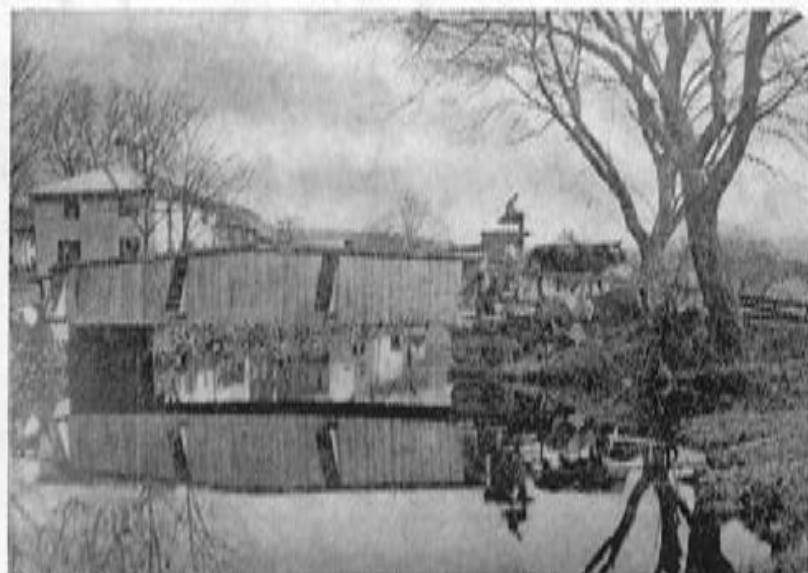


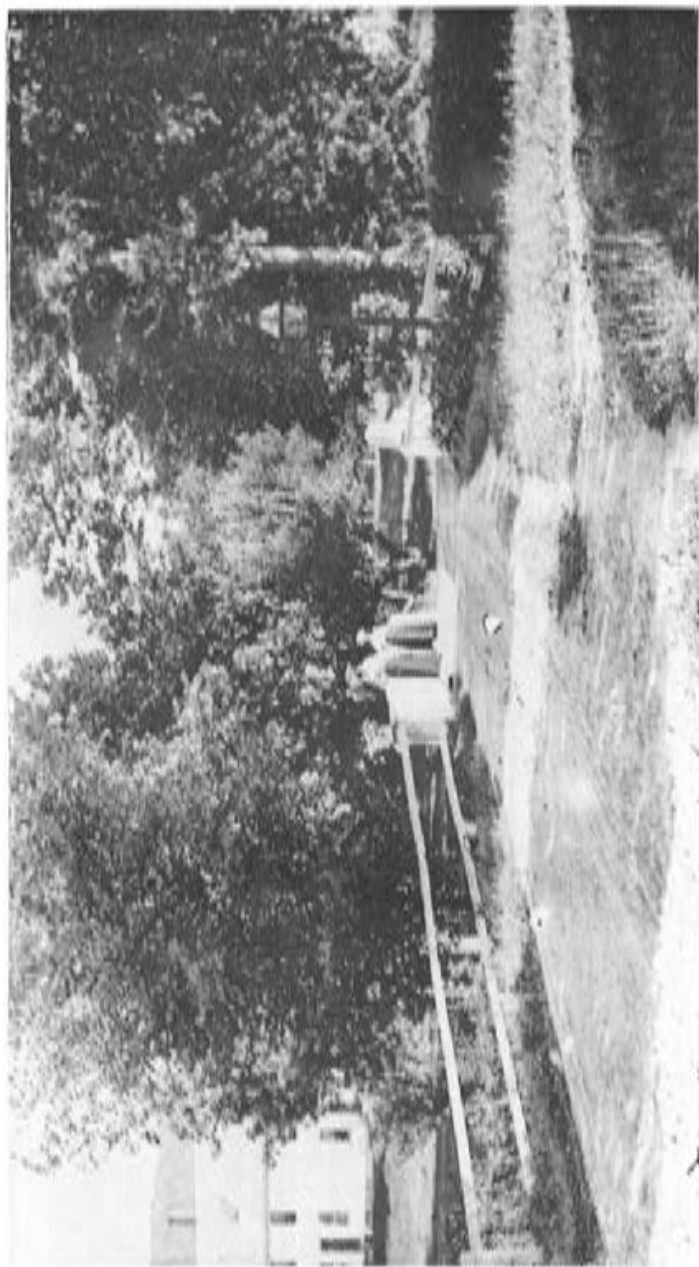
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LOOKING EAST TOWARD CENTER BRIDGE ABOUT 1895

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

For The Year Ending December 31, 1956



LOOKING SOUTH TOWARD SOMERS ROAD BRIDGE ABOUT 1895

ANNUAL REPORTS
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TOWN OF HAMPDEN



AND OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1956

THE PALMER REGISTER, Inc.

Palmer, Mass.

1957

Elected Town Officers --- 1956

Moderator

GEORGE W. INGLE

Clerk and Treasurer

GRACE L. KIBBE

Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

WILLIAM H. BURNS, 1957, Chairman

LEONARD G. CURTIS, 1958

CHARLES R. MELVILLE, 1959

Clerk to the Selectmen, RUTH W. WOODS

ASSESSORS

RALPH HATCH, Chairman., 1958

LESTER PAULY, 1959 LEONARD G. CURTIS, 1957

Clerk to the Assessors, ALICE FULLER

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ELEANOR MacMULLEN, Chairman, 1957

EDWIN N. LOMBARD, 1957

JOHN F. WHITNEY, JR., 1958

ELOISE WALLACE, 1959

THEODORE HOLMES, 1959

Trustees For Public Library

GERTRUDE LYONS, 1957

ELEANOR B. McCRAY, 1958

ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN, 1959

Collector of Taxes

DOROTHY S. FLYNN

Constables

ALTON GREGORY

JAMES P. LYONS

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

Cemetery Commissioners

NEIL KIBBE, 1957

HOMER FULLER, 1958 HERBERT BURNHAM, 1959

Planning Board

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, Chairman, 1959

DORVAL E. VIGER, 1957

MARION WELLS GERRISH, 1958

WILLIAM P. PATULLO, 1960

GEORGE AUDREN, 1961

Auditor

LESLIE F. WOODS

Tree Warden

AUSTIN K. HARRIS

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS**Town Bookkeeper**

ROLLYN H. HATCH

Forest Fire Warden

WILLIAM ALLEN

Inspector of Animals

PERCY FULLER

Inspector of Slaughtering

GEORGE A. PATRIC

Scaler of Weights and Measures

ERROL M. BEEBE

Moth Superintendent

CHARLES H. LEMON

Superintendent of Streets

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

Recreation Committee

JASON DOUBLEDAY, Chairman, 1959

JOHN F. WHITNEY, JR., 1957 ATHOS ROSSI, 1958

WILLIAM ALLEN, 1958

(to fill unexpired term of Ralph Melander, deceased)

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, 1959

Burial Agent for Soldiers and Sailors

FRED C. SAMBLE

Agent for Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves

RAYMOND W. DUNLEA

Agent for Veterans' Benefits

THOMAS J. FAULKNER

Measurers of Wood, Bark and Charcoal

HOMER L. HATCH

AUSTIN K. HARRIS

Dentist for Dental Clinic

DR. HAROLD J. BENNETT

Pound Keeper and Field Driver

PERCY FULLER

Fence Viewers

DONALD E. DICKINSON

GEORGE PATRIC, JR.

WARREN DICKINSON

Welfare Agent

MARY CANTWELL

Town Counsel

THOMAS F. MORIARTY

Building Commissioner

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT

Electrical Inspector

CHARLES R. MELVILLE

Plumbing Inspector

WILLIAM P. PATULLO

Board of Appeals

EARLE H. HARRIS, SR., Chairman, 1958

EVERETT S. WOODS, 1957 WILBUR F. BRIEN, 1958

HOWARD GRAY, 1959 JOHN R. SCHMUCK, 1959

(to fill unexpired term of James E. Ingraham,
resigned)**Alternates**

WALTER M. ICKRATH, JR., 1961

H. LAURENCE FOSTER, 1960

Advisory Committee

CHARLES A. MAGARIAN, Chairman, 1958
 DR. HAROLD J. BENNETT, 1957 BEN F. LIBBY, 1957
 WILLIAM D. CANFIELD, 1958 (to fill unexpired term
 of Errol M. Beebe, resigned)
 WILLIAM PLATE, 1959

School Building Committee

H. LAURENCE FOSTER, Chairman
 THOMAS DEMETRION DANIEL M. FLYNN
 EDWIN N. LOMBARD FRED C. SAMBLE

Hampden Regional School District Planning Committee

HOWARD H. MacMULLEN, Chairman
 GRACE W. GRAY EDWIN N. LOMBARD

Voters Liable for Jury Duty for the Year Beginning August 1, 1956

WELLS CARVER	E. NORTON DAVIS
GEORGE D. FISHER, JR.	EDWARD PETERSON
EDWARD H. DAYTON	LEONARD G. CURTIS
HAMILTON DELISLE	WILLIAM E. MESSIER
LAURENCE L. JONES, JR.	RUSSELL STREETER
EARLE HARRIS, SR.	ARTHUR CODERRE
DAVID JOYCE	WILBUR BRIEN
ROYAL JOHNSTON	EDWIN LOMBARD

Board of Registrars

GRACE L. KIBBE

EDWIN BRENNAN, 1957 FAYE FLYNN, 1958

L. NORRIS FITZGERALD, 1959

Special Police

GEORGE D. FISHER, SR. AUSTIN K. HARRIS

HAROLD D. JONES PAUL BOUCHARD

KENNETH L. MOODY GARFIELD TRACY

WILFRED J. GERARD KENNETH E. HENNING

CLIFFORD R. GUNTHER JOHN E. PIXLEY

ARTHUR H. GERRISH JAMES P. LYONS

ALTON M. GREGORY CHARLES R. MELVILLE

LEONARD G. CURTIS HERBERT L. BURNHAM

CLARKE E. WARREN, JR.

IN MEMORIAM



LEROY O. HOWLETT

Born: February 2, 1873

Died: June 9, 1956

Selectman — Supt. of Streets — Constable
Cemetery Commissioner

EARLE E. DICKINSON

Died: June 11, 1956

Fence Viewer — Constable — Cemetery Commissioner

RALPH MELANDER

Died: April 12, 1956

Member Recreation Committee

Old Hampden Bridges

By CARL C. HOWLETT

With the building of the various bridges in town since the recent flood, interest has been aroused in the early bridges which spanned the Scantic River and its tributaries, and several have asked when the early ones were erected.

According to Stebbins' History of Wilbraham (our mother town) the first bridge across the river on Somers Road was built in 1768. The erection thereof was probably a community affair, the families of Abner Chapin, Stephen Stebbins, and Capt. Paul Langdon, all residents of the road, giving their services. This would be a logical assumption, since we know that Paul Langdon was a carpenter and millwright and had charge of the building of the old church on the village green, while Eldad Stebbins, son of Stephen Stebbins, erected the first West Side School, which is now the main part of the William R. Palmer house on East Longmeadow Rd.

Up to 1768 it had probably been necessary for all the teams going north and south on Somers Road to "ford" the river—that is the horse had to pull the wagon through the stream. There probably had been a foot bridge for pedestrians for some time.

If you will look carefully at the picture of the old Somers Road bridge on the inside front cover of this report, you will notice an old lamp post. This was a town street lamp and it was at the entrance of one of the showplaces of the town, the Judson Leonard house, which is now the Walnut Grove Rest Home. Similar lights

were placed at strategic points along Main Street and on some side roads. There are some still living in Hampden who remember Lucien Winslow, who was the principal lamp lighter during the period of from 1890 until 1910 when this system was supported by our town. The old lamp lighter made his rounds at dusk, trimming the wicks, washing the blackened chimnies if necessary, putting just enough oil in the lamps to last until the good people of Hampden were supposed to be safely tucked into their beds, and then lighting them.

The large building in the background in the photograph in the inside front cover is what is now known as the Sundgren Block. This was built by the Seantie Woolen Mills, of which Judson Leonard was president, to house the employees of their large mill, which was located on the river east of the block. This building is the last evidence of a once flourishing industry on the West Side.

The particular bridge shown on the inside front cover and also depicted at the bottom of the inside back cover was called the "Brown" Bridge since it was painted a very vivid shade of brown. These photographs were taken by Durrell O. Pease, brother of the late Mrs. Grace (Pease) Carew, who lived where Mr. and Mrs. Alton Gregory now reside, and it was through the courtesy of Mrs. Gregory that we received the two large old glass negatives, which she found on the attic floor with several others showing West Side scenes. These "plates" had probably been gathering dust for over half a century and attest to the high quality of some of the early cameras.

