

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
Selectmen and Board of
Public Health

Town Accountant,
Treasurer, Assessors, School Committee,
Superintendent of Schools and Trustees of Public Library
All Departments of the Town

OF THE
TOWN OF HAMPDEN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2015

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In Memoriam

Jean Abar

Hampden School Library Volunteer

John Bethel

Insurance Committee

Arthur Burger

Friend of Hampden Seniors

Barbara Burgess

Hampden Senior Center Volunteer

Helen Dickinson

Hampden School Teacher, Friends of Hampden Seniors

Barbara DuFresne

Poll Volunteer

Homer Fuller

Superintendent of Streets, Tree Warden, Inspector of Animals, Pound Keeper and Field Driver
Volunteer Fire Fighter, Friends of Hampden Seniors

Richard Gouvan

Friends of Hampden Seniors

Richard Hatch

Fire Chief, Conservation Commission,
Electric Committee, Cemetery Commission

James McEwan

Conservation Commission

Margaret Pauley

Green Meadows Secretary

Elizabeth Phillips

Hampden Kindergarten Teacher, Friends of Hampden Seniors, Sr. Center Volunteer

Phillis Wilkes

Friends of Hampden Seniors

IN RECOGNITION

Dick Ayers, Personnel Committee

Jane Budynkiewicz, Building Inspector Assistant

Patricia Clark, Council on Aging Board Member

Jamie Collins, Advisory Board

Ed Hatch, Water Commissioner

Elizabeth Howarth, Cultural Council

Richard Jalbert, Water Commissioner

Kirsten H. Lipkens, Library Trustee

Catherine Mahoney, Cultural Council

David J. Martel, Esquire, Town Counsel

Martin S. McQuade, Park and Recreation Commissioner

John O'Brien, Reserve Officer

Rick Rubin, Advisory Board

George Stone, Hampden Housing Authority

Lance Trevallion, Building Inspector, Zoning Officer

Benjamin W. Tucker, Police Officer

John Wagner, Reserve Officer

John Wilkinson, Cemetery 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

\$19.36 for Fiscal 2015

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Last Monday in April at 7:00pm

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

First Monday in May, 7am-8pm

GOVERNOR

Charlie Baker
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

Edward J. Markey
U.S. Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-2742

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

Eric P. Lesser, Hampden District
State House, Room 309
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-722-1291

OR

Elizabeth Warren
U.S. Senate
317 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-4543

District Office: 60 Shaker Road
Longmeadow, MA 01056
Phone: 413-599-4785

OR

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

REPRESENTATIVE

Brian M. Ashe
2nd 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

3RD 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/Tues/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 Wednesday of month
6:00 pm

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 pm

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
Meet as needed

PARK AND RECREATION

Office Hours: M-Thurs. 8:30-1:30
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

BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES AND COMMITTEES

Board of Assessors	9 to 2	Monday/Tues/ Wed	566-2151 ext. 106
Board of Appeals	9:30-1:30	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 109
Board of Health	8 to 3	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 102
Board of Selectmen	9 to 3:30	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 100
Building Inspector	6 to 8	Tuesday evenings	566-2151 ext. 107
Cemetery Commission	12 to 4	Monday thru Friday	566-2151 ext. 111
Conservation Comm.	9 to 2	Monday & Tuesday	566-2151 ext. 110
Housing Authority	8 to 3	Tuesday & Wednesday	566-8157
	8 to 12	Thursday	
Highway Department	7 to 3:30	Monday thru Friday	566-8842
Library	10 to 5	Tuesday & Wednesday	566-3047
	1 to 8	Thursday	
	10 to 2	Saturday	
Park and Rec	8:30-2:00	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 108
Planning Board	9:30-1:30	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 109
Ridgeline/Hillside	9:30-1:30	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 109
Senior Center	9 to 3	Monday thru Friday	566-5588
Tax Collector	9 to 3	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 104
Town Clerk	9 to 3	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 103
Treasurer	10 to 2	Tues/ Wed/Thurs	566-2151 ext. 105

