

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2002



HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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1915 CLAM BAKE
by C.E. Perkins

Held at Bide-A-Wee 122 Chapin Road, Hampden Massachusetts.

Picture courtesy of: Sally Brice

IN MEMORIUM

Ann Byron
Library Trustee

Carl F. Libby
Planning Board

Thomas F. Messier
Police Department

INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN	Federal Census	1/1/91 4,709
	State Census	1/1/85 4,762
	Town Census	1/1/02 5,171

GEOGRAPHIC AREA 19.64 square miles

COUNTY Hampden County

TAX RATE \$19.91 for Fiscal 2002

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Last Monday in April at 7:00pm

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS First Monday in May, 8am-8pm

ACTING GOVERNOR

Jane Swift
Office of the Governor
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-727-9173

U.S SENATORS

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

OR

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

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

OR

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

CONGRESSMAN

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

OR

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

STATE SENATOR

Brian P. Lees, Hampden District
State House, Room 308
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-722-1291

OR

District Office: 527 Main Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151
Phone: 413-543-2167

REPRESENTATIVE

Mary S. Rogeness,
2nd Hampden District
State House, Room 237
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-722-2800
Residence: 22 Warren Terrace,
Longmeadow, MA 01106
Phone: 413-567-5480

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS
BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm
Meet every Tuesday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2151 566-2152

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7pm each month

TOWN CLERK – Eva Wiseman

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9am-1pm
Phone: 566-3214

TOWN TREASURER – Donna Easton-Vicalvi

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9am-1pm
Phone: 566-2401

TAX COLLECTOR – Eva Wiseman

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9am-1pm
Phone: 566-2206

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Office Hours: Monday- Thursday, 9am-3pm
Meet 2nd Tuesday 7:30pm – 9pm
Phone: 566-3223

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meet 2nd Monday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2206

PLANNING BOARD

Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2403, 566-8591 for appt

WATER COMMISSION COMMITTEE

1st Thursday of every month

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd Wednesday each month at 7:00pm

BOARD OF APPEALS

Meet 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm
Applications available from Town Clerk

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday
Phone: 596-3884

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Meet 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July
& October at 7:30pm
Phone: 3304, 3357, 3963

COUNCIL ON AGING

Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4pm
Meet 2nd Monday of month, at 9:00am
Phone: 566-5588

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Meet 3rd Thurs each month, 8:30am at
Centennial Commons
Phone: 566-8157

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office Hours: Every Wed 6-8pm
Phone: 566-2204

HAMPDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Meet 3rd Wednesday each month
Phone: 566-3047

HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Monday –Wednesday 12am-8:00pm
Thursday 12am-6:00pm
Saturday 10am-3:00pm
CLOSED ON Saturdays during August

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Monday-Friday, 7:30am-4:00pm
Phone: 566-8842

SANITARY LANDFILL

Saturday: 7am-5pm, Tuesday, 1pm-6pm

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS
BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES AND COMMITTEES

PARK COMMISSION

Meet 2nd & 4th Thursday at 7pm
Office Hours: Call 566-4950

Memorial Park Hours: 8am-9pm, Apr1-Oct31

BOARD OF APPEALS

Meet 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm
Applications available from Town Clerk

VETERAN'S SERVICES- Arthur A. Booth Jr.

Phone: 267-4140

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meet 1st & 3rd Tues month at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-8327

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meet as posted

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meet 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm
at Academy Hall

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS – 2002

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

James D. Smith, Chairman	2003
Duane Mosier, Chair Health	2004
Mark Barba	2005

Administrative Assistant to
Board of Selectmen/Health
Karen Desmarais

Secretary to Board of Selectmen/Health
Kelly O'Shea

MODERATOR

Richard Patullo	2003
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TOWN CLERK

Eva Wiseman	2004
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TOWN TREASURER

Donna Easton-Vicalvi	2004
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Eva Wiseman	2004
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Stanley Witkop, Assessor	2004
Mary Lou Majkut, Chairperson	2003
Diane Hildreth	2005

Clerk to the Assessors
Ann Murphy, Clerk

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Ronald Thomson	2003
Maryanne Morris	2005

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN LIBRARY

Elaine Kingsbury, Chairman	2003
Kathleen Hutchison	2004
Beth E. Burger	2005

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

William G. Joy, Chairman	2006
Miles Hapgood, Vice Chairman	2004
Aline Burt	2005
Cecilia Melville	2003

CONSTABLES

George K. Stone, Jr.	2004
Miles Hapgood, Jr.	2004
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	2004

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Henry Dunwoody, Chairman	2004
Renate Oliver	2003
David Quill	2005

PLANNING BOARD

John D. Flynn, Chairman	2004
Joseph A. Dolben, Vice Chair	2003
Joseph Kruzal	2005
Robert Majkut	2007
Melissa Reeve	2006

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Representative, Melissa Reeves
Alternate, Robert Majkut
Clerk to the Planning Board
Judith Jackson

PARK COMMISSIONERS

James Morris, Chairman	2004
Kathleen Duquette	2003
Thomas Crogan	2003
Glennice Flynn	2005
Christopher MacDonald	2005
Jay Fenlason, Director	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2002

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Clifford Bombard

2003 Mark Feeney 2003

BUILDING INSPECTOR

DOG OFFICERS

Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control

2003 Robert Lague 2003

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Peter Hatch

2003 Michael Ford 2003

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Shelly Sears

2003 Kathy Pessolano, Chair 2003

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUPT OF INSECT/PEST CONTROL

Dana Pixley

2003 Michael Crowley 2003

Peter Nossal 2003

Elizabeth DeSousa 2003

Susan Rauscher, Clerk

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Glenn Riddle

2003

BOARD OF APPEALS

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Richard Wiencek

2003 Richard Patullo, Chair 2005

Mary Cesan, Vice Chair 2005

Kenneth Lefebvre 2005

L. Jed Berliner 2003

VETERANS' BENEFITS AGENT

Arthur A. Booth

2003 Francis Kotomski, Clerk 2003

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Brian Fitzgerald

2003 David Scott 2005

BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES

SUPT OF STREETS

Dana Pixley

2003 Richard Jones 2003

Cheryl Cudnick 2005

TREE WARDEN

Dana Pixley

2003 Heather Beattie, Chairman 2002

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

Carol Smith 2001

Hermine Weston 2002

Barbara MacKenzie 2001

Judith Moriarty 2002

FENCE VIEWERS

John H. Field

2003 Virginia Blake 2002

William H. Patric

2003 Carolyn Siano 2002

James McEwan 2002

TOWN COUNCEL

David J. Martel

2003 Carol Gauthier 2002

Arlene Fisher 2002

PARKING CLERK

Eva Wiseman

2004

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2002

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Patricia Smith 2003

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

John D. Flynn, Chairman 2003
 Robin Warner 2003
 Jim Moriarty 2003

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bonnie Geromini, Co-Chair 2003
 Camilla Desmarais, Co-Chair 2005
 Richard Gouvan 2005
 Jack Matthews 2004
 Michael Gerrard 2005
 Dean Perham 2004
 Shelia Thompson 2004
 Patricia Smith, Clerk 2003

CONSERVATION, ASSOC MEMBERS

Louanne Perham 2004
 Patricia Smith 2003
 Peter Choquette 2003

COUNCIL ON AGING

Brian MacLeod, Chairman 2003
 Rita Vail, Vice Chair 2005
 Virginia Schneider, Secretary 2003
 Diane Hildreth 2005
 Patricia Clark 2003
 George Lavalley 2003
 Arlene Fisher 2003
 Lawrence Smith 2003
 Albert L. Ouimet 2003
 John J. Shay, Hampden Rep to Board
 of Directors, Greater Springfield
 Senior Services, Inc. 2004

COUNCIL OF AGING DIRECTOR

Rebecca Muldrew 2003

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER

Richard Jalbert 2005
 George Bouchard 2004
 Michael Framarin, oper 2005
 Richard DiSanti 2005

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Connie Witt, Chairman 2003
 Dorothy Bradway Hill, Secretary 2003
 Chrissy Cesan 2003
 Noreen Couture 2002
 Nancy Quill 2004
 Melissa Lail-Trecker 2004

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Dana Pixley, Superintendent 2003
 Patrick Markham 2003
 Robert Richards 2003
 Albert Rosarti 2003
 Matthew Fredericks 2003
 John Ouellette 2003

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Arthur A. Booth, Jr 2003
 Elizabeth M. Wells 2003
 Janet M. Redin 2003
 Eva Wiseman

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2002

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF

Douglas W. Mellis 2005

SERGEANTS

Jeff Farnsworth 2003

Joseph Henry 2003

POLICE OFFICERS

Scott Trombley 2003

Michael J. Cooney 2003

William Joy 2003

Todd Ely 2003

John DiMaio 2003

Carl Mazzaferro 2003

Tawrin Seega 2003

DISPATCHERS (full time)

Laurie Ryder 2003

Verna Caney 2003

Radcliff Kenison 2003

Damian Dewolf 2002

Derek Anti 2003

RESERVE OFFICERS

Avery Church 2002

Mark Galarneau 2003

Christopher Eck 2003

Harlan Cross 2002

Robert Robinson 2003

Gary Courtney 2003

Thomas Cortis 2003

Brett Purchas 2003

Jason Sutherland 2003

Gregory Skop 2003

Christopher Pandolfi 2003

Michael Lynch 2003

Kimberly Rasbeck 2003

Josh Dufresne 2003

Derek Anti 2003

Michael Masse 2003

DISPATCHERS (part-time)

Brett Purchas 2003

Robert Robinson 2003

Kimberly Rasbeck 2003

Mark Galarneau 2003

Josh Dufresne 2003

Michael Masse 2003

Thomas Cortis 2003

John Turcotte 2003

Christopher Eck 2003

Avery Church 2003

Jason Sutherland 2003

Gregory Skop 2003

Michael Lynch 2003

Todd MacKecknie 2002

Christopher Pandolfi 2002

POLICE MATRON

Verna Caney 2003

Laurie Ryder 2003

Avery Church 2003

Kimberly Rasbeck 2003

SECRETARY TO POLICE DEPT

Kathy Zanetti 2002

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2002

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Peter Hatch, Chief	2003
Michael Gorski, Assist Chief	2003
Charles Beaver, Deputy Chief	2003
Tim Evans, Captain	2003
Michael Hatch, Lieutenant	2003
Michael Sicbaldi, Secretary	2003
Derek Anti	2003
Jason Broom	2003
William Brown	2003
James Burns, Jr.	2003
James Burns, Sr.	2003
Donald Dickinson	2003
Joseph Grant	2003
Richard Harris	2003
Lawrence Hatch	2003
Richard Hatch	2003
Harold House	2003
Daniel Isham	2003
Albert Jones	2003
Rick Kelly	2003
William Levakis	2003
Matthew Loveling	2003
Henry Managre	2003
David Markham	2003
Michael Maserati	2003
Arthur McCarthy	2003
Jason McCarthy	2003
Andrew Netherwood	2003
William Patric	2003
Edward Poulin	2003
Thomas Poulin	2003
Joshua Ross	2003
Scott Rumprik	2003
Thomas Smith	2003
David Sutcliffe	2003
Richard Thayer	2002
Frederick Warren	2002

**IN RECOGNITION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO
THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WISH TO
ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING
INDIVIDUALS**

Austin McKeon	Board of Selectmen
Carolyn Brennan	Executive Director COA
Diane Hildreth	COA Board Member
Joseph Mascaro	Planning Board Member
Dorothy Bradway-Hill	Historical Commission Member
Nancy Quill	Historical Commission Member
Judy Mikkola	Advisory Committee
David Lalonde	Advisory Committee
Philip J. Adams	Police Chief
Harlan E. Cross	Police Department
Denis R. Desrosiers	Police Department
Damian V. DeWolf	Police Department
Todd M. MacKechnie	Police Department
Gregory J. Skop	Police Department
Elaine Kingsbury	Chairperson, Hampden Library
Kathleen Hutchison	Hampden Library
Beth E. Burger	Hampden Library
Lori McCool	Health Agent
Matt Rauch	Recycling Attendant
Robert Majkut	Water Commissioner
Richard DeSanti	Water Commissioner

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A BUILDING PERMIT

The following is an outline of the steps that must be taken in order to secure a building permit, including the necessary supplementary permits or approvals, as may be required. The Board of Selectmen hopes that this procedure will eliminate confusion, which might otherwise arise. Specific questions or a more in-depth review of a particular department's requirements may be discussed with each inspector.

Application to Building Department:

Complete the building permit application and submit to the Building Inspector with 2 sets of site plans prepared by a Professional Engineer or Registered Land Surveyor, along with the application fee, in accordance with Zoning Bylaw 8.1.3. If you have questions, contact Mark Feeney 566-2204

Planning Board: The application and plat plan will be submitted to the Planning Board. Petitioner will verify that this is a registered lot, with the proposed building meeting all zoning requirements (which may include application to the Ridgeline & Hillside Committee, Zoning Bylaw 7.12). Contact the clerk to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting: Judy Jackson: 566-8591 (home).

Highway Department: If the driveway requires the crossing of an open ditch, contact the highway Superintendent for sizing and proper installation of the culvert. When any new driveway is installed (entering off a paved roadway), the builder will be required to pave an apron for the edge of the pavement back to the front property line (usually 7 –10 feet) at the driveway entrance. If you have questions, contact Dana Pixley at 566-8842.

Conservation Commission: Verify with this Board if you are near or part of your property is in or near the Wetlands Area. If you have questions contact the clerk, Pat Smith 566-2206.

Percolation Test: Year round testing. The owner, engineer arranges appointment for percolation with the Board of Health Agent and pays fee. Percolation test is valid for two years from date of issue.

Well Permit: Well installer submits to the Board of Health a permit and plan of property with well, septic system and house shown, at the time of application and with the permit fee.

Well Installation: After the well is installed the installer must file a Well Water completion report with the Board of Health. Property owner must then have the water tested with results sent to the Board of Health before a building permit will be issued.

Septic Application: All septic design applications to the Board of Health, signed stamped and with the fee paid. A septic permit, which is approved, shall expire three years for the date of issue unless construction of the approved system is begun before the expiration date.

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A BUILDING PERMIT CON'T

Septic Installation: Septic Installer must be licensed by the Town of Hampden and must advise Board of Health before installation starts. Installation must be inspected by Board of Health agent and Design Engineer before system is covered.

Septic Compliance: Engineer and installer must sign Certificate of Compliance after the final inspection.

Building Department: Building plans must be submitted for review by the Building Inspector. A building permit will not be issued until all prior steps have been successfully completed. The permit is valid for three (3) years from date of issue. Construction work must begin within six months of receiving building permit and work must be finished within three years. If you have questions contact: Mark Feeney 566-2204

Electrical, Plumbing, Gas, Oil burner, Smoke Detector, and Wood Stove Permits: Requests for the above permits are to be submitted to the Building Department, with the necessary Building Permit fee. The applicant contacts the appropriate inspector with the inspection request. An Occupancy Permit will be issued only after the Building Inspector checks with other inspectors to make sure all the above procedures have been completed as well as insuring that the house number is permanently found on the property and easily readable from the street.

If you have questions or if the Board of Selectmen may be of service, please contact us at the Town house 566-2151. ALL FEES ARE PAYABLE TO THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN.

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
FEES FOR PERMITS
(PERMITS AFTER THE FACT ARE DOUBLED)**

BUILDING PERMITS – MARK FEENEY – 566-2204

Application for Building Permit	\$10
Commercial/Industrial Building (\$200 minimum)	25-cents/sq ft
New house (\$100 minimum)	20-cents/sq ft
In the event of more than 1 unit per building an additional fee of \$4 per unit will be charged in addition to normal fee for new house	
Alterations/Additions/Accessory Buildings (\$40 min)	20-cents/sq ft
Swimming Pool	\$30
Solid Fuel Stoves	\$25

ELECTRICAL PERMITS - ROBERT LAGUE - 566-8472

Commercial/Industrial Building Additions	\$120
New House	\$80
In the event of more than 1 unit per building an additional fee of \$4 per unit will be charged in addition to normal fee for new house	
Alterations, Rewiring Existing Structure	\$80
Alterations, Change of Service, Temporary Service	\$40
Additions-added rooms, breezeway, garage, etc	\$40
Swimming Pools, appliance	\$25

PLUMBING PERMITS - MICHAEL FORD - 566-5578

Commercial/Industrial Building	\$100
New House	\$80
An additional fee of \$2 per fixture over 10 fixtures will be charged, in addition to the normal fee of \$50 per building	
Additions-additional charges as above	\$30
Swimming Pool	\$25
Any swimming pool with a permanent plumbing connection is subject to a permit fee.	

GAS PERMITS - MICHAEL FORD - 566-5578

All Gas Permits	\$25
In the event of multiple occupancy or multi-unit dwelling, the charge will be \$20 per meter up 5 fixtures; above that the fee will be \$2 per fixture.	

SOLAR PERMIT

Permits for Solar installations will be based on the categories.
Contained in the columns for Building, Electrical & Plumbing.

TOWN OF HAMPDEN FEES FOR PERMITS

FIRE PERMITS - PETER HATCH - 566-3314

Smoke Detector Inspection (New House)	\$25
Smoke Detector Inspection (Real Estate transfer)	\$25
Oil Burner Inspection	\$25
Blasting Permit – Fire Chief	\$20
Renewal of Smokeless Powder (Fire Chief)	\$10
LP Gas Storage Permits (Fire Chief)	\$25
Underground Storage tank Installation (Fire Chief)	\$20
Underground Storage tank Removal (Fire Chief)	\$75
Tank and Burner Inspection	\$25
Mobil fuel oil delivery vehicle	\$25

CALL-BACK FEES

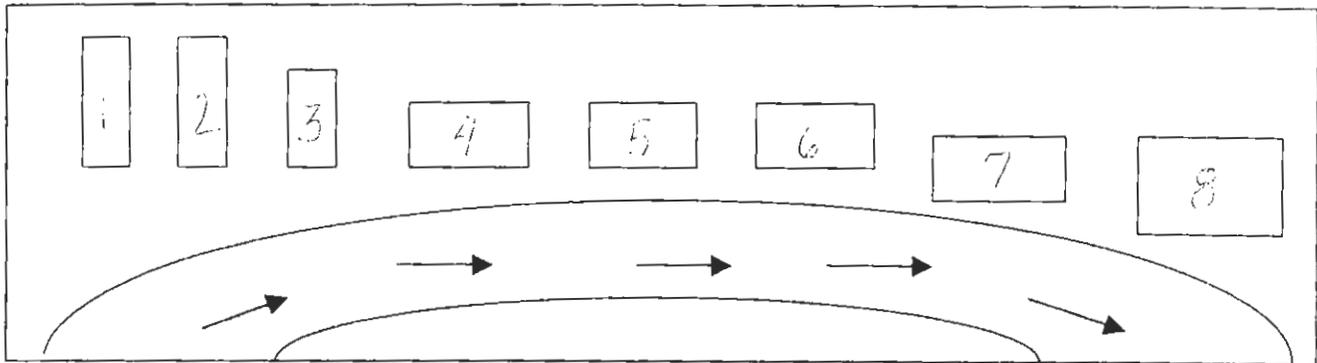
Call-back fees for Electrical, Plumbing, Building, and Fire Inspectors	\$20
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BOARD OF HEALTH – GLENN RIDDLE – 566-2151

Well Permit	\$25
Percolation Test Permit	\$150
Septic System Installation Permit (new or repair) includes one revision, each additional revision	\$100 \$50

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HAMPDEN TRANSFER STATION
DROP-OFF RECYCLING
2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS 7am- 5pm



1.) **STORAGE TRAILER**

2.) **NEWSPAPERS**

In brown grocery bags or tied in 6" bundles
NO PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

3.) **CLEAN METAL**

Pipes, aluminum gutters, bikes, etc.
NO APPLIANCES OR LAWN MOWERS
25-LB WEIGHT LIMIT-MAXIMUM

4.) **MIXED PAPER**

YES
 Junk mail (Remove plastic windows)
 Newspaper inserts
 Magazines & Catalogs
 Paperbacks & Phone Books (Remove Covers)
 Computer Paper
 Flyers/Circulars

NO
 Egg Cartons
 Pizza Boxes
 Take Out Containers
 Waxed Paper or Cardboard
 Plastic Grocery Bags

5.) **CARDBOARD**

Corrugated, cereal boxes, detergents
NO WAXED CONTAINERS OR PIZZA BOXES

6.) **OVERFLOW**

Used only as directed by Recycling Attendant

7.) **MIXED RECYCLING- GLASS, PLASTIC & METAL**

YES
 Glass Bottles/Jars
 Aluminum/Tin/Steel Cans & Lids
 Aluminum Foil
 Milk & Juice Cartons (Tent Top)
 Drink Boxes
 Plastic Bottles, Jars, Tubs
 Microwave Trays or Containers

NO
 Light Bulbs
 Window or Auto Glass
 Dishes, Glasses, Pyrex, Ceramics
 Paint or Aerosol Cans
 Flower Pots
 Motor Oil or Chemical Containers
 Styrofoam or Plastic Grocery Bags

2-GALLON MAXIMUM SIZE CONTAINERS

ALL CONTAINERS MUST BE WASHED SO THERE IS NO RESIDUE INSIDE

8.) **BULK COLLECTION AREA**

Available on the 1st Saturday of the month April-October. Home pick-up also available. For more information, contact the Board of Health office at 566-2152.

BULK PICK-UP DAYS

Beginning on March 2, 2002, the Town of Hampden will be offering the services of Bulk Disposal Inc. of Wilbraham to dispose of unwanted bulk items. This service will be available on the 1st Saturday of the month from 8am-12pm at the Recycling Center. Bulk Disposal Inc. will also be offering home pick-up of items on the 2nd Saturday of the month by appointment only.

The following are the prices for disposal supplied and set by BULK DISPOSAL INC.

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>DROP OFF</u>	<u>HOME PICK-UP</u>
Refrigerators (with freon)	\$30.00	\$40.00
Kitchen stove	\$17.00	\$20.00
Washing machine	\$17.00	\$20.00
Dryer	\$17.00	\$20.00
Sleeper sofa	\$22.00	\$25.00
Regular sofa	\$17.00	\$20.00
Living Room chair	\$12.00	\$15.00
TV-Table or computer monitor	\$15.00	\$18.00
TV-Console	\$17.00	\$20.00
Mattress	\$9.00	\$10.00
Box Spring	\$9.00	\$10.00
King-sized mattress or box spring	\$13.00	\$15.00
Car tires (without rims)	\$4.00	\$4.00
(with rims)	\$5.00	\$5.00

Tables, kitchen chairs, chests, end tables, etc. will depend on size and weight.
Truck, motorcycle, or tractor tires will depend on size and whether or not it has rim.

NOTE: Greater quantities of items brought to the Recycling Center or for home pick-up at one time will receive a proportional discount off regular pricing.

****To be determined by BULK DISPOSAL INC.****

For more information about the bulk pick-up or to schedule a home pick-up, please call the Board of Health at 566-2152.

To find out more information on pricing, please call Fred Heini of Bulk Disposal Inc. at 596-9276.

ADOPT A PLOT PROGRAM

Last year the ADOPT A PLOT program, a community preservation project to restore our Town-owned cemeteries, began work on restoring Old Cemetery to a safe and attractive condition. Close to 800 gravestones have been cleaned and/or repaired and reset. The program is a real community effort. Hang onto your hats while we thank those who have contributed to this project so far! First, we would like to thank the over 100 volunteers who cleaned gravestones in Old Cemetery. Volunteers range in age from 3 up through 83. These volunteers hail from Hampden, East Longmeadow, Springfield, Monson and Holyoke. Some people cleaned one stone and some cleaned several. Local civic groups including Girl Scouts and Lions Club also cleaned stones. Warning!! This work can be habit forming! It is a very healthy habit and we encourage you to take it up. A few volunteers including Rita Vail, Joan Day and Cheryl Cheetham cleaned whole rows. Dave Cesan and Albert Jones have repaired and reset many stones. Cameron Bond repaired and reset several stones. Duane Mosier got hooked on resetting stones and has reset several rows. The Garden Club contributed by planting 911 daffodils on the hillside at Old Cemetery to commemorate the events of September 11. The ADOPT A PLOT Committee spent many hours planning and implementing the program. Second, we would like to thank the Town Boards and Departments who have helped with this project. They include the Board of Selectmen, Historical Commission, Cemetery Commission, Community Preservation Committee, Fire Department and Highway Department. We call upon Highway Department Superintendent Dana Pixley innumerable times for supplies, materials and advice. His prompt and courteous responses to all our requests help make the project run smoothly. We love you Dana! Third, we thank you the voters for approving an appropriation of \$5,000. of Community Preservation Act funds to be used for professional preservation of gravestones. Fourth, we would like to thank the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Trial Court, Community Service Program for the crews of men they sent us this past summer and fall. These men were almost without exception friendly, courteous and hard working. They cleaned and reset over 100 stones making a valuable contribution to the project. We enjoyed working with them and hope they can return this spring. Fifth, we thank the Hampden Historical Society for sponsoring the program. They forward phone messages to us from volunteers and Rita Vail, the Society's treasurer handles financial donations made to the ADOPT A PLOT program. This makes possible the private/public partnership. Sixth, we thank the many business and individual donors to the ADOPT A PLOT program. Monson Savings Bank was our first donor and President Roland Desrochers enthusiasm gave us confidence that the project would be a success. Many other businesses have also contributed. Individual donors have sent contributions from as far away as Texas but most of the donations have come from right here in Hampden. If you haven't jumped on the bandwagon yet, there is still time! You can volunteer by calling the Historical Society at 566-5803 or Chrissie Cesan at 566-8930 or Connie Witt at 566-8327. You can send your donation to: The ADOPT A PLOT Program, c/o The Historical Society, P.O. Box 363, Hampden, MA 01036. Contributions are tax deductible. All contributors and volunteers are recognized in a notebook in both the Historical Society and the Hampden Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Chrissie Cesan, Chairman
Deena Balogh,
Ralph Delullo
Carl Libby
Joyce Libby
Bill Meuse
Rita Vail
Karen White
Connie Witt

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

As the Animal Inspector for the Town of Hampden, I would like to report the following for 2002.

