

# ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



HAMPDEN  
MASSACHUSETTS  
2013

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Senior Center Executive Director

## IN MEMORIAM



John M. Flynn  
Selectman  
Planning Board  
Community Preservation Commission  
Minnechaug Building Committee  
Representative for Massachusetts Municipal  
Wholesale Electric Company  
Friend to Hampden

Laurie Ryder  
Civilian Dispatcher, Police Department

Pauline Booth  
Friend of the Seniors  
Poet for the Scribe

Kenneth Johnson  
Superintendent of Hampden Public Schools

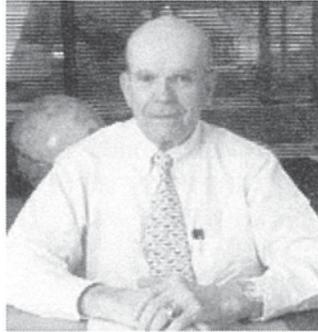
Stephen Hapgood  
Hampden Wilbraham Regional School District Custodian

William Meuse  
Local Historian





## John M. Flynn



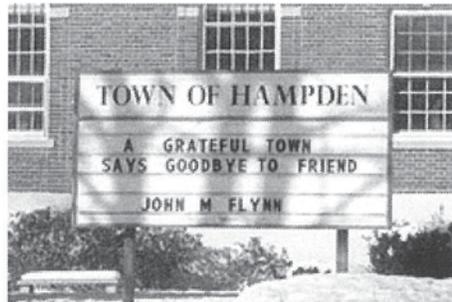
1933-2012

During our lifetimes we have all been witnesses to change in our world, from Kitty Hawk to the moon, from the first telephone to the I-Phone and the horseless carriage to the modern day automobile. While we have been witnesses to all of this, there have been those who were and are the Agents of Change. Those special few that made it all happen. John M. Flynn was an Agent of Change. A devoted public servant to our community for six decades, John was an integral part of so many major projects that benefited Hampden. This is only a small sample: Construction of the new Firehouse, the moving of Hampden to the Palmer District Court, the vote to form our first former Police Department, land acquisition and the beginning of Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, the construction of the first Minnechaug Regional High School, major renovations to Hampden Town Hall, the formation of The Council on Aging, the conversion of the Sanitary Landfill to a Transfer Station, installation of the town's first public water supply and the construction of the new Minnechaug Regional High School. It is to be noted that many of the projects took years to complete and some were 20 years apart, but John saw each of them through to completion. John was a Selectman for 33 years and served with 12 different people, including our only two women Selectman.

John did all of this while running his second generation family business and taking it from it's humble beginnings to the world wide leader in educational training equipment with over 100 employees. Funny how it always seemed there was a place for someone from Hampden in need of a job.

The world always seems so busy with never enough time, but somehow John and his wonderful wife Sheila managed to raise eight terrific kids up on North Road. All of the young Flynn's have excellent educations and have each experienced success and happiness because of the path John and Sheila set them on.

John M. Flynn was an accomplished public servant, successful businessman and a good father to his children, but there was one thing he succeeded at above all else. He was a great friend. He was always there with a word of encouragement, a guiding thought, or just his warm Irish smile. While he touched some more deeply than others, he was always there for all of us. Pam Courtney said it best with the posting on our town bulletin board.



All I know is that I miss my friend. It is best to close with one of John M. Flynn's favorites....."Keep the faith."

A friend



IN RECOGNITION



Tom Balse  
Transfer Station Operator

Scott R. Chapman  
Hampden Wilbraham Regional School Committee

Gerald Doten  
Deputy Election Warden

Patricia Ehlers  
Hampden Cultural Council

Christine Evans  
Hampden Housing Authority Director

John M. Flynn  
Selectman 33 years  
Community Preservation Commission  
Minnechaug Building Committee  
Representative for Massachusetts Municipal  
Wholesale Electric Company  
Planning Board

Paul C. Gagliarducci, Ed.D.  
Hampden Wilbraham Regional School District Superintendent  
(Belated)

John Karalekas  
Hampden Cultural Council

Lesley Mullaney  
Senior Center Activities Coordinator

Jacqueline Weissbach  
Hampden Housing Authority  
(Belated)

Bob White  
Park and Recreation Commissioner

## INFORMATION AND BUSINESS HOURS

**POPULATION OF HAMPDEN**

**Federal Census** 1/1/01 5,189  
**State Census** 1/1/85 4,762  
**Town Census** 1/1/10 5,139

**GEOGRAPHIC AREA**

**19.64 square miles**

**COUNTY**

**Hampden County**

**TAX RATE**

**\$16.87 for Fiscal 2011**

**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  
2208 Rayburn House Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20515  
Phone: 202-225-5601