TOWN OFFICES

EMAILS/ WEBSITES	PHONE NUMBERS	MEETINGS
advisory@hampden.org		2 nd & 4 th Monday
appeals@hampden.org		4 th Tuesday as needed
assessors@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 106	2 nd Tuesday
cemetery@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 111	2 nd Tuesday, 3pm April thru December
coa@hampden.org	566-5588	2 nd Tuesday 9:00 am
conservation@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 110	3 rd Wed 7:00 pm
hampous@verizon.net (Hampden Housing Authority)	566.8157	3 rd Thur, 9:00 am
health@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 102	Monday 6:00 pm
highway@hampden.org	566-8842	
inspector@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 107	Tuesday 6pm - 8 pm
parks@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 108	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 7:15
planning@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 109	2 nd & 4 th Wed, 7:00 pm
police@hampden.org	566-8011	
selectmen@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 100	Monday 6:30 pm
treasurer@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 105	Tuesday 5 pm – 7 pm
townclerk@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 103	

Town of Hampden Website: www.hampden.org

HWRSD School Committee: 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Memorial Park: April 1 thru October 3¹

DEP's updated Title 5 Website: www.mass.gov/dep/brp/wwwhome.htm

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS – 2015

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

Vincent J. Villamaino, Chair 2016
 John D. Flynn, BOH Chair 2018
 Norman Charest 2017

Administrative Assistant to
 Board of Selectmen

Pamela Courtney 2017

Coordinator for Board of Health

Jane Budynkiewicz 2017

MODERATOR

Robert L. Howarth 2016

TOWN CLERK

Eva Wiseman 2016

Sheila Slate, Asst. TC 2016

TOWN TREASURER

Richard Patullo 2016

Judy Mikkola, Asst. Treasurer 2016

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Eva Wiseman 2016

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Robert C. Makuch 2017

Stanley W. Witkop 2016

Norman F. Charest 2018

Carolyn Reed, Asst. Assessor 2016

MaryAnn Wilkinson, Asst. 2016

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGION

SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Lisa Morace 2017

Lena Buteau 2018

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN LIBRARY

Kathleen Hutchison 2016

Beth E. Burger 2017

Ray Crowley 2018

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Benjamin Bump 2016

Lucretia Hembt 2017

Patricia Clark 2018

Deanna Vermette 2018

Carol Collins 2016

Raymond M. Crowley

State Appointed

CONSTABLES

Arthur A. Booth, Jr. 2016

Dennis L. Hackett, Sr. 2016

David J. Lussier 2016

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Edward L. Loiko 2017

Miriam (Mindy) Meeker 2016

Tim Connors 2018

Ann Daly, Asst. 2016

PLANNING BOARD

John L. Matthews III, Chair 2017

Robert L. Howarth, V. Chair 2018

M. Paige Gore 2020

Phillip Schneider 2019

Edward Loiko 2016

Richard R. Green, Alternate

Joanne Fiore, Asst. 2016

PARK COMMISSIONERS

David B. Paradis 2018

Terry M. Ford 2016

David J. Turcotte 2017

Eric C. Jacobson 2017

Cindi Connors, Administrative Assistant

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS 2015

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

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Elizabeth Howarth, Chair (resigned)
Catherine Mahoney (resigned)
Mindy Meeker 2017
Diane Mackie, Chair 2018
Barbara Bennett 2016
Pamela Courtney 2018
Karen Leger 2018
Holly Tuttle 2018

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Wendell Hulburt
Madeline

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Gary Courtney
Eric Fosey, Alt.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Dennis Chaffee, Sr.
Bernie Sears, Alt.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Doug Boyd, Co-Chair
Carol Fitzgerald, Co-Chair
Jeff Smith
Jamie Collins (resigned)
Rick Rubin (resigned)
Matt Fisher
Cindy Connors, Asst.

BOARD OF APPEALS

M. Chris Cesan, Chair (resigned)
Mark Casey
L. Jed Berliner
Richard E. Patullo
Cheryl Cudnik
Duane Mosier
Mark R. Barba, Alternate

Joanne Fiore, Clerk

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2015

TOWN COUNSEL

David J. Martel, Esq. (retired)
Michael Callan, Esq.

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

John Matthews
Richard Patullo
Bonnie Geromini

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Phil Grant	2017
Bonnie Geromini	2017
Judy McKinley Brewer	2016
Theodore Zebert	2018
Timothy Hanley	2018

Andrew Netherwood, Assoc.