	Adult	Young
Cattle: (Adult = 2 years & over)		
Dairy	0	0
Beef	24	11
Steers/Oxen	0	0
Goats: (Adult = 1 yr & up)	15	7
Sheep: (Adult = 1 yr & up)	16	4
Swine:		
Number of breeders	0	0
Number of feeders	0	0
Equines:		
Number of horses	119	6
Number of ponies	28	0
Number of Llamas	6	

Poultry # of chickens 272 # of turkeys 1 # of ratites 0
 # of waterfowl 25 # of gamebirds 0

Number of rabbits 14

Other animals 1 Burro, 1 Donkey, 10 Alpaca

There was one (2) domestic animal quarantined due to a wildlife encounter and one (4) dog bite to a human reported.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Sears,
Animal Inspector

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Cases Applied For and Heard in 2002 Include the Following:

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| 2002-1 | Granted with Conditions – A Special Permit to operate a wholesale car storage business in the Commercial District with minimum retail sales and service. |
| 2002-2 | Granted – A Special Permit to allow co-location on the Sprint Tower located off Somers Road. |
| 2002-3 | Granted – Renewal of a Special Permit to remove earth to improve the land for agriculture. |
| 2002-4 | Granted – A Special Permit to allow co-location on the Sprint Tower located off Somers Road. |
| 2002-5 | Denied – Variance to allow use of a newly built driveway that does not conform to the driveway regulations. |

An administrative meeting held on June 25th elected the following members as officers for the '03 Fiscal Year:

Richard E. Patullo, Chair
Mary Chris Cesan, Vice-Chair
Francis Kotomski, Clerk

Other members of the Board include:

L. Jed Berliner
Kenneth E. Lefebvre
Alternates: David R. Scott
Richard P. Jones
Cheryl M. Cudnik

New Member: Cheryl Cudnik was welcomed to the Board as she starts a three-year term.

The Planning Board met with this Board in June to discuss revision of Zoning Bylaw Section 4, "Continuance of Existing Uses," with the charge of making the wording clearer to interpret. Also discussed was updating Bylaw Section 7.14, "Wireless Communication," in an attempt to make the process of co-location on an existing tower a separate procedure.

The November 2000 revision of the Zoning Bylaw Regulations has placed so-called "Estate Lots," substandard frontage lots, under review of the Planning Board so the Board of Appeals is no longer involved in that process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard E. Patullo, Chair

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

This has been a very busy year for the Board of Assessors.

After 30 years of service, Richard A. Jalbert retired from the Board. Richard's wealth of knowledge will surely be missed along with his presence in the office. Richard was very active not only dealing with the assessing issues of the Town, but also dealt with assessing issue in the capacity as an Executive Board member of the Massachusetts Assessors Association Organization.

As Richard said his good-byes, Diane L. Hildreth was voted in as the newest member of the board. As some of you might remember, Diane worked in the Assessors office in the mid-to-late nine:y's. She comes to the board with a working knowledge of the office and the willingness to work in the best interest of the Town.

This year was our triennial revaluation. After carefully analyzing all the sales that have taken place in the town, we saw our home values rise. This was no surprise since the real estate market seemed to be the best investment in 2002. As our real estate values increased, our tax rate dropped down \$2.81 per thousand. That brought smiles across many faces in town.

The Board owes much appreciation to our Assistant to the Board, Ann Murphy. Ann strives to maintain an open line of communication between the taxpayers and the Assessors. As a part-time board we rely heavily on Ann and her ability to deal with many issues at one time.

The Board would like to thank all the residents, town officials and town house staff members who make it a pleasure working for this wonderful town.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryLou Majkut, Chairperson
Stanley W. Witkop, Assessor
Diane L. Hildreth, Assessor
Ann Murphy, Assistant to the Board

FISCAL YEAR 2003

Total appropriations to be raised	\$7,832,844.00
Other local expenditures	24,441.65
State and County Cherry Sheet Charges	37,704.00
Allowance for abatements and Exemptions (overlay)	<u>85,206.28</u>
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$7,980,195.93

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BOARD OF HEALTH

	2001	2002
Annual Flu Clinic	265	240
Pneumonia	75	0
Tetanus	75	0
Annual Rabies Clinic	40	50
Water Tests	40	60
Percolation Tests	58	73
Septic Systems-Installed/ Repaired	27	62
Septic Installers Permits Issued	15	19
Septage Haulers Permit Issued	4	3
Well Permits	20	30
Food Service Permits	20	22
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	
Health Complaints	6	8
Court Actions	1	0

The Board of Health's decision to change from tag to bag system at the transfer station proved to be a good one in the year 2002. The town will brake even with costs vs. income by the end of the fiscal year. We are grateful to the residents who so willingly cooperated with this program and welcome further cost-reduction suggestions. Private bulk home pickup is available by appointment. Contact Bulk Disposal Inc. at 596-9276 for more information.

We worked with DEP at many locations in town: the Transfer Station, Mill Road composting site, Allen Street, and Memorial Park to name a few.

Sheriff Michael Ashe graciously provided a crew of eleven inmates to assist for a day with trash pickup at the transfer station, at no cost to the town.

One dead crow was confirmed to have the West Nile Virus. We ask that anyone finding a dead bird to report the finding to the West Nile Virus Hotline at 1-866-627-7968.

Storm Water Phase II application for a permit has begun and this permit will be issued for a period of five years. New by-Laws and procedures will be required to implement this new law.

Once the town's population exceeded five thousand, Hampden was required to take over the responsibilities of weight and measures.

We thank Lorri McCool for her years of service and support to the town as its health agent. In February of 2002 Glenn Riddle became the health agent for Hampden. We also thank Matt Rauch for working on the recycling effort at the transfer station.

The rabies clinic was held in the spring on April 6, 2002 for pets. We thank Dr. Penny Peck for volunteering her time to administer the rabies shots, the Town Clerk for her availability that day to license dogs as needed, and the Girl Scouts for providing assistance.

The Town of Hampden actively participated at the regional hazardous waste day in September at Minnechaug Regional High School. This is an opportunity to educate, remove and properly dispose of unwanted chemicals in every household. The next scheduled day will be in September 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
Duane E. Mosier, Chairman Board of Health

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The number of registered voters on Jan. 1, 2002 was 3325. On Dec 31, 2002 it was 3266.

Voter attendance during 2002:

Special Town Meeting March 11, 2002	170
Special Election March, 18, 2002	690
Republican Party Caucus, March 29, 2002	59
Democratic Party Caucus, March 28, 2002	24
Special Town Meeting, April 29, 2002	204
Annual Town Meeting, April 29, 2002	204
Annual Town Election, May 6, 2002	1113
Special Town Meeting June 24, 2002	99
Special Town Election July 30, 2002	844
State Primary September 17, 2002	628
Special Town Meeting, October 21, 2002	293
State Election November 5, 2002	2068

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board's most visible activity this year was the selection of a new Chief Of Police. The credit for the hard work, however, goes to a behind-the-scenes group of 5 motivated and talented individuals that made up the Chief Of Police Search Committee. Michael Crowley, Chairman, Carol Fitzgerald, Recording Secretary, Bill Gazunos, Mike Gorksy and Peter Hatch put in collectively more than 500 hours of their time to analyze over 30 applications, interview multiple candidates and present the Board Of Selectmen with 3 top candidates. Our thanks to these people, and welcome aboard to Chief Mellis!

Through another dedicated group of volunteers, chaired by Donald Collins and served by Richard Ayres, William Gouzounis, Thomas Argenio, and Ronald Kidd the Board is putting the final touches on a new personnel policy handbook. This is part of an on-going effort by the Board to take a broad look at town policies and procedures and bring them up to date.

Fiscal year 2004 looks to be challenging. State aid to both the town and the Hampden Wilbraham Regional School district at this point in time is in limbo with the possibility of unprecedented aid reductions. If cuts have to be made to make up for these, the board is committed to making these cuts as equitable as possible, We look forward to meaningful participation by labor groups, department heads, and elected officials in solving this problem.

The anticipated construction of a cell tower at the site of the Transfer Station, approved by the voters at the last town meeting, did not materialize this year when the successful bidder for the construction rights failed to exercise their option to build. The Board is waiting for a more favorable economic climate before pursuing new bids for use of the site.

As always, the town is in need of energetic and motivated people to serve in a variety of appointed and elected positions in town. If you are interested in serving on an appointed committee please contact the Selectmen's office at 566-2151. If you are interested in serving in an elected position, please contact the Town Clerk or one of the town's political committees for candidate information.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

BUILDING PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

Dwelling:	20
Additions:	51
Alterations:	8
Shed:	7
Barn:	1
Garage:	3
Swimming Pool:	14
Demolition:	4
Wood Stove:	3
Deck:	5
Temporary	1
Total:	127

TOTAL PERMIT & INSPECTION

Building	127
Electrical	120
Plumbing & Gas	124

Respectfully submitted,

Mark J. Feeney, Building Commissioner

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Dept	Description	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
General Gov	Town Hall Parking lot reconstruction	79,000				
COA	Elderly Transportation (van)			45,000		
Fire	Fire Truck				300,000	
Library	Expansion		28,000			
Highway	Road Paving	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Highway	Bridge Maint Mill&/or Chapin Rd	350,000 per				
Highway	Drainage Maint Carmody Rd	18,000				
Highway	Drainage Maint TWB	18,000				
Highway	Drainage Replace Fernwood Rd		30,000			
Highway	Drainage Replace Hickory & Walnut	35,000				
Highway	Roof Replace Salt shed			16,000		
Highway	New Equipment (J. Deere backhoe) &&&&	75,000				
Highway	Equipment Replacement (Dumptruck w/ plow)		40,000			
Highway	Equipment Replacement (GVW Dumptruck w/ plow and sander)					95,000
Highway	Equipment Replacement (Pickup Truck)					27,000
School	TWB Repair & Renovation	1,000,000	1,000,000			
Police	Weapons	12,500				
School	TWB Fire Alarm & Intercom	47,000				
Total		1,709,500	1,173,000	136,000	375,000	197,000

&&&& Lease would be \$16,000 per year

BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners have been active overseeing the maintenance of Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery. Arrangements were made for the excavation and refilling of graves at the time of interment. thirty-one interments were made in 2002. Activities this year also included marking out several graves for the installation of monuments and the placement of corner markers on several lots.

Several lots were sold in Old Cemetery and space is still available there. We will open up a new section of Old Cemetery this year to make more lots available. A water tank has been installed in Old Cemetery and the road will be extended to make the space more accessible.

The state has mandated that each lot have a permanent marker showing the number of the lot in each cemetery. We are in process of fulfilling this but this requires finishing the map showing the actual location of each lot. The space usage review mentioned before is part of this process as well as a redrawing of the maps. To keep costs down we are attempting to do as much of this as we can ourselves but this is time consuming and can only be done in good weather.

Notice has been received from the state veterans office, that it is the responsibility of each town to maintain the markers on each veteran's grave, and to make sure that those responsible for the installation of flags on these graves have an updated list of each veteran in the cemetery with its location on an annual basis. Working with the Veteran Officer, and the Historical Society, the listing is completed. Much work still has to be done on repairing some of the markers, which have been damaged over the years. We are investigating what is to be done and how it can be done. The Historical Society has taken over this restoration and is doing a marvelous job. If you would care to help, the Historical Society has set up an adoption program for this purpose. Please call them for additional information.

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. This is a country cemetery and does not have some of the amenities of more expensive sites. Please do your part to maintain the beauty of these spots.

Quarterly meetings of the Cemetery Commission are held at the Town House the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 PM. Commissioners may be contacted at this time or by calling an individual commissioners at the phone numbers listed below or calling 566-2204 and leaving a message.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry W. Dunwoody (566-3357),

Renate Oliver (566-8684),

David Quill (566-3552)

HAMPDEN HOUSING TENANTS ORGANIZATION

2003 begins our twenty-fifth year here at Centennial Commons and there are still some of the tenants living here who came early in the spring of 1978.

The Tenants Organization was started in 1979 and has remained active since the beginning. We meet quarterly to enact old and new business with a well rounded group of tenants.

Our community is a very safe and pleasant place to live as attested by those who live here. Many a happy occasion takes place in the community room of the office building. Tenants have enjoyed birthday parties, daily card games, Thursday night cards, Wednesday night and alternate Saturday bingo games, an annual Monte Carlo Whist party, showers, our summer hot dog roast, our Christmas party and dinner and a host of other activities.

Even though we try to keep enough activities going to keep the tenants busy, we still miss the companionship of the "lunch bunch" now that they have moved to the Senior Center. The bus that is available to the seniors is a blessing to those seniors that don't or can't get their own meals.

Respectfully submitted,

Aline Burt, Secretary.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Act was adopted by the Town of Hampden in 2001. The law allows communities to establish up to a three percent surcharge on their property taxes. Hampden has a one percent surcharge (exclusion: \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property). The money must be spent on open space, historical resources and community housing. The state will provide a minimum of five percent up to a maximum of one hundred percent of the amount raised through this surcharge in matching funds each year. The law requires the establishment of a Community Preservation Committee.

The Community Preservation Committee meetings are posted with the town clerk at the Town Hall and are open to the public.

The Committee consists of nine members. The town moderator appointed two members: Dorothy Kibbe and John M. Flynn. Two members were appointed by the Selectman: Douglas Boyd and Robert (Bob) Burger. There are five other members who are representatives from the following groups: Housing Authority, Cecelia Melville; Historical Commission, Noreen Couture; Planning Board, John D. Flynn; Park Commission, Jim Morris; Conservation Commission, Shelia Thompson.

The Community Preservation Committee studies the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation. It makes annual recommendations (at Town Meeting) on how Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds collected by the town and State Matching Funds could be spent. For fiscal year 2002, CPA funds collected by the town = \$21,766.69. State matching funds received = \$22,955.00 (based on assessed value). Total monies = \$44,721.69, minus \$20,000.00 allocation for **open space**, and \$5,000.00 for one time **historical resource** allocation equals a **rollover balance** of \$19,721.69.

This year, as per the committee's recommendations and voter approval, the following allocations have been made.

MONIES ALLOCATED 2002

OPEN SPACE: \$100,000.00 [\$20,000.00 annually for five years, towards the purchase of land on Minnechaug Mountain (166 acres, more or less).] *

HISTORICAL RESOURCES: \$5,000.00 – once, this year only for the gravestone conservation and restoration at Old Cemetery, Chapin Road.

COMMUNITY HOUSING: No commitments – ten percent has been set aside for future use.

* Note: This allocation is dependent upon the finalization of Minnechaug Mountain purchase.

The Committee's first annual public hearing was held on October 22, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall in the auditorium.

Public input is not only welcome, but also encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Kibbe, Chairman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

January 1, 2003

The Town of Hampden Conservation Commission currently sits with seven full time members and three associate members. We hold regularly scheduled meetings on the second Monday of every month, and "special" meetings when required. Our purpose is to protect the natural wetland and flood plain resource areas in town from abuse and over-development. The guidelines used are the *Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act*, the *Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act* and the *Town of Hampden Wetland Protection By-laws*.

This past year the commission held twelve regular meetings and numerous special meetings as well as required site inspections. We review filings for Requests for Determinations, Notices of Intent, Requests for Certificates of Compliance, Enforcement Orders, and general information. We sometime are forced to issue Enforcement Orders resulting from complaints received about wetland violations. Violations may include logging operations being conducted without approved plans and unlicensed loggers performing work, filling, dredging and/or altering wetland areas or flood plains. Please ensure your loggers or contractors doing work on your property are properly licensed and follow the proper procedures as set forth by the *Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act*, the *Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act* and the *Town of Hampden Wetland Protection By-laws*.

The Conservation Commission endorses the purchase of all open space. We also support the efforts of the Mill River Watershed group.

We always welcome proactive people interested in preserving our Town's natural resources and currently have positions available for members as well as associate members. We are always anxious to meet people interested in joining the commission. Please contact our clerk, Pat Smith, at the Town House, if you have any questions or to find out how to join.

Respectively submitted for the commission,

Bonnie L. Geromini
Camilla J. Desmarais
Co-Chairpersons

HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging/Senior Center continues to thrive here on Allen Street by being able to provide programs and services that will help seniors throughout their adult years. Many people are coming to the senior center for the first time while others continue to participate year after year. We are happy to be able to offer the following programs and services:

- **Geriatric Care Management**
- **Transportation**
- **Monthly newsletter and outreach**
- **Insurance Counseling**
- **Prescription Assistance**
- **Caregiver support**
- **Fuel assistance/ emergency fuel assistance**
- **Recreation/hobbies/arts/crafts/game room**
- **Health and Education**
- **Tax Assistance**
- **Monthly health screenings**
- **Daily congregate meals**
- **Home delivered meals**
- **Lock box program**
- **Entertainment/Social Club**

The Senior Center has been up and running for 2 ½ years and the past 6 months have brought about a great deal of change. The biggest change occurred in October when Executive Director Carolyn Brennan gave her resignation. Carolyn served as Executive Director for 12 years and was the driving force behind the building of the new senior center. Carolyn was very enthusiastic about the senior center and had a lot of love for the seniors of Hampden. She is missed by all of her friends here at the center.

Following Carolyn's resignation the senior center had to fill her position and did so at the end of November by hiring Becky Muldrew. Becky comes to the senior center with a strong educational background, experience in elder services and a love for this population of adults. Becky is very excited to be working in Hampden and hopes to bring new ideas to the center as well as maintain the wonderful work that was put in place by predecessor Carolyn Brennan.

The Center also said good-bye to our Outreach Coordinator Lissa Fontaine. Lissa made a big difference in her 4 years here at the center with her compassion and respect for seniors, her knowledge of available resources, and her faithful advocacy. Lissa's presence here is certainly missed by everyone.

We then welcomed new Outreach Coordinator Tedi-Ann Busha. Tedi-Ann is a registered nurse and comes to the senior center with a strong background working with people and advocating for their needs. We are happy to have her knowledge and expertise here at the center.

The congregate meal site or the "lunch bunch" here at the senior center continues to be a wonderful place for seniors to have a nutritious noontime meal while engaging in socialization with other seniors from the community. This program is funded by Greater Springfield Senior Services and managed by Janis DeGrandpre.

Home Delivered meals are provided 365 days/year with many thanks going to the Mary Lyon Nursing Home as well as the numerous volunteer drivers who deliver these meals on a regular basis.

The Center is grateful for the support that is received from the Friends of the Hampden Seniors Group. In 2002 the Friends were generous enough to provide the senior center with two new ladders, a few new furniture items and have also shown their support by agreeing to finance the installation of a moveable partition wall in the great room.

HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING P2

The Senior Center could not function without the 130+ volunteers who day after day contribute numerous hours of their time to the COA. We appreciate each and every one of them and know that we could not function without their help and dedication.

The Senior Center continues to be open Monday – Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM and on Thursday nights from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

The Council on Aging is equipped to provide professional and accurate information to adults faced with the complexity of choices that can affect their overall health and well being later in life. Please feel free to stop in for a visit and find out what the senior center is all about!

Respectfully submitted by:

Rebecca C. Muldrew, *Executive Director*
Brian MacLeod, *Chairman*
Rita Vail, *Vice Chairman*
Al Ouimet, *Treasurer*
Virginia Schneider, *Secretary*

Patricia Clark
Arlene Fisher
Larry Smith
George Lavallee

Council on Aging Staff:

Admin. Clerks: Helena Nossal & Doreen Rauch
Activities Coord/Meal Site Mgr: Janis DeGrandpre
Senior Resource Officer: Gary Courtney

Senior Aide: Tiny Burt
Outreach Coord: Tedi-Ann Busha
Custodian: Rudie Voight

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

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

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

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

The Hampden Cultural Council again focused significant energy in local fundraising with a total of \$865.00 profit from various activities. The Hampden Cultural Council would like to publicly thank the many individual contributors and volunteers for their generosity in these efforts. One such program/fundraiser was a 3rd Grade Art Contest entitled "What I Love Most About Hampden." Seventy-two third grade children participated and the first prize drawing was stenciled onto tote bags and sold at the Memorial Day Parade and throughout the summer at various locations in town. The drawings were incredibly creative and demonstrated why most of us choose to live in Hampden.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council granted the Hampden Cultural Council our yearly allocation of \$2000.00. This was a decrease from our usual \$3300.00 yearly award and was due to legislative budget cuts. The council has recently made decisions regarding the re-granting of these monies.

Projects and activities that have been awarded grants for 2003 include:

- A Music Matters program for grades 2 and 4
- A hip-hop dance performance to delight the teens & others in town
- A music workshop at Thornton Burgess Middle School
- Support for the Senior Woodworking Shop
- Support to the Hampden Public Library summer reading program
- Support for the Hampden Historical Society Book Project
- Support for a performance of The Diary of Anne Frank
- A Blues Concert/Lecture at Minnechaug Regional High School

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

Respectfully submitted,
Heather G. Beattie, Chairperson
Virginia Blake
Carolyn Siano
James McEwan
Carol Gauthier
Judith Moriarty
Hermine Weston
Jerry Lesniak

HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2002 the Hampden Vol. Fire Department responded to 120 calls for assistance. The breakdown is as follows: house fires 1, HAZMAT 6, carbon monoxide 1, motor vehicle accident 5, vehicle 3, chimney fire 3, electrical 8, burnt food 21, brush fire 11, un-permitted open burning 9, smoke investigation 2, false alarms 39, lost person 1, mutual aid 1.

The Fire Dept. purchased rescue tools to aid in extricating victims of automobile accidents. The tools include a set of hydraulic cutters and two hydraulic rams with attachments. This purchase was a donation to the town from The Hampden Vol. Fire Dept. at no cost to taxpayers.

As always, the HVFD extends our thanks to the Hampden Police Department and the Hampden Highway Department for their help and support through out the past year.

If any town resident interested in joining the HVFD and is 19 years of age or older, please contact the dept. at 566-3314.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief, HVFD

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The Hampden Vol. Fire Department responded to 11 brush fires in 2002. Burning season begins January 15, 2003 and extends through May 1, 2003. Permits are issued on a daily basis, weather permitting. To obtain a permit, call 566-3314 after 9:00 AM . Burning hours are from 10:00 AM and must be extinguished by 4:00 PM. No permits will be issued after 1:00 PM. All fires must be attended by the individual issued the permit. Brush is defined as trimmings with a butt-end smaller than 1 inch. The burning of grass, hay, leaves, stumps, and building materials are prohibited.

Respectively submitted,

Forest Fire Warden

HAMPDEN GARDEN CLUB

Happy birthday Hampden! The Town of Hampden begins its 125th year as Hampden Garden Club completes its 70th year. On this occasion, we would like to thank the Town for allowing us to use Town buildings since our founding in 1932. The Garden Club has used the Town House Auditorium for large gatherings and we also use Academy Hall for some of our regular meetings. Since 1955 we have used the front lawn of Academy Hall for our annual plant sale. We are very grateful for the use of these buildings and grounds.

This year we gave the residents of Hampden a special birthday present. We have made a \$3,000.00 contribution to the Hampden Land Project to be used toward the purchase of land on Minnechaug Mountain. This will become the property of the Town of Hampden. It is a present that you can use any time you like, it never wears out and it always looks great!

Since the Town is a large part of our *raison d'etre* we thought you might be curious about what we have been up to for 70 years.

On March 23, 1932, knee deep in the Great Depression, a group of ten gardeners met in the home of Julius and Violet Gottsche and formed the Hampden Garden Club. The club immediately set to work carrying out one of its two purposes – “advancement of civic beauty, in and about Hampden, by means of horticulture” - by planting out the Town House. This was a monumental project requiring a Town meeting vote, fund raising and hard work. The other purpose of the club – “the mutual improvement of the members in the art of gardening” – has been carried out through lectures, garden tours and programs of exceptional quality. Speakers have ranged from founding member Thornton W. Burgess to more current speakers Pernel Gerver and Larry Lirot. Presently, Garden Club plants and maintains many public areas throughout town including TWB School (courtyards and gazebo), Green Meadows School, the Senior Center, Memorial Park and four planters around town. We also decorate the Library for the Winter Holidays and provide a scholarship to a Hampden graduate of Minnechaug Regional High School each year.

