmeadow Fire Department. During this event, 600 gallons of hazardous waste from our Town were disposed of properly. The event also took in 15 mercury fever thermometers for exchange. Please contact the Board of Health office for more information on what materials are accepted during the event. September 2009 is the next hazardous waste collection month.

The Board of Health and the C.O.A. held a flu clinic on November 6, 2008. Approximately, one hundred forty two individuals were vaccinated for influenza and approximately ten individuals were vaccinated for pneumonia. Many thanks to Rebecca Moriarty for her many hours of tireless work, the Council on Aging volunteers, nurses Judy Hatch, Bea Moriarty, the student nurse from STCC and volunteers that helped make this event a successful one.

The Board of Health and Lorri McCool, Hampden Board of Health Agent, has continued to work with the Hampden County Health Coalition (HCHC) in preparation for an emergency response plan. The Town of Hampden is working to develop an Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) and Staging areas in order to effectively inoculate the residents of Hampden, as required. The funds provided by the HCHC have enabled the town to purchase a printer. The upcoming year will continue to focus on increasing the capacity, capability and level of preparedness for routine and emergency public health events. If interested in volunteering on this project please call the Board of Health.

Well water testing for Coliform bacteria is now available throughout the year. Sterile sample bottles may be picked up from the BOH office with instructions on how to properly draw a water sample. Residents are responsible for taking their sample to the laboratory for testing and for the cost of the test. Con-Test Labs located in East Longmeadow charges \$50.00\*\* a sample, There are other local labs that may be used for testing as well.

The Transfer Station underwent its annual Compliance Report in January and we are pleased to report that we received an excellent rating. Noted were our physical improvements and the conversion to weekly recycling. Our plans for this year call for continued improvements with the removal of the trailers and the installation of a new storage building.

We encourage you to visit our website, [www.hampden.org](http://www.hampden.org), to access forms required for percolation testing, disposal works construction application, Title V information and links, Transfer Station information, upcoming events, etc.

On December 26, 2008 the new Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations came into effect. These regulations along with the Board of Health regulations govern the installation of Outdoor Solid Fuel Burning Appliances. Anyone who is contemplating the purchase of a unit is subject to the Board of Health Regulations and the DEP regulations and should contact the Board of Health office to be sure you are in compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Budynekiewicz, Board of Health Coordinator

Vincent Villamaino, Chair Board of Health

\*\*Cost of water testing subject to change based on Con-Test Lab prices.

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Registered voters on Jan. 1, 2008 – 3543, December 31, 2008 - 3700  
 Voter attendance during 2008:

February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary	Dem - 784 / Rep - 777
Democratic Party Caucus, March 28, 2008	21
Republican Party Caucus, March 27, 2008	64
Annual Town Meeting, April 28, 2008	94
Annual Town Election, May 7, 2008	131
September 16, 2008, State Primary	Dem - 373 / Rep - 62
Special Town Meeting, October 27, 2008	50
Presidential Election, November 4, 2008	2994

### Inspectors And Tellers

Republican	Democratic	Unenrolled
Beth Burger	Brenda Ahlberg	Mary Lou Black
Edith Casey	Ann Burian	Aline Burt
Andree Crowley	Mary Cesan	Robert Dieckmeyer
Irene Cutting	Carol Collins	Catherine Herchel
Beryl Doten	Sophie Davenport	Diane Hildreth
Gerald Doten	Nancy Downey	Deborah O'Brien
Mary Dunklee	Kathleen Flynn	Doris Ouimet
Barbara Dunwoody	Sheila Flynn	Doreen Rauch
Kathleen Duquette	Richard Gouvan	Donna Easton-Vicalvi
Beth Fatse	Shirley Gouvan	Lynn Zanolli
Rebecca Gibb	Sandra Gray	William Zanolli
Mary Hamel	Judith Jackson	
Miles Hapgood	Dorothy Kibbe	
Dorothy Hill	Ronald Lech	
Joyce Libby	Gail Lefebvre	
David Kingsbury	Kathleen Rochford	
Elaine Kingsbury	Margaret Rochford	
Nancy Salerno	Evelyn Schmidt	Respectfully submitted,
Philip Schneider, Jr	Rita Southworth	Board of Registrars
Elizabeth Wells		Arthur Booth, Jr
Robert Wells		Janet Redin
Carolyn Whipple		Elizabeth Wells
		Eva Wiseman, Clerk

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Let's start with one simple fact. We are all fortunate to live in a great community. The years have presented us with many challenges on many levels and we have always risen to the occasion. The immediate future is no different as this report goes to print; we may have already experienced mid-term cuts to local aid and have a pretty good forecast of the same for the fiscal year 2010. Through sound fiscal management and healthy collections of personal property excise tax and the State honoring its commitments to our community, we have encumbered funds in excess of \$950,000 in our stabilization account. These funds, along with other financial options, will be used to help us weather whatever financial storms come our way. The Board is committed to maintaining whatever level of service the populous demands. Many projects and improvements are both completed and ongoing. The cupola on the Town Hall has been replaced with every effort made to replicate the prior structure. Damage done inside the building, as a result of leaking from the cupola, has been repaired and repainted. With the passing of the infrastructure bond, combined with Chapter 90 funds from the State, has allowed improvements resulting in better roads for Hampden today and into the future. The highway department personnel are to be commended for their continued good work at the direction of our Highway Superintendent, Dana Pixley. It would be remiss on our part as well not to recognize the efforts of all department heads who report to the Board of Selectmen, including our Council on Aging Director, Becky Moriarty, Fire Chief, Peter Hatch, and Police Chief, Jeff Farnsworth. These folks help create the environment we have all come to know and enjoy.

As we look to the future, we need to plan for (but not limit ourselves to) a new highway department building. The current structure is in excess of 70 years old. In addition, a Public Safety Complex, likely housing both the Police and Fire Departments, is in the early stages of planning process. Both these departments are in dire need of more adequate facilities. The culvert in the vicinity of Memorial Park is in need of reconstruction as it has been the scene of significant flooding over the last several years. Lastly, it has now been eighteen years since any real money has been spent on the Town Hall and several projects exist there. It should be noted that we have put out requests to both the Federal and State level for all of these projects and await their responses before proceeding further. We ask that any resident with a question of concern contact us directly or feel free to stop into our meetings that are held every Monday night in the Town Hall.

This Board owes a large debt of gratitude to our Administrative Assistants, Pamela B. Courtney and Jane M. Budynkiewicz, two of the most dedicated public servants it has been our privilege to work with.

Richard R. Green, Chairman

Vincent J. Villamaino

John D. Flynn

## **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

The Cemetery Office would like to welcome a new Cemetery Commissioner, Edward Norman to the Board of Commissioners, and also new to this office, Shalina Stymiest acting as the Cemetery Commissioner's Clerk.

Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery have been actively overseen by our commissioners this year. The commissioners are responsible for making the arrangements for internments, which include the excavation arrangements, and stonework arrangements. There were 12 interments and 5 cremations this year. We at the cemetery office would like to thank the Hampden Boy Scouts for all of their hard work at painting the fence at Old Cemetery this past year.

This past year we have worked hard to bring the cemetery office into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. With the help of Jim Smith who volunteered his time to this project and with the help of the town for approving the funds, we will have a program that will provide all the information needed to know about a plot; all at the touch of a button. Our current records which consist of paper maps and excel spread sheets will now all be digital, easily accessible and more importantly, up to date. I will speak on behalf of the Cemetery Commissioners and thank Jim Smith for the time and services given, and thanks to the residents of the Town who voted for the approval of this project.

The Cemetery Commission continues to sell our available lots. More lots were made available this past year with the opening of the new section in Old Cemetery. These new section plots will be sold as flat stone lots only. In the event of making more lots available, the Cemetery Commissioners are looking into making a small portion a "Green Section". This section will follow all the rules of a "Green Burial" using all bio-degradable materials. This is still in the research stage and any advice, suggestions or information regarding this new technique will be appreciated.

Please remember that the maintenance of anything planted in the gravesites is the responsibility of the owner. Plantings that exceed the boundaries of the gravesites should be removed. Please dispose of any trash in the barrels provided at the sites and do your part to maintain the beauty of these final resting places.

Quarterly meetings of the Cemetery Commissioners are held at the Town House on the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Hatch  
Judith Hatch  
Edward Norman

Shalina Stymiest, Clerk

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Hampden adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2001. Although the law allows up to a 3% surcharge on property taxes (the first \$100,000 valuation on residential property being exempt), Hampden voted the minimum of a 1% surcharge for CPA funds. In FY08, the contribution of the taxpayers of the Town totaled \$51,858.00 and we received a matching contribution from the State of \$35,067.00. As anticipated, the amount of the state match has declined due an increase in the number of communities participating in the program combined with the decline in amount of money raised through real estate transfer fees. It is projected the state match for FY10 will be approximately 29%. The monies collected by this surcharge may only be used for Open Space, Historic Preservation, Affordable Housing and limited Recreational Use.

Pursuant to the requirements of the law, the Community Preservation Committee is comprised of representatives of the following committees: Planning Board, Housing Authority, Historical Commission, Conservation Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, as well as Members at Large.

The Community Preservation Committee reviews and assesses each request for CPA funds to assure that criteria for each category are met. Only after the Committee has approved the application(s) for funds will a recommendation be made for the Town Meeting. The voters at Town Meeting make the final decision for appropriation of CPA funds.

For FY09 (per the committee's recommendation and Town Meeting vote) the following proposals were approved:

OPEN SPACE	\$60,000 for the purchase of a conservation restriction on approximately 45 acres on Pine Mountain off of Chapin Road (payable over 2 years)
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	\$20,000 for the painting of Academy Hall
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$6,000 for a Housing Needs Study as requested by the Hampden Housing Authority.
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE:	\$250 for an annual membership to the Community Preservation Coalition.

In addition, the Town voted, in accordance with the requirements of the CPA, to reserve out of available funds \$20,000 for Historic preservation and \$45,000 for Community Housing. This reservation of funds ensures that the Town will eventually expend the required minimum of 10% of all CPA money received on each of the three required categories of projects.

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas Boyd, Chair (Member at Large)  
Lynne Wallace, Secretary (Member at Large)  
Dorothy Kibbe, (Member at Large)  
Neil Flynn (Planning Board)  
Benjamin Bump (Housing Authority)  
Connie Witt (Historical Commission)  
John M. Flynn (Member at Large)  
Phillip Grant (Conservation Commission)  
Harold House (Parks)

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is an appointed board consisting of residents who volunteer their time to promote stewardship of local conservation lands and to implement the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and Regulations and the Hampden Wetland By-laws. The Conservation Commission currently has four members and is always anxious to meet people who are interested in joining the Commission. Jeff Liquori was elected Chairman of the Commission effective January, 2008. If you are interested in becoming a member or an associate member and would like to learn about the work of the Conservation Commission, speak to any of the Commission members.

The Commission meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM with special meetings held as needed. During the past year, we held twelve regular meetings as well as one special meeting. We received six Notices of Intent and three Requests for Determinations and provided oversight on several proposals from previous years. Site visits were completed on all of these properties. The Conservation Commission has responded to emergency property damage situations caused by flooding thus assisting residents to make necessary repairs in a timely manner. The Commission has also investigated concerns from town residents regarding possible wetland violations. Site visits have been completed on reported concerns and appropriate action taken when needed.

Through the hard work of the Minnechaug Land Trust, Inc. one-hundred sixty-six acres of the west slope of Minnechaug Mountain and 67 acres on Pine Mountain have been turned over to the care and custody of the Conservation Commission. These properties are open to the public for passive outdoor recreation. Minnechaug Mountain has several trails that are maintained by volunteers and the Minnechaug Mountain Trail Stewardship Committee. They are looking for residents to "Adopt a Trail" to assist in the maintenance and preservation of these trails by working in conjunction with the committee by hiking and looking for obstacles such as overgrowth, litter and erosion. If you would be interested in helping with this, please contact Charlie Thompson at 566-3724.

The Commission looks forward to continue serving the residents of the Town of Hampden during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Liquori, Chairman  
Pat Cote  
Bonnie Geromini  
Phil Grant  
Judy Mikkola, Clerk

## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Hampden Senior Center is thriving. Currently the building is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. and on Wednesdays from 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

The Hampden Senior Center exists to serve the senior population of Hampden by offering activities and support services. Services available include but are not limited to: Care Management, Monthly health screenings, Congregate Meals, Insurance Counseling, Transportation Assistance, Outreach and monthly newsletter, Brown Bag Program, Prescription Assistance, Lock box program, Fuel Assistance, Entertainment/Social Club, Health and Education, Tax Assistance, Recreation/hobbies/arts/crafts & games. We continue to strive to identify the needs of the senior population in Hampden and to try and best meet those needs with programs and services.

Helena Nossal, Administrative Clerk for the Senior Center for 17 years, retired in December 2008. Helena was instrumental in running the transportation program when she first started working at the senior center, then located in the Melville Room at Town Hall. At the time of her retirement, Helena was responsible for creating the Scantic Scribe monthly newsletter and running the front office. Helena's knowledge of the town, people and the senior center made her an essential part of the senior center staff. We were all sad to see her go. Helena, we wish you many wonderful years of retirement! Thank you for the years you gave to the Hampden Senior Center and the Town of Hampden.

We also said goodbye to Bobbi Grant who had served as our Activities Coordinator. Bobbi brought many new programs and activities to the senior center in her years with us. Aside from the concerts, dinner parties and craft classes, perhaps the most popular was a senior center travel group. Bobbi arranged bus trips to a Red Sox game, Magic Wings, Boston, West Point, Suffolk Downs and more! We were sad to see her go, but we are glad that Bobbi continues to volunteer for the senior center by running the travel group.

We welcomed Barbara Fitzgerald in October 2008 as our new Activities Coordinator. A talented artist and crafter, Barbara has been scheduling new classes since she started here at the senior center. Barbara has a wonderful way with people and encourages everyone to be involved. We are happy to have her on staff.

AnnaRose Ingari was our senior aide here at the center during 2008. AnnaRose was dedicated and provided many hours of data entry and at times served as the front window receptionist. AnnaRose was a delight to have here at the center and we are grateful that she still volunteers in the front office.

## COUNCIL ON AGING P2

The Friends of Hampden Seniors continue to support the Senior Center by raising money at bake sales, dinners and the annual holiday gift table. The Friends generously pay for the mailing of the Scantic Scribe each month. The group also funded conference registration fees for Becky to attend the annual MCOA conference at the Sea Crest resort in Falmouth. The Friends Group is a hard working group and their constant support and efforts to raise money for the senior center is very much appreciated.

The Senior Center was fortunate to receive a \$100,000 earmark grant from the state in 2007-2008. With that money the senior center was able to purchase a generator, new office equipment and computers, sewing machines, cleaning equipment and supplies, special programming and more. We were also able to have the interior of the senior center re-painted, the windows washed, the building power washed and so much more.

The Lions Club continues to pay for the paper used to print the Scribe. Without this generous annual donation we would not be able to print the Scribe and have it in every household in Hampden. Thank you Lions Club for your support!

The Lunch Bunch continues to be a core service here at the senior center. Under the direction of Christine Mansfield meal site numbers continue to rise. People enjoy not only the food, but the fellowship with friends.

As always the senior center could not exist without volunteers. Over 80 people help in so many ways. Countless hours are put in on a daily basis by dedicated volunteers. Often times, the work is not done here in the building. Volunteers are out running errands for homebound older adults, driving people to medical appointments, making friendly visits and telephone calls, delivering medical equipment and more. Our "in house" volunteers are helping in the office, the kitchen, with activities and programs, decorating, the monthly newsletter, gardening and so many other programs too numerous to list. Thank you volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, please call the senior center.

Many new programs and activities are taking place at the senior center on a daily basis. We encourage you to join us. If you have an idea for new programs or events that you would like to see here, please let us know. We are interested in knowing what you think about what we do and what we offer.

Our seniors are precious resources who need encouragement and appreciation. Thank you for your support of our seniors and the Hampden Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rebecca C. Moriarty, Executive Director  
Brian MacLeod, Chairman  
Patricia Clark, Vice Chairman  
Al Ouimet, Treasurer  
Deanna Vermette, Secretary

Rita Vail  
Shirley Gouvan  
Karen Leger  
Virginia Schneider  
*Rep. To GSSSI: John Shay*

Council on Aging Staff

*Executive Director:* Rebecca C. Moriarty  
*Administrative Clerk:* Helena Nossal  
*Activities Coordinator:* Bobbi Grant/Barbara Fitzgerald  
*Custodian:* Rudie Voight  
*Outreach Coordinator:* Susan LaMondia

*Affiliations:* National Council on Aging, Mass Association of Council on Aging & Senior Center Directors, Western Mass Association of Council on Aging & Greater Springfield Senior Services.

## CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Hampden Cultural Council is responsible for distributing funds allocated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Applications for funds are submitted to the local council in October of each year. The council then meets to consider those requests. The applicants who are rejected are given time to appeal under the new streamlined granting process; those who are approved are notified by the local council of their approval in December following a brief review by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The actual funds to approved applicants are then available for distribution by the end of January pending budget passage by the state legislature.

Local groups or individuals who would like to request funds can get more information and the grant applications from the Selectman's office. It should be noted that the council gives preference to projects sponsored by town organizations or residents. Due to limited funds, requests are rarely granted in full.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council granted the Hampden Cultural Council our yearly allocation of \$4300.00 plus \$2585.00 of unencumbered funds made this year's allocations the highest in the council's history. The council has recently made decisions regarding the re-granting of these monies. This year many of our grants have gone to new local school initiatives. Projects and activities that have been awarded grants for 2009 include:

- ❖ Polymer Science Field Trip-Thornton Burgess Middle School
- ❖ Music Matters Youth Concert Springfield Symphony Orchestra -Green Meadows Elementary School
- ❖ Support to The Big Hampden Arts Festival
- ❖ John Losito's New Fangled One Man Band - Thornton Burgess Middle School
- ❖ Stars Over Hampden: An Astronomy Adventure-Hampden Free Library

We have experienced great pleasure and satisfaction in being able to support these cultural events and hope to continue to support cultural education and enjoyment of town residents of all ages.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Rubin, Chair  
Glennice Flynn, Secretary  
Elizabeth Howarth, Treasurer  
Patricia Ehlers  
Cathy Mahoney

## **HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

In 2009 the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 84 calls. The breakdown is as follows:

- 1 Barn Fire
- 5 Brush Fires
- 4 Cooking/Grease Fires
- 1 Car Fire
- 8 Carbon Monoxide Alarms
- 3 Chimney Fires
- 7 Electrical
- 22 False Alarms
  - 1 Flooding
  - 3 Gas Leaks
- 13 Housing related
  - 7 Motor Vehicle Accidents
  - 2 Oil Burners
  - 1 Oil Spill
  - 1 Leaking Oil Tank
- 2 Mutual Aid
- 2 Power Lines
- 1 Shed Fire

The members of the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department extend our thanks to the Hampden Police and Highway Departments for their support and assistance throughout the past year.

Any town resident, 18 years of age or older, interested in joining the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department is encouraged to please contact the department at 566-3314.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Gorski  
Fire Chief  
Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

## **FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

The Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 5 brush and forest fires last year.

Open Burning Season starts January 15 and ends May 1 and requires that a permit be obtained from the Fire Warden/Fire Chief.

- Permits are issued on a daily basis depending on fire safety and atmospheric health conditions. General regional conditions are considered in permitting, do not allow neighbors to be impacted by smoke due to specific localized conditions.
- Permits may be obtained by calling 566-3314 after 9AM.
- A valid permit allows burning to begin after 10 AM and requires full extinguishment by 4 PM.
- No permits will be issued after 12:00 PM.
- All fires must be attended by the individual issued the permit until completely extinguished.
- Open burning must be conducted at least 75 feet away from all buildings.
- Open burning permits are for brush, branches and tree limbs.
- Open burning regulations prohibit the burning of grass, hay, leaves, stumps, tires, trash and construction or demolition debris, etc.

### Safety Considerations:

- Never use gasoline, kerosene or flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Have fire control tools on hand.
- Watch for changes in wind and be prepared to extinguish the fire.
- Don't delay a call for help, should the fire get out of control, by dialing 911.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Gorski  
Forest Fire Warden

**Fire Permits- Peter Hatch- 566-3314**

Smoke Detector Inspection (new house)	\$60
Smoke Detector Inspection (real estate transfer)	\$60
Oil burner Inspection	\$60
Blasting Permit (Fire Chief)	\$60
Renewal of Smokeless powder (Fire Chief)	\$60
LP Gas Storage Permits (Fire Chief)	\$60
Tank and burner Inspection	\$60
Mobile fuel oil delivery vehicle	\$60
Underground storage tank installation (Fire Chief)	\$60
Multiple Unit Housing Inspection	\$60
Underground storage tank removal (Fire Chief)	\$90
Fire Report	\$35

**Board of Selectmen- 566-2151 ext. 100**

Liquor Licenses-	
Restaurant- All Alcoholic	\$900*
Veteran's Club- All Alcoholic	\$300*
Package Store- All Alcoholic	\$1050*
Package Store- Wine & Malt	\$525*
<i>*Plus a \$200 application fee to Commonwealth of Massachusetts- Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission for new licenses, effective 7/10/03.</i>	
Automatic Amusement License	\$25 per machine
Weekday Entertainment Permit	\$100
Sunday Entertainment Permit:	
Town fee	\$25 per category per year
State fee:	
Regular Hours (1pm-12am)	
Per Sunday per category	\$10
Per year per category	\$85
Special Hours (before 1pm)	
Per Sunday per category	\$20
Per year per category	\$175
Common Victualler	\$20
Used Car License	\$25

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Food Service Establishment Permits	\$50
Temporary Food Permits	\$15 per day
Milk & Cream License	\$10
Frozen Desserts Permit	\$10
General License	\$40
Swimming Pool (Public/Semi-Public)	\$50
Septic Hauler Permit	\$50
Disposal Works Installer's License	\$50
Well Permit	\$25
Percolation Test	\$300

Disposal Works Construction Permit	\$200
- <i>includes one revision (new or repair/replace any part of system)</i>	
Each additional revision	\$50
Outdoor Solid Fuel Furnaces	\$50

## **From the Superintendent**

Paul C. Gagliarducci, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

The 2008-2009 school year will mark the end of my tenure as Superintendent for the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District. My time here has been extremely rewarding both in terms of professional and personal experiences. Simply stated, I have been honored to serve you for the past eight years. The communities have accepted my family and me with open arms, and I hope that my efforts have met your expectations.

During the past year, we witnessed change in many forms. Our schools have continued to work toward improvements in curriculum and instruction. At each site and at all levels the efforts of our district staff have produced excellent results. As you review the reports from the administrators, I am confident you will take pride in your school district and you will be assured that your tax dollars have been put toward a wise investment.

As we approached the new school year, we were confronted by a very difficult economic period in our nation's history. There is no question that educational systems throughout our region and the Commonwealth will have to utilize all their skills to persevere during this tenuous time.