It is not known when the first bridge at the Center was built, but probably at about the same time as the one on the West Side. In our recent study of deeds for the old houses at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Springfield, we found that in 1806 Jonathan Flynt,

Jr., who built the house now owned by Mrs. Lena Leddy on Riverside Drive, a fulling mill nearby, and a dam across the river, also erected a bridge. This is the only reference we have been able to find of an early bridge at this point.

We are showing on the front cover of this report a photograph of the Center Bridge taken by Mrs. J. Jeannette Metcalfe, housekeeper for Mrs. Lucy (Chaffee) Alden, who lived where W. Harry Burns now resides. The picture was taken from a book of poems entitled "Songs of Hope" written by Mrs. Alden and arranged for publication by the late Rev. Charles Bemis Bliss, pastor of the Hampden Congregational Church from 1903-1913. If you will look closely at this photograph, you will see a team leaving the south end of the bridge. It is of interest to note that the wagon is one designed for the transportation of four foot wood and that the driver's seat is elevated. Probably the teamster was starting for the wood lot for a load of maple, oak, birch, or chestnut (this being before the days of the chestnut blight) and before daybreak the next morning would be en route to Springfield to deliver it at one of the manufacturing plants. Perhaps his destination was to be the yard of the Springfield Brick Co., south of the Forest Park Zoo, since that company was a large purchaser of Hampden wood.

The picture of Center Bridge shown on the inside back cover was also taken by Mrs. Metcalfe or Rev. Charles B. Bliss.

Returning to our study of the old bridges, it might be interesting to contrast the building of the old ones with those erected during the past year. In the olden days there were no holdups due to steel strikes, etc. All the material for the structures came from our town; whereas the concrete, steel, etc., for the bridges recently erected was brought in from the outside. The foundations of the

early spans were made from local stone gathered in neighboring fields. All the lumber was sawed out at the various local saw mills. Even the nails were made in our village, having been hammered out by the local blacksmiths. The nails used on the first Center Bridge were probably made on the spot, since we find that as early as 1797 there was a blacksmith shop operated by Joel Chaffee on property now owned by Herbert H. Thresher near the bridge. As long ago as that time the Scantic River was furnishing power for the operation of Mr. Chaffee's triphammer and a pair of bellows.

When the old bridges were erected a place was left on one side or the other for the team to "ford" the river if the driver desired to allow the horse an opportunity to drink. There was another advantage in allowing the horse to walk through the brook since it gave an opportunity for the spokes in the wheels to become moistened and thereby lessening the rattling thereof. The fording place south of the bridge near the home of Thornton W. Burgess was probably the last one in town and was still in existence the early part of the century.

We wish we knew the names of the people in the various pictures in this report. If anyone can identify any of the persons shown we shall be glad to hear from you.

Town Warrant

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 all the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden, qualified to vote in elections of Town officers, to meet at the Town House on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of February, A.D., 1957, at ten 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 a Moderator for one year. To choose a Town Clerk and a Town Treasurer for one year. To choose one Selectman for three years, who shall also be on the Board of Public Welfare; to choose one Collector of Taxes, three Constables, one Tree Warden, one Auditor, all for the term of one year; one Assessor for the term of three years; two School Committee Members, one Regional School Committee member, one Cemetery Commissioner, one Library Trustee, all for the term of three years; one member of the Planning Board for the term of five years. Also to choose all other necessary Town Officers. The polls shall open at 10 a.m. and shall close at 8:00 p.m.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Hampden, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town House, Hampden, on Monday, March 4, AD 1957, at eight o'clock in the

evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

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

Your Advisory Committee requests that their reports and recommended budget be read and thoughtfully studied.

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, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the following amounts be raised and appropriated to pay the salaries of the Elective Town Officers:

Salaries

Selectmen	\$525.00	
Board of Public Welfare	175.00	\$700.00
Treasurer		650.00
Collector		650.00
Assessors		500.00
	(requested \$650.00)	
Auditor		15.00
Moderator		35.00
Town Clerk		100.00

Article 3. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the several purposes hereinafter designated.

General Government

Moderator's Expenses	\$25.00
Selectmen's Expenses	600.00

Accounting Salary	650.00
Accounting Expenses	125.00
Treasurer's Expenses	300.00
Collector's Expenses	525.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	250.00
Assessors' Expenses	1525.00
Law and Claims	250.00
Certifying Notes and Other Finance	50.00
Elections and Registrations	500.00
Town Hall Maintenance	
Town House Maintenance	3,000.00
Board of Appeals Expenses	20.00
Advisory Committee Expenses	150.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department	2,000.00
Building Inspector—Salaries	300.00
Building Inspector—Expenses	350.00
Forest Fires	100.00
Forest Fire Warden	50.00
Tree Warden	200.00
Fire Dept. Maintenance	1500.00
Scaler of Weights and Measures	100.00
Moth Eradication	400.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1000.00
Planting Trees	50.00

Health and Sanitation

Meat Inspection	50.00
Animal Inspection	60.00
Town Dump	300.00
Dental Clinic	425.00

Highways

Snow and Ice Removal	2,500.00
Highways, Bridges and Railings	4,500.00
Street Lighting	1,250.00
Garage Maintenance	300.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	3,000.00

Charities

Old Age Assistance	15,000.00
Disability Assistance	2,800.00
General Relief	2,100.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,700.00
Southeast Hampden Welfare District	600.00

Library	1,700.00
Unclassified	
Memorial Day	225.00
Soldiers and Sailors Graves	175.00
Town Common	100.00
Printing Town Report	900.00
Insurance	5,524.00
Cemeteries	1,000.00
	(requested \$1,200.00)
Recreation	
Director	600.00
Recreation Field Maintenance	250.00
Recreation Field Equipment	400.00
Maturing Debt and Interest	
Interest	11,200.00
Principal	19,952.20
Hampden County Retirement System	1,236.11
Hampden County Aid to Agriculture	100.00

Article 4. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund, now in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this fund be paid into the Library Account.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2700.00 for the repair and maintenance of Town Roads and instruct the Selectmen to petition and contract with the Commissioners of the Department of Public Works, under the provisions of Chapter 81, Section 26 of the General Laws.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the sum of \$2,700 be raised and appropriated for the repair and maintenance of town roads in accordance with the above article.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or

County, or both, for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the sum of \$1000 be raised and appropriated for use on Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in conjunction with any money that may be allotted by the State or County or both, for the widening and surfacing of Main Street and Chapin Road, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the sum of \$3,500 be raised and appropriated for the widening and surfacing of Main Street and Chapin Road.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 and 90 Highways in the three preceding articles, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends the transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$22,400 for Chapter 81 and 90 highway work as outlined in the three preceding articles.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Schools, or take any other action relative thereto.

GENERAL CONTROL:

School Committee Expenses	\$ 200.00
Salary of Superintendent	6,400.00
Expenses of Superintendence	800.00

EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION:

Supervisor's Salaries	2,252.00
Teachers' Salaries	52,675.00
School Secretary Salary	1,050.00
Textbooks	1,200.00
Supplies	1,900.00

EXPENSES OF OPERATING:

Janitor's Salaries	5,716.00
Fuel and Light	5,100.00
Miscellaneous Operating	1,240.00

MAINTENANCE:

Repairs and Replacements	300.00
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AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

Health	1,155.00
Transportation	24,550.00
Tuition	32,427.00
Miscellaneous Auxiliary	1,380.00

NEW EQUIPMENT:	300.00
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CONTINGENCY	2,500.00
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COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Total 1957 Budget	\$141,635.00
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ESTIMATED CREDITS FROM COMMONWEALTH

Superintendent's Salary	3,333.00
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Transportation:

Chapter 71, Sec. 7A	19,800.00
State Wards	None
Vocational Education Chapter 74-8A	866.00

Tuition:

State Wards	None
Vocational Education	2,500.00
Chapter 70	16,580.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED CREDITS	\$43,079.00
Estimated Cost of Education from Local Taxation	98,556.00

Total Local Schools	141,635.00
Regional School District	2,395.43
TOTAL SCHOOLS	\$144,030.43

The Advisory Committee recommends that the several items listed in the above budget be raised and appropriated.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be used for spraying for mosquito control in the Town of Hampden during the summer of 1957, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 to reimburse John Pixley for the loss of his automobile while on police duty, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$100.00 for the perpetual care of the William A. Pease cemetery lot.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$100 for the perpetual care of the H. & J. Heredeen cemetery lot.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$100 for the perpetual care of the Homer L. Hatch cemetery lot.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 15. To see what action the Town will take to construct a water supply and appropriate a sum of sum of money therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends negative action. It is recommended that the Planning Board make a preliminary investigation to find out approx. the cost and feasibility, and report to the Town at the next Town Meeting.

Article 16. To see if the Town vote to appropriate from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund.

The Advisory Committee recommends \$100 be appropriated from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to the Stabilization Fund.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$7,500 to be used by the Board of Assessors for the purpose of starting the project of mapping and revaluating the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee strongly recommends favorable action on this article and feels that revaluation is a necessary step in the healthy growth of the Town.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of remodeling and equipping the Town House elementary school for conversion to a junior high school, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee consisting of not more than three persons, one of whom shall be a member of the School Committee, said committee to be empowered to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to remodel the Town House elementary school for conversion to a junior high school, and equip and furnish same.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the use of the committee empowered to convert the Town House elementary school

to a junior high school, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to install two new street lights at the corner of Somers Road and Hickory Lane and raise and appropriate therefor the sum of \$56.00 or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to remodel the room adjacent to the present Town Office into three offices to be used by Town departments, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of Hazel Irene Mansfield of the land in Hampden bounded and described as follows: All and singular that land in Hampden, Hampden County, Massachusetts, known and designated as Colonial Village running northerly from Main Street to land of the Town of Hampden and all as shown on Land Court Certificate of Title Number 7070 which plan is duly recorded with Hampden County Deeds and incorporated herein by reference.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept a way as laid out by the Selectmen on January 26, 1957 which way is substantially described as follows: Colonial village from Main Street to land of the Town of Hampden as shown on plan entitled "Land Court Survey", Smith & Wallen, Engineers which plan is duly recorded with Hampden County Deeds under Land Court Certificate of Title number 7070 and incorporated herein by reference and designate said way as Colonial Village.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1250.00 for an artesian well at the Recreation Field or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to strike out Section II of the By-Laws of the Town of Hampden, Massachusetts, concerning the appointment of members of the Advisory Committee by the Moderator and substitute therefor under the provisions of Chapter 39, Section 16, General Laws the following:

Section II. The Advisory Board of the town shall be elected by the registered voters of the town: two members whose term of office shall expire at the adjournment of the annual Town Meeting of 1958; two members whose term of office shall expire at the adjournment of the annual Town Meeting of 1959; and one member whose term of office shall expire at the adjournment of the annual Town Meeting of 1960. Thereafter expired vacancies shall be filled by the registered voters of the town at the annual Town Meeting for periods of three years. The terms of office of said members shall expire at the close or final adjournment of the annual town meeting. Said committee shall choose its own officers as soon as practical after election and shall serve without pay excepting, however, the Secretary whose salary shall be voted at the annual Town Meeting. Said committee shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

The Advisory Committee recommends a negative vote because it feels that, like the overwhelming majority of towns within the Commonwealth, the Advisory Committee of Hampden should continue to be appointed by the Moderator, an impartial, neutral official, in order that they may discharge their duty in advising the Town's officials and citizens without regard for partisan politics.

~~color~~ Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to strike out Section III of the By-Laws of the Town of Hampden, Massachusetts concerning the filling of any vacancy which may occur in its membership and substitute therefor the following:

Section III: The said committee shall fill any vacancy which may occur in its membership by vote, attested copy of which shall be sent by the secretary to the Town Clerk. If any member is absent from five consecutive meetings of said committee, except in cases of illness, his position shall be deemed to be vacant and shall be filled as herein provided. The term of office of any person so chosen to fill a vacancy shall expire at the final adjournment of the next succeeding annual town meeting, and his successor shall be elected by the registered voters of the town to complete the unexpired term of the member in whose office such vacancy originally occurred.