**OR**

**U.S SENATORS**

John F. Kerry  
U.S. Senate  
218 Russell Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510  
Phone: 202-224-4543

District Office  
Federal Building  
300 State St. Suite 200  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Phone: 413-785-0325

**OR**

1550 State Street, Suite 304  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Phone: 413-785-4610

**STATE SENATOR**

Gale Candaras, Hampden District  
State House, Room 213B  
Boston, MA 02133  
Phone: 617-722-1291

**OR**

Scott P. Brown  
U.S. Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Bldg.  
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 540  
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–Richard Patullo**

Office Hours: Tues-Thurs, 10am-2pm  
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: Mon & Wed, 9am-2:00pm  
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 106

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Office Hours: Mon 10-1, Wed 10-1  
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 110

**PLANNING BOARD**

Office Hours: M-Thurs 9am-1pm  
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 109

**WATER COMMISSION COMMITTEE**

Meet first Thursday of month

**HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM**

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

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Phone: 566-2151 ext. 111

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9:00am  
3:00pm  
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, 10-5 pm, Wednesday,  
10 am - 5 pm  
Thursday, 1-8 pm, Saturday,  
10 am – 2 pm

**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 AND RECREATION**

Office Hours: M-Thurs. 9-1:00pm

Call 566-2151 ext. 108

**VETERAN'S SERVICES- John Comerford**

Municipal Offices of Town

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**

## 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	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 10 am**
<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 9:00 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:hampous@verizon.net">hampous@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 7:30
<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	
<a href="mailto:townclerk@hampden.org">townclerk@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 103	
<a href="mailto:htc@hampden.org">htc@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 104	Tax Collector

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

Historical Commission

Library Trustees

Memorial Park

HWRSD School Committee

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

\*or as necessary during budget process

\*\*or by appointment

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Sat 8 am

April 1 – October 31

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7 pm

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS – 2012

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

Vincent J. Villamaino, Chair 2013  
 John D. Flynn, BOH Chair 2014  
 Norman Charest 2015

Administrative Assistant to  
 Board of Selectmen  
 Pamela Courtney

Coordinator for Board of Health  
 Jane Budynkiewicz

### MODERATOR

Robert L. Howarth 2012

### TOWN CLERK

Eva Wiseman 2013

### TOWN TREASURER

Richard Patullo 2013

### COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Eva Wiseman 2013

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Robert C. Makuch 2014  
 Stanley Witkop 2013  
 Norman F. Charest 2015

Assistant Assessor  
 Dawn Barnes

### HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGION SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Lisa Morace 2014  
 Lena Buteau 2015

### TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN LIBRARY

Kathleen Hutchison 2013  
 Beth E. Burger 2014  
 Kirsten H. Lipkens 2015

### HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

George Stone, Vice Chair 2015  
 Kathleen Flynn 2016  
 Patricia Clark 2013  
 Lucretia Hembt 2014  
 Raymond M. Crowley 2012  
 State Appointed

### CONSTABLES

George K. Stone, Jr. 2013  
 Arthur A. Booth, Jr. 2013  
 Charles Wood 2013

### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Richard Hatch, Chairman 2013  
 Edward L. Loiko 2014  
 John T. Wilkinson 2015

### PLANNING BOARD

Cornelius Flynn, Chair 2014  
 Robert L. Howarth 2013  
 Joseph A. (Charlie) Dolben 2016  
 John L. Matthews III 2012  
 James Quackenbush 2015

Judith M. Jackson, Assoc.

### PARK COMMISSIONERS

Martin S. McQuade 2015  
 Richard Joseph 2015  
 Michael G. Cronin 2014  
 Jay S. Ray 2013  
 Frederick P. Frangie 2014

Cindi Connors, Clerk

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2012

### TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Clifford Bombard  
Judy Mikkola, Asst. to Accountant

### DOG OFFICER

Shelley Sears

### FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Michael Gorski

### INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Shelley Sears

### SUPT OF INSECT/PEST CONTROL

Dana Pixley

### BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Lorri McCool

### VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Arthur A. Booth

### VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER

John Comerford

### SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Dana Pixley

### TREE WARDEN

Dana Pixley

### FENCE VIEWERS

John H. Field, Resigned  
William H. Patric

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

Lance Trevallion

### ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Gary Courtney

### PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Dennis Chaffee, Sr.  
Bernie Sears, Alt.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Doug Boyd, Co-Chair  
Carol Fitzgerald, Co-Chair  
Jeff Smith  
Jamie Collins  
Rick Rubin