As I prepare this report, a group of school community members is formulating a new vision for the future. This vision will help set district priorities in the years to come and keep us "pointed" toward excellence. Additionally, we continue to seek a resolution to the future of the Minnechaug facility. By working closely with the Massachusetts School Building Authority, we are hopeful that our two communities will soon bring closure to problems that the building presents.

The towns of Hampden and Wilbraham can be proud of the educational system they have built and the reputation our district has throughout the Commonwealth. Once again, it has been my pleasure and honor to serve all of you as your Superintendent of Schools.

## **Curriculum**

Donna Scanlon, Ed.D.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District has a rich and rigorous core curriculum designed to develop the unique talents of each individual student. The curriculum renewal process is ongoing and ensures continuity and consistency in grades PreK-12. The District has established equity in access to high quality curriculum materials and resources in every classroom.

Strengthening the integration of technology into instruction to improve learning is a top priority. Information centers are the hub of every school, and the level of technology integration across the curriculum has intensified with improvements in staffing, infrastructure, equipment, reliability, and professional development.

The District has maintained a focus on differentiated instruction within the general education program. Differentiated instruction meets the needs of individual learners and provides all students with the appropriate level of challenge and support.

Below are some highlights from across the curriculum areas:

- The Responsive Classroom framework is implemented in every elementary classroom in order to create learning environments where children thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.
- The District has adopted a new elementary reading and language arts program. It incorporates National Reading Panel recommendations that address the five components of literacy learning: vocabulary/oral language comprehension, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, and reading comprehension.
- The Writing Across the Curriculum program remains critical to language development, learning content, and developing thinking skills.
- The mathematics curriculum develops understanding of mathematics concepts through student-centered activities while enhancing skills through meaningful practice.
- The science program helps students to advance scientific reasoning as they investigate and solve complex problems using the necessary tools. Standards-based science units are studied in the classroom and, at the elementary level, are enriched through regular science labs.
- The history, geography, civics, and economics concepts and skills are addressed through engaging units of study in each grade.
- The arts play a central role in human development for children at all ability levels. Cognitive, language, and social-emotional development are positively impacted by participation in the arts.
- The health and physical education opportunities are an integral part of the total educational process and develop a lifelong physically active lifestyle, as well as respect for self and others, through a safe learning environment.
- The D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officers in both Hampden and Wilbraham have established an important presence in the buildings, which promotes safe schools and aligns with the principles of prevention research.

Also noteworthy is that the District has sought and won significant dollars from the U.S. Department of Education, which have allowed the District to improve emergency response and crisis management and provide education, prevention, and intervention services essential to integrating academic and social learning as a solid foundation for future success.

### **HWRSD Academic Performance**

Donna Scanlon, Ed.D.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development

Since its inception in 1998, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) has increasingly become a major source of information with regard to student achievement, curriculum evaluation, and diagnosis of individual student strengths and weaknesses. Scores are consistently higher than the statewide average, and recent performance was at an all time high in many areas.

Grade/Subject Tested	Percent of Students Scoring <i>Advanced/Proficient</i>					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	<b>2008</b>	2008
	HWRSD	HWRSD	HWRSD	HWRSD	<b>HWRSD</b>	STATE
Gr. 3 Reading	77%	80%	80%	77%	<b>75%</b>	56%
Gr. 3 Mathematics			68%	71%	<b>73%</b>	61%
Gr. 4 English Language Arts	75%	62%	59%	71%	<b>57%</b>	49%
Gr. 4 Mathematics	58%	50%	55%	60%	<b>56%</b>	49%
Gr. 5 English Language Arts			69%	75%	<b>74%</b>	61%
Gr. 5 Mathematics			58%	58%	<b>59%</b>	52%
Gr. 5 Science/Engineering	76%	72%	71%	72%	<b>70%</b>	50%
Gr. 6 English Language Arts			83%	81%	<b>85%</b>	67%
Gr. 6 Mathematics	59%	61%	61%	69%	<b>70%</b>	56%
Gr. 7 English Language Arts	83%	77%	77%	86%	<b>82%</b>	69%
Gr. 7 Mathematics			50%	69%	<b>59%</b>	47%
Gr. 8 English Language Arts			90%	88%	<b>89%</b>	75%
Gr. 8 Mathematics	54%	65%	54%	64%	<b>67%</b>	49%
Gr. 8 Science/Engineering	51%	59%	51%	50%	<b>52%</b>	39%
Gr. 10 English Language Arts	75%	86%	88%	88%	<b>90%</b>	74%
Gr. 10 Mathematics	70%	78%	80%	89%	<b>86%</b>	72%
Gr. 10 Biology				55%	<b>72%</b>	57%

It is evident through these results that HWRSD students are learning well. The District is proud to announce that each year for the last five years 90 or more seniors were eligible for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, which provides a tuition waiver to State colleges and universities for four years. Students qualify for this award by scoring in the advanced category in English language arts or mathematics and advanced or proficient in the other subject area on the grade 10 MCAS and by ranking in the top 25% of their class.

In addition to MCAS performance, HWRSD educators use a range of information to monitor student achievement. One example of the data considered to be relevant is SAT scores. Score trends rather than results from any one year are considered most relevant. The table below provides longitudinal SAT results for students graduating from Minnechaug:

Mean SAT Scores 1997-2008

	<b>Minnechaug HS</b>			<b>State</b>			<b>National</b>		
	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Writing</b>	Reading	Math	Writing	Reading	Math	Writing
1997	<b>534</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>n/a</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	505	511	n/a
1998	<b>512</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>n/a</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	505	512	n/a
1999	<b>517</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>n/a</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	505	511	n/a
2000	<b>506</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>n/a</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	505	514	n/a
2001	<b>519</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>n/a</b>	511	515	n/a	506	514	n/a
2002	<b>518</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>n/a</b>	512	516	n/a	504	516	n/a
2003	<b>517</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>n/a</b>	516	522	n/a	507	519	n/a
2004	<b>529</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>n/a</b>	518	523	n/a	508	518	n/a
2005	<b>531</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>n/a</b>	520	527	n/a	508	520	n/a
2006	<b>501</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>509</b>	513	524	510	503	518	497
2007	<b>521</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>522</b>	513	522	511	502	515	494
2008	<b>520</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>526</b>	514	525	513	502	515	494

As a result of teachers, administrators, parents, students and community working together knowledgeably over the long term, the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District enjoys multiple opportunities to celebrate the excellent accomplishments of its students.

**Guidance Department**

Carolyn Lewis, Director

The graduates of the Class of 2008 at Minnechaug Regional High School represent a group of academically accomplished students with 91% attending post-secondary institutions of higher education. Of these students, 63% went to four-year colleges and 28% went to two-year colleges.

Many of these students were admitted to highly competitive colleges and universities including: Bentley College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Cornell University, Harvard University, Marist College, Mount Holyoke College, New York University, Northeastern University, Norwich University, Providence College, Purdue University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rochester Institute of Technology, Skidmore College, Syracuse University, Tufts University, Union College and Villanova University

Guidance and counseling services relating to career and college planning represent a major portion of the tasks accomplished by the guidance counselors and our school-to-career specialists. Post-secondary planning for high school students begins with an orientation program freshman year, progresses to career awareness sophomore year, college/career planning for juniors and then seminars on college, career and financial planning for seniors and their parents.

**Green Meadows Elementary School**

Deborah Thompson, Principal

Green Meadows Elementary School continues to grow, with a current enrollment of 383 students in preschool to grade four and 76 staff. The faculty at Green Meadows has worked hard this year implementing Responsive Classroom techniques and various instructional practices to meet the many diverse learning needs of all the students. Our School Improvement Plan focused on three

areas 1) to increase the literacy skills of all students; 2) to increase the mathematical skills of all students; and 3) to meet the diverse learning needs of all students. To meet these goals, teachers collected data on student performance, analyzed MCAS scores, implemented instructional practices that supported student achievement and met regularly in grade level teams to plan instruction. In addition, the staff participated in the Gifted and Talented Grant that allowed teachers to take a graduate course through the University of Connecticut on the School Wide Enrichment Model. Strategies from this course were discussed at faculty meetings and small enrichment groups were formed to support students' special interests.

The Hampden PTO and parent volunteers worked hard to support the school through their fundraising activities and daily support in classrooms. The funds raised were used to purchase instructional equipment, lower the cost of field trips and support special assembly programs for all students. We were also pleased to be the recipients of a W.H.A.T. grant that allowed us to bring Jack Hartman, a nationally known songwriter to Green Meadows. Mile Tree students joined in this event as Mr. Hartman performed his music that supports early literacy instruction. The culminating event was a family concert at Fountain Park bringing together both Green Meadows and Mile Tree families for an evening of great fun!

Green Meadows Elementary School is a learning environment that provides a safe, caring and respectful climate so that all students can reach their potential.

### **Memorial Elementary School**

Marguerite Myers-Killeen, Principal

Memorial Elementary School is a learning community comprised of 315 students in grades two through six, and 50 staff members. Everyone in the school strives daily to be responsible to do his/her best to make this an optimal learning and working environment for our educational family.

Memorial was fortunate to have Susan Boss as a visiting "Artist in Residence," which was funded through a W.H.A.T. grant. The entire school participated in creating two beautiful murals that are now proudly displayed in the school lobby.

Our school building continued to be upgraded by the town as part of an ongoing initiative to make improvements in our facility. The north wall of the building near the school library was replaced externally and internally, so we now have a bright corridor with large new windows. Driveway lights were also installed, thanks to a grant from the Community Preservation Committee. Memorial School is regaining its beauty as each improvement is completed.

We were pleased that our MCAS scores for 2008 showed improvement from previous year's scores. One very noteworthy result was that Memorial's sixth grade English/Language Arts MCAS scores were the 5<sup>th</sup> highest in the state! We are very proud of these results and will continue to work hard toward consistent improvement.

The Memorial School Improvement Plan had the following three goals for the year: 1) to demonstrate improvement in individual students who scored in the Needs Improvement and

Warning levels on MCAS Mathematics in grades 4, 5, and 6; 2) to improve the ability of students to expand/add details to written responses; and 3) to continue to improve Memorial School's inclusion model and differentiated instruction strategies.

In September, Memorial School hosted its second annual Grandparents' Day. These special people visited their grandchildren's classrooms, attended a friendship assembly, and enjoyed refreshments provided by our PTO. It was a wonderful morning for all as we proudly shared our school spirit with over 150 grandparents!

Memorial School students and staff conducted two food drives this year as we continue to stress the value of kindness in our daily lives. The first collection took place on World Food Day in October and during December we held our annual food drive. Both collections benefited the Community Survival Center.

Memorial School is blessed to have a very dedicated group of parents who serve our school in a variety of ways. The PTO members put in a great deal of time to plan activities, raise money, and provide special programs/opportunities for our children. In addition, our parent volunteers help out regularly to make our learning community even better for students and staff. Thanks to all who give of their time to support our Memorial School learning community. You are valued and appreciated!

Memorial Elementary School is a very special place for our children to grow and learn. We are proud to be partners with our parents and our community in the wonderful town of Wilbraham!

### **Mile Tree Elementary School**

Rosemary Brosnan, Principal

Mile Tree School is home to all Kindergarten and Grade One students in Wilbraham. The school has a long-standing tradition of setting high expectations for student success and takes enormous pride in creating a safe, warm and nurturing environment for our young students.

With its dedicated and caring staff, Mile Tree is a dynamic, child-centered learning environment where all students are provided opportunities to learn and grow cognitively, physically and socially and to develop skills that are essential for their future success in school and society. Mile Tree Elementary School has proudly earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children – the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

The mission of Mile Tree School is that *all children can and will learn well*. This statement drives our commitment for continuous improvement. With this in mind, the Mile Tree School Council developed two goals for the school year: 1) increase the capacity to respond to individual student needs in all areas of the curriculum; and 2) foster a sense of personal, social, multicultural and global awareness.

Mile Tree School has implemented the Responsive Classroom, which is a teaching approach that combines the academic curriculum, based on practices that are developmentally appropriate,

with a social curriculum that focuses on respect for one's self, learning and the school community.

Mile Tree students participated in a special election to select a name for the school's owl mascot. The winner, Hooty, attends all school assemblies and promotes the school's core values of respect, honesty, responsibility and good manners.

Mile Tree School has a strong, supportive parent base, and its very active PTO supports the school's mission while its fundraising efforts provide enrichment assemblies and school spirit activities.

### **Soule Road School**

Mary T. Goodwin, Principal

During the past year, Soule Road staff has worked diligently to provide over 350 students with a high quality educational experience that emphasizes academic achievement, nurtures emotional stability and promotes appropriate social growth for all students. We continue to benefit from active parent-volunteer support in our classrooms and the generous funding resources of our PTO that support numerous programs throughout the year.

Our School Improvement Plan focused on three areas. We joined with the district's initiative of increasing writing skills across the curriculum through the implementation of *Collins Writing Program* and the expansion of *Differentiated Instruction* strategies, and we continued our commitment to enhance math instruction at every grade level. Our staff has committed numerous professional development hours to expanding their own expertise as well as working on the content of their curriculum. The staff is excited about the new *McMillan* reading series and the rich instructional components it provides.

Over the course of the year, Soule Road students experienced a variety of activities that provided opportunities for learning, school spirit and social growth. Through the generous efforts of our PTO, we celebrated another Souleto student art festival, enjoyed an active Zoo Show, visited a vernal pool and other educational field trip sites, talked about bullying with the Morris Brothers program and enjoyed our annual Field Day! In addition, our parents generously donated funds and students eagerly participated in a "Free Throw" contest to purchase a Magna Traverse Climbing Wall for our P.E. program. Thanks to the high commitment of parent volunteers, every grade participated in Junior Achievement; and we proudly welcomed back the D.A.R.E. program to sixth grade.

Students at Soule Road have a variety of enrichment activities including after-school math clubs, great music programs, and InspireWorks. Continuing their commitment to community service, our students collected and donated over 150 gently used coats, along with hats, gloves and mittens, plus the Grade 2 and 6 Buddies organized a school-wide food donation to benefit families served by the Mayflower Marathon.

Through the daily diligent efforts of students, teachers, staff, parents and community, Soule Road Elementary School continues to be a powerful example of high academic standards,

emotional and social supports, interactive and engaging programs and compassionate community values.

### **Stony Hill Elementary School**

Sherrill Caruana, Principal

Stony Hill School, built in 1957 and refurbished in 1999, educates 314 students in grades two through six. With three homerooms per grade level, we strive to make the classroom a true “homeroom”. All teachers have been trained in Responsive Classroom techniques and each day celebrates our community with morning meetings in every homeroom. Our school-wide focus came from the inspiration of Lin Hao, the child who saved his classmates from the Sichuan earthquake. When asked why he put himself in danger by going back to dig out his classmates, he responded, “It was my job. I’m the hall monitor.” All of us at Stony Hill challenge ourselves daily to do our job in the very best way we can, because by doing even little things well, heroic change can happen.

In education, change has one word: improvement. Our School Improvement Goals for the year are: 1) increase math achievement; 2) establish a school climate that is conducive to teaching and learning and protects students’ health, safety and civil rights; and 3) increase English Language Arts achievement.

Stony Hill’s educational climate comes from the effort staff, students and parents expend in meeting our goals, but this climate is equally influenced by the enrichment we provide to our students and the community. Staff has engaged in a year-long study group integrating talented and gifted learning opportunities into the curriculum. Enrichment activities include The Tiger Times school newspaper, the Green Team, InspireWorks, Accelerated Math, Study Island MCAS Review, *D.A.R.E.*, band, chorus, and the student ambassador program. We continue to reach out to the Wilbraham senior citizens by hosting the Holiday Breakfast and offering “Lunch with the Kids” twice a month.

As always, we are grateful for the efforts and support of our PTO and School Council as we search for ways to enhance education at Stony Hill Elementary School.

### **Thornton W. Burgess Middle School**

Noel Pixley, Principal

At Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, the School Improvement Plan focused on three strategic goals: 1) increase student academic performance in specifically designated content areas; 2) create a culture that meets the needs of all learners; and 3) promote the use of technology by fostering a climate conducive to the physical and educational needs of students and staff.

Addressing the first goal to increase student academic performance in mathematics, science, language arts and social studies, teachers used supplemental experiences, support, materials, and different modalities to address the various learning styles of the students. A major emphasis under this goal was to show improvement on our MCAS scores. In all academic areas, we achieved an increase in the percentage of students meeting the Proficient or Advanced status. In

math, our students demonstrated an average improvement of 3% on the multiple choice questions and improved on their open response questions. Other highlights of the year included the MATHCOUNTS club, the implementation of the program TASA- Earth's Atmosphere and Seasons, a visit to the Christa McAuliffe Science Center, an increased exposure to poetry and non-fiction, and integration of current events and maps at all grade levels.

Regarding goal number two, Thornton Burgess teachers took part in district-wide professional development activities by attending workshops to enhance their skills, collaborating with Wilbraham Middle School teachers to discuss common educational issues such as grading and time on learning, meeting with curriculum area colleagues to discuss teaching strategies and alignment of their curriculum to the Massachusetts State Frameworks and learning how to implement Edline. Other areas in which teachers received professional development training included the Differentiated Instruction, Gifted and Talented, Developmental Design, MCAS Alternative testing, and graduate programs leading to Masters Degrees. In addition, after thoroughly researching the components of Development Design, it was decided to adopt the program at Thornton Burgess. Several teachers attended a week-long summer institute to learn how to implement the program for the start of the new school year.

Focusing on the third goal, staff received instruction and training on the use of United Streaming, Grade Quick, Edline and Mimeo Studio, a new portable projection device used for instruction. Coordination between the technology curriculum and the academic curriculum was monitored by the technology teacher, team leaders, and special education teachers from all three teams. The academic teams worked together to identify web sites, software, and computer activities that would compliment the curriculum. The IT specialist trained students in their use of Edline by assisting them with login procedures and establishing accounts, and parents were provided individual access codes and instructions on how to open a new account.

### **Wilbraham Middle School**

Stephen Hale, Principal

Wilbraham Middle School serves 430 students in grades seven and eight. Our student contingency benefits from the school's committed staff, dedicated PTO, and caring community. Everyone works together to support the academic, social, and emotional needs of our young adolescent learners.

The School Council outlined three goals in its School Improvement Plan inspired by our mission statement and striving to meet the greater community's expectations. The plan's following goals ensure that our education environment is a place where all students thrive and achieve to the best of their abilities: 1) to increase Wilbraham Middle School's capacity to meet the individual math learning needs of diverse student learners; 2) to improve the science program at Wilbraham Middle School by incorporating analysis of MCAS results and introducing grade level formal assessments which align with the Massachusetts State Frameworks and the HWRSD Science Curriculum Maps; and 3) to further develop the sense of community, collaboration, and consistency within Wilbraham Middle School while maintaining individual team spirit and to foster a whole school awareness and appreciation beyond the four academic teams.

The year was a very exciting one for our students. Student Council coordinated the annual “Spirit Week” where the “Pep Rally” was the highlight of the week. Through the efforts of the Student Council & “COPY Cats” Club, funds were raised through our annual Winter Wonderland Dance to help provide several scholarships to assist eighth graders and their families afford the Washington trip. The PTO and the Scantic Valley YMCA also helped to contribute to this scholarship fund.

For the first time in many years, Wilbraham Middle School organized a visit to Washington D.C. where the students went to Arlington National Cemetery, Library of Congress, Smithsonian Museums, National Holocaust Museum, and Mount Vernon, to name just a few.

International Week was sponsored by the PTO in conjunction with the WMS Foreign Language Department. All week, different activities took place throughout the school including announcements made in different languages, cultural music played over the loud speaker, and foods from different cultures sampled during lunch. There was also an art show highlighting our students’ talents.

In summary, it was a very successful year for the Wilbraham Middle School community in which local support, grant funding, and the support of our PTO helped to create lifelong educational experiences for our students.

### **Minnechaug Regional High School**

M. Martin O’Shea, Principal

**From Principal M. Martin O’Shea:** Minnechaug Regional High School continues to excel in the academic, social, and physical education of its students. The faculty and administration remain firmly committed to the school’s mission of “providing a safe and academically challenging environment that promotes the growth and well-being of all community members and assisting our students in becoming active world citizens who value integrity, citizenship, and respect.” Two major goals of the School Improvement Plan were developed by the School Council: 1) to prepare Minnechaug Regional High School for reaccreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) in 2011; and 2) to further develop a professional learning community at Minnechaug that is based on collaborative and professional inquiry and that works to further embed Minnechaug’s Core Values (Wellness, Integrity, Community and Citizenship, and Intellectual Development).

The following reports from the various departments highlight just some of the many commendable educational activities at the high school.

The **English Department** offered skills-based courses for freshmen and sophomores and a broad range of courses for juniors and seniors. The MCAS scores are exceptional with a passing rate of 100%. Six students won Gold key awards from the Alliance for Young Writers and the Emeralds Literary Magazine and The Smoke Signal newspaper both won national awards. Emeralds was rated “Excellent” by The National Council of Teachers of English and was bestowed a “Silver” rating from Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Smoke Signal received “First Place” from

both Quill and Scroll and the American Society of Newspaper Publishers, and it was named “Best Newspaper” by the Scholastic Press Forum.

The **Family and Consumer Sciences Department** has successfully completed curriculum work with Holyoke Community College to develop articulation agreements so that students who meet specific requirements can receive college credits for their class work at Minnechaug. Agreements have been reached with the Early Childhood and the Hospitality and Culinary Arts programs. Our students continue to use their classroom experiences to choose college majors in culinary arts programs, teacher training programs, and health fields related to working with young children.

The **Fine Arts Department** continued to gain much recognition both locally and state wide. Choirs and bands performed regularly for local civic organizations, fulfilling the MRHS ethic of service to the community. Music and art students were nominated for and heavily involved with the Western District, Quabbin Valley, and All-State Music Festivals, and The Republican “Talented Teens in the Arts” program. Art students also received nominations for The Boston Globe Scholastic Art Award and Art All-State.

The **Foreign Language Department** was excited to welcome Daouda Thiam, a Fulbright exchange teacher from Senegal, to teach French classes. He has enriched the department and our students as he shares the culture and history of his country. We once again celebrated Foreign Language Week with expanded activities including showing foreign films, sampling international foods, and teaching mini lessons in other languages. Our student enrollment in language classes has increased in Latin and upper level Spanish courses.

The **Guidance Department** continues to offer a variety of programs to serve our students and their parents. Some of the services are: an informational brochure, “welcome” call to the homes of all freshmen, a workshop on writing college essays, a college financial aid night, a college night for juniors and their parents, a follow-up program for seniors and their parents, an orientation program for eighth grade students and their parents, a middle school college night and a reception for transfer students. A practice test for the SAT Reasoning test is offered in addition to an ACT test taking strategy workshop. The SAT Reasoning and Subject tests, the ACT, PSAT, ASVAB and AP exams are all administered at Minnechaug. Our Internship program for seniors continues to grow, with almost 100 students participating. The School-to-Career Specialists and Guidance Counselors cover many topics in developmental guidance classes such as transition to high school, job readiness, and financial planning. The Guidance Counselors and Adjustment Counselors meet individually with their students to assist in developing course schedules, making career and college choices and dealing with personal problems.

