

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Calendar year 2005 brought many changes to the Assessors office. In an effort to get the most “bang for our buck” in a very tight fiscal economy, the Board of Assessors worked hard to solicit bids from many different sources rather than relying on the same vendor for a package deal, as in years past. After extensive research, the Town of Hampden was able to use the same funding available while increasing our resources.

Vision Appraisal Technology, Inc. is our new software vendor. The support staff at Vision worked with us to provide the best software conversion and the extensive support staff is ready and available to assist us at a moments notice. The annual support fee is considerably less than the prior vendor thus saving the town considerable dollars. Bishop and Associates, Inc., a local revaluation firm, who is accustomed to dealing with both large and small communities in Western Massachusetts was enthusiastic in dealing with the Town and accustomed to the real estate market west of I-495! Working with a local computer consultant, familiar with municipalities, they worked together to make sure our computer needs were met while staying within our limited budget. Our computer software was brought up to speed along with our required internet abilities. The Department of Revenue now requires all reports be submitted via the internet. In the past, this required our traveling through the Town Hall to find a computer that was able to submit the required reports. This was not reliable nor time productive.

The hours put in behind the scenes continue to increase, but the progress made makes the hours well spent. We are a committed Board that will carry on dedicating our time to see that fair and equitable assessments continue throughout our town.

We would not be able to achieve this commitment without our dedicated staff member, Ann Murphy. Ann continues to provide professional customer service while attending educational seminars. The Board attends seminars, as time allows, staying abreast of the latest developments in the world of assessing.

As always, the Board would like to thank all town officials and townhouse staff, without their assistance throughout the year our job would be impossible!

Respectfully submitted:

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

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**

of

FISCAL 2006

HAMPDEN

City/Town/District

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

Ia. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)	\$ 8,987,097.15
Ib. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	<u>1,626,195.27</u>
Ic. Tax levy (Ia minus Ib)	\$ <u>7,360,901.88</u>
Id. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies	

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA-5)	(c) IC above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class (from LA-5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (d) x (e) / 1000
Residential	94.1153%	6,927,734.89	488,556,800	14.18	6,927,735.42
Exempt					
Open Space	0.0000%	0.00	0		
Commercial	3.3220%	244,529.16	17,244,550	14.18	244,527.72
Exempt					
Industrial	0.3253%	23,945.01	1,688,600	14.18	23,944.35
SUBTOTAL	97.7626%		507,489,950		7,196,207.49
Personal	2.2374%	164,692.82	11,614,555	14.18	164,694.39
TOTAL	100.0000%		519,104,505		7,360,901.88

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Board of Assessors of **HAMPDEN** _____
 City or Town _____ Date _____ Tel. No. _____

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 Date _____
 Approved: _____
 Director of Accounts _____ Date _____

II. Amounts to be raised

Ila. Appropriations (col. (b) through col. (e) from Page 4)		\$ <u>8,681,268.00</u>
Ilb. Other amounts to be raised		
1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes	<u>12,400.00</u>	
2. Debt and interest charges not included on page 4	<u>17,800.00</u>	
3. Final court judgments	<u> </u>	
4. Total overlay deficits of prior years	<u> </u>	
5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)	<u>7,263.00</u>	
6. Revenue deficits	<u> </u>	
7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E	<u> </u>	
8. Authorized deferral of teachers' pay	<u> </u>	
9. Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44 Sec. 31D	<u>88,914.97</u>	
10. Other (specify on separate letter)	<u>87,980.87</u>	
TOTAL Ilb (Total lines 1 through 10)		<u>214,358.84</u>
Ilc. State and county cherry sheet charge (C.S. 1-EC)		<u>15,659.00</u>
Ild. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)		<u>75,811.31</u>
Ile. Total amount to be raised (Total Ila through Ilc)		<u>\$ 8,987,097.15</u>

III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

IIIa. Estimated receipts - State		
1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	\$ <u>669,174.00</u>	
2. Massachusetts School Building Authority Payments	<u> </u>	
TOTAL IIIa		<u>669,174.00</u>
IIIb. Estimated receipts - Local		
1. Local receipts not allocated (Page 3, col. (b), Line 23)	<u>757,647.00</u>	
2. Offset receipts (See Schedule A-1)	<u>0.00</u>	
3. Enterprise funds (See Schedule A-2)	<u>0.00</u>	
4. Community preservation funds (See Schedule A-4)	<u>76,931.00</u>	
TOTAL IIIb		<u>834,578.00</u>
IIIc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes		
1. Free cash (Page 4, col. (c))	<u>0.00</u>	
2. Other available funds (Page 4, col. (d))	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL IIIc		<u>0.00</u>
IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate		
1. a. Free cash...appropriated on or before June 30, 2005	<u> </u>	
b. Free cash...appropriated on or after July 1, 2005	<u> </u>	
2. Municipal light source	<u> </u>	
3. Teachers' pay deferral	<u> </u>	
4. Other source : <u>DE-1/PREMIUM</u>	<u>122,443.27</u>	
TOTAL IIId		<u>122,443.27</u>
IIIe. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (Total IIIa through IIId)		<u>\$ 1,626,195.27</u>

IV. Summary of total amount to be raised and total receipts from all sources:

a. Total amount to be raised (from Ile)		\$ <u>8,987,097.15</u>
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	\$ <u>1,626,195.27</u>	
c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Iic)	\$ <u>7,360,901.88</u>	
d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)		<u>\$ 8,987,097.15</u>