See recommendation under Article 26.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend that portion of Section VIII, Par. 4, Lot size, of the Zoning By-Laws which relates to the minimum lot area and frontage for a one family house so that in the future it shall read: For a one-family house, not under 30,000 square feet and at least one hundred fifty (150) foot frontage, said house not to occupy more than 25% of the area; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to prohibit any sign in any zone, which shall measure more than two (2) square feet in area or any electrical sign without the approval of the Planning Board; said By-Law to be inserted in the Zoning By-Laws under Section IV as a regulation governing the preceding uses.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to have all electrical signs in this town steady and not intermittent; said By-Law to be inserted in the Zoning By-Laws as Section X, Paragraph 1.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to strike out Section II, Par. 6 (d) of the Zoning By-Laws which reads "Any use, except signs located upon that half of the lot nearest the street line or lines, unless it is either sixty (60) feet from the nearest street or in the same building to which the use is accessory."

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section II, Par. 6 (e) of the Zoning By-Laws so that in the future it shall read, "Signs, except those pertaining to the lease, sale or use of a lot or building on which placed, and not exceeding a total area of twelve (12) square feet; said sign, if electrical, to be steady and not intermittent. On a lot occupied by a dwelling, there shall not be more than one such sign pertaining to the use thereof or bearing the name and occupation of the occupant or occupants, and no such sign shall exceed two (2) square feet in area and, if electrical, shall be steady and not intermittent.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend the amendment to Section II, Paragraph 7 (j) of the Zoning By-Laws so that in the future it shall read, "Unless otherwise specified in this section, customary home occupations carried on for gain and carried on in the residence of the occupant, provided there is no display of goods visible from the street and no advertising sign except a small announcement sign that shall not exceed

two (2) square feet in area and, if electrical, steady and not intermittent while in use and provided that such occupation shall be carried on by the person only within a dwelling or apartment used by him for his private residence, with not more than one person employed as outside help and provided that such occupation shall not occupy more than one-third of the area of his residence or apartment, but shall not be limited to less than one room, and provided that such occupation shall not be carried on in an accessory building.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of John F. Baldwin of the land in Hampden bounded and described as follows: Crestwood Lane, as shown on plan of land known as Woodland Park drawn by John T. Casey, Surveyor, dated November, 1953; beginning at the intersection of Sessions Drive and Crestwood Lane and running easterly 1254 feet more or less.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept a way as laid out by the Selectmen on January 26, 1957, which way is substantially described as follows: Crestwood Lane, as shown on plan of land known as Woodland Park drawn by John T. Casey, Surveyor, dated November, 1953; beginning at the intersection of Sessions Drive and Crestwood Lane and running easterly 1254 feet more or less.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of John F. Baldwin of the land in Hampden bounded and described as follows: Sessions Drive, as shown on plan of land known as Woodland Park, drawn by John T. Casey, Surveyor, dated November, 1953;

beginning at the intersection of Woodland Drive and Sessions Drive, and running easterly 1962 feet more or less.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept a way as laid out by the Selectmen on January 26, 1957, which way is substantially described as follows: Sessions Drive, as shown on plan of land known as Woodland Park, drawn by John T. Casey, Surveyor, dated November, 1953; beginning at the intersection of Woodland Drive and Sessions Drive, and running easterly 1962 feet more or less.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3500 from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 to be used to purchase hose, raincoats, boots and hats for the use of the members of the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$6852.69 that has been made available by the General Court under Section 5A, Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956, said sum to be used for permanent highway construction work, as the Town's share of Chapter 90 highway construction project.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to spend

the money as outlined in the preceding article and authorized by Section 5A of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956, if and when received from the Commonwealth for permanent highway construction work on Carmody Road.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$6852.69 to be used for permanent highway construction work on Carmody Road, said money to be returned to the treasury when received from the Commonwealth, under the provisions of Section 5A of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957 and to issue a note or notes and renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at each of the three 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 twenty-eighth day of January, 1957.

s/WILLIAM H. BURNS

s/CHARLES R. MELVILLE

s/LEONARD G. CURTIS

Selectmen of Hampden, Mass.

Report of Advisory Committee

1956

The Advisory Committee held regular monthly meetings during the year and public hearings prior to the Annual and Special Town Meetings.

The annual budget as recommended by the Advisory Committee is again presented in accord with the uniform budget set-up adopted in 1956.

Your attention is called to the substantial increase in the total requested appropriations over previous years which reflects in large measure the necessary expansion in school facilities and operations approved by the voters this year.

The continued growth of the Town of Hampden with the attendant need for increased Town services and facilities requires the intelligent consideration of requested appropriations by the Town Officers and Voters to maintain the sound financial status of the Town while providing the necessary functions. Your Advisory Committee has given careful study and deliberation to the recommended budget and the other items of the warrant. We urge you to study the budget and our recommendations in arriving at your decision in voting.

The estimated valuation of the Town indicates that each \$2,200 you appropriate will mean approximately \$1.00 in the tax rate.

During the year **nine** transfers were approved from the Reserve Fund amounting to \$3,389.90, leaving a balance of \$110.10 to be returned to the Overlay Reserve. An analysis of the transfers is contained in the Town Bookkeeper's Report.

During the year, William D. Canfield was appointed to the Committee to fill the unexpired term of Errol Beebe, who resigned due to absence from the Town of Hampden during the winter months.

The assistance and cooperation of the various Town Officials in the preparation of the budget and the performance of the the other Advisory Committee functions is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. MAGARIAN, Chairman

HAROLD J. BENNETT

WILLIAM D. CANFIELD

BEN F. LIBBY

WILLIAM L. PLATE

SUMMARY OF BUDGET FOR 1957

Classification	Appro.	Recom.	Increase
General Government	1956	1957	
Protection of Persons & Property	\$10,075	\$10,620	\$545
Health and Sanitation	5,650	6,050	400
Highways	835	835	
Charities	11,488	18,750	7,262
Schools	23,000	23,200	200
Library	114,000	144,030	30,030
Recreation	1,700	1,700	
Unclassified	950	1,350	400
Cemeteries	5,638	7,985	2,347
Maturing Debt and Interest	975	1,175	200
		31,152	31,152
Total budget	174,311	246,847	72,536
Special Articles Requested	10,279	5,806	
Appropriated Special Meeting—1956		2,754	
Additional Expense (Est.)	8,700	10,000	
Total Expenses	193,290	265,407	72,117
Est. Receipts (Federal, State & County)	-58,000	-90,000	
Balance to be raised by Tax	135,290	175,407	40,117
Total Valuation	\$2,680,255	\$2,200,000	
Estimated Tax Rate	\$63/1000	\$80/1000	

BUDGET FOR 1957
RECOMMENDED BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
GENERAL GOVERNMENT
4.3% OF TOTAL

Item No.		Appro. 1955	Appro. 1956	Recom. 1957
1	Moderator, Salary & Expenses	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 60
2	Advisory Committee Selectmen	150	150	150
3	Salaries	700	700	700
4	Expenses	500	650	600
	Town Accountant			
5	Salary	600	650	650
6	Expenses	100	100	125
7	Auditor	15	15	15
	Treasurer			
8	Salary	550	650	650
9	Expenses	160	200	370
	Collector			
10	Salary	550	650	650
11	Expenses	425	450	525
	Assessors			
12	Salaries	500	500	500
13	Expenses	1,000	750	1,525
14	Laws & Claims	250	250	250
	Town Clerk			
15	Salary	100	100	100
16	Expenses	225	225	250
17	Elections & Registrations	400	950	500

Item No.		Appro. 1955	Appro. 1956	Recom. 1957
18	Town House Maintenance	2,500	2,850	3,000
19	Town Hall Maintenance	100	100	—
20	Planning Board	175	Bal. over	Bal. over
21	Board of Appeals	50	50	20
21a.	Certifying Notes	50	50	50
22	Total General Government	<u>\$9,135</u>	<u>\$10,075</u>	<u>\$10,620</u>

PROTECTION OF PERSONS
& PROPERTY 2.5% OF TOTAL

23	Police	\$ 800	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
24	Fire	1,500	1,500	1,500
	Building Inspector			
25	Salary	300	300	300
26	Expenses	150	150	350
27	Sealer of Weight and Measures	70	100	100
28	Moth Eradication	400	400	400
29	Dutch Elm Disease	700	700	1,000
30	Tree Warden	250	200	200
31	Planting Trees	50	50	50
32	Forest Warden	50	50	50
	Forest Fires			
33	Salaries	300	200	100
34	Equipment	200	—	—
35	Total Protection	<u>\$4,720</u>	<u>\$ 5,650</u>	<u>\$ 6,050</u>

HEALTH & SANITATION .3% OF TOTAL

36	Health	Bal. over	Bal. over	Bal. over
37	Dental Clinic	\$ 425	\$ 425	\$ 425

Item No.	Appro. 1955	Appro. 1956	Recom. 1957
38 Animal Inspection	60	60	60
39 Meat Inspection	50	50	50
40 Town Dump Maintenance	100	300	300
41 Total Health and Sanitation	\$ 635	\$ 835	\$ 835
HIGHWAYS 7.6% OF TOTAL			
42 Highways, Bridges and Railings	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,500
43 Snow & Ice Removal	2,000	1,000	2,500
44 Road Machinery Maintenance	trans.	trans.	3,000
45 Town Garage Maintenance	200	250	300
46 Street Lighting	1,033	1,033	1,250
47 Chapter 81	2,700	2,700	2,700
48 Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,000	1,000	1,000
49 Chapter 90 Construction	2,500	3,500	3,500
50 Total Highways	\$12,933	\$11,488	\$18,750
CHARITIES 9.4% OF TOTAL			
51 Public Welfare District	\$ 400	\$ 600	\$ 600
52 Public Welfare	2,300	2,100	2,100
53 Disability Assistance	2,800	2,800	2,800
54 Old Age Assistance	15,000	15,000	15,000
55 Aid to Dependent Children	2,200	2,500	2,700
56 Veteran's Benefita	—	Bal. over	Bal. over
57 Total Charities	\$22,700	\$23,000	\$23,200

Item No.	Appro. 1955	Appro. 1956	Recom. 1957
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SCHOOLS 58.4% OF TOTAL

General Control

58	Committee Expenses	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 290
59	Supt.—Salary	5,800	6,100	6,400
60	Supt.—Expenses	1,350	1,250	800

Expenses of Instruction

61	Supervisors—Salary	1,980	2,134	2,252
62	Teachers—Salary	29,640	35,600	52,675
63	School Sec.—Salary	—	—	1,050
64	Textbooks	800	900	1,200
65	Supplies	1,300	1,400	1,900

Expenses of Operation

66	Janitor—Salary	3,450	3,500	5,716
67	Fuel and Light	2,100	2,300	5,100
68	Miscellaneous	750	750	1,240

Maintenance

69	Repairs and Replacements	1,000	900	300
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Auxiliary Agencies

70	Health	1,060	1,060	1,155
71	Miscellaneous	125	125	1,380
72	Tuition	35,100	32,141	32,427
73	Transportation	22,793	22,950	22,950
74	New Equipment	600	540	300
75	Contingency Fund	2,000	2,000	2,500
76	Community Program			400

77	Total Local Schools	\$110,198	\$114,000	\$141,635
78	Regional School District			2,395
79	Total Schools	\$110,198	\$114,000	\$144,030

LIBRARY .7% OF TOTAL

80	Library	\$1,500	\$1,700	\$1,700
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Item No.	Appro. 1955	Appro. 1956	Recom. 1957
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RECREATION .5% OF TOTAL

81 Field Maintenance	\$500	\$250	\$250
82 Director's Salary	500	500	600
83 New Equipment	500	100	400
84 Outlays	750	special art.	
85 Town Common	100	100	100
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86 Total Recreation	\$2,350	\$950	\$1,350

UNCLASSIFIED 3.2% OF TOTAL

87 Town Reports	\$650	\$726	\$900
88 Memorial Day	200	225	225
89 Insurance	3,460	3,731	5,524
90 County Retirement System	1,108	856	1,236
91 Aid to Agriculture	75	100	100
92 Reserve Fund	trans.	trans.	trans.
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93 Total Unclassified	\$5,493	\$5,638	\$7,985

CEMETERIES .5% OF TOTAL

94 Cemeteries	\$500	\$800	\$1,000
95 Soldiers & Sailors Graves	175	175	175
96 Total Cemeteries	\$675	\$975	\$1,175
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MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST

12.6% OF TOTAL

97 Maturing Debts			\$19,952
98 Interest			11,200
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99 Total Debt and Interest			\$31,152

Item No.		Recom. 1957
100	Total budget recommendations	\$246,847
101	Total recommended, special articles	5,806
102	Total, all recommendations	252,653
103	Estimated additional expenditures	12,754
104	Grand Total, recommendations and estimates	265,407
105	Deductions to compute estimated tax rate: estimated receipts	-90,000
106	Estimated balance to be raised by a levy on local real estate and tangible personal property	\$175,407
107	Estimate tax rate, based on above recommendations \$80. per \$1,000 valuation on above recommendations	

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL ARTICLES

Special Article	Requested	Recom.
10 Mosquito Control	\$2,000	\$2,000
11 Pixley-Auto Reimbursement	300	300
20 School Remodeling Committee	200	200
21 New Street Lights	56	56
22 Town Offices Remodeling	1,000	1,000
	(est.)	(est.)
25 Recreation Field-Artesian Well	1,250	1,250
39 Fire Dept.-Equipment	1,000	1,000
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Total Special Articles	\$5,806	\$5,806

Report of Selectmen

The year 1956 was one of challenging problems for the Town of Hampden to find a solution for "its growing pains" which are apparent in the constantly increasing activity in all departments of town government.