The **History and Social Science Department** continues to empower students to be active citizens in a democratic society while preparing them for participation in the global community. The department has been busy with revising present curriculum and preparing for new elective classes. During this past election, the department hosted a mock presidential election and students were actively involved in voter registration. Our clubs, Model UN, Model Congress and Mock Law, have also been successful. Several local veterans and politicians were guest

speakers throughout the year in the U.S. History classes. The department also sponsored the annual National History Day, which brought out many to admire the various projects on individuals in history.

The **Interscholastic Athletics** program has 30 athletic offerings, in which Minnechaug's student-athletes competed and excelled throughout the year. Approximately 1,200 participants enjoyed the interscholastic athletic experience, and academic excellence continued to accompany athletic success. Sportsmanship and a winning tradition are at the core of Minnechaug's comprehensive, very well-respected, and successful program. Winning the MIAA District F Sportsmanship Award and the Division I Girls' Soccer State Championship were highlights of a great year.

The **Mathematics Department** remains active with curriculum revisions throughout the year. Department members continue to research methods of integrating technology into their classes to provide an interactive representation of mathematical concepts. The utilization of SmartBoards, LCD projectors, and graphing utilities has helped to enrich the curriculum. The Mathletes continued to be a top contender in a very competitive league, and Algebra 1 classes competed in The Republican Stock Market Challenge.

The **Media Center** continues to build upon its two new computer labs with the installation of interactive SmartBoards. With all the computers, there are often has three or four classes visiting and working simultaneously. The Media Center sponsored a weekly contest for students to identify SAT words that will be continued due to its success.

The **Physical Education/Health Department** continues to implement health curriculum guides and manuals for a consistent health program that meets the Massachusetts Health Frameworks. The department continues to promote a healthy and active lifestyle for all students through a variety of lifetime activities. A department member presented at a statewide convention, discussing the Youth Risk Behavior Student Survey at the district and national levels.

The **Science Department** worked with a group of students in a pro-active preparation program for the MCAS biology test, which included a pre-test review. Students interested in scientific research worked in collaboration with faculty from the University of Massachusetts on two special endeavors. The projects were based in physics and heavily involved mathematic principles behind scientific observations. The staff worked hard to utilize Edline, LCD projectors, and online resources to enhance the students' science classroom experience.

The **Student Activities** office oversees more than 50 co-curricular student activity programs with 1,200 participants gaining experience in fundraising and academic competitions with state and national awards. Students donated over \$9,000 to local and national charities, provided over 4,500 hours of community service, held numerous food and clothing drives, provided over 300 hours of tutoring, and gave over \$4,000 in scholarships.

The **Technical Education, Computers and Business Department** continued to present a diverse offering of technical, applied and fine art classes at many levels in many subject areas. These departments, with their wide-ranging interdisciplinary approach, are in the unique position

of being able to assist students in all areas of the Massachusetts State Frameworks. With obvious strengths in critical thinking, problem solving, and the design process, the applied technology classes continue to thrive and play a large part in the “greater good” of the student population.

### **Student Services**

Thomas Philpott, Director (retired 10/08)

Debra L. Tobias, Ed.D., Director (as of 11/08)

Student Services is responsible for the coordination of all special education services for the District. There is a commitment to provide a full range of interventions for students who demonstrate challenges in learning. In addition to special education teachers and educational inclusion paraprofessionals, Student Services has school psychologists, speech/language pathologists and assistants, school adjustment counselors, physical therapists, an occupational therapist and assistant, and several consultants specializing in various areas of educational programming.

Initial interventions begin with general education teachers who are able to provide a continuum of instructional accommodations to assist students with diverse learning styles. Each school has its own Student/Teacher Assistance Team (S/TAT) that is comprised of building professionals dedicated to enhancing the effectiveness of the learning process for each student. In the event that the interventions do not result in the anticipated improvements for the student, the S/TAT will make a referral for a special education evaluation in order to determine if there is an educational disability undermining the student’s ability to make effective educational progress. As needed, specialized instruction, support services, and/or specific therapy are recommended and provided to the student in the least restrictive environment determined.

Technology continues to have a role in the instruction of special education students. The technology lab at Thornton W. Burgess Middle School is a resource for teachers seeking to learn software programs that develop new pathways to learning for their students. Student Services also utilizes an online computerized individual education program that captures essential information pertaining to special education. Referrals, evaluations, and active student counts are immediately available. Our special education teachers can send relevant information electronically to Student Services, which facilitates regular administrative review of data to monitor compliance with special education mandates.

### **School Nurses**

Poppy Nelson, BA, RN, BSN, NCSN

Nurse Leader

During the year our school nurses had 39,086 requests for medical care from students, with first aid given to 12,661 students; 12,867 illness assessments completed; 4,353 student prescription medications administered; 5,153 parent phone calls and meetings held; and 5,004 nursing procedures accomplished. There were also 1,161 staff visits to the health offices. In addition, hepatitis B and flu vaccines, as well as the Weight Watchers at Work Program, were offered to the staff.

The nurses at Minnechaug, Wilbraham Middle, Stony Hill, and Mile Tree partnered with Elms College to mentor student nurses one day per week for five weeks. The school nurses thank the members of the Wilbraham Women’s Club for the many hours they volunteered to help test the vision and hearing of students in pre-school, Kindergarten and tenth grade.

In May, the Essential Health Services Grant was awarded to our district, funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. This grant supports several nursing salaries and provides aid and equipment.

**Adult Community Education and Recreation**

Ned Doyle, Director

The Adult Community Education and Recreation Program, “New Beginnings,” provided diverse enrichment opportunities for all age groups in the community. Approximately 2,000 participants enjoyed the spring, summer, and fall offerings. The “Summer Programs ‘R’ You,” serving the youth of the community, was the most popular program.

**School Councils**

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District 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 young people. We would also like the community to recognize the services rendered by these parents and citizens:

<b>Mile Tree Elementary School</b>	<b>Green Meadows Elementary School</b>
Rosemary Brosnan, Principal	Deborah Thompson, Principal
Patricia Colkos	Amy Bostian
Karen Grycel	Robert Bardwell
Wendy Labbe	Kristyn Brannigan
Ginny McKeon	Lena Buteau
Joyce Robinson	Carol Fitzgerald
Kristina Stone	Warren Schoonover
	Laurie Sullivan
<b>Memorial Elementary School</b>	<b>Soule Road Elementary School</b>
Marguerite Myers-Killeen, Principal	Mary Goodwin, Principal
Karen Anti	Molly Caltabiano
Jessica Carroll	Chris Hakala
Denise Fisher	Juli Kibbe
Jeff Jones	Rebecca Lefort
Liane Kendall	Jill Pszeniczny
Bill Lachenmeyer	Ellen Schmutte
Peggy McNeff	
<b>Stony Hill Elementary School</b>	<b>Thornton W. Burgess Middle School</b>
Sherrill Caruana, Principal	Noel Pixley, Principal
Lori Berg	Ingrid Apgar
Mary Beth Laliberte	Dina Demos
Chrissy Plumb	Phyllis Hulstrom

Michele Mistalski	Catherine Mahoney
Meghan Saunders	Kellie Moriarty
	Dianne Regnier
	Susan Sawyer
	Lauri Shinkle
	Susanne Simon
<b>Wilbraham Middle School</b>	<b>Minnechaug Regional High School</b>
Stephen Hale, Principal	M. Martin O'Shea, Principal
Scott Berg	Kurt Anderson
Stacy Gilmour	Donna Benoit
Daniel Handzel	Jillian Bickley 11
Jennifer Jyringi	John Costello 09
Judi LaBranche	Patricia Gordon
Susan Medeiros	M. Ben Hogan
Robin Rabideau	Gary Manuel
Diane Ryan	Patrick Moriarty
	Judy Moylan
	Maeve Moylan 10
	Tom Petzold 08
	Mary Ellen Shea
	Georgina Trebbe

### **Retirements during the 2007-2008 School Year**

David R Bernstein	Minnechaug Regional High School
Patricia L. Gordon	Minnechaug Regional High School
Kathryn A. Groffman	Green Meadows Elementary School
Joan A. Guziec	Minnechaug Regional High School
Robert P. King	Wilbraham Middle School
Susan M. McCoy	Minnechaug Regional High School
Laurence F. Moriarty	Minnechaug Regional High School
Patricia A. O'Connor	Memorial Elementary School
Gary B. Petzold	Minnechaug Regional High School
Virginia Pizzichemi	Green Meadows Elementary School
Cynthia K. Powers	Thornton W. Burgess Middle School
Joyce N. Robinson	Mile Tree Elementary School
Frances M. Shaw	Soule Road Elementary School
Catherine J. Sullivan	Soule Road Elementary School
Arthur J. Tipaldi	Minnechaug Regional High School

### **Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District School Committee**

Scott R. Chapman, Chair	William Bickley, Jr.
Marianne Desmond	D. John McCarthy
Lisa Morace	Peter T. Salerno
Gilles Turcotte	

**Five-Year Enrollment History**

Grade	2003 - 2004			2004- 2005			2005- 2006			2006- 2007			2007-2008		
	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T
K	58	161	219	64	165	229	70	181	251	69	134	203	42	139	181
1	65	180	245	61	168	229	64	173	237	70	181	251	72	147	219
2	62	191	253	74	177	251	63	174	237	61	187	248	68	181	249
3	66	202	268	62	193	255	74	188	262	73	180	253	63	195	258
4	71	209	280	66	211	277	64	198	262	71	194	265	72	188	260
5	61	200	261	75	213	288	71	213	284	63	205	268	72	200	272
6	68	205	273	67	205	272	75	213	288	67	212	279	61	213	274
7	66	219	286	72	205	277	60	205	265	71	211	282	71	208	279
8	95	232	326	70	219	289	73	211	284	66	214	280	75	216	291
9	81	257	338	105	258	363	78	220	298	80	216	296	73	236	309
10	86	254	340	76	235	311	93	250	343	73	202	275	72	206	278
11	79	224	303	79	240	319	72	219	291	89	234	323	62	195	257
12	81	222	303	79	223	302	78	245	323	71	220	291	87	227	314
Other			79			75			78			67			73
TOTAL	939	2756	3774	950	2712	3737	935	2690	3703	924	2590	3581	890	2551	3514

**Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District - Directory of Schools**

**Green Meadows Elementary School (Grades Pre K – 4)**

Deborah Thompson, Principal  
 38 North Road, Hampden, MA 01036 – (413) 566-3263  
 School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

**Mile Tree Elementary School (Grades Pre K – 1)**

Rosemary Brosnan, Principal  
 625 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-6921  
 School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

**Memorial Elementary School (Grades 2 – 6)**

Marguerite Myers-Killeen, Principal  
 310 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-6821  
 School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

**Soule Road Elementary School (Grades 2 – 6)**

Mary Goodwin, Principal  
 300 Soule Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-9311  
 School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

**Stony Hill School (Grades 2 – 6)**

Sherrill Caruana, Principal  
 675 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 599-1950  
 School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

**Thornton W. Burgess Middle School (Grades 5 – 8)**

Noel Pixley, Principal

85 Wilbraham Road, Hampden, MA 01036 – (413) 566-8950

School Hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Wilbraham Middle School (Grades 7 – 8)**

Stephen Hale, Principal

466 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-9061

School Hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Minnechaug Regional High School (Grades 9 –12)**

M. Martin O’Shea, Principal

621 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-9011

School Hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.

**Superintendent’s Office**

Paul C. Gagliarducci, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

Donna Scanlon, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Beth Regulbuto, SBO, MCPPO Director of Business Services

621 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-3884

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In the year 2008, both the Board of Selectmen and the MassHighway Department approved several construction projects that I had proposed. These projects were made possible due to last year's approval of the 1.5M Bond for infrastructure improvements and Hampden's apportionment of Ch.90 Local-Aid from the State.

With the above described funding, the following work was completed: First, the parking lot at the Town Hall was completely reconstructed. Second, all of the streets within the sub-division known as the "Baldwin Tract", from Stony Hill Road to the intersection of Baldwin Drive and Sessions Drive, were cleaned, tack coated and paved. This totaled 2.52 miles of roadway. In preparation of this work, a large culvert was replaced on Sessions Drive and drainage structures were repaired and adjusted. There were 3 intersections that received minor modifications, which will result in slower traffic speeds, a more defined understanding of the streets and fewer opportunities for traffic violations and accidents. It also reduced the costs associated with the final paving and will improve plowing and sanding operations. Third, Allen Street, including the intersection of Stony Hill Road, was re-constructed from Circle View Drive to the town line. Part of this project was the installation of a granite island and 500 feet of granite curbing.

With other local funding, the Highway Department completed a restoration project at Green Meadows School. Several acres on the south side of the building were cleaned up and made useable. Stockpiles of boulders and fill material were removed, an overflow parking area was built and lawn areas were loamed and seeded.

Maintenance projects such as street sweeping, patching, painting of traffic markings, catch basin cleaning and the cleaning of ditches were also completed. Repairs and maintenance of the equipment was done as needed.

The Highway Department spent an enormous amount of time and money this past year on tree and brush removal. Typically, this activity is done during winter months only, at times between winter storms and maintenance of equipment. This year however, summer storms caused significant damage to public trees on a regular basis, costing thousands of dollars and accounting for weeks of highway labor.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT P2**

There were 22 winter storms last season. As in past years, the members of the Highway Department worked long hours to clear the roads and make them safe for traffic. I would like to thank the members of the Highway Department; Patrick Markham, Robert Richards, John Ouellette, and Lauren Comstock, along with all the supplemental workers that are used on a regular basis for their service, support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley  
Highway Superintendent

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The purpose of the Historical Commission is to plan and implement programs for identifying, evaluating and protecting our Town's historic resources. We work with other Town boards and commissions to achieve our goals. We are responsible for commenting on preservation issues at the local level and are mandated to alert State and Federal agencies to local preservation issues.

The Commission has been busy educating ourselves on the architectural history of Hampden and learning how to differentiate the various styles and time periods to which they belong. This gets us outside in good weather to learn about and appraise our built environment. We have a particularly difficult time dating barns so if you have any information on any barn you would like to share with us please do! We welcome you to come along on our jaunts into Hampden's architectural past. Let us know if you are interested and we will keep you "in the loop".

After listening to the concerns of many residents over the number of trees that National Grid cut down last fall, we have prepared an article for a Scenic Roads Bylaw which you will find on the Town Warrant. The intent of the article is to give the public shade trees and stone walls some added protection by making sure a public hearing is held at which you can voice your opinion before any trees or stone walls are removed on Town owned land. This article only addresses the trees and walls that belong to all of us here in town and in no way infringes on any individual property rights.

Our concerns are not just old buildings and archeological sites. We are also concerned with preserving what remains of our rural heritage through preservation of farmlands, scenic roads, conservation and smart growth.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Chapin Witt, Chairman  
Sally Bryce  
Chrissy Cesan  
Tom Foster  
Al Perusse

## **HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The Hampden Housing Authority meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Community Building at 26 Springmeadow Lane. Meetings are posted with the Town Clerk and are open to the public.

The Housing Authority Board consists of five members. Four are elected and one is appointed by the Governor. Currently, there is one vacancy on the Board, created by the death of long term member, Miles Hapgood. The three remaining elected members are as follows: George Stone, Jacqueline Weissbach and Kathleen Flynn. The Governor's appointee is Benjamin Bump. The Housing Authority employs three staff members. Our Executive Director is Christine Evans; Maintenance Manager, Jim McQuillan, and Maintenance Assistant, John Piechota.

It is the mission and responsibility of the Hampden Housing Authority under Mass. General Law to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing at an affordable rent. Rentals are based on 30% of net income as determined by JUD guidelines. Maximum contract rents are adjusted by HUD annually and are currently set as follows: 1 bedroom - \$544; 2 bedrooms - \$621. All eligibility and occupancy standards are in keeping with the established guidelines and regulations established by HUD and the Department of Housing & Community Development. All procedures and records of the Hampden Housing Authority are subject to review by the Office of the State Auditor.

We extend our sincerest thanks to the Town of Hampden's Highway, Police and Fire Departments for their continued cooperative efforts to ensure the safety of the residents of Centennial Commons.

Applications for our housing program are available at the Hampden Housing Authority office at Centennial Commons OR by calling 566-8157. Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 – 3:00 and Friday mornings from 8:00 - 12:00 noon. We are closed on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Respectfully,

Christine Evans  
Executive Director/Secretary to the Board

## HAMPDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The trustees and staff of the library have always taken great pride in fulfilling the library's mission to provide its patrons with materials and services to satisfy their informational, entertainment and educational needs and 2008 was no exception.

There has been a steady increase in attendance and circulation during the past months. We have 2,292 active patrons and a collection of 31,001. Because of the ability to request books and other items from all Massachusetts libraries and from libraries across the country, patrons have found that they are able to obtain just about anything they need in their quest for entertainment or information. Delivery of these items is through the Western Mass Regional Library System, which delivers over one million items each year. This very efficient system, funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provides materials to Hampden patrons in 1 to 3 days. During fiscal year 2008, this library circulated 22,365 items.

Children have always been a major focus of this library. During 2008 over 40 programs, with over 900 children in attendance were held. Programs included a weekly story times for children ages 3 to 8 and an Infant and Toddler Story Time which averages 15 children plus caregivers each week. The annual Summer Reading Program, "Wild Reads @ the Hampden Public Library" had 206 children from ages 3 to 14 participating. The children not only read and kept track of the number of books read, but also were able to participate in a number of exciting programs and live performance culminating in a final party with awards, raffle prizes and sundaes from Friendly's. Many local businesses continue to support the summer program. Thanks go to Stop and Shop Supermarkets, Village Food Mart, Monson Savings Bank, Rediker Software, Bilton's Mountainside Orchard, Dave's Soda & Pet City, and Friendly Ice Cream Corporation. The holiday party in December was another big hit, with over 200 children attending. Thanks go to the Friends of the Hampden Free Public Library for their sponsorship of this annual event.

The Homework Center, which had seen such growth before the library closed, was reopened in September for the benefit of the middle school students. With the cooperation of the administration at Thornton Burgess Middle School, children are now able to take their bus to the library and work on homework. Attendance has been sluggish, but we anticipate increased attendance over time. Other programs for middle school students were offered, including a babysitting class once again generously sponsored by the Hampden Lions Club, and a knitting workshop. Both programs were well attended, with the knitting workshop being so popular it is continuing during the current year.

Adults are also being encouraged to read by participating in the Summer Reading Program and monthly book discussions. Summer Reading had 23 participants while the monthly discussions average 11 attendees.

Technology is always in demand and we now offer 6 Internet workstations which are in almost continuous use by patrons of all ages. The library also has WiFi which allows patrons to use their own laptops within the library.

August and September saw major renovations to the main room and the children's rooms. Because of the size of the collection and in order to make the best use of the space available to us, the main room was reconfigured, painted, and recarpeted. More than 60 volunteers made it possible to accomplish all this in a mere seven days. We are very grateful for all their hard work. The children's room is now expanded into 2 rooms, one for the picture books for the very young and the other for readers in grades 2 through 4. These rooms are now much more comfortable and inviting as demonstrated by the increased attendance.

The library also participated in *The Big H* with a wonderful art exhibit by Scantic Valley artists who presented their works on scenes of Hampden. The Hampden Historical Society and Green Meadows School also kindly donated historical works as part of the exhibit. The trustees hosted a tea which was well attended.

As always, we appreciate the hard work of our staff under very strenuous conditions. Cindy Rowley, technical services librarian, Christina Fairman, youth services librarian, Ellen Bump (hired as permanent director in July 2008), and James Nietupski and Lauren McBride, pages, have all risen to the challenge of all the increased activity.

#### Fiscal Year 2008 Financial Report

##### RECEIPTS

Municipal Appropriation	\$76,875
Revolving Account	2,024
Monetary gifts, trusts, endowments	830
Municipal Equalization Grant	4,577

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$84,306**

##### OPERATING BUDGET

Wages	\$62,285
Library Materials	14,637
C/WMARS Membership	4,577
Other Expenses	2,807

**TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET** **\$84,306**

(Note: The status of the library's trust funds is listed in the Report of the Town Accountant.)

The library was also a beneficiary of the estate of William L. Buereau, formerly of Hampden, and received \$1,000 to be used at the discretion of the library trustees in accordance with the wishes of Mr. Buereau.

Respectfully submitted,

Library Trustees

Raymond Andree, Chairman

Kathleen Hutchison

Beth Burger

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

The Parks and Recreation Department has faced another very challenging year. The board actively meets two times per month with minutes being posted electronically. It is a priority with the board to keep the community well informed of all activities and events. This is done by utilizing the Tuesday and Wednesday envelopes sent home through the schools, postings on the community bulletin board, and articles in the local newspapers. The Parks and Recreation Board is currently working on a web site. We are also authorized users of the Hampden community notification system.

The spray park was opened in June 2007, and has continued to provide the town with a recreation area that has proven to be extremely popular. The board has been presented with a variety of challenges regarding maintenance, closing costs, and opening costs. We are confident that we will be able to adapt our policies to meet these challenges ahead of us.

The Parks and Recreation Department offers soccer, basketball, baseball and softball programs. Each program covers a wide array of age and skill appropriate programs. All sporting experiences are aimed at developing sportsmanship and skills in a positive, nurturing atmosphere. The assistance of a very strong and capable volunteer base has been a great help. The various sports coordinators, coaches and the RAH board have made it possible for the continuance of these youth programs.

The Summer Activities Program experienced another great season with six theme weeks that provided campers with many fun filled and exciting experiences. The enrollment increased this year due to the installation of the spray park. The camp provided the children who attended with a memorable summer filled with great activities and interesting guests. The Commissioners would, as always, like to thank the staff from the 2008 summer camp program. Kara Vicalvi has served as Camp Director for the past three summers. Her motivation and organizational skills were instrumental in the success of the program. The dedication, enthusiasm and hard work shown by our town's young people, who worked as counselors and CIT's, ensured that the summer program was a success. We are looking forward to working with many of them again next year.

The board has continued to hold movie nights. These events are held periodically throughout the fall and winter months. Movie nights are well attended and enjoyed by many families.

For the first time in several years, the board remained intact and Deb House has remained our clerk. Without her hard work and dedication we would not be able to accomplish our mission. Dana Pixley and his Highway Department staff have always been a great help to our department; this year was no exception. The staff at Town Hall also deserves our thanks and appreciation.

All of our town sports programs are run in conjunction with the Recreation Association of Hampden, (RAH). RAH's committed volunteers help to organize and monitor all of our sports

programs. Their contributions are integral to the growth of youth sports in Hampden and we are grateful for their involvement.

The Commission would especially like to thank Chris McDonald who completed six years of service on the board. He also served as chairman for three years, and guided us through some very difficult times.

The Parks and Recreation board joined the Town in mourning the loss of Steve Karpells. Steve was a long time volunteer and an important part of our coaching staff who will be sorely missed by all.

Respectfully submitted:

Larry Forrest, Chairman  
Harold House  
Robert White  
Mark Goossens  
Rick Kapinos  
Deb House, Clerk

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The Personnel Committee is appointed by the Board of Selectmen and consists of five active members as follows: Donald Collins, Chair, Thomas Argenio, Richard Ayers, Carol Fitzgerald and William Gouzounis, Secretary. During the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 the Personnel Committee met on four publically posted meetings, respectively July 28, 2008; September 24, 2008; October 20, 2008 and November 24, 2008. On two occasions the Personnel Board participated in direct presentations with the Board of Selectmen to report on activities.