Norma Buckley, Clerk

COUNCIL ON AGING

Arthur Beauregard, Treasurer	2017
Ray Crowley, Vice Chair	2015
Monique Downey	2018
Martin Jacque	2018
Deborah Mahoney, Secretary	2017
Edward Norman, Chairman	2017
Deanna Vermette, Vice Chair	2016
Nancy Willoughby	2017

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Rebecca Moriarty, Executive Director
John J. Shay, Hampden rep to GSSSI
Rebecca Moriarty, Hampden rep.
to GSSSI Advisory Board, PVTA Rep.

Michael Framarin, Water Operator

PARKING CLERK

Eva Wiseman

WATER COMMISSIONERS

George Bouchard	2017
John Plaster	2017
Jake Allaband	2018

Michael Framarin, Water Op.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Connie Witt, Chair	2017
M. Chris Cesan (resigned)	
Sally Bryce	2016
Will D'Angelo	2018
Judy Jackson	2018

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

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

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2015

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Doug Boyd
Beth DeSousa
Cindi Connors, Appt. by Moderator
Phillip Grant, Conservation Comm. Rep.
Connie Witt, Historical Comm. Rep.
Deana Vermette, Hampden Housing Authority Rep.
Dave Turcotte, Parks and Recreation Rep.
John Matthews, Planning Board Rep.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Donald Collins, Chair	2017
Carol Fitzgerald	2018
William Gouzounis	2016
Susanne Simons	2017
Scott Chapman	2018
Rick Rubin	2018

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Sheila Slate

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Judy Mikkola

PVPC COMMISSIONER

Phillip Schneider

PVTA REPRESENTATIVE

Rebecca Moriarty

HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Officers

Michael Gorski, Chief
David Markham, 1st Deputy Chief
Edward Poulin, 2nd Deputy Chief
Patrick Farrow, 1st Captain
Scott Rumpalik, 2nd Captain
Matthew Sterling, 1st Lieutenant
Mark Barba, 2nd Lieutenant
Timothy Evans, Fire Prevention Lieutenant

Fire Fighters

Michael Fedora
Peter Hatch
Jason McCarthy
Derrick Merrill
John Moriarty
Andrew Netherwood
Sharon Paquette
Colin Rogers
Meaghan Rogers
Evan Rugani
Anthony Traniello

Provisional Fire Fighters

Connor Courtney
Ethan Kibbe
Matthew Murphy
Taran Savioe
Joshua Sterling

Fire Department Assistant

Jane Budynekiewicz

TOWN OF HAMPDEN PERMIT FEES
(FEES FOR PERMITS AFTER THE FACT ARE DOUBLED)
REVISED April 10, 2015

Fire Permits- Michael Gorski- 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
Oil Tank above ground storage tank	\$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
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*

**Plus a \$200 application fee to Commonwealth of Massachusetts- Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission for new licenses, effective 7/10/03.*

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 Permits

Food Service Establishments	\$100
Retail Food 5000/2000 ft or more	\$150
Retail Food less than 5000/2000 ft	\$100
Retail Food less than 1000 ft.	\$25
Catering	\$50
Residential Kitchen	\$50
One Day Permits	\$25
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: 8 am-4 pm

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

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 if over 65 \$20.00; additional stickers within the same household: \$10.00

First car sticker costs if under 65 \$40.00; additional stickers within the same household: \$20.00

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 bags are sold in packages of 10.
- 16 Gallon bags= \$10.00**
33 Gallon bags= \$25.00

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, Spring 2016 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
 - 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.

RIGID PLASTIC (NEWEST ADDITION)

- Plastic buckets *with* metal handles
- Plastic milk/soda crates
- Plastic laundry baskets
- Plastic lawn furniture
- Plastic landscape & microwave trays
- Plastic totes- any size (*with metal*)
- Plastic toys & playhouses
- Plastic pet carriers
- Plastic shelving
- Plastic closet organizers
- Plastic dish drainers
- Plastic flower pots (*no soil*)
- Plastic traffic signs
- Plastic recycling bins
- Empty plastic garbage cans (*any size*)
- PVC & PET blister pack
- 5 gallon plastic water bottles
- Automotive plastics:
 - Bumpers
 - Grills
 - Side-view mirrors
 - Head lights & Rear lights
 - Hub-caps, etc

MORE RECYCLING TIPS

Clothing:

Collection box at the Transfer Station, 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 2015:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Young</u>
Cattle: (Adult= 2 years + over)		
Dairy	1	0
Beef	17	22
Goats (Adult= 1 year + over)	28	1
Sheep (Adult= 1 year + over)	16	5
Swine	8	7
Llamas/Alpacas	12	0
Equines: Horse/Ponies	148	5
Donkeys/Mules	7	3
Poultry: Chickens	635	
Turkey	3	
Waterfowl	30	
Gamebirds	0	
Rabbits	6	

There was one dog quarantined due to wounds of unknown origin, and six dog bites to humans and two cat bites to humans. There were six dogs, five cats and nine horses quarantined due to wildlife exposure. There was one dog to dog attack.