During the first of last year it was necessary to devote much time and thought to restoring the town to normal from the August 1955 flood damage which included the replacement of seven bridges to say nothing of the huge washouts on some of the back roads. We are pleased at this time to be able to report that all our seven bridges are completed and all are open to travel except the large Mill Road bridge where the approaches and grading could not be completed before winter set in. For many weeks the construction companies hired by the state to build the bridges were hampered by the steel shortage and were unable to secure the steel girders and I-beams. Most of the bridges will require further work on the approaches in the Spring. But it is said that every cloud has its silver lining. Hence, while the loss was devastating at the time, Hampden now has seven bridges much wider and stronger than some of the old ones which went out with the waters of Scantic River and Temple Brook. To get assistance on this flood relief program necessitated a trip to Boston.

Another major accomplishment this year was the successful solution of our critical school problem through the untiring efforts of two very efficient committees which has resulted in a new elementary school in the process of construction, a new Regional High School to be built jointly with Wilbraham and the assurance of a Junior High School in the present school on comple-

tion of the new Hampden Elementary School. We feel that our young people will have the best educational advantages and that we are giving our remarkably fine school staff the much needed facilities with which to work. The recent resignation of Hampden's first full time superintendent, Sergius J. Bernard, was learned with regret by this board.

Another highlight and aftermath of the favorable vote by the town for the new school, was the history making signing of Hampden's first bond issue totalling \$350,000 by our board and the town treasurer at a meeting in the Town House.

Throughout the past year the selectmen have held their regular weekly meetings submitting the regular weekly warrant to the treasurer. The exercise of the customary board functions in the various departments resulted in some items and accomplishments which it submits for your consideration.

Early in the year the selectmen met with the state engineers and pro-rated the Chapter 81 Road Funds.

The board also met with state and county officials to request funds for Chapter 90 Maintenance and Construction for 1957.

During the past a year a portion of Main Street was relocated under Chapter 90 Construction thereby eliminating a dangerous curve. It is planned to continue the program of widening Main Street and eliminating another hazardous curve near the Point o' Rocks. In relation to this Lawrence Sullivan has offered to deed sufficient land to the town on the south side of the Scantic River so that the river channel be thrown south from 75 ft. to 100 feet thus enabling the town to straighten and widen the road. A project to improve, widen and harden Chapin Road under Chapter 90 has been submitted to the Department of Public Works for its consideration.

The board feels that a dry hydrant near William Buereau's garage and the fire station is a "must" for 1957. When the dam went out with the flood, any appreciable depth of water went with it and the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department has no adequate place to drop their hose in order to fill their booster tanks or for a water supply in case of a nearby fire.

The board, at this point, wishes to thank the boys in the Hampden Volunteer Fire Company headed by Fire Chief William Allen for the splendid work which they did last year especially at the disastrous Harris fire in November when their prompt response and able handling of the situation prevented the loss of the house also. Appreciation is also extended to our neighboring fire departments in Wilbraham and East Longmeadow which sent their equipment and firemen to lend our men a helping hand.

Appreciation is also extended to the East Longmeadow Police Department for the use of their police ambulance which has always responded to every emergency when contacted.

Added equipment for the Highway Department this year includes a new heavy duty Brockway truck, a sander and chip spreader. As in other departments, the demands are constantly increasing with the acceptance of new streets resulting in added mileage.

Storm drainage on Main Street to take care of the surface water is a project on the agenda for the coming years.

With the town's rapid growth, there is greater demand for police protection in the way of patrolling the roads, enforcing speed regulations and many routine calls.

As to the Town House maintenance, it was necessary

to have a roof repair job done and a new water pump was purchased.

The selectmen extend their sincere appreciation to all committees and townspeople for their splendid co-operation during the year 1956.

HAMPDEN TOWN REPORT FOR 1955

RECEIVES MASS. SELECTMEN'S ASSN. AWARD

We were pleased and surprised to receive second prize in Class IV in the contest sponsored by the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association for our Town Report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Class IV includes all towns in the state with a population of between 1,000 and 2,000 and since there are many towns in Massachusetts in this class and the competition, therefore, was very keen, we have every reason to be proud of our achievement.

This was the issue that featured the article of Early Hampden Schools and carried a photograph on the front cover of Academy Hall (now called the Old Town Hall) and other pictures of old Hampden schools.

The framed award has been hung on the wall of the Selectmen's Office in the Town House. We feel that most of the credit for this award belongs to Mr. Carl Howlett, who wrote the article on Early Hampden Schools, and furnished the pictures which were used.

Respectfully submitted to the citizens of Hampden

WILLIAM H. BURNS

CHARLES R. MELVILLE

LEONARD G. CURTIS

Selectmen

Report of the Board of Health 1956

To the Residents of Hampden:

Attendant to the continued rapid growth of our town has been the increasing responsibility of your Board of Health and the widening scope of its activities in the administration of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

One of our routine but important duties is the maintenance of a record of all communicable disease dangerous to the public health. This information is in turn forwarded to the State Department of Public Health. The accuracy of our records is dependent upon prompt reporting by parents or attending physicians. The following number of cases of disease, listed as dangerous to the public health by the Massachusetts State Board of Health in 1956 were: Measles 10, Mumps 8, Dog Bite 1, Tuberculosis 1.

Due to the fact that we are living in increasingly closer proximity to our neighbors, proper environmental sanitation has assumed paramount importance. Faulty septic tanks which were once shrugged off as minor inconveniences are now health menaces to entire neighborhoods. In order to determine the cause of the conditions and to assist the owner of the property involved, your Board of Health has called upon professional knowledge.

The Town dump is in fine condition and will improve as it is covered.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD G. CURTIS, Chairman
CHARLES R. MELVILLE
WILLIAM H. BURNS

Report of the Board of Public Welfare

GENERAL RELIEF

Appropriation			\$2,100.00
Cases Aided 1956	6		
Town Cases Aided	3	\$1,817.77	
Hampden Settled Cases			
Other Cities & Towns	3	241.20	
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		\$2,058.97	
Unexpended Balance		41.03	
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		\$2,100.00	

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Cases Active January 1, 1956	2		
Cases Added During 1956	1		
Cases Closed During 1956	1		
Cases Active December 31, 1956	2		
Town Appropriation			\$2,800.00
Cash Paid on Payrolls		\$2,053.11	
Unexpended Balance			
December 31, 1956		746.89	
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		\$2,800.00	
Federal Grant Balance January 1, 1956			\$794.43
Cash Received from Federal Government			529.00
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			\$1,323.43
Cash Paid on Payrolls		\$556.56	
Balance December 31, 1956		766.87	
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		\$1,323.43	

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Cases Active January 1, 1956	2
Cases Added During 1956	3
Cases Closed During 1956	1
Cases Active December 31, 1956	4

TOWN APPROPRIATION

Appropriation		\$2,500.00
Cash Paid on Payrolls	\$2,500.00	

FEDERAL GRANT

Balance January 1, 1956		\$ 175.75
Cash Rec'd from Federal Gov't		1,969.85
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		\$2,145.60
Cash Paid on Payrolls	\$ 542.79	
Balance December 31, 1956	1,602.81	
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	\$2,145.60	

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. MELVILLE

WILLIAM H. BURNS

LEONARD G. CURTIS

By: MARY H. CANTWELL, Agent

Board of Public Welfare

Report of Bureau of Old Age Assistance

Cases Active January 1, 1956	19
Cases Added During 1956	8
Cases Closed During 1956	0
Applications Denied 1956	1
Cases Active December 31, 1956	27

TOWN APPROPRIATION

Appropriation		\$15,000.00
Cash Paid on Payrolls	\$14,995.00	
Unexpended Balance Dec. 31, 1956	5.00	
		<hr/> \$15,000.00

FEDERAL GRANT

Balance January 1, 1956		\$ 3,903.23
Cash Rec'd from Federal Gov't		10,000.13
		<hr/> \$13,903.36
Cash Paid on Payrolls	\$11,127.18	
Balance December 31, 1956	2,776.18	
		<hr/> \$13,903.36

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. MELVILLE

WILLIAM H. BURNS

LEONARD G. CURTIS

By: MARY H. CANTWELL, Agent
Board of Public Welfare

Southeast Hampden Welfare District

The following is the report of the Southeast Hampden Welfare District, comprising the towns of Monson, Hampden, and Wales,

Balance as of January 1, 1956	\$181.07
Payments from Towns Comprising District:	
Monson	\$2,400.00
Hampden	600.00
Wales	600.00
Received from Federal Government	4,699.68
Received from State	3,515.11
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	\$11,995.86
Expenditures	11,345.72
Balance forward to 1957	\$650.14

EXPENDITURES

Salaries: Agent, Social Worker & Jr. Clerk Typist	\$9,520.00
Treas., Hampden County	
Retirement	541.39
Travel & Conference Expenses (Agent & Social Worker)	448.29
Salary: District Treasurer	100.00
Wm. P. Stone, P.M. (Stamps)	60.00
Town of Monson (Rent)	180.00
Frederick J. Sullivan, Jr. (Bond)	15.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	279.15
Public Administrations Dues	3.00

Commonwealth of Mass. (Adm. Book)	.50
Frank Smith, Clerk of Courts	3.00
Royal Typewriter	40.00
Printing	31.60
Supplies and Forms	123.79
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Total Expenditures	\$11,345.72

Respectfully submitted,

MARY H. CANTWELL, Agent

Report of Superintendent of Streets

The year 1956 was one of unusual activity for the Highway Department.

The Snow and Ice Account for 1956 was all spent in January. Therefore, when the heavy storms of March and early April came it was necessary to use Chapter 81 money. These storms together with the snows of this past fall ate into the Chapter 81 allotment to the amount of \$3500.

I recommend a much larger appropriation for Snow and Ice Removal since the demands are steadily increasing with more mileage and the rising costs of sand, hired equipment, chains and the like.

As soon as the ground dried up in the Spring, the department concentrated on completing the flood damage repairs. A total of \$15,000 was spent for this all of which was paid by the Commonwealth and had to be used up before June 15th. The huge washouts on Howlett Hill and South Road were filled in and the latter is now a better road than before the flood. There were also many portions of road which had been partially undermined which had to be filled and resurfaced with asphalt and covered with pea gravel.

The usual resurfacing program was carried out in the summer. Thresher, Hendee, Ames and South Roads were resurfaced with a heavy asphalt and covered with pea gravel.

The annual scraping of back roads, brush cutting and drainage was accomplished under Chapter 81 funds.

A major drainage project on Chapin Road including the laying of 300 feet of perforated culvert pipe four feet under the surface along the side of the road, the construction of a catch basin and the laying of a fifteen inch culvert under the road near the William Allen and Clarence Bradway homes. In this way it is hoped to eliminate the icy conditions which prevailed in the winter of 1955-1956.

The total Chapter 81 Account was as usual \$12,600 of which \$2700 was appropriated by the town and the remainder allocated by the state. Of this total amount, \$4937.41 was expended for labor, \$4169.11 for materials and \$3493.45 for town and hired equipment.

The balance of Chapter 81 from 1955 was also used last Spring.

The entire distance of Somers Road (1.45 miles), was resurfaced with Chapter 90 Maintenance money using heavy asphalt and a covering of pea gravel. The sum of \$3000 was spent on this road. Of this amount the town appropriated \$1000, the county allotted \$1000 and the state \$1000. Of this amount, labor totaled \$1,378.80; materials cost \$3,796.62 and town equipment amounted to \$824.30.

In September, we installed a junction box or catch basin and laid 40 feet of 65 inch by 40 inch metal culvert near the William Buereau garage to carry the West Brook waters to the Scantic River. This year forty feet additional culvert will be laid there.