### BOARD OF APPEALS

M. Chris Cesan, Chair  
Kenneth E. Lefebvre  
L. Jed Berliner  
Richard E. Patullo  
Cheryl Cudnik  
Duane Mosier  
Mark R. Barba, Alternate  
David R. Scott, Alternate  
Judith M. Jackson, Clerk

### CULTURAL COUNCIL

Elizabeth Howarth, Chair  
Catherine Mahoney  
Patricia Pomeroy  
Mindy Meeker  
Diane Mackie  
Barbara Bennett  
Pamela Courtney

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2012

### TOWN COUNSEL

David J. Martel, Esq.

### RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

John Matthews  
Richard Patullo  
Bonnie Geromini

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Phil Grant  
Bonnie Geromini  
Judy McKinley Brewer  
Norma Buckley, Clerk

### COUNCIL ON AGING

Rita Vail, Chair  
Deanna Vermette, Secretary  
Brian MacLeod  
Patricia Clark  
Karen Leger  
Ray Crowley, Vice Chair  
Marq Culhane  
Joyce Turgeon

### COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Rebecca Moriarty, Executive Director  
John J. Shay, Hampden Rep  
to GSSSI  
Deanna Vermette, Area Agency on  
Agency Advisory Board

Michael Framarin, Water Operator

### PARKING CLERK

Eva Wiseman

### BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER

Ed Hatch	2015
George Bouchard	2014
Richard Jalbert	2013

Michael Framarin, Oper.

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Connie Witt, Chair  
M. Chris Cesan  
Sally Bryce

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Dana Pixley, Superintendent  
Robert Richards  
John Ouellette  
Lauren Comstock  
Matthew Frederick

### BOARD OF REGISTRAR

Arthur A. Booth, Jr.  
Richard Patullo  
Janet M. Redin  
Eva Wiseman, Clerk

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2012

### COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

#### COMMITTEE

Doug Boyd  
John M. Flynn  
Beth DeSousa  
Cornelius Flynn, Planning Board Rep.  
Phillip Grant, Conservation Comm. Rep.  
George Stone, Hampden Housing Authority Rep.  
Connie Witt, Historical Comm. Rep.  
Jay Ray, Park & Recreation Rep.

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

### ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Sheila Slate

### ASSISTANT TREASURER

Judy Mikkola

### PVPC COMMISSIONER

Robert Howarth

### PVTA REPRESENTATIVE

Edward L. Loiko

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2012

### POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF

Jeff Farnsworth

### SERGEANTS

Joseph Henry  
William Joy, Jr.  
Michael Cooney

### POLICE OFFICERS

Scott Trombly  
Todd Ely  
Tawrin Seega  
Brett Purchas (resigned 10/12)  
Jason B. Roath  
William E. Jacques

### RESERVE OFFICERS

Robert Robinson  
Christopher Eck (resigned 10/12)  
Mark Galarneau  
David Goodrich  
Michael Lynch  
Michael Meaney  
James R. D'Amour  
John O'Brien  
Daniel C. Martin  
John R. Wagner  
Michelle Turner (appointed 2/12)  
Benjamin W. Tucker (appointed 9/12)

### DISPATCHERS (full time)

Radcliffe Kenison  
Laurie Ryder  
Philip Lord  
Julie Zimmerman

### DISPATCHERS (part time)

Robert Lauer (full time 9/12)  
Kelsey L. Green (7/12)  
Lori A. Hebert (7/12)  
Kristie A. Merrigan (8/12)  
Nathan Dentzau (resigned 7/12)

### POLICE MATRON

Laurie Ryder  
Julie Zimmerman  
Tracey A. Goff (7/12)  
Lori A. Hebert

### SECRETARY POLICE DEPT.

Kathy Zanetti

**HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**APPOINTED 2012**

**Officers**

Michael Gorski, Chief  
David Markham, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Chief  
Charles Beaver, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Chief  
Edward Poulin, 1<sup>st</sup> Captain  
Scott Rumpalik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Captain  
Patrick Farrow, Lieutenant  
Bryan Markham, Lieutenant

**Fire Fighters**

Mark Barba  
Timothy Evans  
Michael Hatch  
Peter Hatch  
Harold House  
Richard Kelly  
Joy Leblanc  
Jason McCarthy  
John Moriarty  
Andrew Netherwood  
Sharon Paquette  
Evan Rugani  
Andrea Sample  
Matthew Sterling