Since 1999, the Garden Club has been selling daffodil bulbs at or below cost to Hampden residents to help accomplish our goal of beautifying the entire Town with these spring flowers. With your help, the town is now graced with over 7,000 daffodils every spring! The Garden Club has planted daffodils at the following Town owned properties: Gerrish Park, Memorial Park, West Side Common, Main Street opposite the Ravine Dam, Academy Hall, the Fire Station slope, Prospect Hill Cemetery, Old Cemetery, the Transfer Station, TWB School, Green Meadows School and the Senior Center.

Our work is made possible by our Memorial Day Plant Sale and this year also by a very successful garden tour entitled “In a Country Garden” - a tour that highlighted some of the spectacular gardens of our members.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month from April through October at 7:00 P.M., usually in Academy Hall. We hope you will attend and find that our programs are lively, our refreshments are great and our business meetings are short and filled with laughter!

Respectfully submitted,

Renate Oliver, President
Dolores Ascioti, Vice President
Barbara Ogonowski, Treasurer

Nancy Salerno, Recording Secretary
Nancy Ryan, Corresponding Secretary

GREATER SPRINGFIELD SENIOR SERVICES, INC. (GSSSI)

In the past year the GSSSI celebrated its 30th anniversary. Its mission, to help elders live at home with independence and dignity, is as important today as when the agency was founded. This is done by promoting a wide range of choices for people with long term care needs. The elder care services offer community alternatives developed in the best interest of elders and their families making the most economic use of public dollars.

Last year over 2000 individuals, some in Hampden, received long term care services through the GSSSI state funded Home Care Program. The GSSSI's many services include congregate and home meals deliveries, protective services to those vulnerable to abuse, money management assistance, federally funded support for family caregivers, and nursing home ombudsmen to assist with problems and conflict resolution

In the past year over 10,000 family caregivers, elder care professionals and elders themselves turned to the experts in the GSSSI information and reference department for assistance with the ever changing complex maze of elder care services.

With the real possibility of reduced state funding and the ever increasing needs of elders, the next year will be difficult. I am sure the GSSSI will do its best to continue its programs for seniors under these restrictions.

I appreciate all the helpful advice from my predecessor, George Ingle, and look forward to continuing to serve the Hampden Seniors as a representative on the GSSSI Board of Directors

Respectfully Submitted,

John Shay
Hampden Representative on the GSSSI Board of Directors

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In the year 2002, the Highway Department completed several road improvement and maintenance projects with local funding. Other projects funded with Chapter 90 Agreements through the Massachusetts Highway Department were also undertaken. A breakdown of the larger projects is as follows:

With Ch. 90 funding, the remaining two-thirds of North Road was chip sealed with liquid asphalt and trap rock. This was also done on Burleigh Road, a section of South Road and one half mile of Bennett Road. Also with state-aid, we addressed several streets in an area of town that were all in need of improvements. Thresher, Stafford, Rock-a-Dundee and Scantic Roads, all were shimmed and leveled with bituminous concrete and prepared for re-surfacing that will take place this summer.

Several drainage related projects were addressed this past year. The open ditch that runs 1,200 feet along the north property line of the Thorton W. Burgess School was completely cleared of brush and trees and then cleaned. Riprap was placed at the outfall location for 150 feet to prevent washing in the future. Also, a drainage ditch on Pondview Dr. was cleaned, a culvert on Chapin Road was replaced and several catch basins around town including three at TWB School were reconstructed.

Chapin Road was improved for a distance of 200 feet by removing several trees, relocating utility poles, blasting out ledge on the shoulder and patching the road edge. This provides for a safer shoulder and room for snow removal. Town boundaries were also upgraded in several areas. Seven of the twenty-one bounds were reestablished and replaced as needed. The MassHighway replaced one of these bounds at the state line as part of this project.

There were only a total of 12 winter storms in 2002. But as always, the members of the Highway Department worked diligently to clear the roads for traffic. The members of the Highway Department are; Patrick Markham, Robert Richards, Albert Rosati, Matthew Frederick and John Ouellette. Relief drivers who also often assist us include; Harold House, Ron Neilsen, David Hawley and Jason Walbridge. I would like to thank them all for their services, support and cooperation.

I would also like to thank the many other employees and volunteers of the town, as well as the residents who have supported the Highway Department in the past year

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley
Highway Superintendent

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

Last year we mentioned a new public/private program entitled ADOPT A PLOT designed to rejuvenate our Town-owned cemeteries. The program is the brainchild of Commission member Chrissie Cesan. The Historical Commission has invested a great deal of time and effort in this program along with many other Town Boards, local organizations and businesses and most of all - town residents. The Commission applied for a portion of Community Preservation Act funds for professional gravestone restoration in Old Cemetery and at Fall Town Meeting you the voters allocated \$5,000 of those funds for this purpose. Please see the report of the ADOPT A PLOT program elsewhere in the Town Report.

We have presented four exhibits on the historical significance of our cemeteries. Entitled "Cemeteries - Stories in Stone", these exhibits included "Black History in Hampden 1761-1960", "Veterans of Old Cemetery", "Children and Young People of Old Cemetery" and "Puritan Gravestone Art in Old Cemetery". We prepared publications for the first three exhibits and hope to prepare a booklet on the fourth exhibit. Each exhibit was carefully researched and each brought to light many previously unknown facts. We wish to thank our intern, Amelia Bagnall, who researched and designed the exhibit on Puritan gravestone art. This is a museum quality exhibit but you don't have to travel far, pay admission or attend only during limited hours to see it. The Town House is open 24/7 and we don't know of any museum that offers this service. You still have time to catch this exhibit before it closes in late spring and pick up a free bookmark designed especially for the exhibit. We figure about 1,000 residents have viewed our exhibits this year. Our thanks to Ellen Bump and the Library for letting us use the exhibit case. The Library also displays books for further reading on exhibit subject matter and has a copy of all our research papers.

Just so you don't think we spent the few remaining hours swapping recipes, we include here some of the other things we did this year. We submitted photographs and paperwork to the Massachusetts Historical Commission on Goat Rock, a favorite spot spanning 3 centuries of use for picnics, outings, hiking etc. and the spot where one of William King's goats met his/her demise c. 1750, for inclusion in the State Inventory of Historic Places. We attended a lecture on preservation planning and a workshop on archaeology. We have commented on several matters concerning historic preservation to the proper local, state or federal agency. We have reported archaeological findings to Mass. Historical Commission. We have answered numerous inquiries for information on local history from Texas, South Carolina, New York and Connecticut but mostly right here in Hampden.

Bill Meuse has been of great assistance to us and we appreciate his expertise and commitment to the Commission.

Our meetings are held the second Monday of each month. We welcome your attendance and hope you will tell us of any preservation issues you wish us to address.

Our concerns are not just old buildings and archaeological sites. We are also concerned about maintaining our rural heritage through preservation of farmlands, scenic roads, conservation and smart growth.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Chapin Witt, Chairman
Chrissie Cesan, Archaeology Coordinator
Noreen Couture, Computer Coordinator, Community Preservation Committee representative
Melissa Lail-Trecker, Publicity

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN

Our meetings each month have been well attended. In March, Janice Duffy spoke on the archives in the Boston area. April found us feasting at a banquet at Annie's Restaurant before our annual meeting. Fred Ockley from the Association for Graveyard Studies spoke in May, and on Memorial Day, we sold Hampden t-shirts and flags, while Evy Schoolcraft signed the "Hampden" book published by Arcadia for many folk eager to peek at the pictures of Hampden people it contains. If you anticipate buying a book for a former Hampden relative or friend, we suggest you reserve it now while some are still available for they have been selling fast.

We were fascinated in June by the talk on antique medical paraphernalia given by Art Bunneau of Brimfield and our chance to look over such items as old stethoscopes and hearing aids. Nostalgia was the theme in September when a panel of Hampden seniors reminisced about various happenings in days gone by and others added their memories of past times. October found us enjoying a vast display of political buttons shown by Glen Clark of Wilbraham. Connie Witt entertained and enlightened us in October with her "Musings of Old Hampden."

John Isham was the founding father of Hampden Memorial Park, known more familiarly as "The Rec." We're happy to announce that the plaque commemorating John Isham and his committee has been installed on the rock at the entrance to the park.

The Historical Society of the Town of Hampden has agreed to aid the Historical Commission in its "Adopt A Plot" project.

Planning times for the museum to be opened during the warmer months, with society members present to safeguard materials and answer questions, changing the displays, and arranging for private showings, is only part of the work of society officers and members, for during the cold winter months, the museum is cared for, and telephone calls on the answering machine are monitored and acknowledged. To the Hampden Historical Society, this is part of their reason for existing.

This year we were pleased to receive two exceptionally fine items for the museum. One is an old Victorian parlor stove. The other is the original organ from the old St. Mary's Church. Both are delightful additions to our displays. *We welcome all donations of pictures and memorabilia.*

We invite anyone interested in the history of Hampden and in the good old days to attend our meetings. The business meeting is usually brief, the entertainment exceptional, and there are always taste treats to enjoy. You need not be a member for the programs are free to all. We meet in Academy Hall at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,.

Linda Krawiec, President

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Hampden Housing Authority meets on the third Thursday of every month at 8:15 a.m. the Community Building at 26 Spring meadow Lane. Meetings are posted with the Town Clerk and are open to the public.

The Hampden Housing Authority Board consists of five members. Four are elected and one is appointed by the Governor. The elected members are as follows: William Joy, Miles Haggood, Aline Burt and Cecelia Melville. The Governor's appointee is Benjamin Bump.

The Hampden Housing Authority employs three staff members as follows: Christine Evans, Executive Director - Carole Robert, Site Manager/Service Coordinator - and Frank Hull, Maintenance.

The mission of the Hampden Housing Authority is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing at an affordable rental rate. Rents are currently based on 30% of net income. In partnership with HUD, maximum contract rents are established by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Presently, they are set as follows: 1 bedroom - \$481. 2 bedroom - \$549. Eligibility and Occupancy standards are in keeping with the guidelines and regulations of the Department of Housing and Community Development and HUD.

Applications for housing are available by calling or visiting the office of the Hampden Housing Authority located at 26 Springmeadow Lane, at 566-8157. Our office is open to the public on Monday from 8:30 to 11:30, and on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 to 2:00.

We continue to express our sincere thanks to the Hampden Police, Fire and Highway Departments for their continued care, and dedicated service to our residents.

Respectfully,

Christine Evans, Executive Director

HAMPDEN LAND PROJECT

Hampden Land Project (HLP), a 501©3 non-profit land trust, works to permanently protect Hampden's most critical areas of open space. In 2001, a centrally located 93 acre parcel on the northeast slope of Minnechaug Mountain was saved from development when HLP borrowed money to purchase this land. With enthusiastic support from voters at Town Meeting, the land was turned over to the town as conservation land at no cost to the taxpayer. Grants from the state's Self-Help program and from private foundations, along with donations from businesses and residents, funded this purchase.

At the 2002 Special Fall Town Meeting, record numbers of voters came to support our newest land acquisition project, the protection of an abutting 166 acre parcel on the northwest slope of Minnechaug Mountain, which contains the peak of the mountain. These two parcels span the mountain east to west, and parallel Main Street. Once again, this land is to be acquired with no new taxes for its purchase, through a combination of another Self-Help grant, revenues from the newly passed Community Preservation Act, private foundations, and fundraising.

HLP has sponsored several community events, including the second annual Harvest Hike and Brunch, attracting over 150 hikers of all ages, a lively Barn Dance at the old Ferriter barn, and a Halloween pumpkin carving party at the Loiko's. This June, in conjunction with Hampden's 125th anniversary celebrations, HLP will be sponsoring a recreation of an historic clambake of yesteryear.

HLP has also been working with several landowners to keep farmland permanently protected for agricultural use through the state's APR (Agricultural Preservation Restriction) program. By balancing new growth and development with the permanent protection of farms, forests, mountains, and wetlands, we can preserve the unique rural character and scenic beauty of Hampden.

Please contact us at HLP, P.O. Box 455, Hampden.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Himmelstein, President, HLP

2002 REPORT OF THE LIBRARY

The mission of the Hampden Free Public Library is to provide materials of popular interest to our adult and juvenile patrons, and to provide materials and services to help local residents satisfy their informational, entertainment, and educational needs.

With attendance for fiscal year 2002 over 17,000, it would appear that we are fulfilling that mission. We provided materials and information in a variety of formats, including traditional print, audio books, Internet, videos and CD's. We also offered a number of programs and services for patrons of all ages.

Our Center for Success, a homework center for Hampden middle school students, opened January 15, 2002. This center was made possible by a federal Library Services and Technology Act, a bequest from Henry Chester Dickinson, and our annual state Municipal Equalization grant. With these funds we were able to convert the Sessions Room into an area designed especially for students and equip it with computers and over 150 reference materials in a variety of formats. A part-time librarian was also hired to assist the students. By the end of the 2001/02 school year attendance was 375, a total of 167 individuals, which is 41% of the entire Thornton Burgess Middle School population. In mid-September, the Center reopened for the 2002/03 school year and, by December 31, 2002, attendance was 258. We are grateful to the town for its support of this project by agreeing to fund the part-time librarian for the coming year. Finally, we would like to express our thanks to the advisory group who assisted us with the planning for this program: Lynn Schmitt, Chris Chamberlain-Puffer, Cindy Esposito, Mary Lou Majkut, and Kathy Hutchison, and our volunteer coaches, Martha McLaughlin, Cheryl Willis, and Karen Ntagkouakis.

Toddler times for children ages 2 to 3 ½ and story hours for children 3 ½ to 5 were held weekly with 714 in attendance for 2002.

As always, our annual summer reading program was a huge success. Appropriate for the summer following 9/11, our theme was "A Star Spangled Summer." We saw an increase in participation by all ages. There were 167 children from preschool through entering fifth grade who reached their reading goals. Thirty-three students entering grades 6 through 9 completed their required reading. Certificates, raffle prizes from local business and a paperback book from the Friends of the Library were awarded to all the children. Adults and children were also entertained with 8 live performances made possible by contributions from the Hampden Cultural Council, Monson Savings Bank, and the Friends of the Library.

The summer is not complete without the babysitting class supported annually by the Hampden Lions Club. Two sessions were offered and 24 students became American Red Cross certified babysitters.

We were overwhelmed when 39 middle school students responded to our call for summer volunteers. Their energy and enthusiasm were contagious and we are thankful for their support.

Due to its popularity last year, we again offered the Adult Summer Reading program. A total of 37 adults participated and were awarded prizes donated by Country Bank for Savings.

The entire summer reading program would not be possible without the support of our local businesses: Monson Savings Bank, Country Bank for Savings, Village Food Mart, Pop's Pizza, Annie's Place, Fenway Golf, Friendly's Ice Cream, U.S. Academy of Martial Arts, Dave's Soda and Pet Shop, Radio/Disney Hood, and McDonald's.

Our book discussion groups for adults flourished during 2002. One group met in the afternoon at the Hampden Senior Center while another met in the evening at the library.

The Library Trustees adopted three new policies during 2002, an Internet Acceptable Use policy, a collection development policy, and a revised loan policy. These policies are available for review in the library.

There are many people and organizations to thank for our success. We are especially grateful to the ongoing support and generosity of the members of the Friends of the Hampden Public Library. They

make it possible for us to provide children's programs, and purchase videos and CDs and, for the first time this year, audio books. Also, once again the Hampden Garden Club decorated the library with beautiful holiday decorations in December. We are continually amazed by their generosity.

As always, we are very grateful for the volunteers who give of their time so generously. Our thanks to Peg Therrien, Nora Guyer, Florence Joubert, and Genevieve Aurise. We would also like to thank Monica Tronsky, our former children's librarian, for the wonderful job she did during her 4 years of service.

And finally, we have an outstanding staff who make everything run so smoothly: Ellen Bump, Director, Cindy Rowley, technical services librarian, Robyn Janczulewicz, library assistant, and Samantha Bearse, page. We welcome to the staff Christina Fairman, young adult librarian, and Karen Desrosiers, children's librarian.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

General Services FY 2002

Circulation

Print Material - Adult	12,293	Volumes Added	1,935
Print Material - Juvenile	14,944	Volumes Discarded	366
Magazines	2,319	Total Collection	27,193
Non-print Material	11,493	Magazine Subscriptions	55
Inter-library Loan	934		
Total	41,983	Registered borrowers	3,896

Finances FY2002

RECEIPTS

Municipal Appropriation	\$94,915
Revolving Account	94
State Aid	164
Monetary gifts, trusts, endowments	1,402
TOTAL Receipts	\$96,575

EXPENDITURES

Wages	69,334
Books and Materials	19,958
Maintenance Agreements	2,670
Other Expenses	4,613
TOTAL Expenditures	\$96,575

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

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Kingsbury, Trustee Chair
Beth Burger, Trustee
Kathleen Hutchison, Trustee

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	Noon to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Noon to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Noon to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Noon to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
Closed Fridays and Sundays	

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Park and Recreation Department has completed another successful year providing the community with a variety of offerings. The board actively meets two times per month with minutes now being posted electronically. It is always a priority to keep the community well informed of any activity and/or event through school newsletters and postings on the community bulletin board.

Susan Gorman joined Jay Fenlason in the office setting up various events throughout the year and also was Director of the Summer Activities Program.

The sports programs have been continually growing with various improvements and adjustments made to better fulfill the needs of all those that participate. The Summer Activities Program experienced another fun filled five weeks providing children with many exciting adventures and teens with a rewarding employment experience. Movie nights are periodically held and are well attended and enjoyed by many families. Two trips to New York City, one to see the Lion King and the second for holiday shopping, were both a huge success.

CARES installed the new playground equipment in the spring at Green Meadows with the help of many wonderful volunteers.

The Fall Festival 2002 was held at its new location at TWB. This event was well attended by thousands of local residents who enjoyed terrific food, purchased wonderful crafts, participated in various activities or just simply joined the camaraderie of the day. The fourth annual Fun Run also drew a record-breaking number of participants. A special "Thank you" goes to TWB for the use of the facility, the Police Department for their generous donation of the Climbing Rock Wall, and all of the businesses, civic organizations and restaurants that participated. Additionally, a heartfelt "Thank you" goes out to all of the many volunteers who gave so unselfishly of their time to make the event successful.

The Commissioners would, as always, like to thank the wonderful staff from last year's summer camp program. The dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work shown by our town's young people ensured that the summer program was a continued success. We look forward to working with many of them again.

A special THANK YOU goes to Dana Pixley and his Highway Department Staff for all their help. The highly efficient and tremendously well-organized staff at the Town Hall also deserves our thanks and appreciation.

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

We would also like to thank Honor Takorian for her years of service on the Parks and Recreation Commission. She brought a fresh perspective to our programs and we will miss her active, positive involvement.

Respectfully submitted,

James Morris, Chairman
Glennice Flynn
Thomas Crogan
Kathleen Duquette
Chris McDonald

PERSONNEL REVIEW COMMITTEE

On June 13, 2001, the Board of Selectmen appointed a Personnel Review Committee. The purpose of the committee is to advise the Board of Selectmen on proper personnel practices within the town. The committee is reviewing the current town employee handbook, making recommendations for revision of current policies and adding new policies, procedures and working standard for the Town of Hampden.

A new revised handbook will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen early in 2003.

Respectfully submitted;
Donald Collins, Chairman
Thomas Argenio
Richard Ayers
William Gouzounis
Ronald Kidd

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Board has enjoyed a busy and productive year, which included the final completion and acceptance of South Ridge Estates.

With the 2000 revision of the Zoning Bylaw, the Board was given a greater task in issuing Special Permits. Public Hearings are advertised and held after which decisions are made and recorded. Heard this year were a request for a Home Occupation in an accessory building, eight requests for allowing the building of a home on 8± acre "estate lots," and a common driveway to serve two homes on two separate lots. All applications were well prepared by the applicants and after going through the process, all were granted.

Member Joseph Mascaro's term was up in May as he chose to run for Selectman. We appreciate his four years of service. Robert Majkut was elected in the annual election and has started his five-year term.

This is a very active group with each member spearheading various member projects. Some of these projects will go before the Annual Town Meeting in the form of updating the Zoning Bylaw. Melissa Reeves serves as our Town's representative to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission with Robert Majkut serving as alternate. Other projects involve other ongoing Town groups: Joe Kruzel is involved in the creation of Stormwater Management Practices and Chairman John D. Flynn serves on the Community Preservation Act committee, chairs the Ridgeline & Hillside Committee, and is a Director of the MA Federation of Planning and Appeals Boards.

This Board meets regularly on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month.

Respectfully Submitted,

John D. Flynn, Chair
Joseph A. Dolben, Vice-Chair
Joseph Kruzel
Melissa Reeves
Robert Majkut
Judith M. Jackson, Clerk

HAMPDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

As a recent arrival to the Hampden Police Department, on December 2, 2002, I look forward to meeting the residents of Hampden and helping them in any way I can. I also look forward to many more years to come serving this community. I would like to take this time to wish Chief Philip J. Adams a long and healthy retirement after serving as Police Chief for the Town of Hampden since 1996. Chief Adams has recently assumed a new role as the Executive Director of the Western Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association.

Officers Scott Trombly and Carl Mazzaferro II continue to work as school resource officers at the Green Meadows School while Sgt. Jeff Farnsworth and Officer William Joy Jr. handle similar duties at the Thornton W. Burgess Middle School. I have visited both schools with these officers and found that these officers are very welcomed and involved with the students, teachers and the administrators. I look forward to seeking grant money to continue this worthwhile project. Officer William Joy Jr., continues to instruct the D.A.R.E. classes at both Thornton W. Burgess Middle School and Green Meadows School. Though State funding for the D.A.R.E. program has been eliminated the Scantic Valley Y.M.C.A. has provided funds to keep this program going through the end of this school year in June 2003.

Officers Tawrin Seega and Reserve Officer Kimberly Rasbeck were trained as Sexual Assault Investigators and are certified DNA collectors. Officer Carl Mazzaferro II has attended a R.A.D. Kids (Resist Aggression Defensively) and our hopes are to start to implement a training program for the children in Hampden to attend. Another successful year was experienced through our Annual Hampden Police Department Golf Clinic at the Hampden Country Club. Many of our full time and reserve officers took part in this activity for the youth of Hampden. We look forward to continuing this program for years to come.

Through a Governors Highway Safety Grant in 2002 we received 50 bicycle helmets, which were distributed to various children throughout the Town in an effort to encourage the wearing of helmets. We have received another grant to issue more helmets for 2003.

Sergeant Joseph Henry has completed his probationary period as a sergeant, a first since the Town had administered a promotional examination.

The school violence issue that has been seen throughout the country has led this Department to institute a proactive approach in training in this area. Hampden Police Officers were trained along with Wilbraham Police Officers and Massachusetts State Police in contingency planning for an "active shooter" situations and the searching of schools. In an effort to continue to provide a safe learning environment for our children the school resource officers have worked in conjunction with the school administrators and the Massachusetts State Police and have performed canine drug searches of the lockers at the various schools within our school district.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, their administrator, The Hampden Fire Chief and his members, the Highway Superintendent and all the Department heads for the warm welcoming that they have provided me during this short period of time. I look forward to many years of cooperation and proactive policing to provide for the best protection for the citizens of the Town of Hampden.

I submit herewith, the Annual Report for the Hampden Police Department for the year ending December 31, 2002.

During the year, the Police Department received 7581 calls for service.

Report of the Police Department

I submit herewith, the Annual Report for the police department for the year ending, December 31, 2002.

During the year, the Police Department received 7,581 calls for service. Most of the calls received by this department were for assistance, complaints and for reporting crimes or accidents. The following are some of the types of complaints received and investigated by this department.

Call Action Breakdown

Call Action	Total	Call Action	Total
False Calls	61	Accidental/Defective Alarm	132
Building/Residence Checked	1525	Area Search	57
Services Rendered	1197	Referred to other Agency	47
Secured Building	14	Arrest	192
Traffic Citation Issued	978	Protective Custody	2
Reports Taken	346	Investigations	183
Messages Delivered	27	Summons/209A Served/Delivered	54
Permits Issued	70	Motor Vehicles Accidents	104

During the year we had 865 total offenses committed, with 373 total arrests and 22 juvenile arrests. Listed below are some of the complaints filed.

Offenses for 2002

Offense	Total	Offense	Total
Aggravated Assault	6	All other Offenses	83
Arson	1	Bad Checks	1
Burglary/B&E	42	Counterfeit/Forgery	17
Disorderly Conduct	4	Drug Equipment	2
Drug Offenses	22	Intimidation	3
Liquor Law Violations	33	Malicious Damage	92
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	Oper Under Infl Liquor	29
Other Larceny	57	Pocket-Picking	2
Protective Custody	2	Simple Assault	22
Stolen Property	8	Theft from Building	5
Theft from Motor Vehicles	2	Traffic-Town By Laws	406
Trespass	11	Weapon Law Violation	1

We had 104 motor vehicle accidents this year. There were a total of 975 citations issued during the year with a total of \$63,685.00 in fines. The town has received \$17,754.50 from the Registry of Motor Vehicles, which represents the town's share of fines on tickets written. 47% of these citations were measured by radar. The average speed is 50 mph. Average mph over speed limit is 16 mph.