Respectfully submitted:

Shelley Sears
Animal Inspector

BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals heard five (5) hearings in 2015 as indicated below:

- 2015 -1 A request under Section 7.8, Earth Removal, to allow the construction of three additional residential homes. Petition granted.
- 2015-2 A request under Section 7.613, Signs General Standards, to appeal the decision of the Building Inspector regarding a sign permit application which was denied. Application withdrawn without prejudice.
- 2015-3 A request under Section 7.14, Wireless Communications, to remove antenna panels on an existing tower and replace with upgraded antenna panels; and to add 3 remote radio heads. Petition granted.
- 2015-4 A request under Section 7.14, Wireless Communications, to remove antenna panels on an existing tower and replace with upgraded antenna panels. Petition granted.
- 2015-5 A request under Section 7.2, Side Yard Setback, to build a two-car garage and mudroom within the side yard setback. Petition granted.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors would like to congratulate Norm Charest who was elected to another 3 year term.

This board is a strong supporter of education and training. Our assistant assessor Carolyn Reed received her MAA assessor certification and was promoted to the principal assessor position. Maryann Wilkinson is also continuing her education with an eye toward certification in the future. The board also participates in annual meetings and seminars. Continued education will give us a more comprehensive understanding of the process of assessing and current Department of Revenue requirements.

The board and our employees continue with improvements to office effectiveness and efficiency. Our increased hours seem to be well received by our citizens and customers.

The Board of Assessors coordinated with the Senior Center and offered an informational day to help citizens understand different exemption programs. The board continues to work with the selectmen's office on the senior work program. The board supports this program but cautions applicants that currently receive certain statutory exemptions that increased income from the program could jeopardize their exemption. The applicant should fully and thoroughly consider the possible impact of increased income against received benefit. Our office will be available for information with regard to this consideration.

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

Norman Charest, Chairman
Robert Makuch, Assessor
Stanley Witkop, Assessor
Carolyn Reed, Principal Assessor
Maryann Wilkinson, Clerk

BOARD OF HEALTH

	2013*	2014*	2015*
Annual Flu Clinic	50	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0
H1N1 Clinic	0	0	0
Annual Rabies Clinic	50	27	30
Percolation Tests	32	47	32
Septic Systems – Installed/Repaired	45	51	39
Well Permits	9	7	7
Septic Haulers Permits Issued	10	8	8
Disposal Works Installers Licenses Issued	35	16	16
Food Service Establishment Permits Issued	29	20	20
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1	1
Health / Nuisance Complaints	12	11	15
Total No. of gallons of Hazardous Household Waste Collected from Hampden	270	80	849

*(Numbers based on calendar year)

The Transfer Station is being used by approximately 655 households. This past year 271 tons of solid waste and 167 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. We have the addition of a new shed so the Recycling attendance can get out of the weather and not have to use their cars to keep warm up in. The shed came at almost no cost as we sold the two metal trailers and had an anonymous donation.

The Town held Bulk Removal Days in April and November. 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 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 Transfer Station is except Ridged Plastic. For a list of acceptable items visit the Transfer Station. Look for the mailbox in the recycling center for the newest and most valuable information on recycling. The Board of Health would like to thank the people that keep the transfer station running smoothly on a weekly basis, Carroll Willey, Dennis Hackett and Carl Paulson. We also thank Highway Superintendent, Dana Pixley and the Highway Department for their work on the pad for the shed and 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 5, 2014, we held our annual Rabies Clinic at the Highway Department Garage. This year approximately 27 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 12th, we participated in the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Day held at Minnechaug Regional High School. During this event, Hampden had a record breaking 849 gallons of hazardous waste that was disposed of properly. There were six towns involved in this event with a total of 6,967 gallons disposed of. The next hazardous waste day will be held September 2016. 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.