**Provisional Fire Fighters**

Joseph Romito-Carey  
Michael Fedora  
Eamonn Hall  
Trevor Howell  
Derrick Merrill  
Nick Sanderson  
Anthony Traniello

# TOWN OF HAMPDEN PERMIT FEES

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2013

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

### COMMERCIAL

Commercial/Industrial Building/Structure- New .....	(Min. \$250.00)	\$6.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost
Commercial Alterations/Renovations .....		\$6.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost
Commercial Windows/ Siding/ Roofing/ Insulation.....		\$100.00 each
Commercial Mechanical Permits.....		\$100.00 each

### RESIDENTIAL

New House /Additions .....	(Min. \$150.00)..	\$6.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost
Basements/ Decks/ Garage.....	(Min. \$150.00)...	\$6.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost
Alterations/Renovations .....	(Min. \$150.00)...	\$6.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost
Accessory Buildings under 170 sq. ft. ....		\$50.00
Accessory Buildings over 170 sq. ft.....	(Min. \$100.00)...	\$6.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost
Windows/ Siding/ Roofing/Ductwork / Insulation.....		\$50 each
Swimming Pool Above Ground.....		\$50
Swimming Pools In Ground.....		\$100
Solid Fuel Stoves/Chimneys.....		\$50
Temporary Cert. of Occupancy- New Residence .....		\$50 per month
Sign .....		\$50
Demolition.....		\$100 per floor
Solar System Installation.....		\$100.00

\***Cost of construction** to keep fees equitable for all projects, permit fees will be based on \$6.00 per \$1000.00 of the contract amount – or by using the following for value of construction as a minimum:

#### Residential new construction:

Living space		\$100.00 per square foot
Basement/Garages/ Decks/Sheds		\$40.00 per square foot
Conversion of unfinished space to living space	\$60.00 per square foot	
Commercial new construction		\$125.00 per square foot
Commercial Accessory buildings		\$60.00 per square foot

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

Commercial/Industrial Building New, 3 inspections .....	\$200
Commercial Alterations/ Additions .....	\$60 per inspection
New House, 3 inspections .....	\$150
Residential Alterations/Additions, 2 inspections.....	\$100
Change of Service/Temp Service, 1 inspection .....	\$50
In ground Swimming Pool, 2 inspections .....	\$100
Above ground Swimming Pool, 1 inspection.....	\$50
Appliances, 1 inspection.....	\$50
Generator.....	\$50 per inspection

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

Commercial/Industrial Building New, 3 inspection .....	\$200
Commercial Additions/ Renovations.....	\$60 per inspection
New House, 3 inspections .....	\$150
Additions/ Renovations, 2 inspections.....	\$100
Hot Water Heater Gas or Electric, 1 inspection .....	\$50

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

All gas permits, per inspection .....	\$50
Generator 2 inspections.....	\$100

Any additional inspections required by any inspector will be \$50 per inspection for residential and \$60 for commercial.

**FEES FOR PERMITS AFTER THE FACT ARE DOUBLED**

# TOWN OF HAMPDEN PERMIT FEES

(FEES FOR PERMITS AFTER THE FACT ARE DOUBLED)

REVISED April 1, 2013

## Fire Permits – Michael Gorski - 566-3314

Smoke Detector Inspection (New House) .....	\$60
Smoke Detector Inspector (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
Mobil fuel oil delivery vehicle .....	\$60
Underground storage tank installation (Fire Chief) .....	\$60
Multiple Unit Housing Inspection.....	\$60
Underground storage tank removal (Fire Chief) .....	\$90
Storage Tank Removal.....	\$60
Fire Report .....	\$5

## 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.....	\$25 per category per year
Common Victualler. ....	\$20
Used Car License .....	\$100

## Board of Health- 566-2151 ext 102

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
- includes one revision (new or repair/replace any part of system)	
Each additional revision .....	\$50
Outdoor Wood-fired Boilers / Stoves.....	\$50

# **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**, *discard plastic caps and lids*
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- *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 2012:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Young</u>
Cattle: (Adult= 2 years + over)		
Dairy	0	0
Beef	25	16
Steers/Oxen	0	0
Goats (Adult= 1 year + over)	40	16
Sheep (Adult= 1 year + over)	14	8
Swine		
Breeders	0	0
Feeders	0	4
Llamas/Alpacas	12	0
Equines: Horse/Ponies	121	1
Donkeys/Mules	3	0
Poultry: Chickens	330	
Turkey	0	
Waterfowl	10	
Gamebirds	0	
Rabbits	6	

There were seven cats and one dog quarantined due to wounds of unknown origin; one dog quarantined due to a fight with a coyote and one horse quarantined due to a bite from a rabid skunk. One horse, one cat and seven dogs were quarantined due to biting humans. There was one dog to dog attack and one cat to cat attack which was quarantined.