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WARNING CITATIONS

Defective Equipment	58	Jr. Operator Violation	8
Fail to yield at intersection	35	Seat Belt Violation	6
License/Reg not in possession	5	Speeding Violation	352
Plate Missing	26	Stop Sign Violation	25
Marked Lanes Violation	13	Unregistered M/V Trailer	44
No Inspection Sticker	38		

CIVIL CITATIONS

Jr. Operator Violation	8	Seat Belt Violation	23
Fail to yield at intersection	4	Speeding Violation	308
License/Reg not in possession	13	Stop Sign Violation	20
Marked Lanes Violation	7	Unregistered MV/Trailer	42
Number Plate Missing	8	Vehicle Violations	23
No Inspection Sticker	51		

CRIMINAL CITATIONS

Alcohol Violation	12	Open Container Violation	9
Fail to Stop	3	Speeding	18
License/Reg not in possession	5	Uninsured Vehicle	61
No Inspection Sticker	18	Unlicensed Operation of M/V	130
Op. M/V with Revoked Lic/Reg	44	Unregistered MV/Trailer	13
OUI	7	Vehicle Violations	10

During the year \$3,710.75 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits, photographs, unregistered vehicle, and various report fees.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RIDGELINE AND HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

The Ridgeline and Hillside Committee serves as an advisory function to the Planning Board. Applications for review of proposed development in this overlay district are located in the Town Clerk's office. There is no fee involved. The Board reviews the material submitted by the applicant, makes site visits and passes a recommendation to the Building Inspector.

This Board is very appreciative of the efforts of the residents of Hampden to preserve our rural environment. In the coming year, the Board will focus on outreach and communication to the community in an attempt to make all more aware of the efforts served by this group. We are also actively seeking townspeople to serve on this appointed committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Warner
Jim Moriarty
John D. Flynn

RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF HAMPDEN

The Recreation Association of Hampden's primary focus is to provide a youth sports program which fosters participation, skill development, and most importantly fun for the youth of Hampden. The youth sports program offered enrollment in the traditional sports of soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball. We would like to thank those companies and individuals who, through their contributions to RAH, enable us to offer events such as Coach Training and Certification classes.

During the past year, RAH has undertaken the process of reviewing our by-laws and policies. We look to leaving those who come after us a working document they can use for years to come. We are fortunate to have so many of our children participating in so many sports. These efforts continue to improve our children, coaches, and programs with each season.

We would like to thank the Hampden Parks and Recreation Commission for their cooperation and assistance in providing the best programs possible. We would like to thank John D. Flynn, Rick Desanti and Rick Willis for their many years of serving on the RAH Board. Their input will be sorely missed.

RAH meets monthly at the Hampden Town Hall and encourages all residents to attend our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

The RAH Board

Rick Green, President

Dave Avery, Vice Pres.

John Donaruma, Treasurer

Rick Kapinos, Clerk

Directors Chris McDonald, Mark Dentzau, Karen Hatch, Joe Martins, Ed Pessolano, Steve Sugermeier, Glenn Walulak, Michael D'Agostino, Tina Albano, Tom Crogan and Jay Fenlason

SCANTIC VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

During 2002, the Scantic Valley Water District (SVWD) pumped 634,000 gallons of water from the two wells on the Massachusetts Audubon Society property, off Main Street in Hampden Ma. There are currently ten active services in the SVWD. The SVWD is a registered Public Water System in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is regulated by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Water Supply.

The DEP water sampling schedule for the SVWD was accomplished with twelve Coliform, two Nitrate, two Nitrite, two sets of Inorganic Compounds and two sets of Volatile Organic Compounds samples taken at various locations in the distribution system. All water quality sampling results consistently indicate very good quality drinking water, surpassing standards as set by the DEP.

Events that occurred during 2002 include installing a new sight glass for the 3000 gallon water storage tank, and repairs to a faulty component in the air compressor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael Shea – Chairperson
George Bouchard – Secretary
Richard Jalbert – Treasurer

2002 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TOWN REPORT

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

The 2001-2002 school year was one marked by high expectations and challenges. The reports filed by each of our district administrators will point toward a desire to improve upon an already solid educational foundation. There is much good that happens in our district on a daily basis. Each of our schools operates under mission statements that demand exceptional performances from both staff and students.

You will read about new curriculum initiatives, student achievements and many worthwhile accomplishments. As one of the largest suburban school districts in Western Massachusetts, we continue to hold a prominent position that helps to make our two communities desirable places to live and raise families.

Our commitment to maintain this high quality has been challenged by a very difficult economy. We ended the school year with hopes of maintaining all our programs for the upcoming school year. Unfortunately a drastic reduction in anticipated state revenue forced an override that was ultimately unsuccessful. Therefore, we began the new school year in September of 2002 without several teaching and support positions, as well as spending levels well below the previous year.

From my vantage point, and I am sure you will agree, our commitment is still strong. The report from each school will give credence to our district's motto "Excellence First, Learning Always".

**Curriculum
Donna M. Scanlon, Ed.D
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum,
Instruction, and Professional Development**

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District has a rich and rigorous core curriculum, as evidenced by students' excellent accomplishments. The District is currently renewing curriculum development processes in order to establish continuity in grades K-12 and consistency across the schools. Strengthening the integration of technology into instruction to improve learning is also a high priority. Although the necessary funding sources related to technology are currently scarce, plans are in place to develop and access diverse funding alternatives to promote exemplary use of technology in instruction.

The goal is that the curriculum, instruction, and assessment meets the educational needs of all students and results in steadily improving student achievement. Achieving this goal requires that:

- Effective short-term interventions or long-term support is provided to all students who need it.
- Consistent core materials are available in every classroom.
- Current research-based instructional practices for diverse learners are implemented in every classroom.
- Systems that assist in the continuous monitoring of student progress toward meeting the state/district benchmarks are implemented.
- Released MCAS items and scoring systems are meaningfully incorporated into classroom tests and quizzes at appropriate levels.
- Systematic, long-term, intensive, professional development is provided along with in-classroom support as needed.
- Instructional technology is fully supported and consistently utilized.
- Written curriculum guides are revised in response to new state frameworks.

These needs guide our professional development priorities and the allocation of our resources.

The state learning standards are used to guide curricular and instructional decisions at the district, school, and classroom level. All teachers design powerful, standards-based learning opportunities that will actively engage students in the learning process, and prepare them to perform at high levels through accessing their unique strengths, multiple intelligences, and creative processes. Schools demand creativity, critical thought, and academic growth from all children in multi-dimensional ways so that all students reach the promise of their potential.

HWRSD Academic Performance
Donna M. Scanlon, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum,
Instruction, and Professional Development

Since its inception in 1998, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) has increasingly become a major source of information regarding student achievement, curriculum evaluation, and diagnosis of individual student strengths and weaknesses. District educators use MCAS data to drive decisions and to set clear, concrete learning goals for continual improvement.

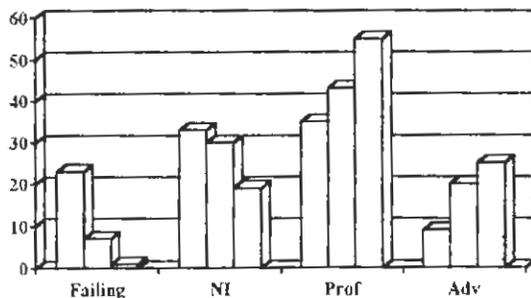
The chart below displays the percentage of HWRSD students who scored at the Advanced and Proficient levels in 2001 and 2002. State results are provided as a frame of reference.

MCAS	HWRSD Results: Percent of Students Scoring <i>Advanced/Proficient</i>		State Results: Percent of Students Scoring <i>Advanced/Proficient</i>	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
Grade 3 Reading	80%	85%	62%	67%
Grade 4 English Language Arts	66%	71%	51%	54%
Grade 4 Mathematics	49%	50%	34%	39%
Grade 6 Mathematics	58%	62%	36%	41%
Grade 7 English Language Arts	62%	77%	55%	64%
Grade 8 Mathematics	49%	39%	36%	34%
Grade 10 English Language Arts	62%	78%	50%	59%
Grade 10 Mathematics	62%	66%	45%	44%

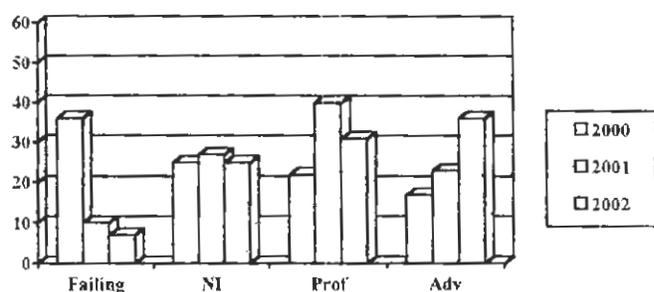
It is also important to note the following:

- ◆ The percentage of 10th grade students who scored at the Failing level in English Language Arts has decreased from 23% to 2% since spring of 2000.
- ◆ The percentage of 10th grade students who scored at the Failing level in Mathematics has decreased from 36% to 7% since spring of 2000.

Grade 10 English Language Arts



Grade 10 Mathematics



Members of the graduating class of 2003 are required to pass both the grade 10 English Language Arts and the grade 10 Mathematics MCAS tests as one condition for receiving a high school diploma. In light of these high stakes, Individual Student Success Plans are created and supplemental learning opportunities are offered to students who score at the Failing/Warning level in English Language Arts or Mathematics beginning in grade 4.

The state testing system has been evolving continuously for the last six years. It is expected that by 2005 MCAS will involve testing all third through eighth grade children in Reading and Mathematics every year as required by the No Child Left Behind Act signed by President Bush in January 2002. Other subjects will also be tested in certain grades. In order for our students to be appropriately prepared for MCAS and its high stakes, as well as for career and educational options in the 21st century, it is essential that teachers, administrators, parents, community, and students work together knowledgeably over the long term. Fortunately, the necessary partnerships in the District are vigorous and effective, with a shared commitment to continuous improvement at all levels.

SAT Accomplishments
Carolyn Lewis, MRHS Guidance Director
2001 – 2002 Comparison of SAT Averages

Verbal		Math
518	Minnechaug	530
512	Massachusetts	516
504	National	516

The graduates of the Class of 2002 at Minnechaug Regional High School represent a group of academically accomplished students. About 91% of this class are attending post-secondary institutions of higher education. Of these students, 65% are enrolled in four-year colleges and 26% attend public and private two-year colleges.

Many of these students have been admitted to highly competitive colleges and universities including American University, Boston College, Carnegie Mellon, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, George Washington University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Skidmore College, Smith College, Syracuse University, The College of William and Mary, and University of Michigan.

SCHOOL-BASED INITIATIVES

Mile Tree Elementary School
Lynne Kimball, Principal

Mile Tree Elementary School staff and students continue to network and interact with our community. First grade classes visit the Life Care Center of Wilbraham on a rotating monthly basis to integrate an art project into socialization with our senior community members. Our neighbor, Mr. Llewellyn Merrick, owner of Merrick Farm, provided enough pumpkins so that all 400 students could enjoy their own. Members of the Wilbraham Fire Department visited Mile Tree School to present a Fire Safety Program for all of our students in grades Pre-school, Kindergarten, and 1. Thank you to firefighter Wendy and the whole department for providing this worthwhile and educational visit on such an important matter, "Fire Safety." The Mile Tree School community participated in "Food for Kids from Kids", a pre-Thanksgiving food drive organized by the Wilbraham Junior Women's Club, by collecting over 600 pounds of food for the Tri-County Survival Center.

Our very active, hardworking PTO is the backbone of our Mile Tree Community. We could not accomplish what we do without them. Their financial support and gift of time are beyond compare. This

year they raised over \$12,000 in funds that will be used to benefit Mile Tree through educational programs, family-centered activities, and classroom support.

The Mile Tree Elementary School Library Story Atrium was dedicated to former principal Jane Leone. A lovely picture and plaque hang in the library to honor her contributions and accomplishments. Furthermore, we are delighted to announce that we received 92 books valued at \$1,211 as part of the PTO-sponsored library gift-giving program. What a great way for parents to honor our staff around the holidays, as well as add to the library collection benefiting all our children.

Playground Phase II is complete. Sincere thanks to committee members and others who supported fundraisers and to the many folks who gave their time during this challenging project.

Mile Tree's dedicated, determined, and enthusiastic staff guide and help our students grow academically and socially. We are all working together toward our main goals of our 2002-2003 School Improvement Plan which include:

1. To continue the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation Process.
2. To continue the integration of technology to support the total learning environment at Mile Tree School.
3. To implement Math Investigations Program into Kindergarten and Grade 1 curriculum.
4. To create a safe, positive school climate to enhance students' social and emotional well being.

Green Meadows Elementary School T. Jeffrey Sullivan, Principal

Green Meadows Elementary School will focus on four School Improvement Plan goals during the 2002-2003 school year. A major focus this year is in mathematics. Successful implementation of "Investigations" mathematics is a primary goal for the Green Meadows teachers. Our teachers meet regularly in both building and district teams to plan their "Investigations" units and discuss issues of concern. Teachers are implementing Accelerated Math in the second grade, and soon it will be added to the third grade curriculum.

A second goal is to improve reading and instill in all students a love for literature. This year our teachers have been planning activities around monthly reading genres. Accelerated Reader continues to support this reading goal in second and third grades. It is also used to provide enrichment for some of our first graders. Each April is designated "Poetry Month" and another anthology is planned for April 2003. Kindergarten, first and second grades are using "Guided Reading" strategies to support the curriculum. "Reading Closets" with multiple copies of leveled books will be enhanced this year. Kindergarten and first graders are teaming as "Reading Buddies" during the year.

A third goal this year is to continue to pursue accreditation with NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children). Pre-School and Kindergarten teachers are coordinating these efforts. NAEYC requires very high standards to be in place to achieve accreditation. We hope to meet each benchmark to qualify.

Our fourth goal is to continue to improve and promote safety and self-care for our children. Anti-bullying curriculum is a major initiative this year.

Community service learning included the annual Salvation Army Canned Goods Drive, collection of school supplies for foster children through the Center For Human Development, and a special outreach to the men and women in the Armed Forces from Hampden. Green Meadows students participated in the Toy for Joy and Giving Tree programs in December 2002.

Green Meadows has been able to offer an after-school program to help third graders prepare and develop skills for taking the spring MCAS. This effort has been funded through Title I, a federal grant. Analysis of last spring's MCAS scores will help us plan lessons and activities for success on this spring's testing. A total of 64 children took the test in April 2002. We are pleased to report that our third graders had an average score of 34.19 out of a possible 40, and 89.06% (57 students) of our students scored in the Proficient range (there was no advanced category), with 10.93% (7 students) in the Needs Improvement and 0% in the Warning categories.

VIPS provides a Read Aloud program in addition to after school activities and volunteer support, and our Police Resource Officer continues to be a valuable addition to our ongoing programs.

Our new playground has become a reality. It was dedicated last May to "All The Children of Hampden, Past, Present & Future". At the dedication our school was presented a plaque marking the occasion from Hampden CARES.

Memorial Elementary School Deborah Thompson, Principal

Memorial Elementary School developed a School Improvement Plan that focused on four goals:

1. To continue to improve student performance in reading, writing and oral communication.
2. To improve math performance in computation and problem solving using the *Investigations Math Program*.
3. To create a positive and safe school climate that fosters the academic, social and emotional development of all students.
4. To use technology to enhance instruction and student performance.

To achieve these very important goals, the faculty of Memorial has been actively involved in professional development. During the summer of 2002, 11 teachers from Memorial joined 19 other teachers from HWRSD in an intensive weeklong training in the John Collins Writing Program. This program helps children focus their ideas and narrow the "correction areas" for each piece. This helps children concentrate on the specific content of their piece, as well as being able to use mechanics correctly. This writing program also fosters writing across all content areas. In addition, teachers worked in grade level teams sharing ideas and developing assessments and scoring rubrics for the *Investigations Math Program*. This is a concept-based program that teaches children about our number system so they develop much stronger and deeper mathematical understanding.

Our School Climate Committee developed activities that promoted tolerance and respect for all members of our school community. Our yearly theme, "Everyone's a P.R.O.!" stood for "People Respecting Others." To foster this community spirit, Memorial celebrated seven all-school assemblies on various themes. We honored Veterans, Dr. Martin Luther King, Memorial Day, Spring Into Reading, our graduating 6th graders and the greater community of Wilbraham with our Giving Tree Assembly. Students collected over 750 pounds of food for the Survival Center in Ludlow and donated 358 student-made ornaments to the Giving Tree at Eastfield Mall. Our 6th graders acted as "Big Buddies" for our second graders throughout the year. This created a very positive transition for our young students who moved up from Mile Tree School.

We continued to move forward in the area of technology. Our 24-student station lab greatly enhanced teachers' abilities to utilize technology in a meaningful way. Students were able to participate in classes that taught PowerPoint, Word Processing, Publisher and Internet research skills. In addition, the use of *Investigations* software and other educational software truly enhanced learning in many curricular areas.

The Memorial PTO continued to provide outstanding support for our school. Their fundraising efforts allowed us to purchase computer software, TV's and VCR's for classroom instruction, snacks and refreshments for student programs, and books for our library collection. Many thanks to all the members of the PTO and parent volunteers who gave so much of their time and energy to make our school a better place for our children.

Soule Road Elementary School Rosemary Brosnan, Principal

Soule Road Elementary School, built in 1971, is home to 368 students in preschool and grades 2-6. The mission of the Soule Road community is to provide the best possible education available for its students. As they develop their diverse potentials, students are encouraged to become capable problem-solvers, able to cope and adapt to the ever-changing world about them. Children are given the opportunities to explore and develop essential skills for use as future members of society.

Keeping in mind the school's and district's mission statements and the district strategic plan, the Soule Road School Council developed three goals for the 2002-2003 school year. These goals are: to build Soule Road School into a model technology-driven facility by incorporating best practices into all facets of the educational experience; to create a community of learners engaged in mathematical ideas; and to continue to foster a positive and supportive school community.

In an effort to make Soule Road a technology-rich facility, the technology goal received a boost when the District provided the school with 24 computers to create a computer lab. The lab and the adjacent library form the school's multi-media center.

In addition, the Soule Road PTO purchased a computer and printer for each homeroom in grades 2-5. A student-webmaster committee, under the direction of the school's technology assistant, has helped to keep the school's website current.

For years Soule Road has participated in the Accelerated Reading Program. At the beginning of the second semester of the 2002-2003 school year, the Accelerated Math program will be implemented in Grade 5.

The Student Council continues to be involved with community service projects. This past December ten boxes of books were mailed to the Sutton Grade School in West Virginia. Student Council members collected the books as part of a spirit day activity. The Student Council also collected "Pennies for Patients" for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. They sponsored a bake sale at holiday time and donated the proceeds to the Head Start program, delivered "Trick or Treat" bags to patients at the Shriners Hospital and collected over 500 pounds of food at Thanksgiving time for the Survival Center.

Each February "Peaceful and Kind Student Awards" are bestowed at a school-wide assembly to students, nominated by their peers, who represent the qualities resembling those of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Two second-year programs continue to be successful. The Grades 2 and 6 cross-grade partnership "Buddy Program" and the "Caught Doing Something Good" initiative help promote a positive school climate.

The Soule Road School Kids' Club debuted in February 2003. The six-week after-school enrichment program offered courses in jewelry making, physical education games, dramatic arts, computer classes, and an introduction to playing chess.

Stony Hill Elementary School
Eleanor Fernands, Principal

Stony Hill Elementary School's faculty and students are focused on continued improvement in academic achievement. The School Improvement Plan for the 2002-2003 school year includes literacy, math and climate initiatives. Faculty members serve on goal committees designed to drive the School Improvement Plan.

To improve the level of literacy, Stony Hill is committed to significantly increasing the volumes of books in the school library/information center. In addition, the faculty and students are adopting the Collins Writing Across the Curriculum Program. Teachers are participating in an intensive training plan and are establishing more consistent writing standards and format for students. The District's literacy specialist supports our teachers by modeling lessons and providing assistance with planning. Students are involved in Voice of the Tiger Newspaper, Publishing Center and Book Club.

To increase achievement in math, teachers are implementing the Investigations/Addison Wesley Math Program, which has a significant training and support component. Also, Stony Hill has added the grade 3 and 6 sections of Accelerated Math. The Accelerated Math Club has expanded to grade 5 students, and grade 3 students are beginning to learn the program as well.

The climate focus is to improve the recess and lunchroom environment. A new soccer field and long-jump area were added to the playground and more equitable rules for its use have been established. The enrichment program and community service projects have also been expanded.

Remedial and acceleration support services are offered to Stony Hill students. The "Pack Up Program" matches staff members with students at the end of each school day. Together they review agenda books and check for resources necessary for success with homework. Stony Hill has an extended day Title I Program for 4th grade students in reading and math. In addition, we have begun an MCAS support group in math for 6th grade students. Students are involved in acceleration programs such as WEB Questers and 3rd grade Accelerated Math.

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School
Noel Pixley, Principal

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School's School Improvement Plan will focus on three strategic goals for the 2002-2003 school year. Improving academic growth in the areas of Math and Language Arts continues to be a focus, along with promoting a safe school environment for staff and students, and promoting public relations/communications. Preparing students for the MCAS, and other such testing programs, continues to be a focus for all staff members at all grade levels. We are pleased to report that as a result of continued improvements in student performance demonstrated by our 2002 MCAS scores in English Language Arts and Mathematics, Thornton Burgess students were among the top ten performers in Western Massachusetts in both categories. According to our Cycle II Performance Rating, students are performing on target to above target in all areas. Teachers and administrators at Thornton Burgess continue to be actively involved in various grade-level study groups and are immersed in curriculum review, curriculum mapping and various other professional development activities.

For the second year in a row the staff of Thornton Burgess made the unanimous commitment to continue our participation with the "Foundation for Excellent Schools" (FES). This year each grade level team at Thornton Burgess has partnered with a local college to provide mentoring opportunities for our students in the areas of Math, Science and Language Arts. Our students will benefit from this experience in a multitude of ways. Activities such as a Math Carnival will help with research projects, and college campus visits will provide many exciting learning opportunities. Many thanks to Springfield College, American

International College and Westfield State College, with whom we will be partnering with this year. Through our involvement with FES, the Thornton Burgess faculty will be better prepared to provide high quality educational opportunities for all students.

As in the past, the administration and faculty of Thornton Burgess would like to recognize the parents, PTO, and VIPS for their continued support of such programs as our annual magazine drive and Career Day. Without their remarkable and continued support we would not be able to offer our high quality field trips and in-school programs. Many thanks also to Sergeant Farnsworth and Officer Joy for their commitment to D.A.R.E. and the Community Policing Program. Their support and commitment to these programs have had a positive impact on the entire school community.

**Wilbraham Middle School
Robert Dionne, Principal**

Wilbraham Middle School continued to move forward on redefining our school's mission by infusing a set of "Core Values" into our entire school climate. Caring, Honesty, Respect, Learning, and Responsibility have become the focus of our daily activities for students and staff. Several new activities and programs were launched this year in an effort to raise awareness of the significance of these values to all members of our school community. The involvement of our parents through the work of the PTA and School Council committees is a major asset and resource for our school. The PTA continues to fund the purchase of various supplies, equipment and building improvements. Additionally they have sponsored a number of student activities and programs that enriched the curriculum in a number of academic areas. The PTA sponsored the return of the very talented "Young Americans" to the delight of both WMS and TWB students this fall. In memory of Sharon Lopata, the sewing room received a major overhaul, including brand new sewing machines and furniture. This renovation will enable the sewing center to be used by all members of the Wilbraham community. The after-school Homework Center continues to assist students on Tuesdays and Thursdays and is made possible by funding from the Scantic Valley YMCA. The Career Education program was funded for the third year through the Massachusetts Office for School to Work Transition. This program provides our students access to the Bridges software program that will assist students with learning about career opportunities and how to develop their individual portfolios.

**Minnechaug Regional High School
John K. Logan, Principal**

Minnechaug Regional High School continues to excel in the academic, social, and physical education of its students. Faculty and administration remain firmly committed to producing lifelong learners.

English Teachers took part in such professional development activities as Building Teaching Communities Through Writing, The Literary Essay, Literature and Composition Study Group, Mentoring New Teachers, and Socratic Ethics. Students attended performances of *Othello*, *Macbeth*, *Romeo and Juliet*, as well as a trip to The House of Seven Gables. Two students won the Springfield Union News Writing Contest and three students won the 8th Annual Golden-Sugihara "Do The Right Thing" Awards.