The committee's principal activities during the period centered on the present town system for step and merit raises. This was a continuation of the issue from prior year. At the request of the Selectmen, the Personnel Committee was charged with an analysis of the FY 2009 Salary Chart approved by the Selectmen on December 31, 2007 and the development of a proposal for a FY 2010 Salary Chart. The FY 2010 Salary chart was to include recommendations for revisions to the current step structure and identification of viable COLA adjustments. Challenges in the regard were the anticipated budget limitations, providing a smooth payroll transition, ensuring that step/COLA adjustments were equitable and addressing longevity concerns.

On November 24, 2008, the full Personnel Committee met with the Board of Selectmen to present a revised town system for step and merit raises, which included an expanded 15 step pay chart and options for annual pay adjustments.

Respectfully submitted:

Donald Collins, Chairman  
Thomas Argenio  
Richard Ayers  
Carol Fitzgerald  
William Gouzounis

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

There were no new subdivision plans submitted to the Planning Board in 2008. The Board administered one active subdivision approved in 2004, Scantic Meadows. Reflecting the uncertainties in the housing market, the developer has requested an extension of his contract with the Town.

The Board is back to full strength with the addition of retired Judge Bob Howarth. Deb House is quite expert at answering requests for information and processing approval applications. In addition, Judy Jackson, long time Clerk for the Board, has returned as its Associate Member, to be available for Special Permit and Subdivision hearing decisions, in those cases where a Board Member is absent. So the Board is in good position to provide excellent service to the Town going forward. But the Ridgeline and Hillside Subcommittee has openings, and there are always opportunities for interested citizens to get involved in Board-related activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Dolben, Chair  
Cornelius Flynn, Vice Chair  
Robert Howarth  
Joseph Kruzel  
John Matthews  
Judy Jackson, Associate Member

Deb House, Clerk

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

I SUBMIT HEREWITH, THE Annual Report for the police department for the year ending, December 31, 2008.

During the year, the Police Department received 7,149 calls for service. Most of the calls received by this department were for assistance, complaints and for reporting crimes or accidents. The following are some of the types of complaints received and investigated by this department.

### Call Action Breakdown

Call Action	Total	Call Action	Total
Building Checks	1,374	Motor Vehicle Stops	1,493
General Services	420	Special Attention	270
Medical Assist	268	Animal Complaints	178
911 Calls	110	Alarm Calls	322
Assist Other Agencies	87	Suspicious Person/Auto	208
Assist Citizen/Motorist	351	Hazardous Conditions	83
Assist other PD	39	Vandalism	59

During the year we had 514 total offenses committed, with 142 total arrests and 9 juvenile arrests. Offenses included in these numbers are 30 cases involving Liquor Law Violations; 27 cases of larceny; 47 incidents of vandalism or malicious destruction of property; 23 cases of driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs; 21 narcotics violations and 12 restraining orders were issued. Listed below are some of the other complaints filed.

### Offenses for 2008

Offense	Total	Offense	Total
Traffic Town By-Law Offense	237	Malicious Damage	47
Other Larceny	27	Intimidation	9
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	14	Other Offenses	46
Driving Under the Influence	23	Liquor Law Violations	30
Theft from Building/Motor Vehicle	19	Aggravated Assault	7
Drug/Narcotic Violations	21	Simple Assault	4
Weapons Law Violation	5	Rape	6

## POLICE DEPARTMENT P2

We had 76 motor vehicle accidents this year. There were a total of 1,006 citations issued during the year with a total of \$34,975.00 in fines. The town has received \$10,857.50 from the Registry of Motor Vehicles, which represents the town's share of fines on tickets written. Of the citations issued 22.5% were civil infractions, 56.4% were warnings and 6.9% resulted in criminal charges. The average speed limit in Hampden is 33 MPH; the average speed of vehicles that were issued citations was 49 MPH or 16 MPH over the speed limit.

WARNING CITATIONS			
Speeding	354	Inspection Sticker Violation	112
Failure to Yield	23	Passing Violation	4
Defective Equipment	58	No Plate Violation	29
License not in Possession	8	Unregistered Vehicle	28
Marked Lanes Violation	6		

CIVIL CITATIONS			
Speeding	125	Inspection Sticker Violation	60
Marked Lanes Violation	7	Seat Belt Violation	5
Unregistered Vehicle	14	Defective Equipment	8
Stop Sign Violation	6	No License in possession	9
Failure to Yield	2	Jr. Operator Violation	13

CRIMINAL CITATIONS			
Defective Equipment	2	Unlicensed Oper of M/V	38
Speeding	8	Inspection Violation	7
OUI	10	Unregistered Vehicle	6
Alcohol Violations	5	No License in possession	1
Drugs in possession	6	Uninsured Vehicle	19

During the year \$7,815.43 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits, alarm fees and various report fees.

## **RIDGELINE AND HILLSIDE COMMITTEE**

The Ridgeline & Hillside Committee is a subcommittee of the Planning Board. Its role is to provide advisory and site reviews for the applicant and make recommendations to the Planning Board and Building Department. The Ridgeline & Hillside District includes steep slopes averaging 15% or greater for 200 feet and any land at an elevation of 600 feet or more above sea level. Please see Section 6 of the Zoning Bylaws for more details. The Bylaws can be found on the Town website, [www.hampden.org](http://www.hampden.org).

This year several projects were reviewed and approved. Some of the projects that were reviewed have yet to be started.

If you have questions as to the applicability of the bylaw to your property, please see the Overlay Map located in the hallway of the lower level of the Town Hall or in the Building Department office. If your project falls within the Ridgeline & Hillside District you must file an application for review of the project.

Respectively submitted,

John Matthews, Chairman

## **SCANTIC VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

During 2008, the Scantic Valley Water District (SVWD) pumped 562,590 gallons of water from two (2) wells on Massachusetts Audubon Society property, off Main Street in Hampden. There are nine (9) active water services in the SVWD, providing drinking water to eight homes and one Laughing Brook property. The SVWD is a registered community based Public Water System (PWS) in the Commonwealth and is regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Water Supply.

The 2008 DEP water sampling schedule for the SVDW was accomplished with twelve (12) Coliform, two (2) Nitrate, two (2) Nitrite, two (2) Perchlorate, two (2) sets of Inorganic Compounds and two(2) Volatile Organic Compounds samples taken at various locations in the distribution system. All water quality sampling results for 2008 indicate excellent water quality, meeting or exceeding standards set by the DEP. Documents filed with the DEP by this PWS for 2008, included the Annual Statistical Report & Consumer Confidence Report.

The Mass. DEP performed a once every three year sanitary survey inspection of the SVDW during September, 2008. There were no technical or mechanical problems uncovered by the DEP during the inspection. DEP did require that the pump-house groundwater sump pump discharge pipe be registered with the Boston office. The appropriate paperwork was filed to accomplish that task during October, 2008.

During 2008, two mechanical problems were corrected. (1) The motor powering the air intake louvers for the standby electrical generator broke down and was replaced. (2) The site glass for the 3,000 gallon water storage tank cracked and a new one installed. There were no compliance violations.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Jalbert  
George Bouchard  
Ed Hatch

Michael Framarin, Water Operator

## **STORMWATER COMMITTEE**

The Town of Hampden continues to operate under a five-year Stormwater Management Program, as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This program consists of various tasks and timelines which address six Minimum Controls as outlined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The committee continued to work on achieving goals related to Public Education and Involvement, Illicit Discharge & Detection, Construction Site Runoff, Post Construction Management and Pollution Prevention & Housekeeping.

A public opinion questionnaire was issued and collected. The results of this questionnaire will be used to formulate new educational objectives in the next five year plan.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for serving on the committee for their valuable time commitment, effort and dedication. They make this program a success.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph P. Kruzel, Chairman  
Dana Pixley  
Duane Mosier  
Denise Fiedler  
Bruce Libby  
Jean Hall  
Karl Sternberg

## TAX COLLECTOR

There has always been some confusion when real estate taxes increase even though assessments have dropped. What many people don't realize is that taxes are based on the cost of doing business for the Town. This cost almost always increases from one year to the next. Tax revenue = the total of all assessed property values x the tax rate. So as values go down, the tax revenues go down. Unfortunately, the cost of doing business must still be met. To accomplish that, the rate must be increased. When values rise, the reverse is true. We see a drop in the tax rate. The tax rate for fiscal year 2009 was set at \$14.23 per thousand dollars of assessed value, representing an increase of \$0.78 over fiscal year 2008's tax rate of \$13.45.

Calendar year tax collections for 2008:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax:	650,568.38
Personal Property Tax:	155,290.33
Real Estate Tax:	7,981,962.53
CPA:	54,218.31
Interest:	26,968.91
Fees:	17,559.42
Total	8,886,567.88

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Wiseman

## TOWN CLERK

For convenient access to Town information, visit [hampden.org](http://hampden.org) .You can find out about Town events, bylaws, meeting dates, Town House office hours and phone numbers, and even download many of the forms, applications or permits that you may need.

Money collected in 2008 and remitted to the Treasurer follows:

Fish and Game		
State	4224.55	
Town Fees		187.30
Dog Licenses		806.00
Certified Copies and Publications		2050.00
Trade Names and Marriages		655.00
Miscellaneous		<u>1589.20</u>
		5287.50 Total

### Available in the Town Clerk's Office

Dog licenses \$4.00 spay/neuter, <u>OR</u>	10.00
Subdivision Control Law	7.00
Zoning By-Law	10.00
Zoning Map	10.00
Certified Copies (vital records)	5.00
Marriage Licenses	15.00
Trade Name in Business (dba)	20.00
Street List	10.00
Voter's List	10.00
Voter's List on diskette	10.00
Voter Registration Card	5.00

Vital Statistics recorded in Hampden:	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Births	47	28	29	23	27	23
Deaths	79	59	70	84	67	65
Marriages	13	12	11	14	15	16

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Wiseman, Town Clerk

## **TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

In 2008, the Town Hall Building Committee of Raymond Andrée (Chair), Bob Burger, Gary Courtney, Gilles Tanguay, and John Matthews under the guidance of the Board of Selectmen continued to provide on-going recommendations and assistance for necessary capital improvements and upgrades to the Town Hall. The Committee met on average, quarterly, and continued to assess requirements for building integrity, efficient town operations and historical significance, and worked on the third and fourth phases of the original recommended upgrades to the Town Hall from 2006. The Committee members had regular, on average monthly, consultations with the Board of Selectman.

The third phase includes a number of projects of which some have been completed. Funding for a number of the remaining phase three improvements was approved at the 2008 annual town meeting and included replacement of the 25 year old air conditioning system, carpet to replace the carpeting on the second floor that was frayed and potentially posed a safety hazard, upgrades to the restrooms including installation of diaper changing tables, and smaller maintenance related issues of painting, water abatement and replacement of the kitchen's ventilation.

The replacement of the air conditioning will be completed in 2009 and its funding allowed an energy audit to take place. As a result of this and further research by the committee, a program offered by the Commonwealth was discovered that will potentially provide a town wide energy audit and fund many upgrades related to energy savings and the environment. The grant application was submitted by Rick Green on behalf of the Board of Selectman in January 2009.

For 2009, the Board of Selectmen has requested that the Committee complete the improvements funded in 2008, complete phase four recommendations, and issue a phase five list of further recommendations for necessary improvements, concentrating on the auditorium and town offices. The Committee is dedicated to addressing energy related issues, town operational efficiencies related to the physical layout and operation of offices, necessary technological upgrades, controlling maintenance expenses, and maintaining the historical significance of the building.

Respectfully submitted:

Raymond Andree  
Bob Burger  
Gary Courtney  
Gilles Tanguay  
John Matthews

**Article 1. TOWN REPORTS**

The Town voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 2007, be accepted as printed.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 2. BUDGET**

The Town voted to modify line item 30.2 to *increase* the amount from \$4203 to **\$11103**.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

The Town voted that the sums of money shown in the column entitled "Fiscal 2009 Recommended Available Funds" of the Supplementary Report and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee be raised 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 charges for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**1.0 Accountant**

1.1 Salary	24,960
1.2 Clerical	250
1.3 Expenses (Audit)	5,000
<b>Total Accountant</b>	<b>30,210</b>

**2.0 Advisory Committee**

2.1 Clerical	4,175
2.2 Expenses	200
<b>Total Advisory</b>	<b>4,375</b>

**3.0 Appeals, Board of**

3.1 Clerical	3,245
3.2 Expenses	200
<b>Total Appeals</b>	<b>3,445</b>

**4.0 Assessors, Board of**

4.1 Salaries	13,539
4.2 Clerical	20,037
4.3 Expenses	2,500
4.4 Data Processing	
4.5 Software Support	4,425
4.6 Mapping Maintenance	2,000
4.7 Full List Measure	
4.8 Field Review	3,000
<b>Total Assessors</b>	<b>45,501</b>

**5.0 Building Department Expenses**

5.1 Code and General Enforcement	420
5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	
<b>Total Building Dept.</b>	<b>420</b>

**6.0 County Retirement 190,891**

**7.0 Insurance**

7.1 Property and Liability	84,000
7.2 Employee Benefits	160,000
7.3 Unemployment Compensation	2,000
7.4 Longevity	2,200
7.5 FICA	-
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>248,200</b>

**8.0 Law and Claims**

8.1 General	22,000
<b>Total Law</b>	<b>22,000</b>

**9.0 Moderator**

9.1 Salary	
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9.2 Expenses	100
<b>Total Moderator</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>10.0 Planning Board</b>	
10.2 Clerical	9,618
10.3 Expenses	550
<b>Total Planning Board</b>	<b>10,168</b>
<b>11.0 Registrars, Board of (Voters)</b>	
11.1 Salaries	800
11.2 Election Expenses	5,500
11.3 Street Lists	1,900
<b>Total Registrars</b>	<b>8,200</b>
<b>12.0 Selectman</b>	
12.1 Salaries	9,600
12.2 Administrative Asst.	34,784
12.3 Secretarial	
12.4 Expenses	1,600
12.5 Legal Advertising	400
12.6 Computer Study Committee	
12.7 Temporary Help	500
<b>Total Selectman</b>	<b>46,884</b>
<b>13.0 Tax Collector</b>	
13.1 Salary	27,453
13.2 Clerical	10,000
13.3 Expenses	2,000
13.4 Computer Maintenance	5,792
13.5 Tax Title Work	250
13.6 Tax Title Admin.	
<b>Total Tax Collector</b>	<b>45,495</b>
<b>14.0 Town Clerk</b>	
14.1 Salary	27,453
14.2 Clerical	6,750
14.3 Expenses	1,000
14.4 Town Publications	100
<b>Total Town Clerk</b>	<b>35,303</b>
<b>15.0 Town Report</b>	<b>3,500</b>
<b>16.0 Treasurer</b>	
16.1 Salary	31,199
16.2 Clerical	7,663
16.3 Expenses	900
16.4 Certifying Notes	100
16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	10,000
16.6 Tax Title Expense	1,000
16.7 Payroll Service	6,000
16.8 Bank Service Charges	100
16.9 Tax Title Admin.	
<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<b>56,962</b>
* Includes \$7,500 normally paid via transfers	
<b>17.0 Veterans' Benefits</b>	<b>11,000</b>
<b>18.0 Greater Springfield Senior Services</b>	<b>467</b>
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<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>763,121</b>
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<b>GENERAL TOWN SERVICES</b>	
<b>20.0 Academy Hall Maintenance</b>	<b>2,500</b>
<b>21.0 Cemetery Commission</b>	
21.1 Clerical	691
21.2 Expenses	100

21.3 Maintenance	9,769
<b>Total Cemetery Commission</b>	<b>10,560</b>
<b>22.0 Conservation Commission</b>	
22.1 Clerical	6,710
22.2 Expenses	400
<b>Total Conservation Commission</b>	<b>7,110</b>
<b>23.0 Transfer Station</b>	
23.1 Operation	-
23.2 Monitoring/Testing	19,900
<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<b>19,900</b>
<b>24.0 School Buildings Repairs</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>26.0 Library</b>	
26.1 Salaries	
26.2 Expenses	
26.3 Books and Periodicals	
<b>Total Library</b>	<b>80,318</b>
* Includes salaries of \$65,474	
<b>27.0 Town Events</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>29.0 Office Equipment</b>	
29.1 Acquisition	2,500
29.2 Maintenance	7,000
29.3 Supplies	3,000
29.4 Postage	10,000
<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>22,500</b>
<b>30.0 Parks and Recreation</b>	
30.1 Salaries	5,253
30.2 Operating Expenses	11,103
30.3 Capital Improvements	
30.4 Baseball	
30.5 Softball	
30.6 Girls Soccer	
30.7 Boys Soccer	
30.8 Basketball	
30.9 Director's Salary	
<b>Total Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>16,356</b>
* Park & Rec has been asked to meet w Advisory regarding spray park and other	
<b>32.0 Town House Maintenance</b>	
32.1 Custodial	17,000
32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	8,500
32.3 Heat and Utilities	42,000
<b>Total Town House Maintenance</b>	<b>67,500</b>
<b>34.0 Ambulance</b>	
<b>35.0 Gasoline</b>	<b>55,000</b>
<b>36.0 Street Lighting</b>	<b>19,100</b>
<b>37.0 Council on Aging</b>	
37.1 Director's Salary	32,929
37.2 Clerk	9,692
37.3 Expenses	1,000
37.4 Temporary Help	-
37.5 Outreach Coordinator	2,500
<b>Total Council on Aging</b>	<b>46,121</b>
<b>38.0 Senior Center</b>	
38.1 Custodial	8,288

38.2 Utilities	13,500
38.3 Building Maintenance	8,500
38.4 Grounds Maintenance	
<b>Total Senior Center</b>	<b>30,288</b>
<b>39.0 Historical Commission</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Total General Town Services</b>	<b>383,303</b>

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

<b>40.0 Superintendent's Salary</b>	<b>67,320</b>
<b>41.0 Tree Warden</b>	
41.1 Expenses	7,500
41.2 Tree Planting	
41.3 Insect Pest Control	
<b>42.0 Public Grounds</b>	<b>23,626</b>
<b>43.0 Highway Maintenance</b>	<b>82,760</b>
43.1 Expenses	
43.2 Paving	
<b>44.0 General Highway Expense</b>	<b>88,675</b>
<b>45.0 Snow and Ice Removal</b>	<b>38,950</b>
<b>46.0 Contract Services</b>	
46.0 Contract Services	
46.1 Street Sweeping	36,500
46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning	
<b>47.0 Other Highway Accounts</b>	
47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance	10,000
47.2 Highway Engineering	
47.3 Equipment Acquisition	
<b>48.0 Building Expenses</b>	
48.1 Utilities	11,500
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>366,831</b>

#### PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

<b>50.0 Animal Inspection</b>	
50.1 Salary	1,948
50.2 Expenses	240
50.3 Rabies Management	
50.4 Wildlife Control	2,500
<b>Total Animal Inspection</b>	<b>4,688</b>
<b>51.0 Emergency Management</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>52.0 Dog Officer</b>	
52.1 Animal Control Account	14,500
52.2 Dog Damage Fund	300
<b>Total Dog Officer</b>	<b>14,800</b>
<b>53.0 Fire Department</b>	
53.1 Fire Chief Salary	990
53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1,293
53.3 Operation	26,429
<b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>28,712</b>
<b>54.0 Forest Fires</b>	<b>1,490</b>
<b>55.0 Forest Fire Warden</b>	<b>637</b>

<b>56.0</b>	<b>Health, Board of</b>	
	56.1 Salary	4,060
	56.2 Clerk Salary	19,403
	56.3 Expenses	1,000
	<b>Total Board of Health</b>	<b>24,463</b>
<b>565.5</b>	<b>Water District</b>	
	565.1 Operations	6,889
	565.2 Testing	2,900
	<b>Total Water District</b>	<b>9,789</b>
<b>57.0</b>	<b>Police</b>	
	57.1 Chief's Salary	68,840
	57.2 General Salaries	745,122
	57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	7,942
	57.4 General Expenses	49,284
	57.5 New Cruisers	30,000
	57.6 Training	19,427
	57.7 Equipment	5,276
	57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	63,105
	57.9 Additional Officer	
<b>58.0</b>	<b>Other Police Accounts</b>	
	58.1 Election and Town Meetings	2,250
	58.2 Towing Clerk	200
	58.3 WMLEC	250
<b>59.0</b>	<b>Parking Clerk</b>	
	<b>Total Police</b>	<b>991,696</b>
<b>TOTAL PROTECTION</b>		<b>1,078,275</b>
<b>SCHOOLS</b>		
<b>69.0</b>	<b>Regional School District</b>	
	69.1 Assessment	6,090,969
	69.2 Teacher Deferral	7,616
	<b>Total Regional School District</b>	<b>6,098,585</b>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>8,690,115</b>
<b>70.0</b>	<b>Local Government Debt</b>	
	70.1 Principal	
	70.2 Interest	
	70.3 School Debt	46,496
	70.4 Green Meadow Bond	282,375
	70.5 Highway Truck	17,000
	70.6 Fire Truck	40,188
	70.7 Infrastructure Roads	340,000
	<b>Total Local Government Debt</b>	<b>726,059</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>9,416,174</b>

**Article 3. PREVIOUS BILLS**

The Town voted to take no action on this article.

**A unanimous Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 4. REVOLVING FUND – BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Assessors to establish a revolving fund, as described in Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, said fund not to exceed \$2500 for the fiscal year 2009.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 5. REVOLVING FUND – BOARD OF HEALTH**

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Health to establish a revolving fund, as described in Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, said fund not to exceed \$40,000 for the fiscal year 2009.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 6. REVOLVING FUND – BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Selectmen, to establish a revolving fund for the Building Department, as described in Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, said fund not to exceed \$50,000 for the fiscal year 2009

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 7. REVOLVING FUND – LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Library Trustees, to establish a revolving fund, as described in Article 7 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, said fund not to exceed \$6,000 for the fiscal year 2009

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 8. REVOLVING FUND – COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Council on Aging, to establish a revolving fund, as described in Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, said fund not to exceed \$30,000 for the fiscal year 2009.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 9. REVOLVING FUND – TAX COLLECTOR**

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Tax Collector to establish a revolving fund, as described in Article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, said fund not to exceed \$2,500 for the fiscal year 2009.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**\*Article 10. ENTERPRISE FUND – TRANSFER STATION**

The Town voted to transfer \$100,000, \$20,000 for salaries and \$80,000 for expenses, from the Transfer Station revolving account to the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund and / of General Fund.

\* THIS ARTICLE LATER DEEMED INVALID BY DOR

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 11. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

The Town voted to accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee.