Our Chapter 90 Construction was then started on Main Street. Several catch basins and culvert pipes were installed and trees removed as a preliminary for the relocation of a portion of Main Street. The gravel base was completed. About 15 feet of solid ledge was removed at the Point o'Rocks and dumped near the Buereau garage. This not only gave better vision on the curve at the

Point o'Rocks but built up an excellent barrier against the ravages of the Scantic River in freshet times to protect the new portion of road. The removal of ledges as at the Point o'Rocks is costly.

About \$5000 was carried over from Chapter 90 Fund to be used first. Of the \$10,000 Chapter 90 allotment, \$2,196.59 was spent for labor, \$3,528.37 was spent for materials and \$4,275.03 for equipment.

In 1956, we had \$14,000 for Chapter 90 Construction of which \$3,500 was appropriated by the town, \$3,500 allotted by the county and \$7,000 by the state.

About \$8,000 of this amount was carried over into 1957 when a I-type concrete surface and guard rail will complete the Main Street project at this point. .

Lawrence Sullivan has agreed to deed the town land on the South side of the Scantic River east of the Point o'Rocks so the river channel can be straightened and also that section of Main Street in 1957.

The use of the town equipment on Chapter 90 Maintenance and Chapter 90 Construction built up our Road Machinery Fund to about \$5,600.

During the year we have purchased the sand spreader and box for resurfacing in the summer and ice control in the winter which was needed and which will be greatly appreciated by everyone.

The department regrets the loss of a faithful and valued employee in the retirement of Austin K. Harris because of the 70 year age limit. Mr. Harris has been associated with the department since 1934. The best wishes of the department go to him for many enjoyable years.

From Chapter 81 only a small amount of permanent work could be done since so much was used for Snow and

Ice Removal. However, a short section of about 300 feet was hardened on **Mountain Road** and Chapin Road bringing the bituminous surface to the William Patullo home.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR. GERRISH

Superintendent of Streets

Report of Assessors

TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF POLLS, PROPERTY, AND TAXES AS ASSESSED JANUARY 1, 1956

Number of persons assessed	All	
	Individuals	Others Total
On Personal Estate Only	11	10 21
On Real Estate Only	557	6 563
On Both Personal and Real Estate	64	1 65
Total number of persons assessed		649
Number of Polls Assessed		561
Value of Assessed Personal Estate		
Stock in Trade	\$16,600.00	
Machinery	8,650.00	
Live Stock	25,955.00	
All other tangible personal property	131,610.00	
Total value of Assessed Personal Estate		\$182,815.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate		
Land Exclusive of Buildings	\$ 295,340.00	
Buildings Exclusive of Land	1,602,100.00	
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		\$1,897,440.00
Total Value of Assessed Estate		\$2,080,255.00

Tax Rate per \$1,000.00 — \$63.00

Taxes for State, County, and Town

Purposes including Overlay:

On Personal Estate \$ 11,517.45

On Real Estate 119,539.33

On Poll 1,122.00

Total Taxes Assessed \$132,178.78

Number of Live Stock Assessed

Horses 22

Cows (Milch) 252

Bulls 8, Yearlings 93; Heifers 47; Steers 6 154

Swine 35

Fowl 4,078

All Others—Mink 900; Donkeys 2 902

Number of Acres of Land Assessed

(More or less) 12,206

Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed 592

Each building used as a dwelling counted as ONE without regard to number families housed.

1956 RECAPITULATION SHEET

Total Appropriation Voted to be raised

by Taxation \$183,110.22

Total Appropriations Voted to be taken from

Available Funds since 1955 Tax Rate 4,084.41

Total Appropriations Voted to be taken from

Available Funds in 1956 139,102.24

\$326,296.87

Veteran Service District \$732.60

Flood Damage, Section 31, Chapter 44 2,394.16

State Parks and Reservation	191.47
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	624.09
County Tax	2,535.73
Underestimate of County Tax of 1955	161.70
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	141.64
Underestimate of Tuberculosis Hospital	
Assessment of 1955	22.08
Overlay of current year	8,165.68
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Gross Amount to be raised	\$341,266.02

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Income Tax	\$16,485.72
Corporation Taxes	3,524.06
Old Age Tax (Meals)	510.60
Motor Vehicles and Trailer Excise	12,000.00
Licenses	500.00
General Government	500.00
Protection of Persons and Property	50.00
Charities	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance (Other than Federal Grants)	6,000.00
Veterans Services	50.00
Schools	23,000.00
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	100.00
Flood Relief 90 per cent	2,154.74
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Total Estimated Receipts	\$65,875.12
Overestimate of previous year	
State Parks and Reservations	\$25.47

Available Funds taken by vote		
June 27, 1955	\$4,084.21	
March 5, 1956	29,504.04	
March 26, 1956	109,598.20	

\$148,212.12

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$209,087.24
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Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Polls and Property	\$132,178.78
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Number of Polls 561 at \$2.00 \$1,122.00

Personal Property \$182,815.00 Tax \$11,517.45

Real Estate \$1,897,440.00 Tax \$119,539.33

Total Taxes to be levied on Polls and Property	132,178.78
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Omitted Assessments

Real Estate Value \$9,050.00 Tax \$570.15

Polls 34—\$68.00

Total	132,816.93
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Total Taxes Committed on Polls and Property

Taxes Abated during 1956

1956 Real Estate \$230.59

Polls 34.00

Total Taxes Abated	\$264.59
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Statutory Exemptions

Real Estate \$2,244.38

Polls 100.00

Total Exemptions	\$2,344.38
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Motor Vehicles Excise Committed

1955 Excise	\$ 863.53
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1956 Excise	22,838.00
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Number of Vehicles Assessed in 1956—971

Commissioners Value of Vehicles \$477,190.00

Abatements

Commitment of 1955	\$ 125.07
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Commitment of 1956	2,034.94
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The Town owns the following Real Estate:

Long Hill	11 Acres	\$100.00
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North Road	1/4 Acre	50.00
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Ames Road	6 Acres	60.00
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We have a meeting the third Monday of each month and we would be glad to have you come in and talk with us.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH B. HATCH

LEONARD G. CURTIS

LESTER F. PAULY

Board of Assessors

Tax Collector's Report

1953 REAL ESTATE

Balance due January 1, 1956	3.30
Balance due January 1, 1957	3.30

1954 REAL ESTATE

Balance due January 1, 1956	586.23
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	515.88
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Balance due January 1, 1957	70.35
Interest paid Town Treasurer	22.21

1955 REAL ESTATE

Balance due January 1, 1956	9,793.60
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	9,057.61
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Balance due January 1, 1957	735.99
Interest paid Town Treasurer	250.34

1955 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Balance due January 1, 1956	1,077.73
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	1,077.73

1955 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Balance due January 1, 1956	1,330.71	
Committed January & February '56	863.53	2,194.24
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Collected and paid Town Treasurer	2,069.17	
Abatements	125.07	2,194.24
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Interest paid Town Treasurer		33.10

1956 POLL TAX

Total Commitments		1,190.00
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	1,056.00	
Abatements	134.00	1,190.00

1956 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Total Commitments		11,517.45
Collected and paid Town Treasurer		10,445.50
Balance due January 1, 1956		1,071.95

1956 REAL ESTATE

Total Commitments		120,529.07
Collected and paid Treasurer	107,367.45	
Abatements	2,474.97	109,842.42
Balance due January 1, 1957		10,686.65
Interest paid Town Treasurer		87.21

1956 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Total Commitments		23,466.07
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	17,000.32	
Abatements	2,034.94	19,035.26
Balance due January 1, 1957		4,430.81
Interest paid Town Treasurer		18.08

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY S. FLYNN

Collector of Taxes

Town Bookkeeper's Report

1956

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures for 1956

	Receipts		Expenditures	
Taxes	\$129,520.52	19.8%		
State Revenue	13,209.62	2.0		
Licenses and Permits	1,250.50	.2		
Motor Vehicle Excise	19,069.49	2.9		
Interest	4,084.59	.6		
General Government	1,009.61	.2	\$13,584.54	3.4%
Protection of Persons and Property	68.30	.1	8,175.13	2.0
Health and Sanitation			1,032.58	.3
Highways	33,120.74	5.0	54,850.16	13.8
Charities and Veterans' Benefits	25,796.99	3.9	35,356.21	8.8
Schools — Operating	47,275.07	7.2	126,713.99	31.9
Schools — New Construction	351,161.61	53.7	129,853.01	32.7
Library	604.04	.1	2,304.04	.6
Cemeteries	300.00	.1	1,483.70	.4
Recreation and Unclassified	6,610.74	1.0	13,288.27	3.3
Agency, Investment and Refunds	20,932.38	3.2	11,236.93	2.8
Total Receipts	\$654,014.20	100%		
Cash Balance January 1, 1956	154,629.07			
Total Cash Available	808,643.27			
Total Expenditures			\$397,878.56	100%
Cash Balance December 31, 1956	\$410,764.71			

RECEIPTS FOR 1956

General Revenue

Taxes

1954 Real Estate		\$ 515.88
1955 Personal Property	\$1,077.73	
1955 Real Estate	9,057.61	10,135.34
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1956 Poll	1,056.00	
1956 Personal Property	10,445.50	
1956 Real Estate	107,367.45	118,868.95
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From State

Corporation Taxes	3,959.25	
Meals Tax	468.70	
Income Tax	8,781.67	13,209.62
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Licenses & Permits

Liquor, Package & Druggist License	1,200.00	
General Licenses Permits	50.50	1,250.00
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Grants from Federal Government

Old Age Assistance	10,075.56	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,870.05	
Disability Assistance	533.02	12,478.63
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Grants from State Government

Massachusetts School Fund	9,138.78	
Vocational Schools	4,747.51	
High School Tuition & Transportation	18,699.24	
Superintendent	3,333.33	

Chapter 81	12,097.34	
Animal Inspector	30.00	48,046.20
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Total General Revenue		<hr/> 204,505.12 <hr/>
Commercial Revenue		
Grants from County		
Dog Licenses		604.04
Privileges		
1955 Motor Vehicle Excise	2,069.17	
1956 Motor Vehicle Excise	17,000.32	19,069.49
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General Government		
Treasurer—Wild Cat Bounty	10.00	
Town House Rents	999.61	1,009.61
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Protection of Persons & Property		
Sealer's Fees		38.30
Highways		
Machinery Fund	3,676.10	
Rental of Equipment	17.50	
Emergency Flood Repair	1,968.04	
Permanent Flood Repair	15,358.76	21,020.40
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Charities & Veterans' Benefits		
Disability Assistance	1,317.51	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,285.88	
Old Age Assistance	10,629.97	
Veterans' Benefits	85.00	13,318.36
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Schools & Libraries

U.S. Treasury Public Law 874	60.65	
State Wards	292.49	
Sale of Used Equipment	65.00	
Hot Lunch Program	10,784.22	
Library Fines	1.25	11,203.61

Cemeteries

Perpetual Care Funds		300.00
Recreation & Unclassified		
Permanent Flood Repair to Park		6,610.74

Interest

Invested General Funds	3,404.94	
Deferred Taxes	314.85	
Motor Vehicle Excise	52.68	
Library Funds	15.10	
Cemetery Funds	297.37	4,084.59

Total Commercial Revenue	77,259.49
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Municipal Indebtedness

General Loans

Elementary School Loan	350,000.00	
Premium on School Loan	1,161.61	351,161.61

Total Municipal Indebtedness	\$351,161.61
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Agency, Trust & Investments

Agency

Federal Withholding Taxes	8,369.61	
County Retirement Contributions	964.79	
Dog Licenses	787.20	10,121.60

Trust and Investment		
Post War Rehabilitation Fund		\$10,810.78
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Total Agency, Trust & Investments		\$20,932.38
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Refunds		
1955 School Tuition		152.60
Road Machinery Maint.—Registration Fee		3.00
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Total Refunds		\$155.60
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Total Receipts for 1956		\$654,014.20

EXPENDITURES FOR 1956

General Government

Moderator—Salary		\$35.00
Selectmen—Salaries	\$525.00	
Board of Public Welfare	175.00	700.00
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Selectmen—Expenses		
Clerk	324.25	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	44.57	
Travel, Telephone & Meetings	179.71	
Mass. Law Replacements	45.00	
Association Dues	18.00	611.53
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Auditor—Salary		15.00
Bookkeeper—Salary		650.00
Bookkeeper—Expenses		
Printing, Postage & Stationery	86.73	
Typewriter Rental	36.00	
Clerk	8.75	
Association Dues	3.00	134.48
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Treasurer—Salary		650.00