Respectfully submitted:

Shelley Sears  
Animal Inspector

## BOARD OF APPEALS

Cases applied for and heard in 2012 included the following:

- 2012 – 1            A request to allow earth removal in preparation to construct 3 additional homes was granted as a special permit with conditions.
- 2012 – 2            An appeal of a decision made by the Building Commissioner to deny an existing home occupation was heard whereby with certain conditions adhered to, the applicant was granted permission to run a commercial based business as a home occupation.

Due to Governor Deval Patric signing an amendment to the Permit Extension Act, enacted in 2010, the following three cases were automatically extended.

- 2012 – 3            Renewal of a special permit to remove excess material for agricultural improvement in a residential district as granted in Case 2011- 1 was extended automatically to 2013.
- 2012 – 4            Earth removal Case 2011 – 2 was automatically doubled for a startup date.
- 2012 – 5            Case 2012 -1 was automatically granted an extra year to start work removing gravel from 2 acres of land.

Found in sections 74 and 75 of H. 4352, An Act Relative to Infrastructure Investment, Enhanced Competitiveness and Economic Growth in the Commonwealth, this legislation is seen as providing relief to owners and developers who have been unable to proceed with projects due to the slow pace of economic recovery and lack of available financing.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Jed Berliner, Chair  
M. Chris Cesan, Vice Chair  
Richard E. Patullo  
Cheryl M. Cudnik  
Kenneth E. Lefebvre

Alternates:  
Mark R. Barba  
Duane E. Mosier

Clerk:  
Judith M. Jackson

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
TOWN OF HAMPDEN**

625 Main Street  
Hampden, MA 01036

Robert Makuch, Chairman

Norman Charest, Assessor  
Stanley Witkop, Assessor



Dawn Barnes, Assistant  
Assessor

Phone: (413) 566-2151 ext.106  
Fax: (413) 566-2010

**Annual Town Report 2012**

The Board of Assessors would take this opportunity to congratulate Norman Charest on being re-elected to his third term as an assessor. Norm brings his experience, communication skills, work ethic and can-do approach back to the Board. He has been and will continue to be an asset to this community.

With an increase in state-mandated requirements, the Board of Assessors has hired a new Assessors' Clerk, Maryann Wilkinson. She brings a fine resume of prior work experience in the insurance field to the office and is looked upon as a great addition. With Maryann joining the office staff, it allows an increase in open hours to the public.

The Board of Assessors completed an interim market adjustment of properties in 2012; a compliance issue within the Department of Revenue guidelines. Many properties reflected reductions in value based on market trends. The town as a whole showed an \$8 million reduction in value. Assessors will continue to review sale values to ensure fair assessments.

The Selectmen for the Town of Hampden adopted a single tax rate for the coming year as they have in the past. That relates to all categories of property being taxed at \$17.45 per thousand for 2013.

The GIS mapping project, started in 2011 has been completed and on-line as of Jan. 2013. The public has the ability to view property card data as well as assessor maps on the town web-site.

Plans for 2013 include enhancement of the GIS mapping system, continuation of internal data review processes, and working with the other departments relative to long-term financial planning.

The Board would like to thank all town officials and townhouse staff members who assist this office throughout the year.

Robert Makuch, Chairman  
Stanley Witkop, Assessor  
Norman Charest, Assessor  
Dawn Barnes, Assistant Assessor  
Maryann Wilkinson, Assessors Clerk

## BOARD OF HEALTH

	2010*	2011*	2012*
Annual Flu Clinic	121	0	100
Pneumonia	0	0	0
H1N1 Clinic	0	0	0
Annual Rabies Clinic	50	50	50
Percolation Tests	30	37	38
Septic Systems – Installed/Repaired	30	41	42
Well Permits	4	4	7
Septic Haulers Permits Issued	4	10	10
Disposal Works Installers Licenses Issued	15	35	35
Food Service Establishment Permits Issued	28	30	29
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1	1
Health / Nuisance Complaints	6	14	12
No. of gallons of Hazardous Household Waste Collected	300	405	408

\*(Numbers based on calendar year)

The Transfer Station is being used by approximately 680 households. This past year 266 tons of solid waste and 166 tons of recyclable materials were processed. The Recycling Center is open the same hours as the Transfer Station in order to make it more convenient for all town residents to recycle.