The Town voted to appropriate \$6,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to fund the housing needs study as requested by the Hampden Housing Authority.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

The Town voted to appropriate \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to fund the painting of Academy Hall as requested by the Board of Selectmen.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

The Town voted to appropriate \$60,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to contribute to the purchase of a conservation restriction, acceptable to the Board of Selectmen, on Pine Mountain as proposed by the Minnechaug Land Trust with \$30,000 payable in FY 2009 and \$30,000 payable in FY 2010.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 12. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

The Town voted to accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year's appropriation of \$50,000 for the purchase price of conservation restrictions on the so-called Kibbe Farm parcel on South Road, as initially approved pursuant to Article 12 at the April 30, 2007 Annual Town Meeting.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 13. CONSERVATION FUND**

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 and approved at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 14. HIGHWAY STATE AID**

The Town voted to accept of monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, the General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.

**A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 15. GENERAL BYLAW-STORMWATER**

The Town voted to amend the General Bylaw, Chapter XIV (A) Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management as described in Warrant Article 15.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 16. LIBRARY-ADDITIONAL STATE AID**

The Town voted that in Fiscal Year 2009, if State Aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 17. BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to the Assessor's Stabilization Fund to meet all Department of Revenue mandated programs.

**A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 18. BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

The Town voted to transfer from the Assessor's Stabilization Fund an amount not to exceed \$6,500 for the FY2009 revaluation.

**A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 19. BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

The Town voted to accept MA General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5 (54), with Chapter 150 to exempt personal property accounts under \$5,000 in value.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 20. DARE PROGRAM**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$5000** to fund the DARE program at Thornton W. Burgess School.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 21. GENERAL BYLAW – Protection of Persons or Property**

The Town voted to amend the General Bylaws of the Town with the changes as described in Warrant Article 21.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 22. GENERAL BYLAW**

The Town voted to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by adding the section as described in Warrant Article 22, said section to be inserted as Chapter VIII, Section 10 in the General Bylaws.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 23. GENERAL BYLAW – Protection of Persons or Property**

The Town voted to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by inserting the new Section 9 in Chapter VIII as described in Warrant Article 23.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 24. GENERAL BYLAW**

The Town voted to amend the General Bylaw, Chapter VIII, Section 6 by adding the section as described in Warrant Article 24.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 25. REZONING – CHAPDELAIN PROPERTY**

The Town voted to take no action on Warrant Article 25.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 26. RESERVE FUND**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** for the Reserve Fund.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 27. STABILIZATION FUND**

The Town voted to take no action on Warrant Article 27.

**A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator**

**Article 28. REDUCING TAX RATE**

The Town voted to take no action on Warrant Article 28.

**A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM

MINUTES – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – 4/28/08

Moderator Richard Patullo opened the meeting at 7:21PM - Attendance – 94

**Article 1- Academy Hall**

The Town voted to transfer \$7,000 from unappropriated available funds to complete Academy Hall bat exclusion and insulation work.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

**Article 2- Prospect Hill Cemetery**

The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 3- Police**

The Town voted to transfer \$10,000 from unappropriated available funds to purchase a new security camera system.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 4- Town House**

The Town voted to transfer \$44,860 from unappropriated available funds to complete various improvements in the Town House.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 5- Fire Department**

The Town voted to transfer \$7,500 from unappropriated available funds for the purchase of new Fire House Doors.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 6- Highway**

The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 7- Stabilization**

The Town voted to transfer \$25,000 from unappropriated available funds to the General Stabilization Fund.

A unanimous vote was declared by the Moderator

The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Moderator Richard Patullo called the meeting to order at 7:19PM

ARTICLE 1. TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE: The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$8,000** for the Town House maintenance (line item 32.2).

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. SECURITY SYSTEM WIRING: The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$2,000** for security system wiring in the Town House.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 3. CEMETERY COMMISSION: The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$12,000** for new software for the Cemetery Commission.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 4. CEMETERY COMMISSION: The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$1,500** for temporary help for the Cemetery Commission (line item 12.7).

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 5. THORNTON W. BURGESS ALARM: The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$7,000** for an alarm system at Thornton W Burgess School.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 6. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMISSION: The Town voted to reserve existing Community Preservation Fund revenues in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee as follows.

Historic Preservation:	\$20,000.00
Community Housing:	\$45,000.00
Administrative Expenses:	\$ 250.00

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 7. ENTERPRISE FUND: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the following amounts for the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund:

\$20,000	for salaries
\$95,000	for expenses
<b>\$115,000</b>	TOTAL

And that \$115,000 be raised be raised as follows:

Transfer Station Revenue	\$100,000
Transfer Station Retained Earnings	\$15,000

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 8. STABILIZATION ACCOUNT: The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$52,890** for the Stabilization Account.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 9. STABILIZATION ACCOUNT: The Town voted to transfer **\$211,940** from unappropriated available funds into the Stabilization Account.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 10. RESERVE ACCOUNT: The Town voted to transfer **\$25,294** from unappropriated available funds into the Reserve Account.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36PM.

## Treasurers Report

My banking background is continuing to help me successfully negotiate free banking services and receive the highest interest rates on our investments. In 2008, the interest earned in the General Fund was \$16,605.93.

Borrowing has been kept to a minimum by utilizing "internal borrowing" from the Stabilization Account. We not only save on the higher interest that we would otherwise pay, but we save on the fees associated with a "formal" borrowing as well.

With today's technology, I instituted a Remote Deposit Capture system. This system enables us to process check deposits directly to the bank from our desk top. This not only saves time by eliminating trips to the bank, but it also eliminates the "float" on our money at the bank. This gives us quicker access to our funds and helps with the cash flow forecasting.

Tax title collections for 2008 totaled more than \$68,249.00.

An error made by our Health Insurance Provider showed an outstanding balance of over \$12,000.00 on our account. After researching our records, I provided them with the documentation of our payment history. These documents proved instrumental in their resolution to their error and now the payment invoices are accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Sicbaldi

## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

In the year 2008, National Grid continued working to improve reliability to major circuits by removing hazardous trees. The ACT Program (Augmented Clearance for Trees) identifies, and funds the removal of both public and private trees that pose a hazard to the utility lines. This year it included a section of Wilbraham Road from the Town Line to Pondview Drive.

The members of the Highway Department removed 41 trees that were dead or storm damaged. An additional 71 trees were completed with the assistance of a tree service. The following lists show the types of trees and which streets they were removed from. A total of 46 stumps were ground down at various locations. This was made possible due to selectmen approving two transfers in an effort to improve the appearance of the town's roadsides where trees had been removed. All of these areas were cleaned, loamed and seeded by the Highway Department. The continued removal of poor town trees reduces exposure to personal injury, property damage, power outages and in general improves the overall appearance of the town.

### Tree Removals by Highway Dept.

<b>Allen Place</b>	2 Birch	2 Maple	<b>Rose Cir.</b>
1 Pine	<b>Cross Rd.</b>	1 Spruce	2 Maple
<b>Carmody Rd.</b>	1 Elm	1 Apple	<b>Sessions Dr.</b>
2 Maple	<b>E. Longmeadow</b>	<b>Mill Rd.</b>	7 Spruce
<b>Chapin Rd.</b>	1 Maple	2 Apple	<b>South Rd.</b>
1 Maple	1 Oak	1 Maple	1 Maple
<b>Colonial Village</b>	<b>Kelly Ln.</b>	3 Ash	2 Pine
5 Apple	1 Maple	<b>Old Coach Rd.</b>	<b>Wilbraham Rd.</b>
<b>Colony Dr.</b>	<b>Main St.</b>	2 Birch	1 Spruce

### Tree Removals Requiring Assistance of a Tree Service

<b>Allen St.</b>	2 Cherry	6 Oak	1 Pine
3 Oak	<b>Greenleaf Dr.</b>	8 Ash	<b>South Rd.</b>
<b>Ames Rd.</b>	1 Oak	<b>North Rd.</b>	7 Maples
1 Pine	<b>Isaac Bradway</b>	3 Maples	<b>Stony Hill Rd.</b>
1 Maple	4 oak	2 Ash	1 Pine
<b>Bennett Rd.</b>	<b>Main St.</b>	1 Elm	<b>Thresher Rd.</b>
1 Oak	3 Elm	1 Oak	1 Maple
1 Ash	<b>Meadowbrook</b>	<b>Rock-a-Dundee</b>	<b>Wilbraham Rd.</b>
<b>Carmody Rd.</b>	1 Maple	1 Maple	2 Maple
1 Maples	<b>Mill Rd.</b>	<b>Scantic Rd.</b>	<b>Woodland Dr.</b>
<b>Chapin Rd.</b>	4 Pine	1 Elm	1 Pine
1 Oak	1 Locust	1 Maple	1 Oak
1 Maple	<b>Mountain Rd.</b>	<b>Sessions Dr.</b>	
<b>Circle View</b>	2 Spruce	3 Maples	
1 Birch	1 Maple	1 Pine	
<b>Glendale Rd.</b>		<b>Somers Rd.</b>	

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

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley  
Tree Warden

## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

The year of 2008 has been a year of increased activity with many veterans seeking help from the Veterans' Services Department. The department has been assisting veterans in locating services they need especially in the area of medical attention. Energy, drug and medical costs have risen dramatically and in turn many veterans on fixed incomes have fallen on very difficult times.

The Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services continues to work with all returnees from Iraq and Afghanistan by making them aware of the "Welcome Home Bill" which offers a \$1,000 bonus for those who served in Iraq or Afghanistan and a \$500.00 bonus for those serving during these wars.

The law also provides for education and fee waivers at all State and Community Colleges.

The Department initiated a program to help veterans to quit smoking which includes support and nicotine patch medication.

The Department has increased awareness of the needs of women veterans and identifies available health and human services for those needs.

During this reporting period the Veterans Department has increased efforts to reach out to Veterans by providing ongoing information to the media, Council on the Aging and various groups to locate and help veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A.Mathison,Director\VSO

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN  
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES  
BUDGET TO ACTUAL  
FISCAL 2008**

	<b>APPROPRIATIONS &amp; CARRYOVERS</b>		<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>		<b>BALANCE</b>
ACCOUNTANT					
SALARY	24,351.00		24,351.00	24,351.00	-
EXPENSES	12,000.00		12,000.00	12,000.00	-
ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	4,175.00	(3,000.00)	1,175.00	187.00	988.00 C
EXPENSES	200.00		200.00	55.00	145.00 C
APPEALS BOARD					
CLERICAL	2,993.00		2,993.00	1,974.00	1,019.00 C
EXPENSES	200.00		200.00	41.00	159.00 C
ASSESSORS					
SALARY	13,209.00		13,209.00	13,209.00	-
CLERICAL	14,763.00		14,763.00	14,164.23	598.77 C
EXPENSES	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,487.22	12.78 C
REVALUATION UPDATE	4,300.00		4,300.00	3,800.00	500.00 C
MAPPING MAINT	2,000.00	100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	-
FIELD REVIEW	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	-
BUILDING DEPT					
CODE ENFORCEMENT	420.00		420.00	420.00	-
COUNTY RETIREMENT	160,538.00		160,538.00	160,538.00	-
INSURANCE					
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY	80,000.00	232.78	80,232.78	79,309.00	923.78 C
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	178,000.00	(5,840.00)	172,160.00	104,781.67	67,378.33 C
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,000.00	1,180.34	3,180.34	3,180.65	(0.31) C
LONGEVITY	4,400.00	(1,814.38)	2,585.62	2,500.00	85.62 C
LAW AND CLAIMS	22,000.00	(5,000.00)	17,000.00	13,578.82	3,421.18 C
MODERATOR					
EXPENSES	100.00		100.00		100.00 C
PLANNING BOARD					
CLERICAL	9,073.00		9,073.00	8,870.35	202.65 C
EXPENSES	550.00		550.00	549.82	0.18 C
REGISTRARS					
SALARIES	800.00		800.00	800.00	-
ELECTION EXPENSES	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,069.01	430.99 C
STREET LISTS	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,782.84	117.16 C
SELECTMEN					
SALARIES	9,600.00		9,600.00	9,600.00	-
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST	32,991.00		32,991.00	32,578.53	412.47 C
EXPENSES	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,218.34	381.66 C
LEGAL ADVERTISING	400.00	396.76	796.76	647.76	149.00 C
TEMPORARY HELP	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,010.12	489.88 C
TAX COLLECTOR					
SALARY	26,784.00		26,784.00	26,784.00	-
CLERICAL	11,028.00		11,028.00	9,672.24	1,355.76 C
EXPENSES	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,650.04	349.96 C
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	5,792.00		5,792.00	5,665.17	126.83 C
TAX TITLE ADMINISTRATION	11,500.00		11,500.00	1,370.08	10,129.92 C

TAX TITLE WORK	250.00		250.00	250.00	C
TOWN CLERK					
SALARY	26,784.00		26,784.00	26,784.00	-
CLERICAL	6,048.00		6,048.00	5,977.95	70.05 C
EXPENSES	1,000.00		1,000.00	978.02	21.98 C
TOWN PUBLICATIONS	100.00		100.00		100.00 C
TOWN REPORT	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,398.00	102.00 C
TREASURER					
SALARY	30,438.00		30,438.00	30,438.00	-
CLERICAL	7,476.00		7,476.00	7,435.29	40.71 C
EXPENSES	900.00		900.00	896.04	3.96 C
PAYROLL SERVICE	6,000.00		6,000.00	5,497.50	502.50 C
CERTIFYING NOTES	100.00		100.00	95.00	5.00 C
INTEREST(SHORT TERM)	2,500.00		2,500.00	15,876.38	(13,376.38) A
TAX TITLE ADMINISTRATION	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	-
BANK CHARGES	100.00		100.00		100.00 C
VETERANS BENEFITS	9,500.00		9,500.00	9,500.00	-
GR SPFLD SENIOR CENTER	467.00		467.00	336.74	130.26 C
ACADEMY HALL MAINT	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,440.18	1,059.82 C
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS					
CLERICAL	674.00		674.00	673.94	0.06 C
EXPENSES	80.00		80.00	66.98	13.02 C
MAINTENANCE	500.00	3,636.00	4,136.00	4,136.00	-
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	6,372.00		6,372.00	4,270.89	2,101.11 C
EXPENSES	400.00		400.00	190.90	209.10 C
TRANSFER STATION					
MONTORING & TESTING	19,900.00		19,900.00	18,864.00	1,036.00 C
SCOOOL BUILDING REPAIRS	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	
LIBRARY	76,875.00		76,875.00	76,862.29	12.71 C
TOWN EVENTS	800.00		800.00	708.11	91.89 C
OFFICE EQUIPMENT					
ACQUISITION	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,115.57	384.43 C
MAINTENANCE	7,000.00	(1,719.00)	5,281.00	5,171.43	109.57 C
SUPPLIES	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,787.79	212.21 C
POSTAGE	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	-
PARKS AND RECREATION					
SALARIES	5,125.00		5,125.00	4,853.96	271.04 C
EXPENSES	4,100.00		4,100.00	4,082.36	17.64 C
CAPITAL EXPENSES	2,600.00		2,600.00	2,600.00	-
TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE					
CUSTODIAL	16,000.00	459.84	16,459.84	16,459.84	-
MAINT & REPAIRS	6,800.00	2,345.00	9,145.00	9,040.44	104.56 C
UTILITIES	40,000.00	3,725.00	43,725.00	42,509.30	1,215.70 C
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	13,000.00	(5,000.00)	8,000.00		8,000.00 C
GASOLINE	35,000.00	5,000.00	40,000.00	39,643.21	356.79 C
STREET LIGHTING	19,100.00	(4,534.46)	14,565.54	12,412.98	2,152.56 C

COUNCIL ON AGING					
DIRECTOR	28,952.00		28,952.00	28,952.00	-
CLERICAL	7,722.00		7,722.00	7,716.01	5.99 C
EXPENSES	1,000.00		1,000.00	994.78	5.22 C
OUTREACH COORDINATOR	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,215.32	1,284.68 C
SENIOR CENTER					
CUSTODIAL	7,185.00		7,185.00	7,179.38	5.62 C
UTILITIES	11,000.00	2,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	-
MAINTENANCE	6,000.00	(500.00)	5,500.00	5,445.66	54.34 C
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	200.00		200.00		200.00 C
HIGHWAYS					
HIGHWAY SUP'T	65,454.00		65,454.00	65,454.00	-
TREE WARDEN EXPENSE	5,125.00	5,000.00	10,125.00	9,508.81	616.19 C
PUBLIC GROUNDS	32,882.00	(1,601.54)	31,280.46	31,280.41	0.05 C
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	80,748.00	6,840.00	87,588.00	87,087.08	500.92 C
GENERAL HIGHWAYS	86,515.00		86,515.00	86,504.90	10.10 C
SNOW & ICE	38,950.00		38,950.00	131,254.09	(92,304.09) A
CATCH BASIN CLEANING	35,612.00		35,612.00	35,580.21	31.79 C
ROAD MACHINERY REPAIR	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,988.84	11.16 C
TOWN GARAGE	7,650.00	550.00	8,200.00	8,136.38	63.62 C
ANIMAL INSPECTIONS					
SALARY	1,948.00		1,948.00	1,948.00	-
EXPENSES	240.00		240.00		240.00 C
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	-
DOG OFFICER					
ANIMAL CONTROL	14,500.00		14,500.00	13,851.20	648.80 C
DOG DAMAGE FUND	300.00		300.00	300.00	-
FIRE DEPT					
CHIEF'S SALARY	966.00		966.00	966.00	-
CHIEF'S EXPENSES	1,261.00		1,261.00	534.49	726.51 C
OPERATIONS	25,783.00		25,783.00	25,767.51	15.49 C
FOREST FIRES					
WARDEN	621.00		621.00	621.00	-
EXPENSES	1,454.00		1,454.00	1,335.00	119.00 C
BOARD OF HEALTH					
SALARY	3,960.00		3,960.00	3,960.00	-
CLERICAL	18,367.00		18,367.00	18,367.00	-
EXPENSES	1,000.00		1,000.00	806.67	193.33 C
WATER DISTRICT					
OPERATION	6,889.00		6,889.00	6,747.92	141.08 C
TESTING	2,900.00		2,900.00	1,225.59	1,674.41 C
POLICE					
CHIEF'S SALARY	66,835.00		66,835.00	66,835.00	-
OFFICER SALARIES	702,326.00		702,326.00	688,131.01	14,194.99 C
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	7,985.00	2,000.00	9,985.00	9,985.00	-
EXPENSES	45,707.00		45,707.00	44,535.62	1,171.38 C
NEW CRUISER	29,000.00		29,000.00	29,000.00	-
TRAINING	31,685.00		31,685.00	31,685.00	-
NEW EQUIPMENT	6,828.00		6,828.00	6,828.36	(0.36) C
CAREER INCENTIVE	61,736.00		61,736.00	61,733.98	2.02 C
WMLEC	250.00		250.00	250.00	-
ELECTIONS	951.00	50.00	1,001.00	988.56	12.44 C
TOWING	200.00		200.00		200.00 C

SCHOOL DISTRICT					
REGIONAL ASSESSMENT	5,998,162.00		5,998,162.00	5,998,162.00	-
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00		7,616.00	7,616.00	-
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT SERVICE					
PRINCIPAL	195,000.00		195,000.00	195,000.00	-
INTEREST	5,850.00		5,850.00	5,850.00	-
SCHOOL DEBT	49,000.00		49,000.00	48,062.00	938.00 C
GREEN MEADOW BAN DEBT	293,775.00		293,775.00	270,352.72	23,422.28 C
HIGHWAY TRUCK	16,500.00		16,500.00	16,500.00	-
FIRE TRUCK	40,000.00		40,000.00	42,780.50	(2,780.50) A
RESERVE FUND	25,000.00	(5,006.34)	19,993.66	17,337.47	2,656.19 C
CARRY OVER ACCOUNTS					
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/29/01					
#11 SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR	12,000.00		12,000.00	12,000.00	-
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 4/29/02					
ART#3 TOWN HOUSE REPAIR	5,554.60		5,554.60	5,554.60	-
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/21/02					
ART#1 STORM WATER	4,085.00		4,085.00		4,085.00 B
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 4/24/06					
ART#2 E911	7,144.50		7,144.50	7,136.78	7.72 C
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/26/06					
ART# 14 HIGHWAY TRUCK	493.65		493.65	493.65	-
ART#19 ASSESSORS	12,000.00		12,000.00		12,000.00 B
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/30/06					
ART# BOND COSTS			-		-
ART# 4 GREEN MEADOWS BOND			-		-
ART# 5 GREEN MEADOW SEPTIC	37,100.00		37,100.00	37,100.00	-
ART#6 TOWN HOUSE ROOF			-		-
ART#7 RIDGE ROAD	32,381.00		32,381.00	32,381.00	-
ART#8 CRUISER			-		-
ART#11 STABILIZATION			-		-
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/30/2007					
ART#3 OLD BILLES	8,972.00		8,972.00	8,971.27	0.73 C
ART#14 HIGHWAY TRUCK	30,000.00		30,000.00	30,000.00	
ART#15HIGHWAY RENOVATIONS	1,500,000.00		1,500,000.00	345,834.74	1,154,165.26 B
ART#16 TOWN HOUSE GENER	60,000.00		60,000.00	49,244.57	10,755.43 B
ART#17 TOWN HOUSE REPAIRS	10,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00 B
ART#18 STORMWATER	23,500.00		23,500.00		23,500.00 B
ART#20 CONSERVATION FUND	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00 B
ART#22 ASSESSORS	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	
ART#23 ASSESSORS	12,000.00		12,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00 B
ART#24 DARE	6,000.00		6,000.00	4,789.13	1,210.87 B
ART#29 STABILIZATION	189,737.00		189,737.00	189,737.00	
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 11/5/2007					
ART#1 REGIONAL SCHOOL	15,254.00		15,254.00	15,254.00	
ART#2 TELEPHONES	6,842.46		6,842.46	6,842.46	
ART# 3 COPIER/POLICE	4,100.00		4,100.00	4,076.00	24.00 C
ART#5 STABILIZATION	50,000.00		50,000.00	50,000.00	
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 4/28/2008					
ART#1 ACADEMY HALL	7,000.00		7,000.00	918.65	6,081.35 B
ART #3 SECURITY CAMERAS	10,000.00		10,000.00	1,628.00	8,372.00 B
ART#4 TOWN HOUSE REPAIR	44,860.00		44,860.00	340.00	44,520.00 B
ART#5 FIRE HOUSE DOORS	7,500.00		7,500.00	7,100.00	400.00 B
ART#7 STABILIZATION FUND	25,000.00		25,000.00	25,000.00	-
ASSESSMENTS					
VETERAN'S SERVICE DIST	16,445.00		16,445.00	16,445.00	-
POLLUTION CONTROL DIST	1,191.00		1,191.00	1,228.00	(37.00) A
PV PLANNING DISTRICT	150.65		150.65	150.65	-
REGISTRY SERVICES	1,960.00		1,960.00	4,700.00	(2,740.00) A
PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT	10,829.00		10,829.00	445.00	10,384.00 C
TOTALS	11,279,845.86	-	11,279,845.86	9,939,279.95	1,340,565.91

A) TO BE RAISED IN FY2009

- B) CARRY FORWARD TO FY2009
- C) RETURN TO GENERAL FUND AS UNUSED APPROPRIATION

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET-ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP  
6/30/2008**