Treasurer—Expenses		
Printing, Postage & Stationery	123.60	
Surety Bond	74.40	
Wild Cat Bounty	10.00	
Association Dues	2.00	210.00
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Collector—Salary		650.00
Collector—Expenses		
Printing, Postage & Stationery	323.28	
Surety Bond	122.40	
Association Dues	2.00	447.68
Assessors—Salaries		\$500.00
Assessors—Expenses		
Clerk	\$550.00	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	155.73	
Auto Hire & Meetings	64.91	
Photostats of Deeds	74.00	
Association Dues	9.00	853.64
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Certifying Notes & Other Finance		
Certifying Contracts	15.00	
Newspaper Advertising	25.11	40.11
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Town Clerk—Salary		100.00
Town Clerk—Expenses		
Recording Fees	101.00	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	124.00	225.00
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Elections & Registrations		
Election Officers	497.94	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	251.05	
Street List	159.41	
New Election Booths	65.00	
Public Address Systems	100.00	
Police at Poles	11.86	1,085.26
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Town House Maintenance

Janitors	705.17	
New Water Pump	397.50	
Roof Repairs	980.00	
Lights & Telephone	1,265.62	
Landscaping	118.00	
Miscellaneous Repairs	84.39	
Janitor Supplies	30.35	
Snow Removal	62.00	3,643.03

Old Town Hall Maintenance

Lights		18.00
Insurance		
Workmen's Compensation	1,092.42	
Automobile	681.62	
Fire, Theft & Blanket Coverage	1,066.33	2,840.37

Board of Appeals

Clerk	2.50	
Printing	14.31	16.81

Advisory Board

Clerk	53.12	
Association Dues	10.00	
Travel & Conferences	42.60	
Printing & Postage	7.66	113.38

Planning Board

Clerk	18.73	
Association Dues	12.50	
Printing & Postage	14.02	45.25

Total General Government		\$13,584.54
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Protection of Persons & Property

Police

Wages	1,745.15	
Auto Hire	250.86	1,996.01

Fire Department Maintenance

Sunday Watch	108.00	
Gasoline & Oil	75.62	
Repairs & Parts	1,168.68	
New Equipment	873.93	
Fuel, Lights & Telephone	869.83	
Repairs to Building	33.46	3,129.52

Fire Department Radio Equipment		516.00
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Fire House Wiring		11.55
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Dutch Elm Disease

Labor	265.00	
Tree Removal Contractor	870.00	1,135.00

Moth Eradication

Labor	378.50	
Auto Hire	21.50	400.00

Tree Warden

Labor	127.00	
Chain Saw Repairs	30.55	157.55

Planting Trees—Labor		50.00
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Forest Fires

Forest Warden—Salary		50.00
Forest Fire Fighting		180.00

Sealer of Weights & Measurer

Salary	80.00	
Expenses	20.00	100.00

Building Inspection—Salaries		300.00
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Building Inspection—Expenses

Printing	26.50	
Auto Hire	123.00	149.50

Total Protection of Persons & Property		\$8,175.13
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Health & Sanitation

Health

Polio Inoculations	\$	72.70
Dental Clinic—Salary		400.00
Animal Inspector—Salary		60.00
Meat Inspector—Salary		50.00

Town Dump Maintenance

Labor	\$	27.88	
Hired Equipment		422.00	449.88

Total Health & Sanitation		\$1,032.58
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Highways

Highways, Bridges & Railings

Labor	1,778.79	
Hired Equipment	201.97	
Civil Engineer	175.00	
Materials	1,212.27	3,368.03

Permanent Flood Repairs

Labor	2,529.88	
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Hired Equipment	2,101.25	
Materials	3,583.90	8,215.03
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Snow & Ice Removal		
Wages	1,574.04	
Hired Equipment	425.25	
Materials	1,170.72	3,170.01
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Heavy Duty Truck		5,000.00
Model E Highway Spreader		
Material Spreader	1,245.00	
Ice Control Spreader	1,585.60	2,830.60
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Street Lighting		951.50
Town Garage Maintenance		
Heat, Light & Telephone		249.63
Road Machinery Maintenance		
Labor	102.25	
Gas & Oil	1,712.48	
Tires, Tubes &		
Tire Repairs	401.19	
Repairs & Parts	557.08	2,773.00
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Chapter 81		
Labor	5,082.16	
Town Equipment	1,917.35	
Hired Equipment	2,026.50	
Material	5,170.05	14,196.06
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Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Labor	771.00	

Town Equipment	344.00	
Hired Equipment	245.50	
Material	1,639.47	2,999.97
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Chapter 90 Construction		
Labor	2,846.38	
Town Equipment	1,414.75	
Hired Equipment	3,890.00	
Material	2,945.20	11,096.33
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Total Highways		\$54,850.16
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Charities & Veterans' Benefits		
Welfare District		600.00
Public Welfare		2,058.97
Disability Assistance		
Town Appropriation	2,053.11	
Federal Grant	556.56	2,609.67
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Old Age Assistance		
Town Appropriation	14,995.00	
Federal Grant	11,127.18	26,122.18
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Aid to Dependent Children		
Town Appropriation	2,500.00	
Federal Grant	542.79	3,042.79
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Veterans' Service District		732.60
Veterans' Benefits		190.00
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Total Charities & Veterans' Benefits		\$35,356.21

Schools & Library

School Committee Expenses

Clerk	225.75	
Graduation Reception	30.00	
Association Dues	25.00	
Poster Prize Money	38.00	
Travel & Conferences	16.00	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	15.25	350.00
Superintendent—Salary		6,058.20
Superintendent—Expenses		
Clerk	496.25	
Travel & Conferences	241.84	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	77.41	
School Census	75.00	
Attendance Officer	25.00	
Office Rent & Telephone	334.50	1,250.00
Teachers' Salaries		35,600.00
Supervisors' Salaries		2,130.00
Textbooks		900.00
Supplies		1,400.00
Tuition		31,123.00
Transportation		22,783.98
Janitor's Salary		3,500.00
Fuel		2,300.00
Repairs & Replacements		900.00
Miscellaneous Operating		
Telephone	98.18	
Janitor Supplies	579.36	
Rubbish Removal	54.00	
Auto Hire	18.46	750.00
New Equipment		540.00

Miscellaneous Auxiliary		
Diplomas & Graduation Exercises	68.63	
Films & Music Supplies	29.43	98.06

Health

Physician	504.00	
Nurse	500.00	
Supplies	17.68	1,021.68

Contingency Fund		1,975.58
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Hot Lunch Program

Labor	3,150.50	
Food & Supplies	6,714.65	9,865.15

Elementary School Building

Architect	24,962.51	
Contractor	103,630.50	
New Equipment	1,231.95	
Advertising	28.05	129,853.01

Premium on School Loan

Expenses of Bond Issue		\$1,113.81
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School Building Committee

Clerk	127.51	
Petty Cash	50.00	
Incidentals	97.82	
Advertising for Bids	86.88	362.21

School Building Survey Committee

Clerk	169.92	
Architects	2,000.00	
Supplies	25.57	
Telephone & Travel	96.93	2,292.42

Regional High School Committee		
Clerk	25.00	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	374.90	399.90
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Library		
Labor	971.75	
Books	1,042.21	
Periodicals	230.38	
Incidentals	59.70	2,304.04
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Total Schools & Library		\$258,871.04
Enterprises & Cemeteries		
Cemetery Maintenance		
Labor	355.21	
Loam	36.00	
Chain Link Fence	379.76	
Supplies	28.69	799.66
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Cemetery Funds Income		
Labor	165.00	
New Lawnmower	329.00	
Supplies	15.04	509.04
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Soldier & Sailor Graves		
Labor	173.19	
Supplies	1.81	175.00
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Total Enterprises & Cemeteries		\$1,483.70
Recreation & Unclassified		
Town Common		
Labor	93.00	
Supplies	6.80	99.80

Memorial Day

Flags, Flowers & Wreaths	126.90	
Band	40.00	
Public Address System	14.00	
Labor	7.20	188.10

Permanent Flood Repairs to Park

Contractors	6,324.00	
Materials	305.74	6,629.74

Recreation Field Improvements

Lawnmower Repairs	57.00	
Maintenance of Lawns	22.00	
Supplies	110.48	189.48

Recreation Director		500.00
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Recreation Park Equipment

Art & Craft Material	25.00	
Sporting Goods	50.00	75.00

Town Reports—Printing		725.70
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Valuation Lists—Printing		206.00
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Aid to Agriculture		100.00
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Civil Defense		25.00
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Hampden County Retirement System		855.52
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County Assessments

Hospital	118.45	
Tax	2,623.99	2,742.44

State Assessments

Park & Reservations	327.40	
Audit	624.09	951.49

Total Recreation & Unclassified		\$13,288.27
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Agency, Trust, Investments & Refunds

Agency

Federal Withholding Taxes	8,339.33	
County Retirement Contributions	960.42	
Dog Licenses	787.20	10,086.95

Trust & Investments

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds		100.00
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Refunds

Motor Vehicle Excise	622.34	
Taxes	425.89	
Miscellaneous	1.75	\$1,049.98

Total Agency, Trust, Investments
& Refunds

\$11,236.93

Total Expenditures for 1956

\$397,878.56

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1956

Account	Appropriation	Obtained From Other Sources	Total Available Funds	Expended	Closed To Surplus Revenue	Carried Forward
Moderator	\$ 35.00	\$	35.00	\$ 35.00	\$	
Selectmen—Salaries	700.00		700.00	700.00		
Selectmen—Expenses	650.00		650.00	611.53	38.47	
Auditor	15.00		15.00	15.00		
Accounting—Salary	650.00		650.00	650.00		
Accounting—Expenses	100.00	35.00	135.00	134.48	.52	
Treasurer—Salary	650.00		650.00	650.00		
Treasurer—Expenses	200.00	10.00	210.00	210.00		
Collector—Salary	650.00		650.00	650.00		
Collector—Expenses	450.00		450.00	447.68	2.32	
Assessors—Salaries	500.00		500.00	500.00		
Assessors—Expenses	750.00	105.97	855.97	853.64	2.33	
Certifying Notes & Finance	50.00		50.00	40.11	9.89	
Law & Claims	250.00	345.25	595.25			595.25
Town Clerk—Salary	100.00		100.00	100.00		
Town Clerk—Expenses	225.00		225.00	225.00		
Elections & Registrations	950.00	140.00	1,090.00	1,085.26	4.74	
Town House Maintenance	2,850.00	800.00	3,650.00	3,643.03	6.97	
Town Hall Maintenance	100.00		100.00	18.00		
Insurance	3,731.00		3,731.00	2,840.37	890.63	82.00
Board of Appeals		47.00	47.00	16.81		30.19
Advisory Board	150.00		150.00	113.38	36.62	

Account	Appropriation	Obtained From Other Sources	Total Available Funds	Expended	Closed To Surplus Revenue	Carried Forward
Planning Board		333.30	333.30	45.25		288.05
Police	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,996.01	3.99	
Fire Dept. Maintenance	1,500.00	1,789.34	3,289.34	3,129.52	159.82	
Fire Dept. Radio Equipment	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	516.00	484.00	
Water Holes	1,250.00		1,250.00			1,250.00
Fire House Repairs		179.00	179.00			179.00
Fire House Wiring		138.00	138.00	11.55		126.45
Dutch Elm Disease	700.00	435.00	1,135.00	1,135.00		
Moth Eradication	400.00		400.00	400.00		
Tree Warden	200.00		200.00	157.55	42.45	
Planting Trees	50.00		50.00	50.00		
Forest Warden	50.00		50.00	50.00		
Forest Fires	200.00	121.25	321.25	180.00		141.25
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00		100.00	100.00		
Building Inspection—Salaries	300.00		300.00	300.00		
Building Inspection—Expenses	150.00		150.00	149.50	.50	
Health		961.00	961.00	72.70	25.00	888.30
Dental Clinic	425.00		425.00	400.00		
Animal Inspection	60.00		60.00	60.00		
Meat Inspection	50.00		50.00	50.00		
Town Dump Maintenance	150.00	390.00	450.00	449.88	1.12	
Highways, Bridges & Railings	3,200.00	186.85	3,386.85	3,368.03	18.82	
Snow & Ice Removal	1,000.00	2,173.46	3,173.46	3,170.01	3.45	
Heavy Truck	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		