The History and Social Science Department was active, through its display case, guest speakers, curriculum development and participation in study groups, many of which addressed the issues of diversity and prejudice. Curriculum for a new senior elective, Multicultural Studies, was developed and will be offered next year. The course will explore areas of social injustice, inequity, discrimination and bias. Department members were involved in a federally funded program, Teaching American History Program, offered at The Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association in Deerfield and attended a variety of seminars that pertained to various American History topics. The department continued to increase its use of technology and made very effective use of the J7 Computer Lab. The lab itself was upgraded both physically and technologically, which allows students to do more sophisticated work and the lab to be a more effective teaching tool. Senior Seminar students presented Media Fest 2002 to an audience of about 275. Eight multimedia computer generated programs, all dealing with the 20th Century, were

successfully completed using the new multimedia lab in the Social Studies Core. In addition, members of Senior Seminar submitted their papers to the Phi Alpha State Historical Conference. One student received the 3rd Place Trophy, and numerous students received Honorable Mentions for their efforts in historical research and writing. The department was also very successful in extra-curricular activities related to Social Studies. Model UN held a joint session at Minnechaug with Witcum High School from Bethel, VT. The focus of the simulation was prevention of acts of terrorism by rogue nations. Model Congress was very successful at AIC's Model Congress and one student won the Best Delegate Award and a full four-year scholarship to AIC. Mock Law won the Region 15 Championship and qualified for the Mass Bar Association State Tournament.

Teachers in the Language Department diligently started their work on the Curriculum Design and Learning Experiences template aligning what they do in their classes with the Foreign Language Frameworks. A vision statement for the department was adopted which continues to support the Foreign Language Frameworks. In addition, Latin students participated in a field trip to the Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum in Boston, as well as attending Classics Day at Mount Greylock Regional High School. French students participated in a field trip to the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, and some French students voluntarily took the Grand Concours, a national French exam given to students in grades 9 through 12 in high schools around the country.

In the Math Department, teachers prepared a document to be used by all teachers for MCAS preparation. A schedule was designed whereby during the five weeks prior to MCAS each strand was extensively reviewed. Each strand was assigned a specific week and all teachers were required to use the same review materials prepared by the department. In order to facilitate the curriculum development for the Carnegie Cognitive Tutor, the geometry component was purchased, a teacher obtained certification as a trainer for this component, and the department received informal training in its application.

The Science Department spent a tremendous amount of time aligning the curriculum with the Science Frameworks that were newly revised by the Department of Education in June. The science faculty met as a department and in smaller subject area groups throughout the year to completely rewrite the curriculum. The department participated in the Department of Environmental Protection's Public School Chemical Management Grant Program. As part of the requirements from DEP to pay for chemical disposal, a representative from MASS COSH visited with us to provide background information needed to conduct a final inspection of our chemicals for the June disposal days. Working in conjunction with the administration, fire department, and DPW, the department members have worked hard to address potential chemical hazards in the science department. Representatives from Clean Harbors were available in June to safely move to a central location the chemicals we had identified.

Minnechaug's Special Education Department continues to serve approximately 200 students with identified special needs. Of significant note is the increase of inclusion support within general education classes (from 2 classes in 2001-2002 to 15 classes in 2002-2003). In addition, Minnechaug continues to support students who have participated in the middle school's more restrictive specialized programming, Focus and Structured Learning. Moreover, a few students from highly restrictive out-of-district placements have returned to Minnechaug and have made effective progress.

In 2002 the Business Department became part of the Tech Ed/Computers Department. The computer lab in M8 was upgraded with new computers and a television setup was installed. Our students continue to be recognized at robotics competitions, programming competitions, and at the FBLA state competition. Our AHS students offered free computer training to senior citizens and Internet courses at the Wilbraham Public Library. These students also developed a computer program for our school climate survey, and they worked on the high school computer inventory. Our teachers are continually working to revise and update our curriculum to respond to the state Frameworks and the MCAS.

The Fine Arts Department is in the second year of using its newly renovated D1 art suite. Students were involved in field trips to the Museum of Modern Art, Metropolitan Museum, and Whitney Museum in New York City. The Music Department presented a Spring Music Festival, Jazz Show, and Winter Concert.

As usual, Minnechaug was well represented at the Western District and All-State Music Festivals by both choral and instrumental students.

Family and Consumer Sciences teachers remained involved in the preschool program and worked on incorporating the Language Arts and Literacy Preschool Frameworks into the existing preschool program. Several guest speakers from local businesses and post-secondary schools spoke to students on career options in the food service industry. The Articulation Agreement with Springfield Technical Community College in the Early Childhood Program was reviewed and renewed for a two-year period. The "Musical Feast," a collaborative effort with the Fine Arts Department, has become an annual event.

The Guidance Department continues to be proactive to better serve our students, parents and community by providing a variety of services. Community Outreach programs include Coffee with Counselors, Eighth Grade Orientation, two Financial Aid workshops, Junior College Night, College Applications 101 and the Guidance Advisory Council. Counselors call the homes of all ninth graders to assist in their transition to Minnechaug. A reception is held for all transfer students, and a window display in the guidance office shows where seniors have been accepted to college. Students are supported with scheduling, career research, college admissions and help with personal problems. Workshops are offered for SAT test taking strategies, writing college application essays, preparing juniors for applying to colleges, and helping seniors with the transition to life after high school. A Grief Support Program is also available. The Sat I and II, PSAT's, AP's, and ASVAB are all administered here. The Tech Prep program has expanded and has hosted several career speakers. The Career Center Coordinator organizes job-shadowing opportunities and internships are available to our seniors. There are 109 Minnechaug students eligible for the Massachusetts Department of Education Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery this year.

Student Activities has always been an integral part of the high school experience. Over 1,100 students participated in the fifty co-curricular student activity offerings during the year, and thousands of hours of community service and over \$23,000 were contributed to the school and communities. The academic teams had an outstanding year as illustrated by the following achievements: As Schools Match Wits won three matches on the way to the playoffs; the Chess Team finished 3rd in Western Mass.; the Computer Club finished 1st at WNEC and 6th in the New England Regionals; the FBLA had students who earned 2nd and 3rd place honors in New England; the Mathletes finished 2nd in Western Mass; the Mock Law Team won the Region 15 Championship; the Model Congress had Best Delegate at AIC; the Science Olympiad finished 1st in Western Mass. and 8th in the state; the SMOKE SIGNAL won a 1st place from American Scholastic Press, 2nd place from Quill and Scroll International, and the Milton Birnbaum Award for Excellence in Journalism; and EMERALDS was given a rating of "excellent" by the National Council of Teachers of English and a second place award from the American Scholastic Press Association. In addition, dozens of successful fundraisers raised over \$100,000 to support our many varied events such as plays, dances, inductions, and senior events over the past year.

The Physical Education/Health Department continued in the education of the whole student by adding speakers in a variety of health-related topics. The topics included alcohol and substance abuse, smokeless tobacco, fire safety, human sexuality, and women's health issues. The department continued its professional development in the areas of Project Adventure, lifeguard training/recertification, dating violence education, and several staff members attended the Massachusetts Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance conference. The department also continued its cooperation with area colleges in the supervision of student teachers. A lifeguard training course for MRHS students/staff was offered.

Our diverse athletic program (30 sports/activities) continues to complement our comprehensive approach to education. Participation rates are very high with 400 student-athletes participating in the fall, 300 in the winter, and 424 in the spring. Members of the MRHS teams excel both academically and athletically. Of special note, the MRHS girls' volleyball team was a state semi-finalist and the MRHS girls' softball team was a state finalist.

The Media Center upgraded its science reference collection with several new sets and it also has begun the process of evaluating the print collection in terms of materials' timeliness, relevance to the curriculum, and overall quality.

Student Services Department

Thomas Philpott, Director

Student Services comprises special education, speech therapy, psycho-educational assessment, occupational therapy, physical therapy, English as a Second Language, assistive technology, and school adjustment counseling. Close to 700 students with varying disabilities benefit from these services that are essential in order for effective academic and social progress to occur.

Over 300 students are evaluated each year to determine whether some form of a learning disability inhibits their academic progression in the general education program. If a student is found to have an educational disability, a continuum of service interventions is available to provide the student with the most effective support possible in the least intrusive manner. These services range from consultation and monitoring, to partial placement in a resource room, to full time placement in a specialized District program or, in a small percentage of cases, to placement in a collaborative or private school program. This sequence of service interventions is critical to the successful remediation of the student's learning difficulties since each student demonstrates unique strengths and weaknesses that must be considered when creating an intervention plan. There are usually no simple solutions and no one program will meet all students' needs.

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District has established a reputation of providing quality educational services to students whose disabilities would inhibit school success without the support provided by the various educational and related services mentioned above.

Federal and State grants allowed the expansion of our assistive technology resources that creates an important link between the student and his or her ability to access the general curriculum. Grants have also funded workshops for professional staff on developing a better understanding of the impact educational disabilities have on a student's learning capability. Grants have also allowed the District to hire an Autism Specialist who is able to develop programming that will enhance our ability to work with such students within the District, thus cutting down our dependence on costly out-of-district programs.

The cooperation between regular education and special education has never been better, and it is this effort to collaborate in finding effective ways to promote the academic and social development for all students that will result in a school district that we can all be proud of!

School Nursing

Poppy Nelson, RN, BSN, NCSN, Nurse Leader

The District is very fortunate to have a knowledgeable, caring, and busy staff of professional school nurses. During the school year 15,319 students were given first aid, 17,626 illness assessments were completed, 20,069 student medications were given, and 3,824 parent phone calls and meetings were accomplished. Overall, there were 58,641 student health clinic visits during the school year.

In the 2001-2002 school year the District continued to have a full-time school nurse in each building and two full-time nurses at the high school. This was accomplished through the continued support of the District and the Department of Public Health's Enhanced School Health Services Grant. The nurses work closely with the DPH and are involved with the CHNA #4 – the Community Health Network Area of Greater Springfield.

During the school year nurses administered the Hepatitis B vaccine 3 part series to 89 students in grades 6 and 12 and to 85 faculty and staff members. They also gave 200 flu shots to our faculty and staff.

Through the ESHS grant the District was able to purchase an automated external defibrillator for Minnechaug. Fire Chief Ken Willette was extremely helpful in this process, as was Firefighter Bill Sears who trained 15 of our employees in its use.

As part of our staff wellness program, a Weight Watchers At Work Program was started after school at MRHS. In the first 12 weeks the 28 members lost 295 lbs.!

Adult Community Education and Recreation Ned Doyle, Director

Completing its fifth year in existence, the Adult Community Education and Recreation Program "New Beginnings", continues to be most successful. In 2002 approximately 2,600 participants enjoyed the 94 program offerings. The "New Beginnings" program continues to be the umbrella structure for the following entities:

- Adult Community Education Program
- MRHS Summer School Program
- Elementary Summer Reading Program
- "Summer Programs 'R' You" Program
- Community Recreation Program
- HWRSD-Scantic Valley YMCA Co-operative Programs

The 2002 "Summer Programs 'R' You", serving the youth of the community, was the most popular program with 757 participants. The Community Recreation Program, the HWRSD-Scantic Valley YMCA Co-operative Program, and the Adult Community Education Program, all focusing on the adult population, were also extremely popular. The "New Beginnings" program anticipates a very bright future as it continues to meet the educational and recreational needs of our communities.

SCHOOL COUNCILS

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

MILE TREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lynne Kimball, Principal
Amy Basile
Dina LaMotte
Janet Libby
JoAnn Mack
Pam Pearson
Denise Salerno
Kathleen Santaniello

GREEN MEADOWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

T. Jeffrey Sullivan, Principal
Kate Asher
Donna Benoit
Linda Brannigan
Victoria Janeczek
Richard Moriarty
Tina Murphy
Diane Scott
Nancy Thompson

MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Deborah Thompson, Principal
Sherrill Caruana
Katharine Farnham
Lynne Leveillee
Darlene Maconi
Dennis Young

SOULE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Rosemary Brosnan, Principal
Meg Cyr
Krista Hanson
Stephanie Harju
Betty Howarth
Cathy Mahoney
Tom Moran
Louise Pelletier
Karen Rossi
Missy Taft

STONY HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Eleanor Fernands, Principal
Michelle Axtmann
Jenn Bauduccio
Gretchen Cardoso
Andy Cohen
Judy Farrar
Mary Beth Laliberte
Nan O'Connor

THORNTON W. BURGESS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Noel Pixley, Principal
Marilyn Berrett
Cheryl Clarke
Bonnie Howell
Phyllis Hultstrom
Ken Peterson
Susan Raimer
Lynn Schmitt
Mary Ellen Shea
Cheri Tanguay
Andrea Tarczyński

WILBRAHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Robert A. Dionne, Principal
Carole Alderman
Owen Burke
William Caruana
Linda Cooper
Christopher Eagen
Donald Lavin
Nikki Nadeau
Jane Robinson
Christina Roy
Kyle St. Germain
Andrew Vottero

MINNECHAUG REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

John K. Logan, Principal
Patricia Casey
Elizabeth Contant
Patricia Gordon
Wilbur Jenkins
Clifton Johnson
Meredith Malysz
Patricia Pastoreck
Gary Petzold
Sarah Petzold
Susan Raimer
Gregory Schmutte
Constance Shea

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ronald E. Thomson, Chairperson
 Pamela C. Burch, Vice Chairperson
 Lois R. Megliola
 Mary Anne Morris
 Natalie Pedace
 Peter T. Salerno
 Paula R. Tingle

RETIREMENTS DURING 2002 WERE:

Ellen R. Alpert, Soule Road Elementary School
 Carolyn M. Baker, Wilbraham Middle School
 Frances C. Brown, Green Meadows Elementary School
 Stephen R. Castonguay, Minnechaug Regional High School
 Margaret F. Daniele, Minnechaug Regional High School
 Gale Ehnstrom, Minnechaug Regional High School
 Charles R. Ingulli, Jr., Stony Hill Elementary School
 Robert N. Irish, Thornton W. Burgess Middle School
 Susan B. Kline, Minnechaug Regional High School
 Carol A. Marchesseault, Mile Tree Elementary School
 Maureen Paradis, Memorial Elementary School
 Barbara G. Sherry, Soule Road Elementary School
 Barbara J. Sirois, Minnechaug Regional High School

FIVE-YEAR ENROLLMENT HISTORY

Grade	1997 - 1998			1998 - 1999			1999 - 2000			2000 - 2001			2001 - 2002		
	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T
K	43	129	172	50	162	212	50	144	194	63	193	256	61	180	241
P-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	92	179	271	58	149	207	67	177	244	59	176	235	65	210	275
2	71	188	259	86	196	282	57	175	232	66	179	245	62	189	251
3	73	216	289	73	194	267	91	213	304	64	185	249	63	184	247
4	80	203	283	67	224	291	72	204	276	96	217	313	64	195	259
5	83	201	284	82	204	286	72	240	312	75	210	285	95	229	324
6	67	203	270	84	205	289	82	213	295	80	244	324	80	216	296
7	75	207	282	65	204	269	84	216	300	88	221	309	76	251	327
8	83	199	282	78	219	297	64	217	281	88	219	307	88	227	315
9	66	210	276	80	220	300	89	245	334	60	192	252	87	243	330
10	72	183	255	68	202	270	73	209	282	77	200	277	66	222	288
11	62	160	222	66	173	239	63	190	253	82	231	313	72	218	290
12	64	156	220	62	158	220	69	182	251	68	229	313	79	208	287
9-12															
Other			77			87			88			85			87
TOTAL	931	2434	3442	918	2508	3516	933	2625	3646	966	2696	3747	958	2772	3817

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOLS

Mile Tree Elementary School (Grades Pre K – 1)

Lynne Kimball, Principal
625 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone (413) 596-6921
School Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Green Meadows Elementary School (Grades Pre K – 3)

T. Jeffrey Sullivan, Principal
38 North Road, Hampden, MA 01036 – Telephone (413) 566-3263
School Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Memorial Elementary School (Grades 2 – 6)

Deborah Thompson, Principal
310 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone (413) 596-6821
School Hours: 8:25 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Stony Hill School (Grades 2 – 6)

Eleanor Fernands, Principal
675 Stony Hill Road, MA 01095 – Telephone (413) 599-1950
School Hours: 8:25 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School (Grades 4 – 8)

Noel Pixley, Principal
85 Wilbraham Road, Hampden, MA 01036 – Telephone (413) 566-8950
School Hours: 8:25 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Wilbraham Middle School (Grades 7 – 8)

Robert Dionne, Principal
466 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone ((413)) 596-9061
School Hours: 7:50 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.

Minnechaug Regional High School (Grades 9 –12)

John K. Logan, Jr., Principal
612 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone (413) 596-9011
School Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Office

Paul C. Gagliarducci, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
621 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone (413) 596-3884
Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

TAX COLLECTOR

The drop in the real estate and personal property tax rate from \$19.81 per thousand down to \$17.00 per thousand went almost unnoticed because of the recent property reassessments. Although, in most cases, the tax increase wasn't any higher than in past years, the higher property values caught the attention of just about everyone. The phones have been ringing steadily in both the tax office and the Assessors' office since the bills went out. These changes were not made arbitrarily and, with very few exceptions, are within 10% of actual sales value as required by state law. And don't forget, the 3rd and 4th quarter payments are normally higher because they absorb the tax increase for the entire fiscal year.

We still have questions about the CP-CPA amount listed as a special assessment on the bills. Although the amount is relatively small, just the fact that it's an additional tax is upsetting for some. Understandably, most people feel that they pay enough as it is and that any additional tax is too much, regardless of the amount. Just a reminder, it was the taxpayers who voted that increase in when they passed the Community Preservation Act in the May 2001 Town Election. Acceptance is for a minimum 5 year period before the issue can be revisited so you'll be seeing it on your tax bills for at least the next three years.

Fortunately, despite the complaints, most people have been paying on schedule. For those who have difficulty making payments as they are due, I would strongly encourage them to contact this office. There may be circumstances that qualify some for an exemption or abatement. We don't like to see anyone in a situation that may jeopardize the security of their home, but without your cooperation it's difficult to help.

Judging from the number of calls we've been getting, our phone number is easy enough to find, but to save a little time, it's 566-2206. We're available during regular business hours or by appointment if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva A Wiseman, Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK

The year 2002 was a busy one for the Town of Hampden. We started with a Special Town Meeting and a Special Town Election in March, worked our way to the Annual Town Meeting in April, the Annual Town Election in May and on to another Special Town Meeting in June, a Special Town Election in July, the State Primary Election in September, the fall Special Town Meeting in October then finally started to wind down after the State Election in November. Whoooh!! I'm sure the Board of Registrars is glad to have put that behind them.

Money collected in 2002 and submitted to the Treasurer is as follows:

Fish and Game		
State	5742.40	
Town Fees		241.00
Dog Licenses		969.00
Certified Copies and Publications		2433.55
Trade Names and Marriages		560.00
Miscellaneous		<u>2810.00</u>
		7013.55 Total

Available in the Town Clerk's Office

Subdivision Control Law	5.00
Zoning By-Law	7.00
Zoning Map	7.00
Certified Copies (vital statistics)	5.00
Marriage Licenses	15.00
Trade Name in Business (dba)	20.00
Street List	10.00
Voter's List	7.00
Voter's List on diskette	20.00
Voter Registration Card	5.00

Vital Statistics recorded in Hampden are:	2000	2001	2002
Births	32	44	37
Deaths	64	73	78
Marriages	14	14	17

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Wiseman, Town Clerk

Bureau of Accounts Treasurer's Quarterly Cash Report

Town of Hampden , for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2002
 (City, Town, County, District)

Part 1:A. Cash and checks in office

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B. Non-Interest Bearing Checking Accounts

Collateral'd Y or N	Comp Bal. Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub-Total
				N/A		
				N/A		
				N/A		
				N/A		
				N/A		
				N/A		
				N/A		\$ -

C. Interest Bearing Checking Accounts

Collateral'd Y or N	Comp Bal. Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub-Total
N	Y	Bank of Western MA	General Fund	0.67%	155,659.29	
N	Y	Peoples Bank	Holding account	2.84%	517,794.38	
N	Y					
N	Y					
N	Y					
N	Y					\$ 673,453.67

D. Liquid Investments

Collateral'd Y or N	Comp Bal. Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub-Total
N	Y	MA Municipal Depository Trust	Holding account	1.80%	4,471.56	
N	Y	Fleet Bank	Holding account	1.70%	5,101.91	
N	Y	State Street Bank	Holding account	1.50%	26,956.63	
N	N	Fleet Bank	Holding account	1.88%	8.76	
						\$ 36,538.86

Note: Attach additional sheets if needed.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

In the summer of 2002, Massachusetts Electric Company completed trimming power lines in Hampden. This activity provided for more reliable service to Hampden's residents and also facilitated the removal of many dangerous trees along our roads. The electric company also began using a new professional tree service for this work. Lewis Tree, based in NY, is now performing these services in this area. Many of the trucks and personnel remain the same and I hope the level of service to Hampden's residence will remain the same as well.

Also in 2002, the members of the Highway Department, along with assistance of a local tree service, removed 190 trees that were dead, dying or diseased. Below, I have listed the streets where trees were taken down and cleaned up by the Highway Department and have shown where they were felled by a professional tree service and then cleaned up by the Highway Department. This continued maintenance of the trees within the town helps reduce our exposure to personal injury, power outages and in general improves the overall appearance of the town. Trees removed were as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Completed by Highway Department</u>	<u>Assisted by Tree Service</u>
Allen Street	9	7
Ames Road	6	13
Bennett Road	3	2
Carmody Road	2	
Chapin Road		9
Colonial Village		2
Cross Road	12	
E. Longmeadow Rd.	1	1
Echo Valley Dr.	4	
Glendale Rd.	17	6
Main Street	6	
Martin Farms Rd.	1	
Mill Road	3	8
North Road	2	2
North Monson Rd.		1
Oak Knoll Rd.		1
Old Coach Rd.		1
Old Orchard Rd.		1
Ridge Road	1	
Riverside Dr.		1
Rock-a-Dundee Rd.	2	
Scantic Rd.		5
Somers Rd.	8	1
S. Monson Rd.	3	1
South Rd.	1	4
Stafford Rd.	1	
Steepleview Dr.	2	
Thresher Rd.		8
Walnut Rd.	1	
Wehr Rd.		1
Wilbraham Rd.	<u>11</u>	<u>19</u>
Totals	96	94

A total of 18 stumps were ground, loamed and seeded at several other locations throughout the town in an effort to keep our roads clean and neat. Trees were also planted on Glendale Road, Green Meadows School and Gerrish Park. Massachusetts Electric Company sponsored two of these trees in celebration of Arbor Day.

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

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley
Tree Warden

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

The year 2002 has been a year of uncertainty regards the future of Chapter 115 and Veterans' Benefits as we know the program today. Budget cuts, policy changes and the economy play a major role in the future of the program.

In addition to state and local issues, the federal government is imposing changes to the VA System, which will exclude some veteran's categories that heretofore have been covered. The benefits specifically targeted are the prescription drug program and healthcare. Veterans that have a service connected disability or are unable to pay for their healthcare will continue to receive care. All VSO's have been asked not to promote the VA Healthcare system until such time as budget problems are resolved. This problem, if it does come to pass, will have a definite impact on local budgets.

Budgets for FY 2004 have been submitted reflecting level funding for the operation of the Department of Veterans' Services and Benefits Line Items budgets have either been maintained or increased slightly due to the potential of increased local activity.

During this report period Hampden realized an increase in Federal benefits totaling \$544,000. These monies are over and above local benefits and are for all levels of VA Awards, such as disability payments, aid and attendance, widow's pensions and educational payments to dependants of disabled veterans. Work progresses on assuring that whenever possible, local benefits will be transferred to VA payments. Our veterans are entitled!