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CPA SPEC REV	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST AGENCY	ENTERPRISE	TOTALS
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and Equivalents	433,321	198,221	230,031	24,136	841,655	40,732	1,768,096
Accounts Receivable							
Property Taxes	151,165						151,165
CPA	874						874
Excise Taxes	60,124						60,124
Tax Liens	125,703						125,703
Tax possessions	32,330						32,330
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles	(61,822)						(61,822)
Amount to be Provided for Payment of Notes	162,400						162,400
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>904,095</u>	<u>198,221</u>	<u>230,031</u>	<u>24,136</u>	<u>841,655</u>	<u>40,732</u>	<u>2,238,870</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Warrants Payable	34,991	7,817				4,136	46,944
Employee Withholdings	6,442						6,442
Due To/From Other Governments	1,402						1,402
Due to/from other funds							
Deferred Revenue							
Property Taxes	90,216						90,216
Excise Taxes	60,124						60,124
Tax Liens	125,703						125,703
Tax Possessions	32,330						32,330
Tailings	8,884						8,884
Long Term notes Payable	162,400			340,000			162,400
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>522,492</u>	<u>7,817</u>		<u>340,000</u>			<u>530,309</u>
<b>Fund Equity</b>							
Reserved for Continuing Appropriations							
Reserved for Deficits(to be raised)	(108,460)			(345,835)			(454,295)
Reserved for Expenditure	129,925	190,404	230,031	29,971	841,655	36,596	1,458,582
Undesignated	360,138						360,138
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<u>381,603</u>	<u>190,404</u>	<u>230,031</u>	<u>(315,864)</u>	<u>841,655</u>	<u>36,596</u>	<u>1,364,425</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<u><u>904,095</u></u>	<u><u>198,221</u></u>	<u><u>230,031</u></u>	<u><u>24,136</u></u>	<u><u>841,655</u></u>	<u><u>40,732</u></u>	<u><u>2,238,870</u></u>

TOWN OF HAMPDEN  
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES  
6/30/2008

GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT

TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
SALARY	24,341.00
AUDIT	12,000.00
ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
CLERICAL	187.00
EXPENSES	35.00
APPEALS BOARD	
CLERICAL	1,974.00
EXPENSES	41.00
ASSESSORS	
SALARIES	13,209.00
CLERICAL	14,164.23
EXPENSES	2,487.22
SOFTWARE SUPPORT	3,800.00
MAPPING MAINTENANCE	2,100.00
FIELD REVIEW	3,000.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT	420.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	160,538.00
INSURANCE	
PROPERTY & CASUALTY	79,309.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	104,781.67
FICA	
INSURANCE	
LIFE INSURANCE	
SICK PAY BUY BACK	
LONGVIEW ASSOC	
UNEMPLOYMENT	3,180.65
LONGEVITY	2,500.00
LAW & CLAIMS	13,578.82
PLANNING BOARD	
CLERICAL	8,870.35
EXPENSES	549.82
ELECTIONS	
REGISTRARS	800.00
ELECTION EXPENSE	2,069.01
STREET LISTS	1,782.84
SELECTMEN	
SALARIES	9,600.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASS'T	32,578.53
EXPENSES	1,218.34
LEGAL ADVERTISING	647.76
TEMPORARY HELP	2,010.12
TAX COLLECTOR	
SALARY	26,784.00
CLERICAL	9,672.24
EXPENSES	1,650.04
COMPUTER MAINT	5,665.17
TOWN CLERK	
SALARY	26,784.00
CLERICAL	5,977.95
EXPENSES	978.02

TOWN REPORT	3,398.00	
TREASURER		
SALARY	30,438.00	
CLERICAL	7,435.29	
EXPENSES	896.04	
CERTIFYING NOTES	95.00	
SHORT TERM INTEREST	15,876.38	
PAYROLL SERVICE	5,497.50	
TAX TITLES	2,370.08	
VETERAN'S BENEFITS	9,500.00	
GREATER SPFLD SENIORS	336.74	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<u>655,127.81</u>
<b>GENERAL TOWN SERVICES</b>		
ACADEMY HALL MAINT	1,440.18	
CEMETERY		
CLERICAL	673.94	
EXPENSES	66.98	
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	4,136.00	
CONSERVATION		
CLERICAL	4,270.89	
EXPENSE	190.90	
TRANSFER STATION		
MONITORING AND TESTING	18,864.00	
SCHOOL BUILDING MAINTENANCE	5,000.00	
LIBRARY		
SALARIES	59,853.32	
EXPENSES	17,008.97	
TOWN EVENTS	708.11	
OFFICE EQUIPMENT		
ACQUISITION	2,115.57	
MAINTENANCE	5,171.43	
SUPPLIES	2,787.79	
POSTAGE	10,000.00	
PARKS & RECREATION		
SALARIES	4,853.96	
EXPENSES	4,082.36	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	2,600.00	
TOWN HOUSE		
CUSTODIAN	16,459.84	
MAINTENANCE	9,040.44	
UTILITIES	42,509.30	
GASOLINE	39,643.21	
STREET LIGHTING	12,412.98	
SENIOR CENTER		
DIRECTOR	28,952.00	
CLERICAL	7,716.01	
EXPENSES	994.78	
OUTREACH	1,215.32	
CUSTODIAL	7,179.38	
UTILITIES	13,500.00	
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	5,445.66	

TOTAL GENERAL TOWN SERVICES

328,893.32

**HIGHWAYS**

SUPERINTENDENT	65,454.00	
TREE WARDEN	9,508.81	
PUBLIC GROUNDS		
SALARIES	24,845.87	
EXPENSES	6,434.54	
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE		
SALARIES	87,087.08	
EXPENSES		
GENERAL HIGHWAYS		
SALARIES	86,504.90	
EXPENSES		
SNOW & ICE		
SALARIES	131,254.09	
EXPENSES		
CATCH BASINS/SWEEPING	35,580.21	
ROAD MACHINERY MAINT	9,988.84	
TOWN GARAGE MAINTENANCE	8,136.38	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAYS</b>		<hr/> <b>464,794.72</b>

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY**

ANIMAL INSPECTOR		
SALARY	1,948.00	
CIVIL DEFENCE	1,000.00	
DOG OFFICER		
ANIMAL CONTROL	13,851.20	
DOG DAMAGE FUND	300.00	
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
CHIEF SALARY	966.00	
EXPENSES	534.49	
OPERATIONS	25,767.51	
FOREST FIRES		
WARDEN	621.00	
EXPENSES	1,335.00	
BOARD OF HEALTH		
SALARY	3,960.00	
CLERICAL	18,367.00	
EXPENSES	806.67	
WATER DISTRICT		
OPERATIONS	6,747.92	
TESTING	1,225.59	
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
CHIEF SALARY	66,835.00	
OFFICER SALARIES	688,131.01	
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	10,901.28	
NEW CRUISER	29,000.00	
EXPENSES	44,535.62	
TRAINING	31,685.00	
CAREER INCENTIVE	61,733.98	
LEAA MATCHING FUNDS	250.00	
ELECTION COVERAGE	988.56	

NEW EQUIPMENT  
**TOTAL PROTECTION**

6,828.36

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1,018,319.19

<b>SCHOOLS</b>		
REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	5,998,162.00	
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00	
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS</b>		<u>6,005,778.00</u>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>		
LONG TERM DEBT PRINCIPAL	200,850.00	
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST		
SCHOOL DEBT	48,062.00	
GREEN MEADOW BAN INTEREST	270,352.72	
HIGHWAY TRUCK	16,500.00	
FIRE TRUCK	42,780.50	
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>		<u>578,545.22</u>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES</b>		<u>9,051,458.26</u>
<b>TOWN MEETING ARTICLES</b>		
10/29/01 SPECIAL		
ART #11, SEPTIC REPAIR	12,000.00	
4/29/02 SPECIAL		
ART#3 TOWN HOUSE IMPR	5,554.60	
4/24/06 SPECIAL		
ART#2 E911	7,136.78	
ART#14 HIGHWAY TRUCK	493.65	
10/30/06 SPECIAL		
ART#5 GREEN MEADOW SEPTIC	37,100.00	
ART#7 RIDGE ROAD	32,381.00	
4/30/07 ATM		
ART#3 OLD BILLS	8,971.27	
ART#14 HIGHWAY TRUCK	30,000.00	
ART#16 GENERATOR	49,244.57	
ART#22 ASSESSORS	10,000.00	
ART#23 ASSESSORS	4,000.00	
ART#24 DARE	4,789.13	
ART#28 RESERVE	17,337.47	
ART#29 STABILIZATION FUND	189,737.00	
ART# CAPITAL ROAD PROJECTS	345,834.74	
11/5/2007 STM		
ART#1 REGIONAL SCHOOL	15,254.00	
ART#2 TELEPHONES	6,842.46	
ART#3 POLICE COPIER	4,076.00	
ART#5 STABILIZATION FUND	50,000.00	
4/28/08 ATM		
ART#1 ACADEMY HALL	918.65	
ART#3 SECURITY CAMERAS	1,628.00	
ART#4 TOWN HOUSE REPAIR	340.00	
ART#5 FIRE HOUSE DOORS	7,100.00	
ART#7 STABILIZATION FUND	25,000.00	
<b>TOTAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES</b>		<u>865,739.32</u>
<b>TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES</b>		<u>9,917,197.58</u>
<b>STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS</b>		
VETERAN'S SERVICE DISTRICT	16,445.00	
POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT	1,228.00	
PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING	150.75	
REGISTRY SERVICES	4,700.00	
PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT	445.00	
<b>TOTAL STATE &amp; COUNTY ASSESSMENTS</b>		<u>22,968.75</u>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS</b>		<u>9,940,166.33</u>

TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS 5,000.00

**PAYABLES**

TEMPORARY NOTES 900,000.00  
COUNTY RETIREMENT 103,382.22  
GROUP INSURANCE 135,743.12  
UNION DUES 4,876.03  
FEES PAYABLE 12,925.50  
TAILINGS 809.66

**TOTAL PAYABLES** 1,157,736.53

**TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES** 11,102,902.86

CASH AND SAVINGS 6/30/08 427,486.27

WARRANTS PAYABLE (34,990.84)

**VERIFYING BALANCE** 11,495,398.29

TOWN OF HAMPDEN  
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES  
6/30/2008

**TAXES AND EXCISES \*\***

REAL ESTATE

'2008	7,697,622.80
'2007	106,492.03
'2006	14,252.16
'2004	242.42

OTHER 7,818,609.41

TAX TITLES	40,102.93
LIEU OF TAXES	4,049.68

44,152.61

PERSONAL PROPERTY

'2008	157,442.64
'2007	(958.57)
'2005	28.14
'2006	66.82
'2001	105.83

156,684.86

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

2008	524,244.23
2007	116,099.92
2006	17,586.00
2005	2,476.78
2004	1,141.08
2003	523.33
2002	176.15
2001 & PRIOR	385.30

662,632.79

**TOTAL TAXES AND EXCISES**

8,682,079.67

\*\*NET OF REFUNDS

**LOCAL REVENUES**

BORROWING	340,000.00
TAX COLLECTOR	22,715.58
TOWN CLERK	8,130.25
BOARD OF HEALTH	26,036.90
POLICE DEP'T	2,855.75
DISTRICT COURT	17,360.41
INVESTMENT INTEREST	13,986.66
CELL TOWER	16,378.85
LICENSES	7,770.00
ALL OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	2,834.86
INTEREST ON TAXES	32,283.91

**TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE**

490,353.17

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION**

51,682.22

<b>STATE REVENUES</b>	
VETEREN'S ABATEMENTS	9,425.00
OTHER STATE REVENUE	2,407.09
EXEMPTS/ELDERLY	3,514.00
LOTTERY	779,636.00
QUINN BILL	29,324.00
<b>TOTAL STATE REVENUES</b>	<u>824,306.09</u>
<b>TOTAL ALL REVENUES</b>	9,996,738.93
<b>PAYABLES</b>	
TEMPORARY NOTES	900,000.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	114,471.34
GROUP INSURANCE	113,570.60
UNION DUES	4,916.22
FEEES PAYABLE	12,666.70
TAILINGS	4,459.02
<b>TOTAL PAYABLES</b>	<u>1,150,083.88</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>11,146,822.81</u>
CASH AND SAVINGS 7/1/07	448,753.33
WARRANTS PAYABLE	<u>(100,177.85)</u>
<b>VERIFYING BALANCE</b>	<u><u>11,495,398.29</u></u>

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN  
STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES  
6/30/08**

	<b>BALANCE FWD</b>	<b>COMMITMENTS</b>	<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>ABATES ADJUSTS</b>	<b>TAX TITLES</b>	<b>REFUNDS</b>	<b>LEDGER 6/30/2007</b>	<b>COLLECTOR 6/30/2007</b>
<b>REAL ESTATE TAXES</b>								
LEVY OF 2008		7,892,455.35	7,703,071.67	35,047.29	26,911.70	5,448.87	132,873.56	132,873.56
LEVY OF 2008 CPA		52,155.93	50,901.11	297.73	144.05	31.86	844.90	844.90
LEVY OF 2007	148,485.55		137,330.83	2,250.93	32,527.58	30,838.80	7,215.01	7,215.01
LEVY OF 2007 CPA	956.31		770.29	22.51	181.26	46.43	28.68	28.68
LEVY OF 2006	20,845.80	158.85	14,405.30		6,685.85	153.14	66.64	66.64
LEVY OF 2006 CPA	128.83		89.34		39.70	0.21	0.00	-
LEVY OF 2004	242.42		242.42				-	-
LIEU TAXES		4,050.00	4,050.00					
<b>TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES</b>	<b>170,658.91</b>	<b>7,948,820.13</b>	<b>7,910,860.96</b>	<b>37,618.46</b>	<b>66,490.14</b>	<b>36,519.31</b>	<b>141,028.79</b>	<b>141,028.79</b>
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>								
LEVY OF 2008		159,220.03	157,442.64				1,777.39	1,777.39
LEVY OF 2007	613.88		826.55			1,785.12	1,572.45	1,572.45
LEVY OF 2006	964.77		66.82				897.95	897.95
LEVY OF 2005	1,276.83		28.14				1,248.69	1,248.69
LEVY OF 2004	1,554.10						1,554.10	1,554.10
LEVY OF 2003	1,124.34						1,124.34	1,124.34
LEVY OF 2002	1,872.73						1,872.73	1,872.73
LEVY OF 2001	1,067.66		105.83				961.83	961.83
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>8,474.31</b>	<b>159,220.03</b>	<b>158,469.98</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,785.12</b>	<b>11,009.48</b>	<b>11,009.48</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISES</b>								
LEVY OF 2008		573,203.59	529,068.09	12,912.39		4,823.86	36,046.97	36,046.97
LEVY OF 2007	39,690.28	93,534.11	121,121.74	8,975.26		5,021.82	8,149.21	8,145.98
LEVY OF 2006	11,408.57	10,067.86	18,764.02	1,661.14		1,178.02	2,229.29	2,229.29
LEVY OF 2005	7,585.42	1,199.82	3,321.04	901.57		844.26	5,406.89	5,406.89
LEVY OF 2004	3,764.19		1,221.57			80.49	2,623.11	2,623.11
LEVY OF 2003	3,125.01		523.33	68.75			2,532.93	2,532.93
LEVY OF 2002	2,263.33		176.15				2,087.18	2,087.18
LEVY OF 2001	1,164.90		385.30	200.42			579.18	579.18
LEVY OF 2000 & PRIOR	469.48						469.48	469.48
<b>TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES</b>	<b>69,471.18</b>	<b>678,005.38</b>	<b>674,581.24</b>	<b>24,719.53</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,948.45</b>	<b>60,124.24</b>	<b>60,121.01</b>
<b>TAX POSSESSIONS</b>	<b>32,330.46</b>						<b>32,330.46</b>	<b>32,330.46</b>
<b>TAX LIENS</b>								
CPA	(35.44)	493.80					458.36	
REAL ESTATE	96,644.09	68,518.43	40,102.93	-185.44			125,245.03	125,245.03
<b>TOTAL ALL LEVIES</b>	<b>377,578.95</b>	<b>8,854,563.97</b>	<b>8,784,015.11</b>	<b>62,152.55</b>	<b>66,490.14</b>	<b>50,252.88</b>	<b>369,738.00</b>	<b>369,734.77</b>



**TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS**  
**STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE**  
6/30/2008

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	EXCESS OVER(UNDER)	FUND BALANCE JULY 01, 2007	FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2008
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>					
CONTRACT #44519	99,764.84	99,764.84	-		-
CONTRACT #4246123	279,176.00	279,176.00	-	-	-
OCTOBER STORM	29,982.25		29,982.25	(14,401.28)	15,580.97
<b>STATE &amp; FEDERAL GRANTS</b>					
COMMUNITY POLICING	28,500.00	33,915.94	(5,415.94)	15,038.84	9,622.90
TRAFFIC GRANT	3,274.41	3,634.80	(360.39)	(1,270.07)	(1,630.46)
E911 TRAINING GRANT	6,851.95	2,665.89	4,186.06	(5,431.35)	(1,245.29)
MEMA TRAINING GRANT	1,029.91	1,741.37	(711.46)	(126.76)	(838.22)
TASK FORCE	4,146.58	3,910.06	236.52	2,596.35	2,832.87
LOCAL PREPAREDNESS	17,521.39		17,521.39	(17,521.39)	-
BULLET PROOF VESTS	4,504.50	4,548.00	(43.50)	(4,232.63)	(4,276.13)
COUNCIL ON AGING GRANTS	21,047.92	21,004.17	43.75	3,154.35	3,198.10
COA EARMARK GRANT	77,887.26	82,488.24	(4,600.98)	(7,120.46)	(11,721.44)
HAMPDEN COUNTY GRANT	640.00		640.00	10.36	650.36
LIBRARY GRANTS	8,443.39	5,912.80	2,530.59	19,644.67	22,175.26
ARTS LOTTERY GRANT	4,000.00	4,724.99	(724.99)	6,902.42	6,177.43
FIRE SERVICE SAFE GRANTS		4,501.00	(4,501.00)	7,332.63	2,831.63
MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT	321.00	34.63	286.37	1,196.98	1,483.35
<b>OTHER</b>					
SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR		640.00	(640.00)	51,463.29	50,823.29
ASSESSORS REVOLVING	171.20	100.00	71.20	719.62	790.82
COLLECTOR REVOLVING	6,110.09	1,056.79	5,053.30	1,293.72	6,347.02
COUNCIL ON AGING REVOLVING	17,128.39	19,234.63	(2,106.24)	2,421.72	315.48
CONSERVATION REVOLVING	2,581.90	1,529.00	1,052.90	9,562.37	10,615.27
HISTORICAL COMMISSION REVOLVING			-	160.00	160.00
LIBRARY REVOLVING	3,325.89	2,623.79	702.10	2,308.03	3,010.13
BOARD OF HEALTH REVOLVING	23,117.05	42,220.00	(19,102.95)	28,921.94	9,818.99
PARKS & RECREATION REVOLVING	77,051.37	78,938.82	(1,887.45)	44,132.71	42,245.26
TRANSFER STATION REVOLVING		20,000.00	(20,000.00)	20,000.00	-
BUILDING INSPECTOR REVOLVING	48,468.72	44,631.97	3,836.75	5,754.09	9,590.84
DARE GIFTS	516.98	1,305.60	(788.62)	789.95	1.33
POLICE OFF DUTY	116,094.17	132,105.24	(16,011.07)	8,180.13	(7,830.94)
RESTITUTION	27,355.24	31,620.97	(4,265.73)	8,070.39	3,804.66
ENGINEERING FEES	6,250.00	3,497.31	2,752.69	7,240.77	9,993.46
ALARM FEES	525.00		525.00		525.00
POLICE/FIRE GIFTS	1,876.00	2,153.00	(277.00)	5,629.13	5,352.13
	<u>917,663.40</u>	<u>929,679.85</u>	<u>(12,016.45)</u>	<u>202,420.52</u>	<u>190,404.07</u>

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS  
 STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE  
 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT  
 FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXCESS OVER(UNDER)</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE JULY 01, 2007</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2008</u>
103,269.41	61,291.40	41,978.01	188,053.23	230,031.24
<u>103,269.41</u>	<u>61,291.40</u>	<u>41,978.01</u>	<u>188,053.23</u>	<u>230,031.24</u>

1) SOURCES OF REVENUES

COMMONWEALTH	46,603.00
TAX LEVY	51,530.54
INTEREST	5,135.87
	<u>103,269.41</u>

2) USES OF FUNDS

MINNECHAUG MT	50,000.00
PARKS & RECREATION	8,966.40
CEMETERY	2,325.00
	<u>61,291.40</u>

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTES  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF ENTERPRISE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
 AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE  
 FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXCESS, OVER (UNDER)</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2007</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2008</u>
<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>	108,289.26	71,693.77	36,595.98	-	36,595.98
<b>TOTALS</b>	108,289.26	71,693.77	36,595.98	-	36,595.98
<b>Revenues</b>					
	Transfer In	20,000.00			
	Stickers	12,000.00			
	Bags	65,663.75			
	Recycling	10,625.51			
			108,289.26		
<b>Expenditures</b>					
	Salaries	13,110.62			
	Allied Waste	55,886.39			
	Verizon	53.50			
	Mowing	225.00			
	Nat'l Grid	473.42			
	Tighe & Bond	1,062.31			
	Highway Dept	372.40			
	Bradco	122.54			
	Abacus	354.00			
	All Other	33.59			
			71,693.77		
	Balance		36,595.98		

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN  
COMBINING STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TRUST FUNDS  
6/30/2008**

	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>FUND BALANCES JULY 1, 2007</u>	<u>EXPENDABLE FUND BALANCES JUNE 30, 2008</u>	<u>NON-EXPENDABLE FUND BALANCES JUNE 30, 2008</u>
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	925.00	1,445.67	1,450.00	33,698.24	2,402.91	32,216.00
BUMSTEAD FUND		664.86		15,182.41	12,847.27	3,000.00
CEMETERY COMMISSION	8,235.00	689.67	14,685.00	10,658.39	4,898.06	
TOWN COMMONS FUND		101.41		2,315.80	2,417.21	
CONSERVATION FUND		202.22		4,617.86	4,820.08	
MCCRAY FUND		60.29		1,376.88	1,437.17	
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST	1,029.91	67.67		924.11	2,021.69	
LIBRARY FUNDS						
DAY FUND		48.05		1,100.78	648.83	500.00
NEWELL FUND		229.37		5,254.49	3,983.86	1,500.00
KINDERGARTEN FUND	2,347.70	1,052.64	1,801.47	23,415.70	25,014.57	
GEORGE BALLARD FUND		51.31		1,175.57	726.88	500.00
CHARLES BALLARD FUND		48.69		1,115.64	664.33	500.00
STODDARD FUND		466.43	873.60	11,499.89	11,092.72	
HOLT FUND		89.94		2,060.52	1,150.46	1,000.00
FLYNN FUND		123.67		2,833.03	2,956.70	
ENSLIN FUND		118.97		2,725.53	2,844.50	
FAYE FLYNN FUND		164.97		3,779.13	3,944.10	
DAN FLYNN FUND		99.50		2,279.47	2,378.97	
ROBERT BOHLKE TRUST FUND		669.34		16,656.38	2,325.72	15,000.00
DICKINSON FUND		201.68		4,620.12	4,821.80	
ASSESSOR STABILIZATION	10,000.00	491.53		10,508.81	21,000.34	
STABILIZATION FUND	569,737.00	13,357.33	300,000.00	389,946.15	673,040.48	
	<u>592,274.61</u>	<u>20,445.21</u>	<u>318,810.07</u>	<u>547,744.90</u>	<u>787,438.65</u>	<u>54,216.00</u>