Account	Appropriation	Obtained From Other Sources	Total Available Funds	Expended	Closed To Surplus Revenue	Carried Forward
Model E Highway Spreader	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,830.60	169.40	
Street Lighting	1,038.00		1,038.00	951.50	86.50	
Town Garage Maintenance	250.00		250.00	249.63	.37	
Road Machinery Maintenance	275.00	2,570.00	2,775.00	2,773.00	2.00	
Chapter 81	2,700.00	11,496.58	14,196.58	14,196.06	.52	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	2,999.97	.03	
Chapter 90 Construction	3,500.00	15,824.86	19,324.86	11,096.33	.01	8,228.52
Public Welfare District	600.00		600.00	600.00		
Public Welfare	2,100.00		2,100.00	2,058.97	41.03	
Disability Assistance—Town	2,800.00		2,800.00	2,053.11	746.89	
Disability Assistance—Federal		1,327.45	1,327.45	556.56		770.89
Old Age Assistance—Town	15,000.00		15,000.00	14,995.00	5.00	
Old Age Assistance—Federal		13,978.79	13,978.79	11,127.18		2,851.61
Aid to Dependent Children—Town	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		
Aid to Dependent Children—Federal		2,153.65	2,153.65	542.79		1,610.86
Veterans' Benefits		981.56	981.56	190.00		791.56
School Committee Expenses	350.00		350.00	350.00		
School Superintendent Salary	6,100.00		6,100.00	6,058.20		
School Superintendent Expense	1,250.00		1,250.00	1,250.00		
School Teachers' Salaries	35,600.00		35,600.00	35,600.00		
School Supervisors' Salaries	2,134.00		2,134.00	2,130.00	4.00	
School Textbooks	900.00		900.00	900.00		
School Supplies	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,400.00		
School Tuition	32,141.00		32,141.00	31,123.00		18.00 A 1,000.00
School Transportation	22,950.00		22,950.00	22,783.98		16.02 A 150.00

Account	Appropriation	Obtained From Other Sources	Total Available Funds	Expended	Closed To Surplus Revenue	Carried Forward
School Janitor Salary	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00		
School Fuel	2,300.00		2,300.00	2,300.00		
School Repair & Replacement	900.00		900.00	900.00		
School Misc. Operating	750.00		750.00	750.00		
School New Equipment	540.00		540.00	540.00		
School Misc. Auxiliary	125.00		125.00	98.06	26.94	
School Health	1,060.00		1,060.00	1,021.68	13.32	A 25.00
School Contingency Fund	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,975.58	24.42	
U.S. Treasury Public Law 874		1,338.65	1,338.65			1,338.65
Hot Lunch Program		11,718.73	11,718.73	9,865.15		1,853.58
Eminent Domain School Property		335.00	335.00			335.00
Elementary School Building		459,000.00	459,000.00	129,853.01		329,146.99
Premium on School Loan		1,161.61	1,161.61	1,113.81		47.80
School Building Committee		598.20	598.20	362.21		235.99
School Bldg. Survey Comm.		2,890.62	2,890.62	2,292.42		B 598.20
Regional School Committee	50.00	349.90	399.90	399.90		
Library	1,700.00	634.24	2,334.24	2,304.04		30.20
Cemeteries Maintenance	800.00		800.00	799.66	.34	
Cemetery Funds Income		774.21	774.21	509.04		265.17
Soldier & Sailor Graves	175.00		175.00	175.00		
Town Common	100.00		100.00	99.80	.20	
Memorial Day	225.00		225.00	188.10	36.90	
Recreation Field Improvements	250.00	244.80	494.80	189.48		305.32
Recreation Director	500.00		500.00	500.00		

Account	Appropriation	Obtained From Other Sources	Total Available Funds	Expended	Closed To Surplus Revenue	Carried Forward
Recreation Park Equipment	100.00		100.00	75.00	25.00	
Town Reports	725.70		725.70	725.70		
Valuation Lists	479.00		479.00	206.00	273.00	
Aid to Agriculture	100.00		100.00	100.00		
Civil Defense		90.78	90.78	25.00		65.78
Hampden County Retirement Reserve Fund	855.52		855.52	855.52		
		3,500.00	3,500.00	3,389.90	110.10	
Total Appropriations	<u>\$185,864.22 *</u>					
Total Other Sources		<u>\$541,500.05</u>				
Total Available Funds			<u>\$727,364.27</u>			
Total Expended				<u>\$370,760.23</u>		
Total Closed to Surplus					<u>\$3,347.43</u>	

Total Carried Forward
Transfer Voted (B)

\$352,658.41
\$ 598.20

Note: A—The \$1,200.00 shown is to be carried forward to 1957 as a Contract Reserve account per order of the School Department.

B—The \$598.20 was transferred from the School Building Survey Committee to the School Building Committee as per vote of Special Town Meeting.

BALANCE SHEET—December 31, 1956

General Accounts

Assets		Liabilities	
Excise—Outstanding		Highway Machinery Fund	
Taxes—Outstanding		Sale of Real Estate Revenue	
Cash	\$410,764.71	State Assessments—Credits	
1953 Real Estate	\$ 3.30	County Hospital	23.19
1954 Real Estate	70.35	Veteran Service Center	42.50
1955 Real Estate	735.99		
1956 Personal Prop.	1,071.95	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	
1956 Real Estate	10,686.65	Agency Collections	200.00
1956 Motor Vehicle	4,404.39	Federal Withholding	885.28
1955 Motor Vehicle	Cr. 3.44	County Retirement	181.10
			1,066.38
Tax Possessions		Overlays & Overlay Reserve	
Departmental Accounts Receivable	60.12	1953 Overlay	3.30
Welfare - Temporary Aid 120.90		1954 Overlay	70.35
Aid to Dependent Child. 390.69		1955 Overlay	735.99
Town House Rents 46.25		1956 Overlay	5,556.71
		Overlay	5,710.77
			12,077.12
Highway Revenue Receivable		Revenue Reserves	
State Share		Motor Vehicle Excise	4,400.95
Chapter 81	5,364.34	Tax Title	60.12
Chapter 90 Maint.	1,000.00	Departmental	557.84
Chapter 90 Const.	12,000.00	Highways	25,364.34
			30,383.25

Treasurer's Report

Federal Taxes Withheld	\$8,369.61	
Hampden County Retirement	964.79	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	\$17,915.58	
Interest, 1956	541.45	
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	\$18,457.03	
Transfer under Art. 4	17,915.58	
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Balance 12/31/56	541.45	
Stabilization Fund	\$21,199.19	
Balance January 1, 1956	\$154,629.07	
Receipts for 1956	654,088.64	
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		\$808,717.71
Expenditures for 1956	\$397,953.00	
Balance December 31, 1956	410,764.71	
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		\$808,717.71

Treasurer's Report --- Trust Funds

	1/56	1956	Withdrn.	Bal.
Fund	Bal.	Int.	1956	12/31/56
Day Fund	521.44	15.74	12.00	525.18
Holt, Library	500.00	15.10	15.10	500.00
Carew Library	2,096.12	63.34	0.00	2,159.46
Bumstead, Cemetery	2,106.68	63.66	33.66	2,106.68
Helen E. Stacy	150.00	4.50	4.50	150.00

Twitchell, Burt	200.00	6.00	6.00	200.00
Burleigh, Holt	200.00	6.00	6.00	200.00
Anna S. Leopard	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
John R. Stoddard	50.00	1.50	1.50	50.00
Marcus Beebe	150.00	4.50	4.50	150.00
Lydia Morris	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Orrin Goodwill	200.00	6.00	6.00	200.00
John Q. Adams	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Thompson, Chaffee	300.00	9.00	9.00	300.00
William Johnson	125.00	3.75	3.75	125.00
Calvin Stebbins	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Milo Chapin	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Elsie M. Hills	1,000.00	30.00	30.00	1,000.00
S. Stacy Hunt	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Henry Dickinson	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Holms, Beebe	200.00	6.00	6.00	200.00
Jackson Dickey	40.00	1.20	1.20	40.00
George P. West	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Flora Carlton	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Wm. J. Sessions	50.00	1.50	1.50	50.00
John Kenworthy	200.00	6.00	6.00	200.00
Motimer Pease	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
John S. Beebe	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Davis, Weeks, Pease	200.00	6.00	6.00	100.00
David Stebbins	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
John F. Whitaker	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Orcutt	50.00	1.50	1.50	50.00
Beebe, Stanton	150.00	4.50	4.50	150.00
Charles Whitaker	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Bennett, Kenworthy	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Rose Corey	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Joseph Stimson	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
N&E Langdon	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Jennie Shaw	50.00	1.50	1.50	50.00
Davis, Pease	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
George Pond	50.00	1.50	1.50	50.00
Martha Edson	50.00	1.50	1.50	50.00

John Bartlett	200.00	6.00	6.00	200.00
C. I. Burleigh	50.00	1.50	1.50	50.00
D. L. & D. R. McCray	150.00	4.50	4.50	150.00
Henry M. Davis	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
J. L. Gottsche	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Wm. & Fred Leach	200.00	6.00	6.00	200.00
Alvin Bennett	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Charlotte & Carl Merrill	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Medicke	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Irving Newell	300.00	9.00	9.00	300.00
Anton Waska	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Marcus Chaffee	50.00	1.50	1.50	50.00
Agnes Viggers	50.00	1.50	1.50	50.00
A. H. Newman	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Lillie Bradway	101.14	3.02	3.02	101.14
Harry Goodwill	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Gutberlet	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Byron Stebbins	200.00	6.00	6.00	200.00
Jane Stebbins	200.00	6.00	6.00	200.00
Balance January 1, 1956		\$12,940.38		
Homer L. Hatch		100.00		
H. & J. Heredeen		100.00		
William A. Pease		100.00		
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		\$13,240.38		
Interest Received 1956		391.55		
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		\$13,631.93		
Interest Withdrawn 1956		324.47		
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Balance Dec. 31, 1956		\$13,307.46		

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE L. KIBBE

Treasurer

Report of Auditor

Board of Selectmen

Town of Hampden

Hampden, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I have examined the books of various Town departments for the year 1956 as herein indicated, including such checks and tests and other auditing procedures to an extent deemed necessary and appropriate to establish the general accuracy of the records. However, time limitation did not permit a detailed audit of the various transactions of sufficient scope to disclose all possible errors.

Advices of payments by the State to the Town were checked through the Treasurer's Cash Book and Bookkeeper's General Ledger and all were found to be accounted for and properly entered.

Payments by the Tax Collector to the Treasurer were test checked and cash amounts collected on all classes were verified in the Bookkeeper's General Ledger. Amounts of taxes remaining outstanding on December 31, 1956, on the Collector's books were reconciled with balances shown in the Bookkeeper's General Ledger.

Receipts and disbursements for the year were compared in the Treasurer's Cash Book with the original Schedules of Receipts and copies of Treasury Warrants transmitted for payment. These amounts were also reconciled with the Bookkeeper's General and Classified Ledgers.

From these sources, computation of the Treasurer's cash balance of \$410,764.71 as of December 31, 1956, was verified as correct. Records of the Treasurer showed the following breakdown: Cash on hand, \$10.20; deposit in Union Trust Co., Springfield, Mass., \$77,220.95; savings bank deposits \$10,068.75; deposit in Second Bank—State Street Trust Co., Boston, Massachusetts, \$123,464.81; and U. S. Treasury bills due February, 1957, held under receipt by Second Bank—State Street Trust Co., \$200,000.00.

Of the total cash balance, \$329,146.99 is indicated as restricted to the use of the Elementary School Building Committee.

All officials contacted cooperated to the fullest extent and the information obtained was sufficient in scope to establish in my mind a favorable opinion as to the correctness of the books of account.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE F. WOODS

Town Auditor

Town Clerk's Report

Dogs Licensed in 1956:

246 Male @ \$ 2.00	\$346.00
38 Female @ 5.00	190.00
119 Spayed @ 2.00	238.00
4 Kennel @ 10.00	40.00
1 Kennel @ 50.00	50.00
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	\$864.00

Paid County Treasurer June 1, 1956	328.20
Paid County Treasurer December 1, 1956	468.80
Clerk's Fees @ 20c each	67.00
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	\$864.00

Births:

31 Male

18 Female

Deaths:

8 Male

5 Female

Marriages	26
Documents recorded	78

GRACE L. KIBBE, Town Clerk

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

In the spring of 1956 a great deal of repair work was necessary at the field. This was due to the August 1955 flood damage. The State furnished adequate funds for restoration of the field's facilities.