The Board of Health and Lorri McCool, Hampden Board of Health Agent, continues to work with the Hampden County Health Coalition (HCHC) and the Hampden Wilbraham Medical Reserve Core in preparing our emergency response plans and securing equipment.

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 of drugs. The drugs had to be in pill form, we could not take syringes or liquids. They 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. There you will be able to access forms required for percolation testing and disposal works construction. You will also find Title V and Transfer Station information as well as upcoming events.

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

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Registered voters on Jan. 1, 2015 – 3741, December 31, 2015 - 3722
Voter attendance during 2015:

- Annual Town Meeting, April 27, 2015 194
- Annual Town Election, May 4, 2015 137
- Special Town Meeting, October 26, 2015 68

Inspectors and Tellers

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
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

Election Officials

Michele LaVallee-Specht
Christopher McDonald
Helen LaVallee
Kathleen Rochford

Respectfully submitted:

Board of Registrars

Janet M Redin
Arthur A Booth, Jr
Elaine A Kingsbury
Eva Wiseman, Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The last year brought new challenges to our community, but as in past years, we have continued to face them, with the help of all of our citizens and neighbors.

The new Police Station nears completion. When it is completed, our Town will have a state of the art facility to provide the services that we need and deserve. As always, our force does an exemplary job in maintaining the security of all

The Town has entered into two contracts with Ameresco, a solar company, to install solar generation on the Town landfill. When it is complete, the Town will benefit from both reduced electric rates for municipal use, and added revenue, which will lessen the property tax burden on residents.

The Board was notified that we have been approved for distribution of the Casino Mitigation Fund, and our amount will be determined after the opening of the casino.

An ongoing challenge is preserving our strong history of academic excellence in Hampden, in the face of declining enrollments in the Hampden Wilbraham Regional District. This is something that affects all in Hampden and Wilbraham, and there has been strong participation from our communities in determining different solutions. We are committed to honoring the wishes of the Town and we continue to stress the needs of our children as their education is of paramount importance for their future success.

One of the bigger challenges we face is the upcoming retirement of our Highway Superintendent Dana Pixley, and his subsequent replacement. His presence has continued a long line of leadership at the Highway Department that has always provided us with, in our opinion, the finest infrastructure of any town in Massachusetts! Thank you Dana! The Town owes you a debt of gratitude for a job well done, for being ever conscious of your budget and making do with the help of your talented staff. Here's to a retirement well deserved!

The board wishes to thank all of the elected and appointed officials with whom we serve. Through a true team approach, we remain committed to improving our quality of life in Hampden. The efforts of Dana Pixley, Jeff Farnsworth, Becky Moriarty, Mike Gorski and Wendel Hulbert and their respective staffs have been invaluable. As always we would be nowhere without the assistance in our offices from Pamela Courtney and Jane Budynekiewicz. Most importantly we thank you, the voters for whom we are here to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Flynn
Vincent J. Villamaino Chairman
Norman Charest

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Building Permits & Inspections

Dwelling	3
Addition / Alteration	209
Commercial new	8
Commercial addition or alteration	12
Pool	3
Garages	3
Outbuilding	15
Woodstoves	18
Signs	3
Fire damage	1
Demolition	4
Duct Work	1
	283

TOTAL BUILDING

Total Permits & Inspections

Building	280
Electrical	168
Plumbing/Gas	159

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

The Building Department would like to thank Lance Trevallion for his many years of hard work and service as the Building Inspector, along with Jane Budynkiewicz who worked as his clerical staff. A thank you as well to Madeline Jodoin for joining the ranks and helping in the department.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendel Hulbert
Building Inspector

HAMPDEN CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Commissioners have been active overseeing the maintenance of Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery. Arrangements are made for the excavation and refilling of a grave at the time of interment.

Activities this year also included marking out several graves for the installation of monuments and the placement of corner markers on several lots. The Cemetery Commissioners office is currently accepting bids for lawn maintenance at both cemeteries. Our current records consist of paper maps and excel spread sheets. We also have the records on our computer system. 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 and were responsible for making the arrangements for internments, stonework, excavations and corner markers. GMH Fence Co. installed a new Western Red Cedar fence at Old Cemetery to mark the cemetery property line and residential property lines. The cost of the fence was funded by CPC. Several lots were sold 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 gravesites is the responsibility of the owner. Plantings that exceed the boundaries of the gravesite should be removed. Please dispose of your 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 (413) 566-2151, ext. 111 and leaving a message.