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN  
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES  
BUDGET TO ACTUAL  
FISCAL 2008**

	APPROPRIATIONS & CARRYOVERS	TOTAL AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	BALANCE
ACCOUNTANT				
SALARY	24,960.00	24,960.00	-	24,960.00
CLERICAL	250.00	250.00		250.00
EXPENSES	5,000.00	5,000.00	40.00	4,960.00
ADVISORY COMMITTEE				
CLERICAL	4,175.00	4,175.00	11.00	4,164.00
EXPENSES	200.00	200.00		200.00
APPEALS BOARD				
CLERICAL	3,245.00	3,245.00	619.60	2,625.40
EXPENSES	200.00	200.00		200.00
ASSESSORS				
SALARY	13,539.00	13,539.00	5,265.14	8,273.86
CLERICAL	20,037.00	20,037.00	9,921.99	10,115.01
EXPENSES	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,373.92	126.08
SOFTWARE SUPPORT	4,425.00	4,425.00	2,800.00	1,625.00
MAPPING MAINT	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
FIELD REVIEW	3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00
BUILDING DEPT				
CODE ENFORCEMENT	420.00	420.00		420.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	190,891.00	190,891.00	95,445.50	95,445.50
INSURANCE				
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY	84,000.00	84,000.00	74,851.00	9,149.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	160,000.00	160,000.00	82,861.38	77,138.62
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
LONGEVITY	2,200.00	2,200.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
LAW AND CLAIMS	22,000.00	22,000.00	5,511.00	16,489.00
MODERATOR				
EXPENSES	100.00	100.00		100.00
PLANNING BOARD				
CLERICAL	9,618.00	9,618.00	4,762.72	4,855.28
EXPENSES	550.00	550.00	206.00	344.00
REGISTRARS				
SALARIES	800.00	800.00	401.00	399.00
ELECTION EXPENSES	5,500.00	5,500.00	3,309.13	2,190.87
STREET LISTS	1,900.00	1,900.00	681.25	1,218.75
SELECTMEN				
SALARIES	9,600.00	9,600.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASS'T	34,784.00	34,784.00	16,634.55	18,149.45
EXPENSES	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,143.83	456.17
LEGAL ADVERTISING	400.00	400.00	254.88	145.12
TEMPORARY HELP	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
TAX COLLECTOR				
SALARY	27,453.00	27,453.00	13,726.50	13,726.50
CLERICAL	10,000.00	10,000.00	4,984.38	5,015.62
EXPENSES	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,014.47	985.53
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	5,792.00	5,792.00	2,754.54	3,037.46

TAX TITLE WORK	250.00	250.00		250.00
TOWN CLERK				
SALARY	27,453.00	27,453.00	13,726.50	13,726.50
CLERICAL	6,750.00	6,750.00	3,062.50	3,687.50
EXPENSES	1,000.00	1,000.00	645.66	354.34
TOWN PUBLICATIONS	100.00	100.00		100.00
TOWN REPORT	3,500.00	3,500.00		3,500.00
TREASURER				
SALARY	31,199.00	31,199.00	15,599.52	15,599.48
CLERICAL	7,663.00	7,663.00	3,714.96	3,948.04
EXPENSES	900.00	900.00	592.70	307.30
PAYROLL SERVICE	6,000.00	6,000.00	2,578.70	3,421.30
CERTIFYING NOTES	100.00	100.00	25.00	75.00
INTEREST(SHORT TERM)	10,000.00	10,000.00	4,037.50	5,962.50
TAX TITLE ADMINISTRATION	26,500.00	26,500.00	1,971.00	24,529.00
BANK CHARGES	100.00	100.00		100.00
VETERANS BENEFITS	11,000.00	11,000.00	7,424.00	3,576.00
GR SPFLD SENIOR CENTER	467.00	467.00		467.00
ACADEMY HALL MAINT	2,500.00	2,500.00	440.60	2,059.40
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS				
CLERICAL	691.00	691.00	240.88	450.12
EXPENSES	100.00	100.00	30.44	69.56
MAINTENANCE	9,769.00	9,769.00	3,389.49	6,379.51
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE				
CLERICAL	6,710.00	6,710.00	1,698.84	5,011.16
EXPENSES	400.00	400.00	156.23	243.77
TRANSFER STATION				
MONTORING & TESTING	19,900.00	19,900.00	6,850.00	13,050.00
SCOOOL BUILDING REPAIRS	5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
LIBRARY	80,318.00	80,318.00	45,158.65	35,159.35
TOWN EVENTS	800.00	800.00	210.00	590.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT				
ACQUISITION	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00
MAINTENANCE	7,000.00	7,000.00	3,704.16	3,295.84
SUPPLIES	3,000.00	3,000.00	287.88	2,712.12
POSTAGE	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,331.63	4,668.37
PARKS AND RECREATION				
SALARIES	5,253.00	5,253.00	5,253.00	-
EXPENSES	11,103.00	11,103.00	8,031.69	3,071.31
CAPITAL EXPENSES	16,242.00	16,242.00	16,242.00	-
TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE				
CUSTODIAL	17,000.00	17,000.00	9,324.00	7,676.00
MAINT & REPAIRS	16,500.00	16,500.00	7,943.86	8,556.14
UTILITIES	42,000.00	42,000.00	15,671.63	26,328.37
GASOLINE	55,000.00	55,000.00	34,138.36	20,861.64
STREET LIGHTING	19,100.00	19,100.00	5,594.66	13,505.34

COUNCIL ON AGING				
DIRECTOR	32,929.00	32,929.00	16,302.83	16,626.17
CLERICAL	9,692.00	9,692.00	4,445.63	5,246.37
EXPENSES	1,000.00	1,000.00	957.66	42.34
OUTREACH COORDINATOR	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,143.48	1,356.52
SENIOR CENTER				
CUSTODIAL	8,288.00	8,288.00	4,118.25	4,169.75
UTILITIES	13,500.00	13,500.00	5,451.48	8,048.52
MAINTENANCE	8,500.00	8,500.00	3,883.00	4,617.00
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	250.00	250.00		250.00
HIGHWAYS				
HIGHWAY SUPT	67,320.00	67,320.00	33,282.00	34,038.00
TREE WARDEN EXPENSE	7,500.00	7,500.00	2,712.33	4,787.67
PUBLIC GROUNDS	23,626.00	23,626.00	11,045.43	12,580.57
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	82,760.00	# 104,560.00	24,137.84	80,422.16
GENERAL HIGHWAYS	88,675.00	88,675.00	41,112.24	47,562.76
SNOW & ICE	38,950.00	38,950.00	80,822.81	(41,872.81)
CATCH BASIN CLEANING	36,500.00	36,500.00		36,500.00
ROAD MACHINERY REPAIR	10,000.00	10,000.00	7,188.81	2,811.19
TOWN GARAGE	11,500.00	11,500.00	1,485.02	10,014.98
ANIMAL INSPECTIONS				
SALARY	1,948.00	1,948.00	974.00	974.00
EXPENSES	240.00	240.00		240.00
WILDLIFE CONTROL	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
DOG OFFICER				
ANIMAL CONTROL	14,500.00	14,500.00	13,444.60	1,055.40
DOG DAMAGE FUND	300.00	300.00		300.00
FIRE DEPT				
CHIEF'S SALARY	990.00	990.00	495.00	495.00
CHIEF'S EXPENSES	1,293.00	1,293.00		1,293.00
OPERATIONS	26,429.00	26,429.00	8,312.57	18,116.43
FOREST FIRES				
WARDEN	637.00	637.00	318.00	319.00
EXPENSES	1,490.00	1,490.00		1,490.00
BOARD OF HEALTH				
SALARY	4,060.00	4,060.00	1,691.60	2,368.40
CLERICAL	19,403.00	19,403.00	9,599.67	9,803.33
EXPENSES	1,000.00	1,000.00	259.00	741.00
WATER DISTRICT				
OPERATION	6,889.00	6,889.00	2,948.96	3,940.04
TESTING	2,900.00	2,900.00	1,431.00	1,469.00
POLICE				
CHIEF'S SALARY	68,840.00	68,840.00	33,890.56	34,949.44
OFFICER SALARIES	745,122.00	745,122.00	358,157.32	386,964.68
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	7,942.00	7,942.00	3,093.45	4,848.55
EXPENSES	49,284.00	49,284.00	31,951.68	17,332.32
NEW CRUISER	30,000.00	30,000.00	28,691.92	1,308.08
TRAINING	19,427.00	19,427.00	3,296.98	16,130.02
NEW EQUIPMENT	5,276.00	5,276.00	1,706.62	3,569.38
CAREER INCENTIVE	63,105.00	63,105.00	56,114.78	6,990.22
WMLEC	250.00	250.00	250.00	-
ELECTIONS	2,250.00	2,250.00	1,599.24	650.76
TOWING	200.00	200.00		200.00

PARKING CLERK		#	2,000.00	176.00	1,824.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT					
REGIONAL ASSESSMENT	6,090,969.00		6,090,969.00	3,018,428.52	3,072,540.48
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00		7,616.00	7,616.00	-
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT SERVICE					
INFRASTRUCTURE LOAN	340,000.00		340,000.00	340,000.00	-
SCHOOL DEBT	46,496.00		46,496.00	46,496.00	-
GREEN MEADOW BAN DEBT	282,375.00		282,375.00	235,537.50	46,837.50
HIGHWAY TRUCK	17,000.00		17,000.00		17,000.00
FIRE TRUCK	40,188.00		40,188.00	3,094.00	37,094.00
					3,648,239.43
RESERVE FUND	50,294.00	#	26,494.00		26,494.00
CARRY OVER ACCOUNTS					
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/21/02					
ART#1 STORM WATER	4,085.00		4,085.00		4,085.00
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/26/06					
ART#19 ASSESSORS	12,000.00		12,000.00		12,000.00
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/30/2007					
ART#14 HIGHWAY TRUCK	30,000.00		30,000.00	30,000.00	
ART#15 HIGHWAY RENOVATIONS	1,154,165.26		1,154,165.26	448,876.87	705,288.39
ART#16 TOWN HOUSE GENER	10,755.43		10,755.43	7,535.88	3,219.55
ART#17 TOWN HOUSE REPAIRS	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	
ART#18 STORMWATER	23,500.00		23,500.00		23,500.00
ART#20 CONSERVATION FUND	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
ART#22 ASSESSORS	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	
ART#23 ASSESSORS	8,000.00		8,000.00		8,000.00
ART#24 DARE	1,210.87		1,210.87		1,210.87
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 11/5/2007					
ART# 3 COPIER/POLICE	20.00		20.00	20.00	
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/28/2008					
ART#1 ACADEMY HALL	6,081.35		6,081.35	2,525.00	3,556.35
ART #3 SECURITY CAMERAS	8,372.00		8,372.00	7,445.71	926.29
ART#4 TOWN HOUSE REPAIR	44,520.00		44,520.00	13,113.32	31,406.68
ART#7 STABILIZATION FUND	25,000.00		25,000.00	25,000.00	
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/27/2008					
ART#2 SECURITY SYSTEM	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00
ART#3 CEMETERY SOFTWARE	12,000.00		12,000.00		12,000.00
ART# 5 TB ALARM	7,000.00		7,000.00		7,000.00
ART#8 STABILIZATION FUND	52,890.00		52,890.00	52,890.00	
ART #9 STABILIZATION FUND	211,940.00		211,940.00	211,940.00	
ART#13 CONSERVATION FUND	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
ART #17 ASSESSORS	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	
ART #20 DARE	5,000.00		5,000.00	1,142.96	3,857.04
TOTALS	11,168,249.91		11,168,249.91	5,839,803.34	8,976,686.00

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	Fiscal 2008 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2009 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2010 Requested Level	Fiscal 2010 Requested level less 5%	Fiscal 2010 Draft Recommendations
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
<b>1.0 Accountant</b>					
1.1 Salary	24,351	24,960	25,584	25,584	
1.2 Clerical	-	250	150	150	
1.3 Expenses (Audit)	12,000	5,000	16,800	16,800	
<b>Total Accountant</b>	<b>36,351</b>	<b>30,210</b>	<b>42,534</b>	<b>42,534</b>	
<b>2.0 Advisory Committee</b>					
2.1 Clerical	187	4,175	4,175	4,175	
2.2 Expenses	55	200	200	200	
<b>Total Advisory</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>4,375</b>	<b>4,375</b>	<b>4,375</b>	
<b>3.0 Appeals, Board of</b>					
3.1 Clerical	1,974	3,245	3,245	3,245	
3.2 Expenses	41	200	200	200	
<b>Total Appeals</b>	<b>2,015</b>	<b>3,445</b>	<b>3,445</b>	<b>3,445</b>	
<b>4.0 Assessors, Board of</b>					
4.1 Salaries	13,209	13,539	13,539	12,864	
4.2 Clerical	14,164	20,037	21,348	20,527	
4.3 Expenses	2,487	2,500	2,289	1,509	
4.4 Data Processing					
4.5 Software Support	3,800	4,425	3,325	3,325	
4.6 Mapping Maintenance	2,100	2,000	2,000	2,000	
4.7 Full List Measure					
4.8 Field Review	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
<b>Total Assessors</b>	<b>38,760</b>	<b>45,501</b>	<b>45,501</b>	<b>43,225</b>	

	Fiscal 2008 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2009 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2010 Requested Level	Fiscal 2010 Requested level less 5%	Fiscal 2010 Draft Recommendations
<b>5.0 Building Department Expenses</b>					
5.1 Code and General Enforcement	420	420	420	420	
5.2 Commissioner and Expenses					
<b>Total Building Dept.</b>	<u>420</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>420</u>	
<b>6.0 County Retirement</b>	<b>160,538</b>	<b>190,891</b>	<b>189,827</b>	<b>189,827</b>	
<b>7.0 Insurance</b>					
7.1 Property and Liability	79,309	84,000	84,000	84,000	
7.2 Employee Benefits	104,782	160,000	160,000	160,000	
7.3 Unemployment Compensation	3,181	2,000	2,000	2,000	
7.4 Longevity	2,500	2,200	2,200	2,200	
7.5 FICA		-	-	-	
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<u>189,771</u>	<u>248,200</u>	<u>248,200</u>	<u>248,200</u>	
<b>8.0 Law and Claims</b>					
8.1 General	13,579	22,000	20,000	20,000	
<b>Total Law</b>	<u>13,579</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	
<b>9.0 Moderator</b>					
9.1 Salary					
9.2 Expenses	-	100	100	100	
<b>Total Moderator</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	
<b>10.0 Planning Board</b>					
10.2 Clerical	8,870	9,618	9,851	9,733	
10.3 Expenses	550	550	550	150	
<b>Total Planning Board</b>	<u>9,420</u>	<u>10,168</u>	<u>10,401</u>	<u>9,883</u>	

	Fiscal 2008 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2009 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2010 Requested Level	Fiscal 2010 Requested level less 5%	Fiscal 2010 Draft Recommendations
<b>11.0 Registrars, Board of (Voters)</b>					
11.1 Salaries	800	800	800	800	
11.2 Election Expenses	2,069	5,500	1,500	1,500	
11.3 Street Lists	1,783	1,900	2,100	2,100	
<b>Total Registrars</b>	<b>4,652</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>4,400</b>	
<b>12.0 Selectman</b>					
12.1 Salaries	9,600	9,600	8,100	8,100	
12.2 Administrative Asst.	32,579	34,784	36,024	36,024	
12.3 Secretarial					
12.4 Expenses	1,218	1,600	1,600	1,520	
12.5 Legal Advertising	648	400	500	500	
12.6 Computer Study Committee					
12.7 Temporary Help	2,010	500	500	500	
<b>Total Selectman</b>	<b>46,055</b>	<b>46,884</b>	<b>46,724</b>	<b>46,644</b>	
<b>13.0 Tax Collector</b>					
13.1 Salary	26,784	27,453	27,453	27,453	
13.2 Clerical	9,672	10,000	10,365	10,365	
13.3 Expenses	1,650	2,000	2,000	2,000	
13.4 Computer Maintenance	5,665	5,792	2,500	2,500	
13.5 Tax Title Work	250	250	2,500	250	
13.6 Tax Title Admin.	1,370				
<b>Total Tax Collector</b>	<b>45,391</b>	<b>45,495</b>	<b>44,818</b>	<b>42,568</b>	

	Fiscal 2008 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2009 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2010 Requested Level	Fiscal 2010 Requested level less 5%	Fiscal 2010 Draft Recommendations
14.0 Town Clerk					
14.1 Salary	26,784	27,453	27,453	27,453	
14.2 Clerical	5,978	6,750	7,039	6,780	
14.3 Expenses	978	1,000	711	500	
14.4 Town Publications	-	100	100	-	
<b>Total Town Clerk</b>	<b>33,740</b>	<b>35,303</b>	<b>35,303</b>	<b>34,733</b>	
15.0 Town Report	3,398	3,500	3,500	3,325	
16.0 Treasurer					
16.1 Salary	30,438	31,199	31,199	31,199	
16.2 Clerical	7,435	7,663	7,699	7,699	
16.3 Expenses	896	900	900	900	
16.4 Certifying Notes	95	100	100	100	
16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	15,876	10,000 *	- *	- *	
16.6 Tax Title Expense	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
16.7 Payroll Service	5,498	6,000	6,000	6,000	
16.8 Bank Service Charges	-	100	100	100	
16.9 Tax Title Admin.					
<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<b>61,238</b>	<b>56,962</b>	<b>46,998</b>	<b>46,998</b>	
* Includes \$7,500 normally paid via transfers					
17.0 Veterans' Benefits	9,500	11,000	15,000	15,000	
18.0 Greater Springfield Senior Services	337	467	350	350	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>655,407</b>	<b>763,121</b>	<b>761,896</b>	<b>756,027</b>	

	Fiscal 2008 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2009 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2010 Requested Level	Fiscal 2010 Requested level less 5%	Fiscal 2010 Draft Recommendations
<b>GENERAL TOWN SERVICES</b>					
20.0 Academy Hall Maintenance	1,440	2,500	2,500	2,375	
21.0 Cemetery Commission					
21.1 Clerical	674	691	2,500	2,500	
21.2 Expenses	67	100	100	100	
21.3 Maintenance	4,136	9,769	12,000	12,000	
<b>Total Cemetery Commission</b>	<b>4,877</b>	<b>10,560</b>	<b>14,600</b>	<b>14,600</b>	
22.0 Conservation Commission					
22.1 Clerical	4,271	6,710	6,958	6,958	
22.2 Expenses	191	400	400	400	
<b>Total Conservation Commission</b>	<b>4,462</b>	<b>7,110</b>	<b>7,358</b>	<b>7,358</b>	
23.0 Transfer Station					
23.1 Operation		-	-	-	
23.2 Monitoring/Testing	18,864	19,900	19,900	19,900	
<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<b>18,864</b>	<b>19,900</b>	<b>19,900</b>	<b>19,900</b>	
24.0 School Buildings Repairs	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
26.0 Library					
26.1 Salaries					
26.2 Expenses					
26.3 Books and Periodicals					
<b>Total Library</b>	<b>76,862</b>	<b>80,318 *</b>	<b>81,351 *</b>	<b>76,302 *</b>	
* Includes salaries of \$65,474					
27.0 Town Events	708	800	800	800	

	Fiscal 2008 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2009 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2010 Requested Level	Fiscal 2010 Requested level less 5%	Fiscal 2010 Draft Recommendations
<b>29.0 Office Equipment</b>					
29.1 Acquisition	2,116	2,500	2,500	2,375	
29.2 Maintenance	5,171	7,000	7,000	7,000	
29.3 Supplies	2,788	3,000	3,000	3,000	
29.4 Postage	10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000	
<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>20,075</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>27,500</b>	<b>27,375</b>	
<b>30.0 Parks and Recreation</b>					
30.1 Salaries	4,854	5,253 *	5,402 *	5,402 *	
30.2 Operating Expenses	4,082	11,103 *	6,848 *	3,488 *	
30.3 Capital Improvements	2,600				
30.4 Baseball					
30.5 Softball					
30.6 Girls Soccer					
30.7 Boys Soccer					
30.8 Basketball					
30.9 Director's Salary					
30.9 Spray park			7,615	6,648	
<b>Total Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>11,536</b>	<b>16,356</b>	<b>19,865</b>	<b>15,538</b>	
* Park & Rec has been asked to meet w Advisory regarding spray park and other					
<b>32.0 Town House Maintenance</b>					
32.1 Custodial	16,460	17,000	19,000	19,000	
32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	9,040	8,500	8,500	8,500	
32.3 Heat and Utilities	42,509	42,000	42,000	42,000	
<b>Total Town House Maintenance</b>	<b>68,009</b>	<b>67,500</b>	<b>69,500</b>	<b>69,500</b>	

	Fiscal 2008 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2009 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2010 Requested Level	Fiscal 2010 Requested level less 5%	Fiscal 2010 Draft Recommendations
34.0	Ambulance				
35.0	Gasoline	39,643	55,000	55,000	55,000
36.0	Street Lighting	12,413	19,100	19,100	19,100
37.0	Council on Aging				
	37.1 Director's Salary	28,952	32,929	33,929	29,271
	37.2 Clerk	7,716	9,692	9,644	9,644
	37.3 Expenses	995	1,000	1,000	1,000
	37.4 Temporary Help		-	-	-
	37.5 Outreach Coordinator	1,215	2,500	2,350	2,300
	<b>Total Council on Aging</b>	<b>38,878</b>	<b>46,121</b>	<b>46,923</b>	<b>42,215</b>
38.0	Senior Center				
	38.1 Custodial	7,179	8,288	8,496	8,288
	38.2 Utilities	13,500	13,500	13,500	13,500
	38.3 Building Maintenance	5,446	8,500	8,500	8,500
	38.4 Grounds Maintenance				
	<b>Total Senior Center</b>	<b>26,125</b>	<b>30,288</b>	<b>30,496</b>	<b>30,288</b>
39.0	Historical Commission	-	250	250	250
<b>Total General Town Services</b>		<b>328,892</b>	<b>383,303</b>	<b>400,143</b>	<b>385,601</b>