The Town held Bulk Removal Days in April and October. Many residents took advantage of this service. Items were processed including: TV's, computer components and stereo equipment. Also taken in were: white good items (some containing CFC's) such as refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, stoves and dehumidifiers. Other recycled items were: car/lawn tractor batteries, metal furniture, lawn/garden tools, lawnmowers and car parts. In speaking with the residents who participated: "they were very pleased to have this service and asked to have it offered again".

We have a new addition to the transfer station, a clothing donation box from Hartsprings, Big Brother, Big Sister. We have not had any reports from the company as to total usage but are hopeful it will be a help to the community.

The Transfer Station underwent its annual Compliance Report in September and we are pleased to report that again we received an excellent rating. Noted were our physical cleanliness and hard work of our attendants.

The Board of Health would like to thank the people that keep the transfer station running smoothly on a weekly basis, Tom Balsler, Carroll Willey and Carl Paulson. We also thank Highway Superintendent, Dana Pixley and the Highway Department for their continuous help in keeping the Transfer Station repaired, plowed, shoveled, 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 7, 2012, we held our annual Rabies Clinic at the Highway Department Garage. This year 50 dogs/cats were vaccinated and licensed. We thank Dr. Penny Peck, Town Clerk, Eva Wiseman and the Girl Scouts for organizing this important event.

On September 8th, we participated in the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Day held at East Longmeadow Fire Station. During this event, 408 gallons of hazardous waste from our Town were disposed of properly. There were a total of five towns involved with waste disposal. The next hazardous waste day will be held September 2013. Please contact our office for more information.

The Board of Health and the C.O.A. did not hold a flu clinic in November however CVS came to the Senior Center and performed a flu clinic. Approximately 100 people received a flu shot.

The Board of Health and Lorri McCool, Hampden Board of Health Agent, continue to work with the Hampden County Health Coalition (HCHC) in preparing our emergency response plans and securing equipment. The Town was presented with a trailer for the storage of the emergency equipment we have acquired. In the case of a shelter opening or another disaster the trailer can be hooked up and moved to a location where the equipment will be unloaded as needed.

In April and October the Hampden Board of Health along with the Hampden Police Department held a National Drug Take Back Day. During the hours of 10 am until 2:00 pm the departments received approximately 80 pounds in April and 45 ½ pounds in October of drugs with a total of 125 ½ pounds of drugs. The drugs had to be in pill for we could not take syringes or liquids. It could be either prescription drugs or over the counter drugs that are expired.

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.

We encourage you to visit our website, [www.hampden.org](http://www.hampden.org). There you will be able to access forms required for percolation testing and disposal works construction. You will also find Title V, Transfer Station information as well as upcoming events.

On December 26, 2008 new Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations came into effect and along with the Board of Health govern the installation of Outdoor Solid Fuel Burning Appliances. Anyone who is contemplating the purchase of a unit is subject to these regulations and should contact our office for more information.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane M. Budynkiewicz, Board of Health Coordinator  
John D. Flynn, Chair Board of Health  
Vincent Villamaino  
Norman Charest

Board of Registrars  
Inspectors And Tellers 2012

**Republican**

Beth Burger  
Edith Casey  
Irene Cutting  
Beryl Doten  
Gerald Doten  
Mary Dunklee  
Barbara Dunwoody  
Kathleen Duquette  
Beth Fatse  
Rebecca Gibb  
Mary Hamel  
Joyce Libby  
David Kingsbury  
Elaine Kingsbury  
Nancy Salerno  
Philip Schneider, Jr  
Elizabeth Wells  
Robert Wells  
Carolyn Whipple

**Democratic**

Brenda Ahlberg  
Ann Burian  
Mary Cesan  
Carol Collins  
Sophie Davenport  
Kathleen Flynn  
Sheila Flynn  
Sandra Gray  
Judith Jackson  
Dorothy Kibbe  
Ronald Lech  
Gail Lefebvre  
Kathleen Rochford  
Evelyn Schmidt  
Rita Southworth

**Unenrolled**

Mary Lou Black  
Aline Burt  
Catherine Herchel  
Deborah O'Brien  
Doris Ouimet  
Doreen Rauch  
Donna Easton-Vicalvi  
Lynn Zanolli  
William Zanolli

**Election Officials**

Michele LaVallee-Specht  
Gerald Doten  
Helen LaVallee  
Kathleen Rochford

Respectfully submitted,

**Board of Registrars**

Arthur A Booth, Jr  
Janet M Redin  
Richard E Patullo  
Eva Wiseman, Clerk

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2012 was a year that continued with fiscal concerns for the town as well as for residents. Although there have been some signs of economic recovery we must remain vigilant in our management of town funds.