Respectfully submitted

Arthur A. Booth, Director/VSO

TOWN OFFICES WEBSITES

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REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT
FISCAL YEAR 2002

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
CLIFFORD E. BOMBARD CMA

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET-ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
6/30/2002

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CPA SPEC REV	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST AGENCY	LONG TERM DEBT	MEMORANDUM ONLY
Assets							
Cash and Equivalents	473,940	183,838	2,1754	30,462	331,149		1,041,143
Accounts Receivable							
Property Taxes	89,056						89,056
CPA			1155				1,155
Excise Taxes	63,855						63,855
Tax Liens	83,328		47				83,375
Tax possessions	51,736						51,736
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles	(47,617)						(47,617)
Amount to be Provided for Payment of Notes						1,599,401	1,599,401
Total Assets	714,298	183,838	22,956	30,462	331,149	1,599,401	2,882,104
Liabilities							
Warrants Payable	183,790	16,456					200,246
Employee Withholdings	6,586						6,586
Due to Other Governments	(367)						(367)
Deferred Revenue							
Property Taxes	41,439						41,439
CPA			1,155				1,155
Excise Taxes	63,855						63,855
Tax Liens	83,328		47				83,375
Tax Possessions	51,736						51,736
Tailings	1,036						1,036
Long Term notes Payable						1,599,401	1,599,401
Total Liabilities	431,403	16,456	1,202			1,599,401	2,048,462
Fund Equity							
Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	113,146						113,146
Reserved for Over(Under) Estimates	(1,493)						(1,493)
Reserved for Deficits(to be raised)	(31,929)	(23,240)					(55,169)
Reserved for Sudden & Unforeseen							
Unreserved							
Designated Expenditures	30,000	190,622	21,754		331,149		573,525
Undesignated	173,171			30,462			203,633
Total Fund Equity	282,895	167,382		30,462	331,149		833,642
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	714,298	183,838	22,956	30,462	331,149		2,882,104

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES
FISCAL 2002**

	APPROPRIATIONS & CARRYOVERS	TRANSFERS IN(OUT)	TOTAL AVAILABLE	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE
ACCOUNTANT					
SALARY	20,699.00		20,699.00	20,699	-
CLERICAL	654.00		654.00	114.96	539.04
EXPENSES	4,500.00		4,500.00	3,935.00	565.00
ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	4,502.00		4,502.00	3,543.08	958.92
EXPENSES	170.00	134.50 A	304.50	304.50	-
APPEALS BOARD					
CLERICAL	3,634.00		3,634.00	3,634.00	-
EXPENSES	160.00		160.00	86.41	73.59
ASSESSORS					
SALARY	12,207.00		12,207.00	12,207.00	-
CLERICAL	18,768.00		18,768.00	16,440.15	2,327.85
EXPENSES	3,600.00		3,600.00	2,507.68	1,092.32
DATA PROCESSING	300.00		300.00		300.00
MAPPING MAINT	900.00		900.00	639.63	260.37
REVALUATION UPDATE	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	-
FIELD REVIEW	1,200.00		1,200.00		1,200.00
COMPUTER SUPPLIES	500.00		500.00	419.99	80.01
BUILDING DEPT					
CODE ENFORCEMENT	400.00		400.00	400.00	-
COUNTY RETIREMENT	147,344.00		147,344.00	147,344.00	-
INSURANCE					
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY	59,950.00	4,000.00 G	59,950.00	59,950.00	-
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	115,890.00		115,890.00	113,547.48	2,342.54
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	-
LONGEVITY	6,210.00		6,210.00	5,710.00	500.00
LAW AND CLAIMS	30,000.00	17,182.88 H	47,182.88	47,182.88	-
MODERATOR					
EXPENSES	100.00		100.00		100.00
PLANNING BOARD					
CLERICAL	10,316.00		10,316.00	10,287.99	28.01
EXPENSES	535.00		535.00	527.70	7.30
REGISTRARS					
SALARIES	942.00		942.00	942.00	-
ELECTION EXPENSES	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	-
STREET LISTS	1,380.00		1,380.00	1,380.00	-
SELECTMEN					
SALARIES	8,879.00		8,879.00	8,878.99	0.01
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST	35,719.00	(8,900.00) G	27,819.00	27,819.00	-
CLERICAL	18,700.00	(3,500.00) G	15,200.00	15,200.00	-
EXPENSES	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,600.00	-
LEGAL ADVERTISING	400.00	1,522.81 A	1,922.81	1,922.81	-
TEMPORARY HELP	4,000.00	(1,040.00) G	2,960.00	2,907.50	52.50

TAX COLLECTOR					
SALARY	22,769.00		22,769.00	22,769.00	-
CLERICAL	6,876.00		6,876.00	6,872.84	3.16
EXPENSES	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,986.40	33.60
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	3,620.00		3,620.00	3,620.00	-
TAX TITLE WORK	500.00		500.00	500.00	-
TOWN CLERK					
SALARY	22,769.00		22,769.00	22,769.00	-
CLERICAL	4,410.00		4,410.00	4,410.00	-
EXPENSES	1,720.00		1,720.00	1,720.00	-
TOWN PUBLICATIONS	200.00		200.00		200.00
TOWN REPORT	7,250.00	(181.11) 1	7,068.89	7,068.89	-
TREASURER					
SALARY	22,768.00		22,768.00	22,768.00	-
CLERICAL	6,652.00		6,652.00	6,652.00	-
EXPENSES	900.00		900.00	846.22	53.78
PAYROLL SERVICE	6,900.00	1,265.63 A	8,165.63	8,165.63	-
CERTIFYING NOTES	100.00		100.00	40.00	60.00
INTEREST(SHORT TERM)	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	-
TAX TITLES	700.00		700.00	390.00	310.00
BANK CHARGES	700.00		700.00	656.68	43.32
VETERANS BENEFITS	5,000.00	273.00 A	5,273.00	5,273.00	-
GR SPFLD SENIOR CENTER	302.00		302.00	302.00	-
ACADEMY HALL MAINT	3,865.00	336.41 A	4,201.41	4,201.41	-
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS					
CLERICAL	585.00		585.00		585.00
EXPENSES	80.00		80.00		80.00
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	2,406.00		2,406.00	2,342.62	63.38
EXPENSES	450.00		450.00	450.00	-
TRANSFER STATION	19,000.00		19,000.00	13,967.58	5,032.42
MONITORING AND TESTING	11,000.00	3,500.00 G	14,500.00	14,466.00	34.00
SCHOOL BUILDING REPAIR	6,700.00		6,700.00	6,700.00	-
LIBRARY	94,915.00		94,915.00	94,915.00	-
TOWN EVENTS	800.00		800.00	115.04	684.96
OFFICE EQUIPMENT					
ACQUISITION	3,000.00	(1,050.00) G	1,950.00	1,945.40	4.60
MAINTENANCE	8,700.00	(1,000.00) G	7,700.00	7,691.35	8.65
SUPPLIES	8,000.00	(4,000.00) G	4,000.00	3,833.52	166.48
POSTAGE	13,000.00	5,250.00 G	18,250.00	18,250.00	-
PARKS AND RECREATION					
SALARIES	18,685.00		18,685.00	15,990.97	2,694.03
EXPENSES	10,505.00		10,505.00	9,907.93	697.07
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,150.00		1,150.00	1,150.00	-
RAH/BASEBALL	1,252.00		1,252.00	1,230.79	21.30
RAH/SOFTBALL	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	-
RAH/GIRLS SOCCER	500.00		500.00	500.00	-
RAH/BOYS SOCCER	500.00		500.00	500.00	-
RAH/BASKETBALL	948.00		948.00		948.00
DIRECTOR'S SALARY	28,289.00		28,289.00	27,698.10	390.90
PUBLIC GROUNDS	41,583.00		41,583.00	41,583.00	-

TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE					
CUSTODIAL	19,192.00		19,192.00	19,188.00	4.00
MAINT & REPAIRS	9,000.00		9,000.00	9,000.00	-
UTILITIES	30,000.00		30,000.00	28,543.44	1,456.56
TREE WARDEN					
EXPENSES	3,740.00		3,740.00	3,740.00	-
PLANTING TREES	450.00		450.00	450.00	-
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	12,088.00		12,088.00	9,498.37	2,589.63
GASOLINE	27,500.00		27,500.00	25,588.69	1,911.31
STREET LIGHTING	15,100.00		15,100.00	15,072.14	27.86
COUNCIL ON AGING					
DIRECTOR	38,810.00		38,810.00	38,809.34	0.66
CLERICAL	19,177.00		19,177.00	19,177.00	-
EXPENSES	3,500.00	116.69 A	3,616.69	3,616.69	-
SENIOR CENTER					
CUSTODIAL	10,005.00		10,005.00	10,005.00	-
UTILITIES	11,500.00	4,549.57 A	16,049.57	16,049.57	-
MAINTENANCE	6,420.00	2,005.20 A	8,425.20	8,425.20	-
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	200.00		200.00	177.51	22.49
HIGHWAYS					
SUPERINTENDENT	55,488.00		55,488.00	55,488.00	-
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	78,357.00		78,357.00	78,356.10	0.90
GENERAL HIGHWAYS	78,831.00		78,831.00	78,831.00	-
SNOW & ICE	37,224.00		37,224.00	69,153.01	(31,929.01) D
STREET SWEEPING	16,000.00		16,000.00	11,989.05	4,010.95
MACHINERY MAINT	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,716.70	283.30
TOWN GARAGE	4,600.00		4,600.00	3,930.52	669.48
ANIMAL INSPECTIONS					
SALARY	1,916.00		1,916.00	1,916.00	-
EXPENSES	240.00		240.00	240.00	-
CIVIL DEFENSE SUPPLIES	10.00		10.00		10.00
DOG OFFICER					
ANIMAL CONTROL	4,800.00		4,800.00	4,709.00	91.00
DOG DAMAGE FUND	300.00		300.00		300.00
FIRE DEPT					
CHIEF'S SALARY	826.00		826.00	826.00	-
CHIEF'S EXPENSES	1,000.00		1,000.00	443.80	556.20
OPERATIONS	20,800.00		20,800.00	19,415.30	1,384.70
FOREST FIRES					
WARDEN	543.00		543.00	543.00	-
EXPENSES	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00	-
BOARD OF HEALTH					
SALARY	3,930.00		3,930.00	3,930.00	-
EXPENSES	4,516.00		4,516.00	4,080.31	435.69
POLICE					
CHIEF'S SALARY	64,026.00	2,561.00 G	66,587.00	66,587.00	-
OFFICER SALARIES	641,613.00	(4,951.00) G	636,662.00	628,701.97	7,960.03
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	8,741.00		8,741.00	8,741.00	-
EXPENSES	43,026.00		43,026.00	43,026.00	-
TRAINING	28,270.00		28,270.00	23,332.34	4,937.66
NEW EQUIPMENT	700.00		700.00	622.29	77.71
CAREER INCENTIVE	59,761.00	2,390.00 G	62,151.00	61,846.83	304.16
NEW CRUISER	25,650.00		25,650.00	25,590.00	60.00
LEAA	250.00		250.00	250.00	-
ELECTIONS	1,013.00		1,013.00	993.34	19.66
TOWING	250.00		250.00	75.00	175.00

WATER DISTRICT						
OPERATION	6,500.00		6,500.00	5,802.60	697.40	
TESTING	10,000.00	(6,500.00) G	3,500.00	3,267.00	233.00	
SCHOOL DISTRICT						
REGIONAL ASSESSMENT	4,702,355.00		4,702,355.00	4,702,355.00	-	
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00		7,616.00	7,616.00	-	
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT SERVICE						
PRINCIPAL	287,001.00		287,001.00	287,001.00	-	
INTEREST	58,419.00		58,419.00	58,419.00	-	
BAN INTEREST	55,372.00		55,372.00	55,372.00	-	
LOANER LEASE	21,232.00		21,232.00	21,231.67	0.33	
PRIOR YEAR CARRYOVERS						
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/28/98						
#14 CEMETERY MAP	2,500.00	B	2,500.00		2,500.00	E
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/29/99						
#12 MILL POND	2,861.00	B	2,861.00	2,794.00	67.00	E
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 11/13/00						
#3 ROOF	23,001.00	B	23,001.00	10,022.00	12,979.00	E
#9 PAGER	4,200.00	B	4,200.00		4,200.00	E
#10 SMOKE DETECTORS	3,500.00	B	3,500.00		3,500.00	E
#11 COMPUTERS	2,282.99	B	2,282.99	2,282.99	-	
#14 PARK & REC	11,159.89	B	11,159.89	8,655.18	2,464.71	E
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/30/01						
#7 SANDER	7,200.00		7,200.00	6,765.00	435.00	E
#8 FIRE TRUCK	212,000.00	C	212,000.00	205,647.50	6,352.50	E
#10 TOWN HOUSE	26,000.00		26,000.00	26,000.00	-	
#22 CONSERVATION	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	-	
#24 RESERVE FUND	20,000.00	(13,935.58)	6,064.42		6,064.42	E
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/19/01						
#11 SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR	12,000.00		12,000.00		12,000.00	E
#12 SCHOOL DESIGN	25,000.00		25,000.00	25,000.00	-	
#14 TEACHER DEFERRAL	15,232.00		15,232.00	15,232.00	-	
#14 SOFTWARE	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	-	
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 4/29/02						
#1 RECERTIFICATION	23,000.00		23,000.00		23,000.00	E
#3 TOWN HOUSE REPAIR	12,300.00		12,300.00		12,300.00	E
#4 THORNTON BURGESS	33,300.00		33,300.00		33,300.00	E
#5 DEP	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	-	
#6 NEW CRUISER	30,000.00		30,000.00	29,450.00	550.00	E
ASSESSMENTS						
VETERAN'S SERVICE DIST				12,746.24	(12,746.24)	F
POLLUTION CONTROL DIST				818.00	(818.00)	F
PV PLANNING DISTRICT				1,047.65	(1,047.65)	F
REGISTRY SERVICES				2,400.00	(2,400.00)	F
PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT				8,052.00	(8,052.00)	F
COUNTY TAX				25,899.00	(25,899.00)	F
TOTALS	7,934,902.88		7,934,902.88	7,847,320.37	87,582.51	

TOTALS

- A) ADVISORY TRANSFER
- B) PRIOR YEAR CARRY OVER
- C) AUTHORIZED TO BORROW
- D) TO BE RAISED IN FY2003
- E) CARRY FORWARDS FOR FY2003 EXPENDITURE
- F) RAISED ON ASSESSOR RECAP SHEET
- G) SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TRANSFER IN (OUT)
- H) 3012.88 FROM ADVISORY, 141700 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TRANSFER IN
- I) 718.89 FROM ADVISORY, 900.00 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TRANSFER OUT

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
 6/30/02

GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT

TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
SALARY	20,699.00	
CLERICAL	114.96	
EXPENSES	3,935.00	
		24,748.96
ADVISORY COMMITTEE		
CLERICAL	3,543.08	
EXPENSES	304.50	
		3,847.58
APPEALS BOARD		
CLERICAL	3,634.00	
EXPENSES	86.41	
		3,720.41
ASSESSORS		
SALARIES	12,207.00	
CLERICAL	16,440.15	
EXPENSES	2,507.68	
REVALUATION UPDATE	3,000.00	
MAPPING MAINTENANCE	639.63	
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	419.99	
		35,214.45
CODE ENFORCEMENT		400.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT		147,344.00
INSURANCE		
PROPERTY & CASUALTY	59,950.00	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	113,547.46	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	2,000.00	
LONGEVITY	5,710.00	
		181,207.46
LAW & CLAIMS		47,152.88
PLANNING BOARD		
CLERICAL	10,287.99	
EXPENSES	527.70	
		10,815.69
ELECTIONS		
REGISTRARS	942.00	
ELECTION EXPENSE	1,500.00	
STREET LISTS	1,380.00	
		3,822.00

SELECTMEN		
SALARIES	8,878.99	
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST'	27,819.00	
CLERICAL	15,200.00	
EXPENSES	1,600.00	
LEGAL ADVERTISING	1,922.81	
TEMPORARY HELP	2,907.50	
		58,328.30
TAX COLLECTOR		
SALARY	22,769.00	
CLERICAL	6,872.84	
EXPENSES	1,966.40	
COMPUTER MAINT	3,620.00	
TAX TITLE WORK	500.00	
		35,728.24
TOWN CLERK		
SALARY	22,769.00	
CLERICAL	4,410.00	
EXPENSES	1,720.00	
TOWN PUBLICATIONS		28,899.00
TOWN REPORT		7,068.89
TREASURER		
SALARY	22,768.00	
CLERICAL	6,652.00	
EXPENSES	846.22	
CERTIFYING NOTES	40.00	
SHORT TERM INTEREST	5,000.00	
PAYROLL SERVICE	8,165.63	
BANK SERVICE FEES	656.68	
TAX TITLES	390.00	
		44,518.53
VETERAN'S BENEFITS		5,273.00
GREATER SPFLD SENIORS		302.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		638,391.39
GENERAL TOWN SERVICES		
ACADEMY HALL MAINT		4,201.41
CONSERVATION		
CLERICAL	2,342.62	
EXPENSES	450.00	
		2,792.62
TRANSFER STATION		
SALARIES	12,929.63	
EXPENSES	1,037.95	
		13,967.58

COUNCIL ON AGING		
DIRECTOR	38,809.34	
CLERICAL	19,177.00	
EXPENSES	3,616.69	
		61,603.03
SENIOR CENTER		
CUSTODIAL	10,005.00	
UTILITIES	16,049.57	
MAINTENANCE	8,425.20	
		34,479.77
HISTORICAL COMMISSION		177.51
TOTAL GENERAL TOWN SERVICES		476,827.57

HIGHWAYS

SUPERINTENDENT		55,488.00
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE		
SALARIES	22,991.00	
EXPENSES	55,365.10	
		78,356.10
GENERAL HIGHWAYS		
SALARIES	68,107.74	
EXPENSES	10,723.26	-
		78,831.00
SNOW & ICE		
SALARIES	18,683.05	
EXPENSES	50,469.96	
		69,153.01
STREET SWEEPING		11,989.05
ROAD MACHINERY MAINT		9,716.70
TOWN GARAGE MAINTENANCE		3,930.52
TOTAL HIGHWAYS		307,464.38

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

ANIMAL INSPECTOR		
SALARY	1,916.00	
EXPENSES	240.00	
		2,156.00
DOG OFFICER		4,709.00

MONITORING AND TESTING		14,466.00
SCHOOL BUILDING REPAIR		6,700.00
LIBRARY		
SALARIES	70,085.34	
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	19,183.42	
EXPENSES	5,646.30	
		94,915.06
TOWN EVENTS		114.98
OFFICE EQUIPMENT		
ACQUISITION	1,945.40	
MAINTENANCE	7,691.35	
SUPPLIES	3,833.52	
POSTAGE	18,250.00	
		31,720.27
PARKS & RECREATION		
SALARIES	15,990.97	
EXPENSES	9,807.93	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,150.00	
RAH, BASEBALL	1,230.70	
RAH, SOFTBALL	1,000.00	
RAH, GIRLS SOCCER	500.00	
RAH, BOYS SOCCER	500.00	
RAH, BASKETBALL	948.00	
DIRECTOR	27,898.10	
		59,025.70
PUBLIC GROUNDS		
SALARIES	36,146.07	
EXPENSES	5,436.93	
		41,583.00
TOWN HOUSE		
CUSTODIAN	19,188.00	
MAINTENANCE	9,000.00	
UTILITIES	28,543.44	
		56,731.44
TREE WARDEN		
EXPENSES	3,740.00	
TREE PLANTING	450.00	
		4,190.00
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY		9,498.37
GASOLINE		25,588.69
STREET LIGHTING		15,072.14

FIRE DEPARTMENT		
CHIEF SALARY	826.00	
CHIEF EXPENSES	443.80	
OPERATIONS	19,415.30	
		20,685.10
FOREST FIRES		
WARDEN	543.00	
EXPENSES	1,300.00	
		1,843.00
BOARD OF HEALTH		
SALARY	3,930.00	
EXPENSES	4,080.31	
		8,010.31
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
CHIEF SALARY	66,587.00	
OFFICER SALARIES	628,701.97	
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	8,741.00	
EXPENSES	44,407.23	
NEW CRUISER	25,590.00	
TRAINING	23,332.34	
NEW EQUIPMENT	622.29	
CAREER INCENTIVE	61,846.85	
LEAA MATCHING FUNDS	250.00	
ELECTION COVERAGE	993.34	
TOWING CLERK	75.00	
		861,147.02
WATER DISTRICT		
OPERATIONS	5,802.60	
TESTING	3,267.00	
		9,069.60
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		<u>907,620.03</u>
SCHOOLS		
REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	4,702,355.00	
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00	
TOTAL SCHOOLS		<u>4,709,971.00</u>
DEBT SERVICE		
LONG TERM DEBT PRINCIPAL	287,001.00	
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	58,419.00	
HIGHWAY LOANER	21,231.67	
BOND ANTICIPATION INTEREST	55,372.00	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		<u>422,023.67</u>

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

4/29/99 ANNUAL		
ART #12 MILL POND	2,794.00	
11/13/00 SPECIAL		
ART #3 ROOF	10,022.00	
ART #11 POLICE COMPUTERS	2,282.99	
ART #14 PARK & RECREATION	8,695.18	
4/31/01 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING		
ART #7 SANDER	6,765.00	
ART #8 FIRE TRUCK	205,647.50	
ART #10 TOWN HOUSE REPAIR	26,000.00	
ART #22 CONSERVATION	1,000.00	
10/19/01 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING		
ART #12 SCHOOL DESIGN	25,000.00	
ART #14 TEACHER DEFERRAL	15,232.00	
ART 15 SOFTWARE	2,500.00	
4/29/02 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING		
ART #5 DEP ASSESSMENT	1,000.00	
ART #6 NEW CRUISER	29,450.00	
TOTAL ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS		<u>336,388.67</u>

TOTAL APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES 7,798,686.71

STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

VETERAN'S SERVICE DISTRICT	12,746.24	
POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT	818.00	
PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING	1,047.65	
REGISTRY SERVICES	2,400.00	
PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT	8,052.00	
COUNTY TAX	25,899.00	
TOTAL STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS		<u>50,962.89</u>

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS 7,849,649.60

PAYABLES

TEMPORARY NOTES	441,276.68	
COUNTY RETIREMENT	117,154.62	
GROUP INSURANCE	71,091.35	
UNION DUES	4,380.29	
COURIER	195.50	
FEES PAYABLE	11,022.50	
TAILINGS	601.00	
TOTAL PAYABLES		<u>645,721.94</u>

TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES 8,495,371.54

CASH AND SAVINGS 7/1/01	685,867.07	
WARRANTS PAYABLE	(91,007.00)	
VERIFYING BALANCE		<u>9,090,231.61</u>

STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES
6/30/2002

TAXES AND EXCISES

REAL ESTATE

2002	5,789,726.39	
2001	81,776.38	
TAX LIENS	10,391.00	
ROLL BACK TAX	2,522.98	
		5,884,416.75

PERSONAL PROPERTY

2002	220,588.66	
		220,588.66

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

2002	447,529.36	
2001	94,697.87	
2000	6,846.22	
1999 & PRIOR	2,247.05	
		551,320.50

TOTAL TAXES AND EXCISES

6,656,325.91

LOCAL REVENUES

INTEREST ON TAXES	15,147.00
FEEs	
SELECTMEN	1,957.00
COLLECTOR	11,859.00
CLERK	6,649.00
POLICE	1,620.00
BOARD OF HEALTH	100.00
RENTALS	816.00
LICENSES	7,625.00

DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

SCHOOLS	
LIBRARIES	
DISTRICT COURT	21,092.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	18,503.41

TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE

85,368.41

STATE REVENUES	
VETERAN'S REIMBURSE	6,644.00
EXEMPTS/ELDERLY	4,614.00
HIGHWAY FUND	18,742.00
LOTTERY AID	605,061.00
QUINN BILL	25,590.00
ALL OTHER STATE	2,069.18
TOTAL STATE REVENUES	<u>662,720.18</u>

BORROWING PROCEEDS	327,950.00
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TOTAL ALL REVENUES	<u>7,732,364.50</u>
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PAYABLES	
TEMPORARY NOTES	864,864.48
COUNTY RETIREMENT	109,490.64
GROUP INSURANCE	76,617.33
UNITED WAY	25.50
UNION DUES	5,666.71
COURIER	481.90
FEES PAYABLE	10,050.00
TAILINGS	520.51
TOTAL PAYABLES	<u>1,067,717.07</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>8,800,081.57</u>
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CASH AND SAVINGS 6/30/02	473,940.11
WARRANTS PAYABLE	(183,790.07)

VERIFYING BALANCE	<u>9,090,231.61</u>
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TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES
6/30/02

	BALANCE FWD	COMMITMENTS	COLLECTIONS	ABATES/ ADJUSTS	TAX TITLES	REFUNDS	OPEN 6/30/00	ACCT VARIANCE
REAL ESTATE TAXES								
LEVY OF 2002	(12,674.63)	5,939,261.78	5,791,749.71	26,753.73	23,435.23	2,023.32	86,671.80	0
LEVY OF 2002 CPA		22,954.60	21,753.57		46.46		1,154.57	
LEVY OF 2001	86,219.34		81,776.38		4,442.96		-	0
ROLL BACK TAXES		2,522.98	2,522.98					
TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES	73,544.71	5,964,739.36	5,897,802.64	26,753.73	27,924.65	2,023.32	87,826.37	0
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES								
LEVY OF 2002	(94.53)	221,985.14	220,588.66	367.48			934.47	0
LEVY OF 2001	1,449.86						1,449.86	0
FOREST PRODUCTS								
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES	1,355.33	221,985.14	220,588.66	367.48			2,384.33	0
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISES								
LEVY OF 2002		511,569.18	451,797.54	12,485.70		4,268.18	51,554.12	
LEVY OF 2001	30,710.64	83,273.95	102,470.91	9,309.72		7,773.04	9,977.00	0
LEVY OF 2000	5,595.04	3,968.17	7,053.61	393.32		207.39	2,323.67	0
LEVY OF 1999 AND PRIOR			2,247.05	2,247.05				
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAXE	36,305.68	598,811.30	563,569.11	24,435.79		12,248.61	63,854.79	0
TOTAL ALL LEVIES	111,205.72	6,785,535.80	6,681,960.41	51,557.00	27,924.65	14,271.93	154,065.49	0

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS
 STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT
 FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	EXCESS OVER(UNDER)	FUND BALANCE JULY 01, 2001	FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2002
RESERVED					
HISTORICAL	2175.34	-	2175.34	-	2,175.34
SUBSIDIZED HOUSING	2175.34	-	2175.34	-	2,175.34
LAND ACQUISITION	2175.34	-	2175.34	-	2,175.34
RESERVED BALANCE	15227.55	-	15227.55	-	15,227.55
	21753.57	-	21753.57	-	21,753.57