	Fiscal 2008 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2009 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2010 Requested Level	Fiscal 2010 Requested level less 5%	Fiscal 2010 Draft Recommendations
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>					
40.0	Superintendent's Salary	65,454	67,320	69,562	69,562
41.0	Tree Warden				
	41.1 Expenses	9,509	7,500	7,500	1,500
	41.2 Tree Planting				
	41.3 Insect Pest Control				
42.0	Public Grounds	31,280	23,626	24,962	24,962
43.0	Highway Maintenance	87,087	82,760	77,067	77,067
	43.1 Expenses				
	43.2 Paving				
44.0	General Highway Expense	86,505	88,675	90,790	87,449
45.0	Snow and Ice Removal	131,254	38,950	38,950	38,950
46.0	Contract Services				
	46.0 Contract Services				
	46.1 Street Sweeping	35,580	36,500	36,500	27,500
	46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning				
47.0	Other Highway Accounts				
	47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance	9,989	10,000	10,000	10,000
	47.2 Highway Engineering				
	47.3 Equipment Acquisition				
48.0	Building Expenses				
	48.1 Utilities	8,136	11,500	11,500	11,500
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>		<b>464,794</b>	<b>366,831</b>	<b>366,831</b>	<b>348,490</b>

	Fiscal 2008 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2009 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2010 Requested Level	Fiscal 2010 Requested level less 5%	Fiscal 2010 Draft Recommendations
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</b>					
<b>50.0 Animal Inspection</b>					
50.1 Salary	1,948	1,948	2,000	2,000	
50.2 Expenses	-	240	240	240	
50.3 Rabies Management					
50.4 Wildlife Control	1,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	
<b>Total Animal Inspection</b>	<b>2,948</b>	<b>4,688</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>4,740</b>	
<b>51.0 Emergency Management</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>	
<b>52.0 Dog Officer</b>					
52.1 Animal Control Account	13,851	14,500	14,500	14,500	
52.2 Dog Damage Fund	300	300	300	300	
<b>Total Dog Officer</b>	<b>14,151</b>	<b>14,800</b>	<b>14,800</b>	<b>14,800</b>	
<b>53.0 Fire Department</b>					
53.1 Fire Chief Salary	966	990	-	-	
53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	535	1,293	1,293	1,293	
53.3 Operation	25,768	26,429	26,445	26,445	
<b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>27,269</b>	<b>28,712</b>	<b>27,738</b>	<b>27,738</b>	
<b>54.0 Forest Fires</b>	<b>1,335</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>1,490</b>	
<b>55.0 Forest Fire Warden</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>56.0 Health, Board of</b>					
56.1 Salary	3,960	4,060	4,060	4,060	
56.2 Clerk Salary	18,367	19,403	20,048	20,048	
56.3 Expenses	807	1,000	1,000	950	
<b>Total Board of Health</b>	<b>23,134</b>	<b>24,463</b>	<b>25,108</b>	<b>25,058</b>	

	Fiscal 2008 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2009 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2010 Requested Level	Fiscal 2010 Requested level less 5%	Fiscal 2010 Draft Recommendations
<b>565.5 Water District</b>					
565.1 Operations	6,748	6,889	6,889	6,889	
565.2 Testing	1,226	2,900	2,900	2,900	
<b>Total Water District</b>	<b>7,974</b>	<b>9,789</b>	<b>9,789</b>	<b>9,789</b>	
<b>57.0 Police</b>					
57.1 Chief's Salary	66,835	68,840	70,906	70,906	
57.2 General Salaries	688,131	745,122	761,468	722,230	
57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	9,985	7,942	7,960	7,560	
57.4 General Expenses	44,536	49,284	48,407	45,650	
57.5 New Cruisers	29,000	30,000	24,350	24,350	
57.6 Training	31,685	19,427	9,255	5,624	
57.7 Equipment	6,828	5,276	3,000	-	
57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	61,734	63,105	64,751	64,751	
57.9 Additional Officer					
<b>58.0 Other Police Accounts</b>					
58.1 Election and Town Meetings	989	2,250	1,000	1,000	
58.2 Towing Clerk	-	200	100	50	
58.3 WMLEC	250	250	500	500	
<b>59.0 Parking Clerk</b>					
<b>Total Police</b>	<b>939,973</b>	<b>991,696</b>	<b>991,697</b>	<b>942,621</b>	
<b>TOTAL PROTECTION</b>	<b>1,018,405</b>	<b>1,078,275</b>	<b>1,081,362</b>	<b>1,032,236</b>	

	Fiscal 2008 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2009 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2010 Requested Level	Fiscal 2010 Requested level less 5%	Fiscal 2010 Draft Recommendations
<b>SCHOOLS</b>					
<b>69.0 Regional School District</b>					
69.1 Assessment	5,998,162	6,090,969	6,215,013	6,215,013	
69.2 Teacher Deferral	7,616	7,616	7,616	7,616	
<b>Total Regional School District</b>	<b>6,005,778</b>	<b>6,098,585</b>	<b>6,222,629</b>	<b>6,222,629</b>	
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<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>8,473,276</b>	<b>8,690,115</b>	<b>8,832,861</b>	<b>8,744,983</b>	
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<b>70.0 Local Government Debt</b>					
70.1 Principal					
70.2 Interest					
70.3 School Debt	48,062	46,496	44,779	44,779	
70.4 Green Meadow Bond	270,353	282,375	274,975	274,975	
70.5 Highway Truck	16,500	17,000	12,400	12,400	
70.6 Fire Truck	42,781	40,188	37,094	37,094	
70.7 Infrastructure Roads	345,835	340,000	460,000	460,000	
<b>Total Local Government Debt</b>	<b>723,531</b>	<b>726,059</b>	<b>829,248</b>	<b>829,248</b>	
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>9,196,807</b>	<b>9,416,174</b>	<b>9,662,109</b>	<b>9,574,231</b>	

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN**  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Hampden

Town of Hampden

TO:           Either of the Constables of the said Town of Hampden in said County:

Greeting:     In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, Wilbraham Road, Hampden, on Monday, April 27, 2009 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

**Article 1.     TOWN REPORTS**

To hear the Annual Town Reports of all officers of the Town and any committee whose duty it may be to report at said meeting, and act thereon, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 2.     BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums to cover same, and to raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 3.     PREVIOUS BILLS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year FY-08 or previous years, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefore, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 4.     REVOLVING FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010**

To see if the Town will vote to establish the following revolving funds, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, separate from the general fund and deposited with the Town Treasurer, for the Town departments, sources of receipts purposes of payment and in the maximum amounts, all as set forth below, or take any other action relative thereto:

**Board of Assessors:** Fees collected to defray the costs of equipment and supplies connected with public documents: \$2,500.

**Board of Health:** Fees collected for issuance of licenses, permits and inspections to defray salaries of part-time employees: \$40,000

**Building Department:** Fees collected for issuance of building permits, inspection fees, including weights and measures to defray salaries and expenses of part-time employees of the Building Department and consultants: \$50,000

**Library Trustees:** Fines collected for overdue, lost and/or damaged materials to defray the costs of repairs and supplies and to purchase books and materials: \$6,000

**Council on Aging:** Proceeds from classes, programs and other fees to defray the costs of classes, supplies and other necessary expenses: \$30,000.

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**Tax Collector:** Monies from charges collected to defray the costs of equipment and supplies connected to public documents - \$2,500.

**Fire Department:** Monies from charges collected to defray the costs of inspection materials \$5,000

**Composting Bins: Monies collected from cost of bins to purchase**

### **Article 5. ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFER STATION**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from anticipated transfer station revenues for the purpose of funding for Fiscal Year 2010 the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 6. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2010 with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

### **Article 7. CONSERVATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money 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, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 8. HIGHWAY STATE AID**

To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, the General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 9. LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID**

To see if the Town will vote that in Fiscal Year 2010, if State aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 10. ASSESSORS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Overlay Reserve Account or available funds, a sum of money to the Assessor's Stabilization Fund to meet all Department of Revenue mandated programs.

### **Article 11. DARE PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the DARE program at Thornton W. Burgess School, or take any other action relative thereto.

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### Article 12. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the School Resource Officer for FY09 at Minnechaug Regional High School, or take any other action relative thereto.

### Article 13. ZONING BYLAW - WILBRAHAM ROAD

To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to amend the existing zoning map of the Town of Hampden as follows:

By removing, the following described land, which is partially located within the Golf Recreational Zoning District, and establish the entire following described land as R-6 Residential zoning. The land is part of a larger tract owned by the Hampden Realty Partners LLC recorded in the Hampden county registry, Book 15641 Page 595.

Beginning at an iron pin on the westerly side of Wilbraham Road as the northeast corner of land of the Hampden Country Club and running thence:

N 54 14' 00" W along last named land, one hundred six and 77/100 (106.77) feet to an iron pin set, thence

N 39 52' 50" W along last named land two hundred forty six and 60/100 (246.60) feet to an iron pin set, thence

N6 10' 15" E along last named land sixty and 00/100 (60.00) feet to an iron pin set, thence

S 73 25' 52" E along land of Thomas Page four hundred twenty four and 09/100 (424.09) feet to an iron pin found on said Wilbraham Road, thence

S 41 27' 40" W along Wilbraham Road two hundred fifty four and 00/100 (254.00) feet to the iron pin at the point of beginning.

The above described parcel of land consists of approximately 1.382 acres.

### Article 14. ZONING BYLAW - HAMPDEN NURSERIES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hampden Zoning By-law and accompanying Zoning Map – Town of Hampden referred to therein to expand the Business zoned property located on the westerly side of Somers Road and the southerly side of East Longmeadow Road, said land so-called and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin found on the southerly side of East Longmeadow Road at the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Robert Newton, the same being the northwesterly corner of the parcel being described and running; thence N89°-49'-31"E along the southerly line of East Longmeadow Road a distance of 110.23' to land now or formerly of Peter Bourbeau; thence running S03°-57'-11"W along land of Peter Bourbeau a distance of 200.00' to a point; thence running N89°-49'-31"E along land of Peter Bourbeau a distance of 125.00' to a point; thence running N03°-57'-11"E along land of Peter Bourbeau a distance of 200.00 feet to a point on the southerly line of East Longmeadow Road; thence running N89°-49'-31"E along the southerly line of East Longmeadow Road a distance of 108 feet more or less to a point, said point being the end of the current Business zone line as shown on Town of Hampden Zoning

Map; thence running southerly along said zone line in land of Hampden Farms LLC a distance of 150 feet to a point; thence running N89°-49'-31"E along said zone line in land of Hampden Farms LLC on a line parallel to and 150' southerly of East Longmeadow Road a distance of 500 feet more or less to a point; thence running S03°-26'-55"W along said zone line in land of Hampden Farms LLC on a line parallel and 100 feet westerly of Somers Road a distance of 135' more or less to a point; thence running N87°-57'-48"W along land of Michael J. Sicbaldi, LLP a distance of 163' more or less to a point; thence running S02°-02'-12"W along land of Michael J. Sicbaldi, LLP a distance of 14.00' to a point; thence running N87°-57'-48"W along land of Michael J. Sicbaldi, LLP a distance of 120.00' to a point; thence running N02°-02'-12"E along land of Michael J. Sicbaldi, LLP a distance of 14.00' to a point; thence running N87°-57'-48"W along land of Michael J. Sicbaldi, LLP a distance of 63.00' to a point; thence running S03°-17'-09"W along land of Michael J. Sicbaldi, LLP a distance of 349.46' to a point; thence running N89°-23'-11"W along lands now or formerly of Barnes, Kern, Thibeault, Kelly and Jenkins a distance of 514.87' to an iron pin; thence running N04°-08'-03"E along lands now or formerly of Echlin, Viens, Specht and Newton a distance of 614.46' to a point at the place of beginning.

Being a portion of land described in a deed from Hampden Nurseries, Inc. to Hampden Farms, LLC dated December 31, 2008 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17595, Page 220; containing approximately 7 acres of land shown on a plan by Smith Associates Surveyors, Inc. dated January 1998 showing the proposed business zone expansion, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 15. GENERAL BYLAW – SCENIC BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town General Bylaws by adding the following chapter XVI-Scenic Roads, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Scenic Roads**

Under authority of M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 15C – Scenic Roads, this bylaw establishes the procedure which must be followed if substantial trimming, cutting down or removal of trees, or tearing down or deconstruction of stone walls, or portions thereof, is proposed in conjunction with any repair, maintenance, construction, reconstruction, driveway installation or paving work on roads so designated. Work on roads involving the substantial trimming, cutting down, or removal of trees requires the approval of both the Planning Board and the Tree Warden.

Individual property rights in the cutting, trimming or removal of trees on private land will in no way be violated.

**1.1 Purpose**

The purpose of the Scenic Roads Bylaw is to preserve the qualities and character of certain public ways by insuring that:

- 1.21 a public process is provided for achieving balance between the preservation of rural character and beauty, public safety and road maintenance
- 1.22 ways will be recommended for designation as scenic roads in accordance with stated criteria;
- 1.23 scenic roads will not be altered except after compliance with stated procedures;
- 1.24 scenic roads will not be altered by the decision of any person, organization, or agency other than the Hampden Planning Board; and

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1.25 public shade trees will not be cut, removed, or damaged except after compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 87, and this bylaw.

### 1.2 Definitions

In the absence of contrary meaning established through legislative or judicial action pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 15C or M.G.L. Chapter 87, the following terms contained in this statute shall be defined as follows:

- 1.21 "Cutting or removal of trees" shall mean the removal of one or more trees, trimming of major branches or cutting of roots.
- 1.22 "Repair, maintenance, reconstruction, or paving work" shall mean any work done within the right-of-way by any person or agency, public or private. Within this definition is any work on any portion of the right-of-way which was not physically commenced at the time the road was designated as a scenic road. Construction of new driveways or alteration of existing ones is also included insofar as it takes place within the right-of-way.
- 1.23 "Road" shall mean a right-of-way of any way used or maintained as a public way including necessary appurtenances within the right-of-way such as bridges, drainage systems, retaining walls, traffic control devices, and sidewalks, but not intersecting streets or driveways. When the boundary of the right-of-way is an issue so that a dispute arises as to whether or not certain trees or stone walls or portions thereof are within or without the way, the trees or stone walls shall be presumed to be within the way until the contrary is shown.
- 1.24 "Tearing down or destruction of stone walls" shall mean the destruction of more than twelve (12) linear feet of stone wall involving more than one (1)cubic foot of wall material per linear foot above existing grade but shall not be construed to include temporary removal and replacement at the same location with the same materials.
- 1.25 "Trees" shall include a tree whose trunk has a diameter of five (5) inches or more as measured one (1) foot above the ground.

### 1.3 Designation of Scenic Roads

- 1.31 Procedures  
Scenic Roads shall be designated by majority vote of Town Meeting. Ways may be recommended by the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, or Historical Commission for designation as a scenic road upon a finding that the way meets one of the following criteria and has been determined by the Hampden Planning Board to be reasonably safe in its present condition for vehicular travel.
- 1.32 Criteria  
In determining which ways should be designated as scenic roads, the following criteria shall be considered:
  - 1.321 ways bordered by trees of large size or quality, or unusual or distinctive variety;
  - 1.322 ways bordered by stone walls;
  - 1.323 ways bordered by any natural or man-made features of aesthetic value to the community;

- 1.324 ways providing scenic views of water, open fields, woodlands, orchards or mountains
- 1.325 ways bordered by historic or archeological structures or sites of significance to the community;
- 1.326 ways for which alteration is being planned or is likely to be planned; and
- 1.327 ways for which any alteration would significantly degrade the aesthetic value of the natural or man-made features bordering them.

#### **1.4 Notification of Designation as Scenic Roads**

The Planning Board shall, within thirty (30) days of the designation of a scenic road:

- 1.41 notify all municipal departments and ask that they indicate on their maps such designation
- 1.42 notify the State Department of Public Works
- 1.43 publish in a newspaper of local circulation an informal article or notice describing the designation
- 1.44 notify all utility companies which are likely to be working on the border of such roads

#### **1.5 Planning Board Regulations**

The Hampden Planning Board may adopt more detailed regulations regarding implementation of scenic roads designations.

#### **1.6 Effect of Scenic Road Designation**

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 15C, no road repair, maintenance, reconstruction, construction, driveway installation, or paving pertaining to a designated Scenic Road shall involve or include the cutting or removal of trees, or the tearing down or deconstruction of stone walls, or portions thereof, except in accordance with the following:

- 1.61 Any person, organization, utility company or municipal agency seeking the written consent of the Planning Board, regarding the cutting, trimming or removal of trees or the tearing down or deconstruction of stone walls, or portions thereof, on a Scenic Road shall file a request with the Planning Board, together with the following:
  - 1.611 the text of a legal notice identifying the location of the proposed action in terms enabling readers to locate it with reasonable ease on the ground without need for additional plans or references, and describing in reasonable detail the proposed changes to trees and stone walls;
  - 1.612 a statement of the purpose, or purposes, for the changes proposed;
  - 1.613 a list of owners of properties located in whole or in part within three hundred (300) feet of the proposed action;
  - 1.614 except in the case of town agencies, a deposit sufficient to cover the cost of advertising and notification; and
  - 1.615 any further explanatory material useful to inform the Planning Board

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### 1.62 Notice

The Planning Board shall, as required by statute, give notice of its public hearing by advertising twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area. This notice shall contain a statement as to the time, date, place and purpose of the hearing with a description of the action proposed by the applicant. Copies of this notice shall be sent to the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Tree Warden, the Highway Department, and the owners of property within three hundred (300) feet of the proposed action.

### 1.63 Timing of Notice

The first publication of the notice after the Planning Board receives the request from the applicant, shall be at least fourteen (14) days before the hearing. The last publication shall occur, as required by statute, at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing.

### 1.64 Timing of Hearing

The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing within thirty (30) days of the Planning Board meeting at which a properly filed request is received. The date and time of the public hearing shall be set outside of normal work hours (8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M., Monday-Friday).

### 1.65 Timing of Decision

The Planning Board shall make a decision on the request within twenty-one (21) days after the public hearing.

### 1.66 Basis of Decision

The Planning Board's decision of any application for proposed action affecting designated Scenic Roads shall be based on consideration of the following:

- 1.661 preservation of natural resources
- 1.662 environmental values
- 1.663 historical resources
- 1.664 scenic characteristics
- 1.665 public safety
- 1.666 compensatory actions proposed, such as replacement of trees or stone walls
- 1.667 other reasonable planning considerations

This provision shall apply to the cutting or removal of trees, or the tearing down or deconstruction of stone walls, or portions thereof for all purposes including, but not limited to, installation of a driveway, and widening the paved portion of a way.

## 1.7 **Enforcement and Penalties**

The Planning Board shall have authority to enforce this bylaw and its regulations by violation notices, administrative orders and civil and criminal court actions. The Board may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D. The fine for any violation disposed of through this procedure shall be two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for each offense. For purposes of the non-criminal disposition, any member duly authorized by a majority

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of the members of the Planning Board, the Building Inspector, and Police Officers shall all be enforcing persons.

### **Article 16. GENERAL BYLAW – SCENIC ROADS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town General Bylaws by adding the following section to Chapter XVI: Chapter XVI (1.8) Designated Scenic Roads in the Town of Hampden

#### **1.8 Designated Scenic Roads in the Town of Hampden**

Ames Road

Bennett Road

Burleigh Road

Chapin Road

East Longmeadow Road

Glendale Road

Hollow Road

Main Street

Mill Road

Mountain Road

Woodland Park (consisting of Edward Street, Sessions Drive, Crestwood Lane, Baldwin Drive, Charles Street, Woodland Drive, Ridgeway Road, Rose Circle, Brookside Drive, Mountainview Drive)

North Road

Riverside Drive

Rock-a-Dundee Road

Scantic Road

Somers Road

South Road

Stafford Road

Stony Hill Road

Wilbraham Road

### **Article 17. ROAD HAZARDS**

To see if the town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town to require that;

No person shall place any object in the public roadway or within the public right of way that may interfere with the safe and convenient travel of the public or maintenance of the roads or property. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred and fifty dollars for each violation.

### **Article 18. RESERVE FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 19. STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 20. REDUCING TAX RATE**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in elections of Town Officers to meet at the Hampden Town House, 625 Main Street, Hampden, on Monday the 4th day of May, 2009 AD at seven o' clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the election officers of said Town for the following officers, to wit:

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*To choose for the term of one year the following:*

- 1 Moderator*
- 1 Constable*

*To choose for the term of two years the following:*

- 1 Cemetery Commissioner*

*To choose for the term of three years the following:*

- 1 Selectman*
- 1 School Committee member*
- 1 Assessor*
- 1 Library Trustee*
- 1 Cemetery Commissioner*
- 2 Park Commissioners*

*To choose for the term of five years the following:*

- 1 Planning Board member*
- 1 Housing Authority*

Also, to choose all other necessary Town Officers.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting and attested copy thereof at each of the five places designated by the Town. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

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Richard R. Green, Chairman

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Vincent J. Villamaino

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John D. Flynn

Board of Selectmen

I, Constable for the Town of Hampden, have on this date posted copies of the warrant for the Town Meeting to be held on April 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm in all five places as designated by the Town of Hampden.

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Constable, Town of Hampden

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Date

## INFORMATION & EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

<b>Town Government</b>	
<b>POLICE Department EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>
Business Office	566-8011
<b>FIRE Department EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>
Business Office	566-3314
Selectmen	566-2151
Highway: Dana Pixley	566-8842
Library	566-3047
Council on Aging: Becky Moriarty	566-5588
Dog Officer: Nick Dominic	781-1484
<b>Veterans' Agent: Robert Mathison, 110 Main St., Monson</b>	267-4140
Building Inspector: Lance Trevallion	566-2204
Electrical Inspector: Gary Courtney	566-2204
Plumbing Inspector: Dennis Chaffee	566-2204
Board of Health Agent: Lorri McCool	566-2152
<b>Schools</b>	
Green Meadows Elementary School, North Road	566-3263
Thornton W. Burgess School, Wilbraham Rd.	566-8950
Principal's Office: Noel Pixley	566-3931
Minnechaug Regional High School, Main St., Wilbraham	596-9011
Superintendent's Office: Dr. Paul Gagliarducci	596-3884
<b>Churches</b>	
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Allen St.: Rev. Brian MacLeod	566-5572
Federated Community Church, Main St	566-3711
Parsonage: Rev. Thomas D. Howells	566-3402
St. Mary's Church, Somers Rd.: Rev. Timothy Murphy	566-8843
<b>Utilities</b>	
Bay State Gas: Business Office	781-9200
Bay State Gas: Billing	781-9200 x 4
<b>GAS LEAK EMERGENCY</b>	<b>800-525-8222</b>
Massachusetts Electric – Customer Service & Emergency	800-322-3223
Massachusetts Electric – Power Outage Only	800-465-1212
Verizon - Residential	800-870-9999
Verizon - Repair - 24 hour	800-446-8946
Charter Communications - Cable Company	888-557-1115
<b>Hospitals</b>	
<b>AMBULANCE: AMR - 24 hour service</b>	<b>533-3362</b>
Baystate Medical Center - Springfield	794-0000
Mercy Medical Center - Springfield	748-9000
Healthsouth Rehabilitation - Ludlow	589-7581
Wing Memorial Hospital - Palmer	283-7651
<b>U.S. Post Office, Main St.</b>	<b>566-5393</b>
<b>Poison Control Center</b>	<b>800-222-1212</b>
<b>Department of Social Services</b>	<b>205-0500</b>