Respectfully submitted:

Cemetery Commissioners

Mindy Meeker, Chairman

Edward Loiko

Tim Connors

Ann Daly, Clerk

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 six members.

The Commission meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Melville Room at the Town Hall. This year the Commission has held twelve regular meetings, five special meetings as well as the seven site inspections. Meetings are posted on the Town Hall board and in The Reminder. This year we have reviewed six filings for Request for Determinations, five Notices of Intent, one Order of Conditions, two Extensions, and one Violation. The Conservation Commission also responds to concerns from town residents regarding possible wetland violations. Site visits have been completed on all reported concerns and appropriate action has been taken when needed.

We always welcome proactive people interested in preserving our Town's natural resources. If you have any questions regarding our scope and procedures, you can contact us by phone, mail or by attending any of our meetings.

Respectively submitted for the commission,

Bonnie Geromini, Chairman
Phil Grant
Ted Zebert
Judy McKinley Brewer
Tim Hanley
Andrew Netherwood

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 (SHINE), 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 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 Karen Jones with help from amazing volunteers. Greater Springfield Senior Services funds and caters the congregate meal site.

The senior center staff continues to go above and beyond in order to meet the needs of the older adults in this community. Sincere thanks to Doreen Rauch, Nan Hurlburt, Wendy Turer, Holly Normoyle and Rudie Voight for another great year! The office staff would not be complete without dedicated afternoon volunteer receptionists: Debbie Mahoney, Ceci Melville, Elaine Robbins, and Bobbi Grant.

Our activities calendar was packed last year as we celebrated holidays, enjoyed monthly breakfasts, and had some fun night programs during our daylight savings time evening hours. We brought in many educational speakers, hosted the annual flu shot clinic, blood pressure clinic twice a week and continued to offer our ongoing programs; exercise classes, jewelry, movies, art classes and more! We were also able to host three evidence based programs through Greater Springfield Senior Services; Healthy Eating, My Life My Health and Matter of Balance. As well as the AAA Safe Driving class, a Medicare open enrollment seminar and a programming showcase that hi-lighted the many great programs offered here at the center.

Most people know about the activities and programs that we offer at the senior center, but it's the behind the scenes programs and assistance that also need to be recognized. In 2015, 75 people were assisted with fuel assistance applications, 8 families were helped by the Hampden Emergency Fuel Fund, 55 people receive an ongoing monthly Brown Bag of groceries in conjunction with the Food Bank of Western MA, 31 people have a lock box on their house, home visits were made to homebound residents needing assistance, over 50 received SHINE counseling, medical equipment was loaned to numerous individuals and wellness checks were made in conjunction with the Hampden Police Department. The outreach department continues to encourage residents to maintain an updated File of Life to assist emergency personnel in the event of a medical crisis.

Teaming up with the community, the Stocking for Senior's program was again a success. With the help of the knitting and quilting groups, and individuals in the community, 100 stockings were made and filled with personal needs items and treats for the residents of Wingate at Hampden. The residents also received beautiful lap robes and quilts. The knitting group continues year after year to make hats and mittens and donate to Hampden schools as well as schools in Springfield for children in need.

The Friends of Hampden Seniors continue to support the senior center by raising money at delicious dinners and bi-annual craft sales. The Friends generously pay for the mailing of the Scantic Scribe each month. Friends support this year included entertainment, supplies, support of the Two Town Trolley, scholarship funds and more. The Friends continue to work hard to support the senior center and we appreciate all of their efforts.

HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING P2

This year we were pleased to have another fundraiser dinner performance by the Hampden Senior Center Rockin' Chair Players, a theater group made up of talented people from the community. "Death at the Deli", written by Nan Hurlburt and Bobbi Grant, was played to a sold out audience for three nights in a row! This fundraiser event was catered by the Village Mart (thanks Gary!) and proceeds were tremendous. The Hampden Senior Center and the Hampden Lions Club both benefited from this event. Watch for more exciting shows in the future! Thank you to all who participated in this great event.

Thank you to the Hampden Lions Club for continuing to pay for the paper used to print the Scribe.