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TRUST FUNDS
 6/30/02

	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>FUND BALANCES</u> <u>JULY 1, 2001</u>	<u>EXPENDABLE</u> <u>FUND BALANCES</u> <u>JUNE 30, 2002</u>	<u>NON-EXPENDABLE</u> <u>FUND BALANCES</u> <u>JUNE 30, 2002</u>
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	300.00	961.07		37,680.48	9,500.55	29,441.00
BUMSTEAD FUND		129.59		11,568.04	8,697.63	3,000.00
TOWN COMMONS FUND		138.60		1,844.23	1,982.83	
COUNCIL ON AGING FUND		(3.10)		231.92	228.82	
CONSERVATION FUND		313.39	(26,975.26)	29,418.94	2,757.07	
MCCRAY FUND		(61.66)		1,180.45	1,118.79	
LIBRARY FUNDS						
DAY FUND		41.61		947.31	494.98	500.00
NEWELL FUND		187.24		5,235.72	3,922.96	1,500.00
KINDERGARTEN FUND	1,572.77	1,002.75	(1,128.56)	19,147.34	20,594.30	
GEORGE BALLARD FUND		41.61		987.30	528.91	500.00
CHARLES BALLARD FUND		41.61		987.30	528.91	500.00
STODDARD FUND		374.47	(97.87)	11,409.38	11,685.98	
HOLT FUND		104.02		3,112.97	2,216.99	1,000.00
FLYNN FUND		104.02		3,243.18	3,347.20	
ENSLIN FUND		104.02		3,229.78	3,333.80	
FAYE FLYNN FUND		104.02		3,212.81	3,316.83	
DAN FLYNN FUND		104.02		2,801.94	2,905.96	
DICKINSON FUND		166.44	(746.48)	5,258.48	4,678.44	
STABILIZATION FUND		7,919.57		204,948.93	212,867.54	
	<u>1,872.77</u>	<u>11,773.29</u>	<u>(28,948.17)</u>	<u>346,446.50</u>	<u>294,708.49</u>	<u>36,441.00</u>

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	EXCESS OVER/(UNDER)	FUND BALANCE JULY 01, 2001	FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2002
HIGHWAYS					
CONTRACT # 8971	100,000.00	100,000.00	-	-	-
CONTRACT # 8282	51,000.00	-	51,000.00	(51,000.00)	-
CONTRACT #38018	20,780.74	20,780.74	-	-	-
CONTRACT # 38419	143,873.60	143,873.60	-	-	-
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS					
COPS MORE	30,000.00	23,824.66	6,175.34	16,208.71	22,384.05
DARE	6,000.00	4,676.41	1,323.59	908.12	2,231.71
TASK FORCE	2,000.00	1,670.53	329.47	3,556.34	3,885.81
FAMILY INVOLVEMENT	1,284.63	-	1,284.63	(1,180.82)	103.81
BULLET PROOF VESTS	7,696.57	4,938.00	2,758.57	(7,702.00)	(4,943.43)
COUNCIL ON AGING GRANTS	22,828.57	24,065.73	(1,237.16)	3,377.28	2,140.12
LIBRARY GRANTS	16,595.21	8,562.43	8,032.78	15,394.34	23,427.12
ARTS LOTTERY GRANT	3,300.00	3,232.00	68.00	3,274.42	3,342.42
MILL POND GRANT	-	2,861.00	(2,861.00)	2,861.00	-
FIRE SERVICE SAFE GRANT	-	1,642.42	(1,642.42)	4,253.01	2,610.59
MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT	-	-	-	744.63	744.63
WMLEC					
OTHER					
SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR	2,768.96	210.00	2,558.96	30,540.97	33,099.93
ASSESSORS REVOLVING	401.00	104.99	296.01	1,119.00	1,415.01
COUNCIL ON AGING REVOLVING	15,009.44	13,006.13	2,003.31	(248.03)	1,755.28
CONSERVATION REVOLVING	1,102.50	461.02	641.48	9,276.57	9,918.05
HISTORICAL COMMISSION REVOLVING	-	-	-	135.00	135.00
LIBRARY REVOLVING	1,418.88	93.91	1,324.97	-	1,324.97
BOARD OF HEALTH REVOLVING	14,611.00	16,530.23	(1,919.23)	5,299.06	3,379.83
MINNECHAUG MOUNTAIN	170,000.00	170,000.00	-	-	-
PARKS & RECREATION REVOLVING	71,791.17	76,918.73	(5,127.56)	40,543.93	35,416.37
TRANSFER STATION REVOLVING	87,560.52	100,907.79	(13,347.27)	5,070.92	(8,276.35)
BUILDING INSPECTOR REVOLVING	18,472.60	15,678.12	2,794.48	2,152.31	4,946.79
DARE GIFTS	4,291.65	2,030.05	2,261.60	601.05	2,862.65
POLICE OFF DUTY	33,530.69	55,431.23	(21,900.54)	3,716.52	(18,184.02)
RESTITUTION	76,577.75	54,610.25	21,967.50	11,480.25	33,447.75
ENGINEERING FEES	-	-	-	7,997.22	7,997.22
POLICE/FIRE GIFTS	177.76	1,461.60	(1,283.84)	3,500.00	2,216.16
	903,073.24	847,671.57	55,501.67	111,879.80	167,381.47

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTES
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECT FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
 FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES(USES)</u>	<u>EXCESS, OVER (UNDER)</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2001</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2002</u>
WATER DISTRICT					39,124.36	39,124.36
TOTALS					39,124.36	39,124.36

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES
FISCAL 2003
THRU 12/31/02

	APPROPRIATIONS & CARRYOVERS	TRANSFERS (IN/OUT)	TOTAL AVAILABLE	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE
ACCOUNTANT					
SALARY	21,274.00		21,274.00		21,274.00
CLERICAL	654.00		654.00		654.00
EXPENSES	4,500.00		4,500.00	40.00	4,460.00
ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	5,178.00		5,178.00	2,132.82	3,045.18
EXPENSES	250.00		250.00	57.00	193.00
APPEALS BOARD					
CLERICAL	3,737.00		3,737.00	1,513.40	2,223.60
EXPENSES	160.00		160.00	50.00	110.00
ASSESSORS					
SALARY	12,207.00		12,207.00	4,069.00	8,138.00
CLERICAL	15,914.00		15,914.00	6,909.59	9,004.41
EXPENSES	3,600.00		3,600.00	1,715.72	1,884.28
DATA PROCESSING	300.00		300.00		300.00
MAPPING MAINT	900.00		900.00		900.00
REVALUATION UPDATE	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	
FIELD REVIEW	1,200.00		1,200.00		1,200.00
COMPUTER SUPPLIES	500.00		500.00	500.00	
BUILDING DEPT					
CODE ENFORCEMENT	400.00		400.00		400.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	152,074.00		152,074.00	76,037.00	76,037.00
INSURANCE					
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY	54,406.00		54,406.00	41,301.00	13,105.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	143,097.00		143,097.00	82,943.86	60,153.14
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,155.28	844.72
LONGEVITY	6,000.00		6,000.00	2,650.00	3,350.00
LAW AND CLAIMS	26,400.00		26,400.00	12,007.76	14,392.24
MODERATOR					
EXPENSES	100.00		100.00		100.00
PLANNING BOARD					
CLERICAL	10,608.00		10,608.00	4,541.00	6,067.00
EXPENSES	535.00		535.00	60.00	475.00
REGISTRARS					
SALARIES	942.00		942.00	471.00	471.00
ELECTION EXPENSES	4,500.00		4,500.00	2,683.28	1,816.72
STREET LISTS	1,900.00		1,900.00		1,900.00
SELECTMEN					
SALARIES	8,879.00		8,879.00	4,439.50	4,439.50
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST	30,875.00		30,875.00	14,817.80	16,057.20
CLERICAL	16,847.00		16,847.00	8,085.30	8,761.70
EXPENSES	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,178.03	421.97
LEGAL ADVERTISING	713.00		713.00	913.32	(200.32)
TEMPORARY HELP	420.00		420.00		420.00

TAX COLLECTOR				
SALARY	23,402.00	23,402.00	11,701.02	11,700.98
CLERICAL	7,067.00	7,067.00	1,063.44	6,003.56
EXPENSES	2,775.00	2,775.00	988.02	1,786.98
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	4,175.00	4,175.00	4,000.00	175.00
TAX TITLE WORK	500.00	500.00		500.00
TOWN CLERK				
SALARY	23,402.00	23,402.00	11,701.02	11,700.98
CLERICAL	4,532.00	4,532.00	1,562.67	2,969.33
EXPENSES	1,500.00	1,500.00	179.09	1,320.91
TOWN PUBLICATIONS	400.00	400.00		400.00
TOWN REPORT	6,500.00	6,500.00		6,500.00
TREASURER				
SALARY	25,941.00	25,941.00	12,970.50	12,970.50
CLERICAL	6,837.00	6,837.00	6,837.00	
EXPENSES	900.00	900.00	339.00	561.00
PAYROLL SERVICE	7,900.00	7,900.00	4,233.45	3,666.55
CERTIFYING NOTES	100.00	100.00	85.00	15.00
INTEREST(SHORT TERM)	5,000.00	5,000.00	8,040.86	(3,040.86)
TAX TITLES	700.00	700.00	185.00	515.00
BANK CHARGES	500.00	500.00	198.91	303.09
VETERANS BENEFITS	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,806.00	2,194.00
GR SPFLD SENIOR CENTER	467.00	467.00	165.00	302.00
ACADEMY HALL MAINT	2,000.00	2,000.00	355.04	1,644.96
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS				
CLERICAL	601.00	601.00		601.00
EXPENSES	80.00	80.00		80.00
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE				
CLERICAL	2,482.00	2,482.00	1,143.64	1,338.36
EXPENSES	450.00	450.00		450.00
TRANSFER STATION	18,000.00	18,000.00	8,786.25	9,213.75
MONITORING AND TESTING	14,000.00	14,000.00	4,625.00	9,375.00
LIBRARY	107,978.00	107,978.00	48,150.50	59,827.50
TOWN EVENTS	800.00	800.00	264.18	535.82
OFFICE EQUIPMENT				
ACQUISITION	3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00
MAINTENANCE	7,200.00	7,200.00	3,501.32	3,698.68
SUPPLIES	7,000.00	7,000.00	1,134.76	5,865.24
POSTAGE	9,000.00	9,000.00	698.62	8,301.38
PARKS AND RECREATION				
SALARIES	19,139.00	19,139.00	10,560.26	8,578.74
EXPENSES	10,505.00	10,505.00	2,956.23	7,548.77
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
RAH/BASEBALL	1,252.00	1,252.00		1,252.00
RAH/SOFTBALL	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
RAH/GIRLS SOCCER	500.00	500.00	197.10	302.90
RAH/BOYS SOCCER	500.00	500.00	197.10	302.90
RAH/BASKETBALL	948.00	948.00		948.00
DIRECTOR'S SALARY	30,875.00	30,875.00	14,817.80	16,057.20
PUBLIC GROUNDS	44,010.00	44,010.00	22,430.39	21,579.61

TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE				
CUSTODIAL	19,721.00	19,721.00	9,495.33	10,225.67
MAINT & REPAIRS	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,161.32	(161.32)
UTILITIES	31,000.00	31,000.00	9,998.36	21,001.64
TREE WARDEN				
EXPENSES	3,740.00	3,740.00	1,682.40	2,057.60
PLANTING TREES	450.00	450.00		450.00
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	12,329.00	12,329.00	5,096.75	7,232.25
GASCLINE	27,500.00	27,500.00	7,342.87	20,157.13
STREET LIGHTING	15,100.00	15,100.00	5,685.90	9,414.10
COUNCIL ON AGING				
DIRECTOR	39,890.00	39,890.00	15,375.61	24,514.39
CLERICAL	28,930.00	28,930.00	10,615.93	16,314.07
EXPENSES	3,500.00	3,500.00	1,572.67	1,927.33
TEMPORARY HELP	1,135.00	1,135.00	608.85	526.15
SENIOR CENTER				
CUSTODIAL	10,877.00	10,877.00	5,133.34	5,743.66
UTILITIES	15,500.00	15,500.00	5,263.73	10,236.27
MAINTENANCE	5,595.00	5,595.00	3,530.44	2,064.56
HISTCRICAL COMMISSION	200.00	200.00		200.00
HIGHWAYS				
SUPERINTENDENT	57,153.00	57,153.00	27,475.00	29,678.00
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	79,720.00	79,720.00	15,205.45	64,514.55
GENERAL HIGHWAYS	80,985.00	80,985.00	51,360.01	29,624.99
SNOW & ICE	37,224.00	37,224.00	25,764.78	11,459.22
STREET SWEEPING	18,000.00	18,000.00		18,000.00
MACHINERY MAINT	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,380.55	619.45
TOWN GARAGE	4,600.00	4,600.00	943.17	3,656.83
ANIMAL INSPECTIONS				
SALARY	1,916.00	1,916.00	958.00	958.00
EXPENSES	240.00	240.00	120.00	120.00
CIVIL DEFENSE SUPPLIES	10.00	10.00		10.00
DOG OFFICER				
ANIMAL CONTROL	5,171.00	5,171.00	4,136.00	1,035.00
DOG DAMAGE FUND	300.00	300.00		300.00
FIRE DEPT				
CHIEF'S SALARY	826.00	826.00	413.00	413.00
CHIEF'S EXPENSES	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
OPERATIONS	21,500.00	21,500.00	6,821.27	14,678.73
FOREST FIRES				
WARDEN	543.00	543.00	271.50	271.50
EXPENSES	1,300.00	1,300.00		1,300.00
BOARD OF HEALTH				
SALARY	3,930.00	3,930.00	1,964.50	1,965.50
EXPENSES	3,244.00	3,244.00	849.46	2,394.54
POLICE				
CHIEF'S SALARY	64,000.00	64,000.00	32,228.01	31,771.99
OFFICER SALARIES	628,313.00	628,313.00	293,748.09	334,564.91
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	8,224.00	8,224.00	4,611.87	3,612.13
EXPENSES	40,864.00	40,864.00	25,720.19	15,143.81
TRAINING	24,819.00	24,819.00	1,945.52	22,873.48
CAREER INCENTIVE	69,703.00	69,703.00	62,004.62	7,698.38
WMLEC	250.00	250.00	250.00	
ELECTIONS	1,956.00	1,956.00	1,560.27	395.73
TOWING	250.00	250.00	60.00	190.00

WATER DISTRICT				
OPERATION	4,435.00	4,435.00	2,468.33	1,966.67
TESTING	2,750.00	2,750.00	1,155.00	1,595.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT				
REGIONAL ASSESSMENT	4,819,914.00	4,819,914.00	2,440,804.25	2,379,109.75
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00	7,616.00		7,616.00
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT SERVICE				
PRINCIPAL	312,144.00	312,144.00	312,144.00	
INTEREST	57,834.00	57,834.00	57,833.76	0.24
SCHOOL DEBT	61,278.00	61,278.00	13,040.61	48,237.39
PRIOR YEAR CARRYOVERS				
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/28/98				
#14 CEMETERY MAP	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 11/13/00				
#3 ROOF	12,979.00	12,979.00		12,979.00
#10 SMOKE DETECTORS	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	
#11 COMPUTERS	4,200.00	4,200.00		4,200.00
#14 PARK & REC	2,464.71	2,464.71		2,464.71
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/30/01				
#8 FIRE TRUCK	6,352.50	6,352.50	5,812.50	540.00
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/19/01				
#11 SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR	12,000.00	12,000.00		12,000.00
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 4/29/02				
#1 RECERTIFICATION	23,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00	
#3 TOWN HOUSE REPAIR	12,300.00	12,300.00	10,005.00	2,295.00
#4 THORNTON BURGESS	33,300.00	33,300.00	33,300.00	
#6 NEW CRUISER	550.00	550.00	550.00	
#21 RESERVE	30,000.00	30,000.00		30,000.00
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/21/02				
#1 STORM DRAIN	23,500.00	23,500.00		23,500.00
ASSESSMENTS				
VETERAN'S SERVICE DIST			12,169.00	(12,169.00)
POLLUTION CONTROL DIST			288.00	(288.00)
PV PLANNING DISTRICT			775.65	(775.65)
REGISTRY SERVICES			495.00	(495.00)
PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT			2,063.00	(2,063.00)
COUNTY TAX			6,474.00	(6,474.00)
TOTALS	7,766,713.21	7,766,713.21	4,045,376.69	3,721,336.52

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Bylaws of the Town provide for an Advisory Committee, consisting of five members appointed by the Moderator, whose charge is to study the subject matter of all articles and to make recommendations on all articles pertaining to appropriations, expenditures, incurring of debt and any other article deemed appropriate.

Thomas Paine wrote in 1776 "These are the times that try men's souls." He very well could have been writing about 2003. This has been a particularly challenging year for the Town. Faced with continuing cuts in state aid, an unstable economy and an increase in expenditures for our local services, the Advisory Board has tried to proceed cautiously and conservatively in discussing various appropriations for the upcoming year. The decrease in state funding to the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District is a source of great concern not only to the Board, but to the residents of both towns as well.

The Advisory Board has met weekly to try to navigate through the maze of reductions in state funding in an attempt to minimize the effect on local services, public safety and our educational system. An educationally sound school system, the acquisition of equipment for the highway department, maintenance of local services and improvements to the Town's infrastructure remain at the forefront of our deliberations. The input of residents is an invaluable part of the process. To this end, the Advisory Board will hold a public hearing on the warrant articles to be voted on at the annual Town Meeting on Monday, March 31, 2003 at Town Hall.

The residents are the appropriating body for the town. That is the primary purpose of the annual town meeting. The appropriation for each department along with the impact on town services is decided at the annual town meeting. Please make every effort to attend. It is the residents that make the final decisions.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Crowley
Elizabeth deSousa
Richard Fadus
Peter Nossal
Kathy Pessolano, Chair
Susan Rauscher, Clerk

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004**

	Fiscal 2002 Expended	Fiscal 2003 Appropriated	Fiscal 2004 Requested	Fiscal 2004 Recommended	Notes
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
1.0 Accountant		21,274	21,274		
1.1 Salary	20,699		21,274		
1.2 Clerical	115	654	654		
1.3 Expenses	3,935	4,500	3,500		
Total Accountant	24,749	25,428	25,428	0	
2.0 Advisory Committee					
2.1 Clerical	3,543	5,177 *1	4,374		
2.2 Expenses	305	250	250		
Total Advisory	3,848	5,427	4,624	0	
*1 \$125 Art.3 STM					
3.0 Appeals, Board of					
3.1 Clerical	3,634	3,737	3,737		
3.2 Expenses	86	160	160		
Total Appeals	3,720	3,897	3,897	0	
4.0 Assessors, Board of					
4.1 Salaries	12,207	12,207	12,207		
4.2 Clerical	16,440	15,914 *2	17,751		
4.3 Expenses	2,508	3,600	3,600		
4.4 Data Processing	0	300	300		
4.5 Software Support Fees	3,000	3,000	3,500		
4.6 Mapping Maintenance	640	900	900		
4.7 Computer Maint. & Supp.	420	500	500		
4.8 Field Review	0	1,200	1,200		
Total Assessors	35,215	37,621	39,958	0	
*2 \$714 Art.3 STM					

5.0	Building Department Expenses					
	5.1 Code and General Enforcement	400	400	400	400	
	5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	0	0	0	0	
	Total Building Dept.	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>0</u>
6.0	County Retirement	147,344	152,074	173,670		
7.0	Insurance					
	7.1 Property and Liability	59,950	54,406	63,289		
	7.2 Employee Benefits	113,547	143,097 *3	151,473		
	7.3 Unemployment Compensation	2000	2,000	2,000		
	7.4 Longevity	5710	6,000	5,800		
	Total Insurance	<u>181,207</u>	<u>205,503</u>	<u>222,562</u>		<u>0</u>
	*3 \$20572 Alt & STM					
8.0	Law and Claims					
	8.1 General	47,153	26,400	33,000		
	Total Law	<u>47,153</u>	<u>26,400</u>	<u>33,000</u>		<u>0</u>
9.0	Moderator					
	9.1 Salary	0	0	0		
	9.2 Expenses	0	100	100		
	Total Moderator	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>		<u>0</u>
10.0	Planning Board					
	10.2 Clerical	10,288	10,608	10,608		
	10.3 Expenses	528	535	535		
	Total Planning Board	<u>10,816</u>	<u>11,143</u>	<u>11,143</u>		<u>0</u>

11.0 Registrars, Board of (Voters)				
11.1 Salaries	942	942	942	
11.2 Election Expenses	1,500	4,500	1,100	
11.3 Street Lists	1,380	1,900	1,900	
Total Registrars	3,822	7,342	3,942	0
12.0 Selectman				
12.1 Salaries	8,879	8,879	8,879	
12.2 Administrative Asst.	27,819	30,875 *4	32,772	
12.3 Secretarial	15,200	16,847 *5	17,817	
12.4 Expenses	1,600	1,600	1,600	
12.5 Legal Advertising	1923	713 *6	1000	
12.6 Computer Study Committee	0	0	0	
12.7 Temporary Help	2908	420	420	
Total Selectman	58,329	59,334	62,488	0
*4 \$762 Art. 3 STM				
*5 \$406 Art.3 STM				
*6 \$313 Art.11 STM				
13.0 Tax Collector				
13.1 Salary	22,769	23,402	23,402	
13.2 Clerical	6,873	7,067	7,067	
13.3 Expenses	1,966	2,775	2,100	
13.4 Computer Maintenance	3,620	4,175	4,175	
13.5 Tax Title Work	500	500	350	
13.6 Tax Title Admin.	0	0	0	
Total Tax Collector	35,728	37,919	37,094	0

14.0	Town Clerk					
	14.1 Salary	22,769	23,402	23,402		
	14.2 Clerical	4,410	4,532	4,532		
	14.3 Expenses	1,720	1,500	1,000		
	14.4 Town Publications	0	400	0		
	Total Town Clerk	28,899	29,834	28,934	0	
15.0	Town Report	7,069	6,500	6,200		
16.0	Treasurer					
	16.1 Salary	22,768	28,480	28,480		
	16.2 Clerical	6,652	6,837	6,837		
	16.3 Expenses	846	900	750		
	16.4 Certifying Notes	40	100	100		
	16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	5,000	5,000	2,500		
	16.6 Tax Title Expense	390	700	700		
	16.7 Payroll Service	8,166	7,900	7,900		
	16.8 Bank Service Charges	657	500	250		
	16.9 Tax Title Admin.	0	0	0		
	Total Treasurer	44,519	50,417	47,517	0	
	-7 \$2539 Art 4 STM					
17.0	Veterans' Benefits	5,273	5,000	7,500		
18.0	Greater Springfield Senior Services	302	467	467		
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		638,393	665,806	708,924	0	

GENERAL TOWN SERVICES

20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance	4,201	2,000	2,000	
21.0	Cemetery Commission				
	21.1 Clerical	0	601 *8	585	
	21.2 Expenses	0	80	80	
	21.3 Maintenance	0	0	0	
	Total Cemetery Commission	0	681	665	0
	*8 \$16 AIT 3 STM				
22.0	Conservation Commission				
	22.1 Clerical	2,343	2,482	2,482	
	22.2 Expenses	450	450	450	
	Total Conservation Commission	2,793	2,932	2,932	0
23.0	Transfer Station				
	23.1 Operation	13,968	18,000	18,000	
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing	14,466	14,000	14,400	
	Total Transfer Station	28,434	32,000	32,400	0
24.0	School Buildings Repairs	6700	0	0	
25.0	Insect Pest Control	0	0	0	
26.0	Library				
	26.1 Salaries				
	26.2 Expenses				
	26.3 Books and Periodicals				
	Total Library	94,915	116,095	111,591	
27.0	Town Events	115	800	800	
			108		

29.0	Office Equipment				
	29.1 Acquisition	1,945	3,000	2,500	
	29.2 Maintenance	7,691	7,200	7,500	
	29.3 Supplies	3,834	7,000	7,000	
	29.4 Postage	18,250	9,000	12,000	
	Total Office Equipment	31,720	26,200	29,000	0

30.0	Parks and Recreation				
	30.1 Salaries	15,991	19,139 *9	12,000	
	30.2 Operating Expenses	9,808	10,505	9,000	
	30.3 Capital Improvements	1,150	1,000	1,000	
	30.4 Baseball	1,231	1,252	1,252	
	30.5 Softball	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	30.6 Girls Soccer	500	500	500	
	30.7 Boys Soccer	500	500	500	
	30.8 Basketball	0	948	948	
	30.9 Director's Salary	27,898	30,875 *10	32,772	
	Total Parks and Recreation	58,078	65,719	58,972	0
	*9 \$139 Art. 3 STM				
	*10 \$762 Art. 3 STM				

31.0	Public Grounds	41,583	44,010	44,010	
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32.0	Town House Maintenance				
	32.1 Custodian	19,188	19,721	19,726	
	32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	9,000	9,000	9,000	
	32.3 Heat and Utilities	28,543	31,000	29,600	
	Total Town House Maintenance	56,731	59,721	58,326	0