We welcomed a new Selectman to the board, Norman Charest who also serves our town as an Assessor. His experience in that field brings a different approach and vision to the board. At the same time we said goodbye to Richard Green who served for six years in his second round of service as Selectman. We thank him for the many hours he committed to this job and all he helped to accomplish.

Our community was fortunate to celebrate the completion of the new Minnechaug Regional High School in August of 2012. We thank those who committed their time and energy to bring this to important project to fruition.

We continue to work on town properties. Academy Hall now has a new alarm system that is monitored from outside in case of a power outage. Although the work to install the new chair lift in the Town House has taken more time than we thought, we are progressing on that. We hired George Vermette as our new "handyman" for help with jobs in Town Hall and Academy Hall and the staff in Town Hall is most appreciative of his services.

We have also entered into a regional agreement with the Town of East Longmeadow for IT assistance and can now get any computer related problems handled quickly and efficiently.

Our treasurer, Dick Patullo oversaw the onerous task of organizing our record storage, from the contents of our safe to other records stored in various closets.

We thank those groups of volunteers who assist our town in so many ways, from the firefighters who come running when called, to those who give unstintingly of their time and expertise on the various committees that help to keep this town running.

We also thank every department head and staff member for the jobs they do every day to make our community one in which we all enjoy living. In addition, we thank Jane Budynkiewicz and Pam Courtney for holding down the fort on a daily basis.

One of our own, Steve Andwood was given a grant by the Hampden Cultural Council. He then gifted a portrait of life on Main Street to the town which now hangs in the Library hallway. It serves as a reminder of all that is good in our town.

And lastly, our town lost one of our greatest fans; a man who loved this town and gave so generously over so many years and helped shape its path to where we are today. The town bids a fond farewell and heartfelt thanks to John M. Flynn, friend to Hampden.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent J. Villamaino, Chairman  
John D. Flynn  
Norman Charest

**REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER  
2012**

<b>Building Permits Issued</b>		<b>Total Permits Issued</b>	
Dwelling	2	Building	177
Addition / Alteration	107	Electrical	99
Commercial new	0	Plumbing/Gas	150
Commercial addition or alteration	12		
Pool	9		
Garages	5		
Outbuilding	21		
Woodstoves	13		
Signs	2		
Fire damage	2		
Demolition	3		
Duct Work	1		
Total Building	177		

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

The Town of Hampden has 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

## **HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING**

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, Brown Bag Program, Prescription Plan Assistance, Lock box program, File of Life, Fuel Assistance, Administration of the Hampden Emergency Fuel Fund, Entertainment/Social Events, Health and Wellness, Tax Assistance, Recreation/hobbies/arts/crafts & games and the monthly Scantic Scribe newsletter. We continue to strive to identify the needs of the senior population in Hampden and try to best meet those needs with programs and services.

The Senior Center is currently open Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Lunch is served daily at 11:30 under the direction of meal site manager Christine Mansfield. Greater Springfield Senior Services continues to fund and cater the congregate meal site.

Lesley Mullaney served as our Activities Coordinator until October 2012. Lesley brought great energy to the senior center and many new programs and ideas. We were sad to see her leave us. The search for a new Activities Director started in October and we hope to fill the position by the end of 2012.

The outreach office under the coordination of Wendy Turer saw great changes this year with the new regionalized transportation system with the Town of East Longmeadow. Many thanks to our former COA Director Carolyn Brennan for working with PVTA to obtain a van for this new system and helping to try to alleviate transportation issues in both towns. The van provided over 1000 rides from April 2012 to December 2012. Wendy has taken on the scheduling and dispatching of the van and drivers and continues to schedule rides with volunteer drivers when necessary. Thanks to our drivers, Joe Lawrence, John Shay, Ray Crowley, Elaine Robbins, Deanna Vermette, Cliff Bombard, Jim Cabrini, Bob Moreau, Frank Watson and Sheila Thompson. Aside from transportation, Wendy helped over 300 people in 2012!

The staff at the senior center is always interested in your comments and suggestions, so please get in touch if you have program ideas or thoughts on new activities or events. Watch for a 2013 Needs Assessment survey from the senior center board.

## HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING P2

The Friends of Hampden Seniors continue to support the senior center by raising money at bake sales and delicious dinners. The Friends generously pay for the mailing of the Scantic Scribe each month. The Friends teamed up with A Touch of Garlic for a delicious fundraiser dinner in the spring. A Touch of Garlic donated their time and talents and provided an amazing meal for 120 people! Friends support this year included, entertainment, supplies, table cloths, support of the Two Town Trolley, a new digital camera and more. The Friends continue to work hard to support the senior center and we appreciate all of their efforts.