As in years past this report would not be complete without giving thanks to the over 70 volunteers who gave over 4000 hours of their time to the senior center in 2015. 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!!

After 20 years, Patricia Clark resigned from serving on the COA Board. Pat brought a wealth of knowledge to the board and her presence will be missed. Thank you, Pat, for your years of dedicated service. We also said farewell to our long time Monday afternoon receptionist Carol Siano. Carol served as a volunteer in the office for many years and is missed. Thank you, Carol.

The Hampden Senior Center also thanks the many corporate sponsors that provide support to us throughout the year. Assisted livings, home care agencies, financial institutions, private business sponsors and more are stepping up to provide donations of food, volunteers, monetary support and anything else we need! We are forever grateful for this support.

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

Council on Aging Board: Art Beauregard, Patricia Clark, Ray Crowley, Monique Downey, Martin Jacque, Deborah Mahoney, Edward Norman, Deanna Vermette, and Nancy Willoughby

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board Member: Rebecca C. Moriarty

PVTA Advisory Board Representative: Rebecca C Moriarty

Rep to GSSSI: John Shay

Council on Aging Staff:

Executive Director: Rebecca C. Moriarty

Administrative Clerk: Doreen Rauch

Activities Coordinator: Nan Hurlburt

Outreach Coordinator: Wendy Turer

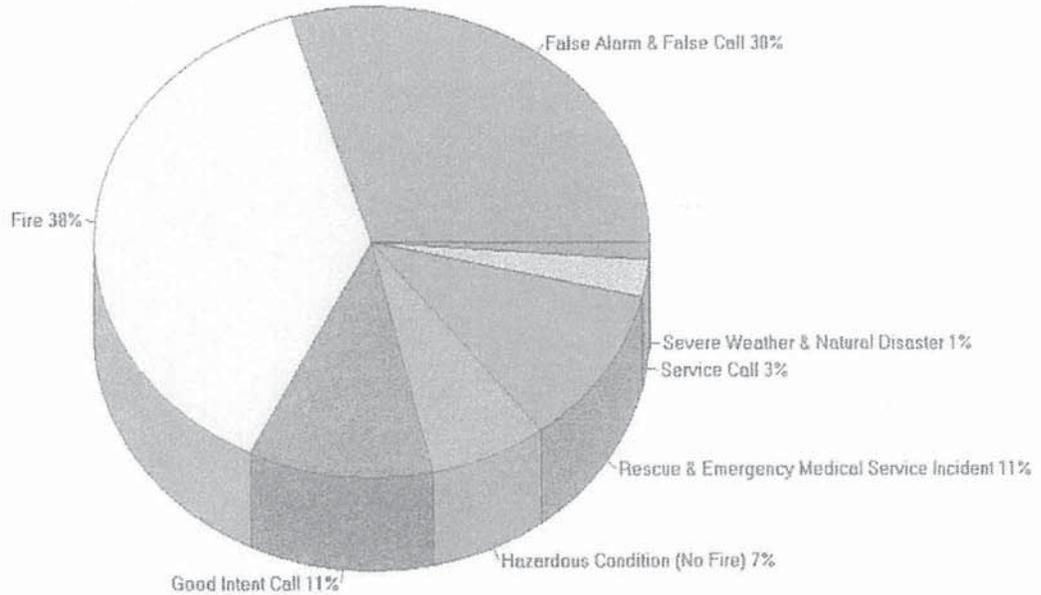
Receptionist: Holly Normoyle

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 FIRE DEPARTMENT 2015 REPORT

The Hampden Fire Department responded to 121 calls in the calander year 2015. Each call is reported electronically to the State and Federal government. The percentage of calls in each category is as follows:



Pease note that 11% of the 2015 calls were Emergency Medical Responses. Under agreement with the Selectmen and the Hampden Police Department the Hampden Fire Department will respond to medical calls at the discretion of the Hamden Police Department. Generally, these responses occurred when AMR ambulance was going to be delayed in their response or the police department had multiple simultaneous calls.

Hampden Fire Department is a volunteer department and we are always looking for dedicated committed women and men to train to be firefighters. If you are interested in serving and are between the ages of 18 - 65 and live within 1 mile of the Hampden Town line please see the town website for more information. We are in critical need of volunteers who are able to respond on weekdays from 8 am - 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gorski
Hampden Fire Chief