33.0	Tree Warden	3,740	3,740	3,740	
	33.1 Expenses	450	450	450	
	33.2 Planting Trees	4,190	4,190	4,190	0
	Total Tree Warden				
34.0	Ambulance	9,488	12,329	12,700	
35.0	Gasoline	25,589	27,500	27,500	
36.0	Street Lighting	15,072	15,100	15,100	
37.0	Council on Aging	38,809	39,890	30,875	
	37.1 Director's Salary	19,177	26,930 *11	28,699	
	37.2 Clerk	3,617	3,500	3,500	
	37.3 Expenses	0	1,135	1,651	
	37.4 Temporary Help	61,603	71,455	64,725	0
	Total Council on Aging				
	*11 \$7200 Art 7 STM				
38.0	Senior Center	10005	10,877 *12	11,513	
	38.1 Custodial	16050	15,500	14,700	
	38.2 Utilities	8425	5,595	8,527	
	38.3 Building Maintenance	4019	0	0	
	38.4 Grounds Maintenance	38,499	31,972	34,740	0
	Total Senior Center				
	*12 \$261 Art 3 STM				
39.0	Historical Commission	178	200	200	
Total General Town Services		479,899	512,904	499,851	0

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

40.0	Superintendent's Salary	55,488	57,153	58,868
41.1	Paving	0	0	0
42.0	Highway Maintenance	78,356	79,720	79,720
43.0	General Highway Expense	78,831	80,985	80,985
44.0	Snow and Ice Removal	69,153	37,224	37,224
45.0	Street Sweeping and Catch Basin Cleaning	11,989	18,000	18,000
46.0	Other Highway Accounts	0	0	0
	46.1 Highway Engineering	9,717	10,000	10,000
	46.2 Road Machinery Maintenance	3,931	4,600	4,600
	46.3 Town Garage Maintenance			
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		307,465	287,682	289,397
				0

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

50.0	Animal Inspection							
	50.1 Salary	1,916	1,916	1,916	1,916			
	50.2 Expenses	240	240	240	240			
	50.3 Rabies Management	0	0	0	0			
	Total Animal Inspection	2,156	2,156	2,156	2,156			0
51.0	Civil Defense Supplies	0	10	10	10			
52.0	Dog Officer							
	52.1 Animal Control Account	4,709	8,272	8,272	8,272			
	52.2 Dog Damage Fund	0	300	300	300			
	Total Dog Officer	4,709	8,572	8,572	8,572			0
	* \$3101 Art 2 STM							
53.0	Fire Department							
	53.1 Fire Chief Salary	826	826	826	847			
	53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	444	1,000	1,000	1,000			
	53.3 Operation	19,415	21,500	21,500	22,038			
	Total Fire Department	20,685	23,326	23,326	23,885			0
54.0	Forest Fires	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,333			
55.0	Forest Fire Warden	543	543	543	557			
56.0	Health, Board of							
	56.1 Salary	3,930	3,930	3,930	3,930			
	56.2 Expenses	4,080	3,244	3,244	3,000			
	56.3 Septic Review	0	0	0	0			
	56.4 Well Testing	0	0	0	0			
	56.5 Water District	0	0	0	0			
	56.6 Roadside Animal Removal	0	0	0	0			
	Total Board of Health	8,010	7,174	7,174	6,930			0

565.5	Water District					
	565.1 Operations	5803	4435	6,067		
	565.2 Teeling	3257	2750	2,806		
	Total Water District	9070	7,185	8,873		0
57.0	Police					
	57.1 Chief's Salary	66,857	54,000	61,500		
	57.2 Salaries	628,702	628,313 *13	648,379		
	57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	8,741	8,224	8,889		
	57.4 Other Expenses	43,026	39,796 *14	43,590		
	57.5 New Cruisers	25,590	0	58,000		
	57.6 Training	23,332	24,819	31,377		
	57.7 Equipment	622	0	18,600		
	57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn B)	61847	69,703 *15	74,500		
	57.9 Additional Officer		0	0		0
	*13 \$457 Art 3 STM					
	*14 \$1068 Art 10 STM					
	*15 \$12703 Art 9 STM					
58.0	Other Police Accounts					
	58.1 Election and Town Meetings	993	1,956	871		0
	58.2 Towing Clerk	75	250	250		0
	58.3 WMLEC	250	250	250		0
59.0	Parking Clerk	0	0	0		0
	Total Police	860,035	837,311	946,206		0
	TOTAL PROTECTION	906,508	887,577	998,522		0

SCHOOLS

69.0	Regional School District						
	69.1 Assessment	4,702,355	4,819,914	5,929,806	0		
	69.2 Teacher Deferral	7616	7,616	7616	0		
	Total Regional School District	4,709,971	4,827,530	5,937,422	0		
SUB TOTAL		7,042,236	7,181,499	8,434,116	0		
70.0	Local Government Debt						
	70.1 Principal	287,001	312,144	292,570	0		
	70.2 Interest	58,419	57,834	29,850	0		
	70.3 School Debt	55,372	61,278	59,397	0		
	70.5 Highway Loader	21,232	0	0	0		
	Total Local Government Debt	422,024	431,256	381,817	0		
GRAND TOTAL		7,464,260	7,612,755	8,815,933	0		

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Hampden

Town of Hampden

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

Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, Wilbraham Road, Hampden, on Monday, April 28, 2003 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

REPORTS Article 1. To hear the Annual Town Reports of all officers of the Town and any committee whose duty it may be to report at said meeting, and act thereon.

BUDGET Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums to cover same, and to raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

PREVIOUS
BILLS Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of fiscal year 2002 or previous years, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

REVOLVING
ACCOUNTS Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Assessor's pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, said fund to receive payments received for use of the photocopy machine, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Assessors, up to the limit established by the Town, to defray the cost of repairs, supplies, and paper for the photocopy machine, or take any other action relative thereto.

REVOLVING
ACCOUNTS

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to establish a Revolving Fund for the Board of Health pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, said fund to receive fees paid for issuance of licenses and permits, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Health, up to the limit established by the Town, to defray salaries of part-time employees of the Board of Health, or take any other action relative thereto.

REVOLVING
ACCOUNTS

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the Building Department pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, said fund to receive fees paid for issuance of building permits, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Selectmen, up to the limit established by the Town, to defray salaries of part-time employees of the Building Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

REVOLVING
ACCOUNTS

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the Hampden Public Library pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, said fund to receive fines paid for overdue books and materials and payments for the use of the photocopy machine, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Library, up to the limit established by the Town, to defray the cost of repairs, supplies, and paper for the photocopy machine and for the purchase of books and materials, or take any other action relative thereto.

REVOLVING
ACCOUNTS

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the operation of the Transfer Station by the Board of Health pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, said fund to receive proceeds from the sale of trash bags, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer and with payments from the funds to be expended by the Board of Health, up to the limit established by the Town, to defray salaries of part-time employees of the Board of Health, and to purchase trash bags for re-sale, or take any other action relative thereto.

REVOLVING
ACCOUNTS

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Health pursuant to General Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, said fund to receive proceeds the sale of recyclable materials, said funds to be deposited the Town Treasurer and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Health, up to the limit established by the Town, to defray salaries of part-time employees, and to defray the cost of disposal of non-recyclable materials, or take any other action relative thereto.

REVOLVING
ACCOUNTS

Article 10. To establish a Revolving Fund on behalf of the Board of Assessor's Revenues collected by such Department shall be deposited regularly with the Town Treasurer. Expenditures from such Fund to be made in accordance with Chapter 44 Section 53 E ½ and subject to an FY 2004 limit, or take any other action relative thereto.

HIGHWAYS
STATE AID

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money form the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, set forth in Chapter 53, Acts of 1999, and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement, or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
RESTRICTED
FUND

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Conservation Commission's use and expenditure of fees received from the filing of Notices of Intent in order to defray the expenses for the performance of the Conservation Commission duties as allowed under Chapter 131, Section 40, or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSERVATION
FUND

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Conservation Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted upon and approved at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase, or take any other action relative thereto.

LIBRARY
ADDITIONAL
STATE AID

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote that in Fiscal Year 2004, if state aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion, or take any other action relative thereto.

HIGHWAY
VEHICLE

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a Highway Dump Truck or take any other action relative thereto.

POLICE
VEHICLE

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a Police Cruiser or take any other action relative thereto.

HIGH SPEED
COPY MACHINE

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a high speed copy machine for the Town House, or take any other action relative thereto.

ASSESSOR

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to increase the amount of the exemption granted to eligible applicants for a tax exemption by 50% from \$500 to \$750 as authorized by General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C (as amended by Chapter 184 Section 51 of the Acts of 2002) effective FY 2004, or take any other action relative thereto.

PAY PHONE
CHARGES

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the money line rate for the Custom PayPhone Service at the Town House on Main Street Hampden, or take any other action relative thereto.

DOG
LICENSES

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town, by adding the following new section, to require that all dog owners keep their dogs under control at all times for the purpose of protecting people and animals from injury, protecting property from damage, and preventing dog related nuisances, or take any other action relative thereto.

Dog Control and Violations

1. Description of Violations

Any owner who allows his/her dog to do or be any of the following will be considered in violation of this by-law:

- a. Unlicensed – a dog, six (6) months or older, which is unlicensed or not re-licensed by April 30 each year.
- b. Run at Large – to go beyond the boundaries of the owner's property unless the dog is:
 - 1. In sight and under voice command, and
 - 2. Does not trespass on residential property. Dogs in the act of training, working, hunting, or guarding are excepted.
- c. Chase – a pedestrian, bicycle, or any other vehicle.
- d. Bark – excessively during the day, or to bark between ten (10) pm and eight (8) am so disturbing the reasonable quiet of the neighborhood.
- e. Worry livestock – to worry, injure, or kill another's livestock, fowl or pet.
- f. Vicious – a dog that menaces, attacks, or bites a person without provocation.

2. Informal Complaint

- a. Any person may by telephone or letter inform the Dog Officer of any violation by:
 - 1. Identifying him/herself
 - 2. Describing the dog in detail
 - 3. Describing the violation
- b. The Dog Officer shall make a log of all information received, but the identity of the complainant shall be strictly confidential with the Dog Officer.

3. Formal Complaint

- a. Complaint forms shall be readily available from the Dog Officer, the Selectmen's Office, and the Police Department. Any resident may file this form at any of the above points or by mailing it to the Board of Selectmen.
- b. Within seven (7) days of receiving a complaint form, the Dog Officer shall make a progress report to the Complainant.
- c. If the complainant remains unsatisfied he/she may re-file the complaint with the Selectmen. A formal hearing may be called.
- d. Confidentiality ends once a formal complaint is filed.

4. Citations

- a. The Dog Officer, acting upon a personal knowledge of a violation, may serve a citation, having the force of law, on the owner. It shall describe the dog's conduct, cite the violation, and secure the enforcement by any of these means:
 1. Warning – a warning shall state a deadline for compliance and other steps of enforcement, as necessary.
 2. Fine- a fine may be levied to the maximum of \$25.00 for the first offense and \$50.00 for each subsequent offense to be paid to the Town Clerk. Each day of a continuing offense shall be considered a separate offense.
- b. The owner shall comply with the citation by:
 1. Satisfying the Dog Officer by complying with the warning or restraint order and/or
 2. Paying a fine within ten (10) days to the Town Clerk.
- c. Town Police Officers or the Dog Officer may issue citations for violations of this by-law pursuant to the non-criminal disposition procedures contained in Section XI of the General By-laws of the Town, provided however that only the Board of Selectmen shall have the jurisdiction to order that a dog be permanently restrained, removed from the Town or otherwise disposed of.
- d. The owner has the right to appeal to the Selectmen within ten (10) days of the citation's issue.
- e. Filing an appeal suspends a fine or restitution but not a restraint order.

MUNICIPAL FEES AND CHARGES

Articles 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 22F which concerns the establishment of fees for licenses, permits or certificates by municipal boards or officers, or take any other action relative thereto.

CURB CUT
PERMIT

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to add the following to the general by-laws which concerns the institution of a Curb Cut Permit, or take any other action relative thereto.

No owner or occupant of land, abutting upon a town way of Hampden or any public way which, by statute, said town is obligated to repair and maintain, shall construct any private road or driveway thereon, so as to extend into such public way, without first having obtained a written permit therefor from the Building Inspector and the Superintendent of Highways having charge of the maintenance and repair of such public way.

If the curb cut is for forestry, agriculture or other purpose not involving construction that requires a building permit, then the plan provided for herein shall be submitted only to the Superintendent of Highways who shall have the sole authority to issue the curb cut permit without approval of the Building Inspector.

The Building Inspector (or in cases where no building permit is required, only the Superintendent of Highways) shall issue the curb cut permit within forty (40) days or shall render a decision in writing specifying the reason(s) for denial of said permit and shall base that decision upon consideration of public safety. Whoever by him/herself being the owner or occupant, or by his/her agents or servants, violates this regulation, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day, and shall be liable in tort to the Town of Hampden for all damages thereby, and for the cost and expense of removing the obstructing material and of restoring the said way to its former condition.

WEIGHTS AND
MEASURES SERVICES

Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to adopt a by-law for the collection of fees to provide weights and measures Services to Town businesses or take any other action relative thereto.

The Town shall receive and may demand the following fees for providing the services of sealing and or registering or inspecting the following classes of weighing and measuring devices:

- a. Each scale with a weighing capacity of more than ten thousand pounds, one hundred dollars.
- b. Each scale with a weighing capacity of five thousand to ten thousand pounds, sixty dollars.
- c. Each scale with a weighing capacity of one thousand to five thousand pounds, thirty dollars.
- d. Each scale with a weighing capacity of one hundred to one thousand pounds, twenty –five dollars.
- e. Scales and balances with a weighing capacity less than one hundred pounds, twenty dollars.
- f. Each liquid capacity measure, except vehicle tanks, ten dollars.
- g. Each liquid measuring meter, except water meters, the following shall apply: motor fuel dispenser, twenty dollars; vehicle tank pump or gravity type, fifty dollars; bulk storage, seventy-five dollars; all others, twenty dollars.
- h. Each taximeter or measuring device on vehicles used to determine the cost of transportation, twenty-five dollars.
- i. Vehicle tanks used in the sale of commodities by liquid measure for each hundred gallons or fraction thereof, five dollars and an additional fee of ten dollars per sealed indicator.
- j. All weights and other measures liquid and linear, two dollars each.
- k. Reverse vending machines (container return), twenty dollars.
- l. Each automated electronic retail checkout system with fewer than four cash registers or computer terminals, not more than seventy-five dollars.
- m. Each automated electronic retail checkout system with no less than four and no more than eleven cash registers or computer terminals, not more than one hundred and fifty dollars.
- n. Each automated electronic retail checkout system with greater than eleven cash registers or computer terminals, not more than two hundred and fifty dollars.

The Town shall also receive reasonable compensation for the use of special facilities, necessary repairs and adjustments made by inspector, and the service of testing these devices, which include time allotted for record keeping and associated paperwork.

The Town shall either collect the fees as listed above or the fees as listed in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 98: Section 56, whichever is greater.

ZONING
BY-LAW

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by inserting the following definition in Section 2: or take any other action relative thereto.

2.91 Non-conforming structure

A non-conforming structure is a building or structure lawfully constructed at the time of adoption of this bylaw but which does not conform to the dimensional requirements of this bylaw which apply to the district in which such building or structure is located.

And by renumbering the definitions in Section 2 as required; And by deleting paragraphs 4.2 through 4.5 in their entirety and replacing them with the following paragraphs 4.2 through 4.4:

4.2

Non-conforming uses:

No non-conforming use of any building, structure, or premises shall be re-established where there has been a change to a use which is permitted in the district in which it is located. If the non-conforming use of any building, structure, or premises shall be discontinued for a period of twenty-four consecutive months, it shall not be re-established, and all future uses thereof shall be in conformity with applicable provisions of this bylaw. Nor shall there be an expansion of the non-conforming use or a change from the non-conforming use to another use not permitted in the district.

4.3

Changes, Alterations, Enlargement and Restoration of Non-Conforming Structures in the cases of Single and Two-family Residences: Addition, enlargement, extension, or restoration to any single or two-family residence shall be permitted provided that such addition, enlargement, extension, or restoration shall not increase the extent of the existing non-conformity nor add degrees of non-conformity unless the Board of Appeals shall issue a Special Permit allowing same. The Board of Appeals in deciding whether to issue a special permit must consider the following:

4.3.1 The proposed structure shall not be more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing structure.

4.3.2 Setbacks shall conform to Table 7.2 annotated except for the side yard, which may be reduced to 25 feet.

4.4 Changes, Alterations, Enlargement and Restoration of Non-Conforming] Structures excluding Single and Two-family Residences:

No non-conforming structure shall be altered, enlarged, or restored unless changed to a conforming structure or the Board of Appeals issues a Special Permit allowing same. The Board of Appeals in deciding whether to issue a special permit, must consider the following:

4.4.1 The proposed structure shall not be more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing structure.

4.4.2 Setbacks shall conform to Table 7.2 annotated.

ZONING BY-LAW

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by deleting section 7.541 in its entirety and replacing them with the following Section 7.541, or take any other action relative thereto.

7.541 In the districts there shall be provided facilities for off street parking for every building thereafter constructed or enlarged as described above.

a. All parking areas shall be contiguous with the roadway and shall be otherwise adapted to the parking of vehicles and shall be kept available therefore.

b. All access and egress shall intersect the public way at an angle of (90) ninety degrees, +- 10%, for at least (10) ten feet inside the property line and continue to the roadway's pavement edge for a minimum of (22) twenty-two feet.

- c. The driveway, at its intersection with the street, must provide a leveling of area with a slope of no greater than 1% for the first (20) twenty feet, a slope of no more than 8% for the next (30) feet and no more than 15% for the remainder. There shall be a 2% grade across the driveway for the first (20) feet to provide adequate water run off.
- d. A single family residence driveway shall be (12) twelve feet wide and must be set back at least (10) ten feet from the side and rear lot lines.
- e. The minimum curvature of a driveway shall be sufficient for a fire engine to negotiate, generally no less than a radius of (50) fifty feet or as deemed necessary by the Fire Chief.
- f. No driveway is to be within (40) forty feet of any public intersection.
- g. The first (20) feet of the driveway are to be constructed of pavement or concrete. The remainder of the materials to be used shall be constructed and maintained to allow the safe passage of emergency vehicles at all times.
- h. All steps in the procedure for obtaining a building permit must be followed.
- i. Any and all damages to public roadways shall be the responsibility of the homeowner for restitution to the Town of Hampden and shall be done at the Highway Superintendent's approval. Any repairs made are to be done by an approved contractor of the Town of Hampden.
- j. Construction of all driveways entering public ways in the Town of Hampden will be contingent upon the submission and approval of the Highway Superintendent, Building Inspector, and the Fire Chief of a "Driveway Permit Application" before any construction or cut is made.

COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE

Article 26. To see if the Town will hear the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to expend a sum of money from the historic resources portion of Community Preservation Funds, or take any or action relative thereto.

RESERVE
FUND

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

STABILIZATION
FUND

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Overlay Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

REDUCING
TAX RATE

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purpose of reducing that tax rate for Fiscal Year 2003, or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in elections of Town Officers to meet at the Hampden Town House, 625 Main Street, Hampden, on Monday the 5th day of May, AD 2003 at eight o' clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the election officers of said Town for the following officers, to wit:

To choose for the term of one year the following: 1 Moderator

To choose for the term of three years the following 1 Board of Selectmen
1 Board of Assessor, 1 School Committee member, 1 Library Trustee, 1 Cemetery
Commissioner, 1 Park Commissioner

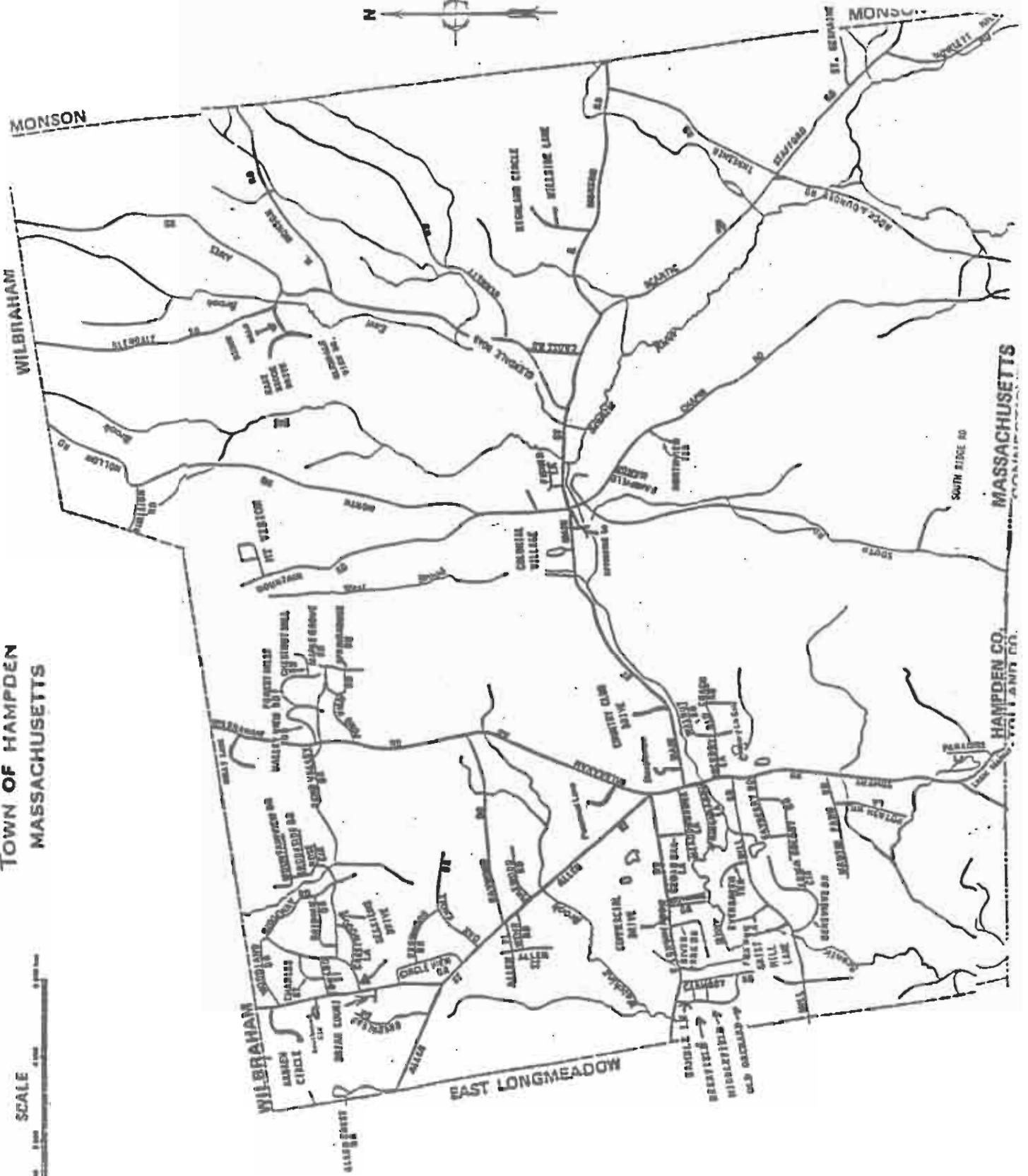
To choose for the term of five years the following: 1 Planning Board member,
1 Housing Authority member

Also, to choose all other necessary Town Officers.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting and attested copy thereof at each of the five places designated by the Town. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this -day of April 2003.

James D. Smith, Chairman
Duane Mosier
Mark Barba
Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
MASSACHUSETTS



INFORMATION & EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS	
POLICE Department EMERGENCY	911
Business Office	566-8011
FIRE Department EMERGENCY	911
Office	566-3314
Highway	566-8842
Library	566-3047
Council on Aging	566-5588
Dog Officer	781-1484
Veterans' Agent: Arthur A. Booth Jr., 200 Main St., Monson	267-4140
Building Inspector: Mark Feeney	566-2204
Electrical inspector: Robert Lague	566-8472
Plumbing Inspector: Michael Ford	566-5578
Board of Health Agent; Glenn Riddle	566-2152
Green Meadows Elementary School, North Road	566-3263
Thornton W. Burgess School, Wilbraham Rd.	566-8950
Principal's Office	566-3931
Minnechaug Regional High School, Main St., Wilbraham	596-9011
Superintendent's Office	596-3884
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Allen St.: Rev Brian Macleod	566-5572
Federated Community Church, Main St	566-3711
Parsonage: Rev. Thomas D. Howells	566-3402
St. Mary's Church, Somers Rd.: Rev. Timothy Murphy	566-8843
Bay State Gas: Business Office	781-3610
Bay State Gas: Billing	731-7668
GAS LEAK EMERGENCY	800-462-3010
New England Telephone: Business Office, Residence	785-0500
New England Telephone: Business Office, Business	800-462-3010
New England Telephone: Repair Service, Residence	1-555-1611
New England Telephone: Repair Service, Business	1-555-1515
Greater Media Cable T.V., Ludlow	583-5171
U.S. Post Office, Main St.	566-3752
AMBULANCE: AMR, 24 hour service	736-0600
BayState Medical Center	794-0000
Child Abuse & Neglect	800-792-5200
Home Care Corp., Spfld	781-2135
Ludlow Hospital	583-83-61
Mercy Hospital	781-9100
Poison Control Center	800-682-9211
Wing Hospital, Palmer	283-7651

