

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

The Housing Authority Board consists of five members. Four are elected by the Town's election process, and one is appointed by the Governor. The four elected members are as follows: Miles Hapgood, George Stone, Cecilia Melville and William Olmstead. The Governor's appointee is Benjamin Bump. The Housing Authority employs three staff members. Our Executive Director is Christine Evans; Maintenance Manager, Jim McQuillan, and Clerical Assistant, Carole Robert.

It is the mission and responsibility of the Hampden Housing Authority under Mass. General Law to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing at an affordable rent. Rentals are based on 30% of net income as determined by HUD guidelines. Maximum contract rents are adjusted by HUD annually and are currently set as follows: 1 bedroom - \$528; 2 bedrooms - \$603. All eligibility and occupancy standards are in keeping with the established guidelines and regulations established by HUD and the Department of Housing & Community Development. All procedures and records of the Hampden Housing Authority are subject to review by the Office of the State Auditor.

The Board was saddened by the passing of long time board member William Joy. He will be sadly missed by all who had the pleasure to know him and to serve with him.

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

Applications for our housing program are available at the Hampden Housing Authority office at Centennial Commons OR by calling 566-8157. Office hours are Monday, from 8:00 am – 11:00 am, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm and Friday mornings from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. We are closed on Wednesdays.

Respectfully:

Christine Evans
Executive Director