Thank you Lions Club for continuing to pay for the paper used to print the Scribe. Without your generous annual donation we would not be able to produce the newsletter.

As in years past this report would not be complete without giving thanks to the over 70 volunteers who gave over 3200 hours of their time to the senior center in 2012. Volunteers not only provide their talents here at the senior center, but around town as well. Volunteers are helping in the office, the kitchen, the gardens, with activities & programs, decorating the building, collating the monthly newsletter, providing transportation and so many other programs too numerous to list. Thank you to all of the senior center volunteers!!

Older adults in Hampden are a precious resource needing encouragement, support and our appreciation. Thank you for your support of the Hampden Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rebecca C. Moriarty, Executive Director

Rita Vail, Chair, Ray Crowley, Vice Chair, Deanna Vermette, Secretary, Al Ouimet, Treasurer, Brian MacLeod, Pat Clark, Karen Leger, Marq Culhane, Deanna Vermette, Joyce Turgeon  
Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board Member: Deanna Vermette  
Rep to GSSSI: John Shay

### Council on Aging Staff:

Executive Director:	Rebecca C. Moriarty
Administrative Clerk:	Doreen Rauch
Activities Coordinator:	Lesley Mullaney (through October 2012)
Outreach Coordinator:	Wendy Turer
Custodian:	Rudie Voight

Affiliations: Massachusetts Association of Council on Aging & Senior Center Directors, Western MA Association of Councils on Aging & Greater Springfield Senior Services

## HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences annually. The Hampden Cultural Council (HCC) and its members are proud to be a part of this state organization. Under Commonwealth regulations and guidelines, the local council receives yearly applications in October. The HCC meets to review and vote on submissions. Rejected applicants are given time to appeal after which approved applicants are notified. The Hampden Cultural Council appreciates the support and guidance that it receives from the state.

Information regarding the request for funds and grant applications by local groups or individuals can be obtained from the Massachusetts Cultural Council Website <http://massculturalcouncil.org> or by contacting one of the council members. It should be noted that the council gives preference to projects sponsored by town organizations or residents. Due to our limited funds, most requests are partially funded. Applications for the fiscal year 2013 must be submitted to the Cultural Council, Hampden Town Hall, 625 Main Street, Hampden MA 01036 by October 15, 2013.

The MCC granted the HCC the amount of \$3,8709 for FY 2013 and this amount combined with unused funds from FY 2012 allowed the HCC to make some awards larger to approved applicants for the coming year. On December 4, 2012, the council approved and is pleased to support funding of the following grants.

Book Club in a Bag Program – Hampden Free Public Library  
From Ireland to America – Hampden Senior Center  
Edible Wild Plants of the Northeast – Hampden Senior Center  
Swing Concert – Paul Bouchard – Hampden Senior Center

The Hampden Cultural Council encourages members of our community to support and take part in programs funded by the HCC when possible.

The Hampden Cultural Council extends its thanks to Patricia Ehlers and John Karalekas for their years of service to the council.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bennett  
Pamela Courtney  
Elizabeth Howarth, Chair  
Diane Mackie  
Cathy Mahoney  
Mindy Meeker  
Patricia Pomeroy

## CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commissioner's would like to welcome Ann Daly as the new Administrative Assistant to the office.

This past year Ann has worked diligently to bring all the cemetery information and maps up to date. There is still work to be done and with the help of the town and the Selectman's office 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. We continue the process of reviewing the maps of both cemeteries showing the actual lot and the names of those interred. We are researching options that may be available to help defray costs of redrawing the maps. New lots will have to be added to our existing maps and also to our computer system.

Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery have been actively overseen by our commissioners this year who were responsible for making the arrangements for internments, stonework, excavations and corner markers. Several lots were sold in both Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery and space is still available. The new section in Old Cemetery will be sold as flat stone lots only.

Please remember that the maintenance of anything planted in the gravesite is the responsibility of the owner. Plantings that exceed the boundaries of the gravesite should be removed. Please dispose of any trash in the barrels provided at the cemeteries. These are country cemeteries; please do your part to maintain the beauty of these spots.

Commissioners may be contacted at anytime by calling 566-2151, extension 111 and leaving a message.

Respectfully submitted:

Cemetery Commissioners:  
Richard Hatch, John Wilkinson, Edward Loiko  
Ann Daly, Administrative Assistant