By proper scheduling of this repair work and the co-operation of the contractor and volunteer help, it was possible to carry on the recreation field programs as planned for the year.

These programs, under the direction of Janet Breveglieri, the Recreationl Field director for the season, consisted of swimming, Red Cross swimming instruction, baseball, volley ball, softball, soccer ball, arts and crafts, and other playground activities.

Installation of a merry-go-round added another popular recreation enjoyed by the children. A sliding area was prepared for the winter season.

A disappointment during this year was the lack of sufficient water during the month of August. Because of this, it was not possible to complete our swimming program. In order to remedy this situation, our committee has recommended the installation of an artesian well.

The committee at this time would like to pay tribute to our former member, Ralph Melander, who will be greatly missed. At all times a willing worker, he gave unreservedly of his time and effort to do more than his share to help in the development of the recreation facilities for Hampden's children.

JASON DOUBLEDAY

WILLIAM ALLEN

ATHOS ROSSI

JOHN WHITNEY

GORDON WILLCUTT

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

With no hurricanes or heavy storms last year to cause unexpected expenditures, this department was able to keep within its \$200 budget, and also purchase a new saw for our chain saw.

All necessary trimming was done and many old, decayed branches and trees were removed by the utility companies when the new high tension line was stretched on Springfield Road and Main Street.

It is hoped that the town will continue the annual program of setting out shade trees along the roads and placing them in the future where they will provide shade yet not interfere with utility wires.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN K. HARRIS

Tree Warden

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

There were a total of 19 grass, brush or dump fires:

12 grass fires

1 dump fire

6 grass fires out on arrival

This is a good record for the very dry summer we had.

There were 976 permits issued and 5 blasting permits. The law reads you must obtain a permit for open air fires.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ALLEN

Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

There were a total of twenty-four fires:

- 1 Hot water heater
- 1 Chimney Fire
- 2 Barns
- 1 Car
- 1 Dump
- 12 Grass or brush fires
- 6 Calls—fire out on arrival

I wish to commend my men for the fine job they did at the Harris fire.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ALLEN

Fire Chief

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission reports that the two cemeteries were mowed five times and the perpetual care lots were mowed as needed.

Sunken graves and low places were filled and seeded.

Our new power mower was purchased this past year. This mower being larger and heavier built, should last much longer with less repair.

A new chain link fence was put up on the north side of the "Old Cemetery."

This coming year the Commission has hopes of putting up more fence in "Prospect Hill Cemetery" on Scantic Road.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER

NEIL S. KIBBE

HERBERT L. BURNHAM

Cemetery Commissioners

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

	Adj.	Con.	Non Sealed	Sealed
Scales over 10,000 lbs.				1
Scales 100 to 5,000 lbs.	1	1	1	2
Scales under 100 lbs.	8			17
Avoirdupois weights				9
Apothecary weights				21
Metric weights				30
Liquid Measures 1 gal. or under	2			8
Gasoline Meters 1" or less	6			15
Kerosene and Grease Pumps				4
Tank Truck Meters (Heating Oil)				2*
Total				109

*1 Tank Truck Meter sealed by City of Springfield.

1 Tank Truck meter sealed by Town of West Springfield.

Total fees collected—\$38.30.

Slow but steady increase in the activities of this department will be noted in the last five years. The growth of the town with the influx of new business is

of course the reason. The latest addition is another new service station.

In 1956 eighteen sealing stops were made with the following results: 109 units sealed; 1 non-sealed and one condemned with a total revenue to the Town of \$38.30.

In addition to this 5 inspection calls were made with 62 packages of prepackaged merchandise being tested including coffee, butter, milk, frozen foods and meat products.

29 clinical thermometers were inspected and all were found to be correct. The serial numbers of the thermometers were recorded upon the Town records.

Respectfully submitted,

ERROL M. BEEBE

Sealer

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

During the year of 1956 I inspected

25 hogs

2 beef

7 sheep

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. PATRIC

Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Hampden Planning Board reports that the year 1956 has been one of steady, healthy growth throughout the town.

Perhaps of major importance was the change of zone from Residence A to Business of the Lawrence Sullivan property on West Main Street thereby creating the opportunity for needed expansion of the present shopping center in cooperation with Mr. Sullivan in a long range plan to meet the requirements of the rapidly growing community. Under construction now and to be completed in the Spring or quite possibly before is the modern medical center which has been carefully planned by Mr. Sullivan to house a dentist's and doctor's offices with the intention of bringing to Hampden a resident general practitioner after a lapse of almost half a century. The remainder of the newly zoned area will be available for a long visualized shopping center the nucleus of which already exists in the Allen House Super Market and the Hampden Drug Company which it adjoins.

The change of zone of the Helge J. and Barbara C. Johnson lot from Residence B to Business now pending approval of the attorney general of the Commonwealth will complete the Business zone at the corner north of the Scantic River from Somers Road to the Worthing property line.

The past year also saw the opening of the new gas station owned and built by Eugene O. Baker of Springfield and leased to the Gulf Oil Company. On the other corner lot, Sam Oppedesino has erected a most attractive building in which he has opened his new barber shop with extra space available to bring another business to Hampden. Around the first of January Hampden

had another "first" when the Country Cleaners opened for business in the John H. Twomey building.

Also some of the older businesses at the center have increased their floor space to meet the increasing demands of the town. The Homer L. Hatch General Store made quite an addition to their store recently and William Buereau has increased his facilities at the Hampden Garage into an attractive unit. This together with the Green Valley Drug Company tends to make a larger business unit in the center of the town.

The West Side is to have a beauty shop of its own in the near future when Gail Kibbe Levalds completes the beauty parlor in her home at the corner of Cedar Lane and East Longmeadow Road.

There is a further expansion of the attractive John F. Baldwin development for which plans were presented recently.

At the request of a number of townspeople and in accordance with the trend for the construction of to-day's ranch type houses, the Planning Board recommends a larger frontage for lots in Residence A for a one-family dwelling and with it a larger area increasing the minimum frontage from 100 to 150 feet and the area from 20,00 square feet to 30,000 square feet. This is comparable to the steps already taken in the neighboring towns to increase the lot size requirements in Residence A.

Also in response to the requests of residents of the town, the Planning Board is inserting articles in the warrant to limit the use of signs which do not seem to most people to belong to a community like Hampden nestled as it is among the hills. Neon signs especially the intermittent, tend to strike a discordant note to old and new residents alike who came to Hampden for a breathing space and to experience the advantages of a rural community in which everyone seems to be of the same mind to preserve as far as possible the earmarks

of a generation which had a slower tempo of life and yet have such thoughtful, supervised growth that these new businesses which contribute to the graciousness and comfort of modern living adapt themselves to the serenity of the countryside.

The increased building activity in Residence A in 1956 has surpassed any other year.

The Planning Board looks forward to 1957 with anticipation for constant, progressive expansion of Hampden's attractive developments,

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT

MARION W. GERRISH

WILLIAM P. PATULLO

DORVAL E. VIGER

GEORGE A. AUDREN

1956 Report of the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture

Town of Hampden

In accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth-Chapter 128-The Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture are empowered to receive on behalf of the County money appropriated by any town or by the Federal Government for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

The Trustees are further empowered to maintain agents to conduct meetings or demonstrations, make individual farm and home visits and in all ways help to improve home and community interests in every way possible.

Their agents have made contacts during the past year in every community either by public meetings, individual visits, group discussions, demonstrations or otherwise in attempting to assist the needs of the citizens toward better business, better living and better community service and have been ably assisted by hundreds of local volunteer leaders to this end.

In Hampden the following citizens have been of real assistance in promoting such assigned projects as have been conducted during the year:—Mrs. Clifford Attleton, Mrs. William L. Buereau, Chester Dickinson, Mrs. Earle E. Dickinson, Mrs. Warren Dickinson, Mrs. Esther Edwards, Mrs. E. J. Finn, Town of Hampden, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Herring, Elizabeth Joseph, Mrs. H. A. Gray, Mrs. David Joyce, Mrs. James R. Law, Mrs.

Frederick Maher, Jr., Mrs. E. C. Nebelong, Mrs. Walter Ross and Mrs. Robert Witkop.

A total expense of \$83.01 was incurred during the year for either travel or purchase of material needed in carrying on the various projects by the local leaders. The appropriation made by your town was used by the agents of the Trustees for only residents of your town.

Your 1956 appropriation was	\$100.00
You had a credit carried over from 1955	24.07
Total expended during the year 1956	83.01
Balance available for 1957	41.06
Recommended appropriation for 1957	100.00

Respectfully,

Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture

By A. H. FULLER, Clerk

REPORT OF DUTCH ELM COMMITTEE

In the year 1956 there have been 20 trees found to have Dutch Elm Disease, so they were cut and burned.

I find it difficult to properly cover the town on the present appropriation and recommend an increase in money allotted for this work.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES LEMON

Moth Superintendent

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

We completed the search for Gypsy Moth egg clusters and found about 200 clusters.

They seem to be under good control in Hampden.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES LEMON

Moth Superintendent

Librarian's Report

Circulation of Books and Magazines	13,333
Total Attendance	12,025
Books Bought	341
Books Donated	161
Magazine Subscriptions Bought	45
Magazines Donated	249

Donors of Books: In memory of Charles Ballard, 1; Gail Sullivan, 2; K. Bump, 44; Elaine Peterson, 10; D. Jones, 8; H. Thresher, 1; R. Springborn, 1; Mrs. Morgan, 1; Prof. W. V. Sessions, 11; R. & E. Woods, 6; Mrs. Feely, 14; Mrs. Florence Nevins, 2; Mrs. R. McGee, 2; Jennie Chaffee, 59.

Donors of Magazines: L. Woods, 69; G. Lyons, 32; L. Koncítik, 6; M. Kibbe, 2; L. Foster, 85; B. Battige, 3; K. Howlett, 2; V. Melville, 15; F. Letellier, 4; L. Doubleday, 6; C. Woods, 7; J. Lyons, 6; P. T. A., 12.

Registered Borrowers:

From the School	300
Others	170

470

Books Reviewed by the School Children	1243
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State Reading Certificates issued

Large	20
Small	136

The Hampden Garden Club donated subscriptions to Horticulture and Flower Grower magazines.

Mrs. C. Schopbach donated the Christian Science Monitor for six weeks.

Fred Letellier and Edith Davis have given us collections of post cards.

The Library Trustees have again cooperated with the School in allowing use of the library as a classroom during such times as the auditorium was in other use.

We are grateful to Mrs. Robert Mueller for exhibiting her unique root hobby during National Book Week. Many patrons enjoyed her unusual exhibit with us.

The Hampden Garden Club again furnished our attractive Christmas decorations.

The Library Trustees have purchased the Encyclopedia Americana, complete in thirty volumes, at a pre-publication price. This will come off the press in February. We feel that we have catered to the children rather than the adults in the matter of purchasing reference material over the past years. Therefore, we hope this new encyclopedia will fill the adult need and will be freely used.

Respectfully submitted,

MIRIAM P. BRYANS

Librarian

ARLINE M. HOWLETT

DORRIT H. FINN

Assistant Librarians

HAZEL T. FISHER

MARY BERNARD

Substitute Librarians

Library Trustee's Report

Miss Gertrude M. Lyons	Term expires 1957
Mrs. Eleanor B. McCray	Term expires 1958
Mrs. Elizabeth J. Morgan	Term expires 1959

Appropriation by the Town	\$1700.00	
Dog Fund from the Town	604.04	
		\$2,304.04

Expended		
Books and Magazines	\$1,271.59	
Supplies & Incidentals	60.70	
Wages	971.75	
		\$2,304.04

JOANNA (BURLEIGH) HOLT FUND

Amount of bequest	\$500.00	
Interest available for use in 1957		\$15.00

MORTON L. DAY FUND

Balance in fund Jan. 2, 1957	\$521.44	
Interest Received	15.74	
Withdrawal for Christian Herald sub- scriptions to shut-ins Jan. 2, 1957	12.00	
Balance in Fund Jan. 2, 1957		\$525.18

GRACE PEASE CAREW FUND

Amount of bequest	\$2,000.00	
Balance January 3, 1956	2,096.12	
Interest for 1956	63.34	
Balance in Fund January 2, 1957		\$2,159.46

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE M. LYONS, Chairman
ELEANOR B. McCRAY
ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN
Library Trustees

BUILDING COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1956, there were two hundred and twenty-nine permits granted. These were as follows:

New Houses	42
School	1
Store	1
Medical Center	1
Barn	1
Sheds	5
Garages	4
Alterations to Houses	1
Additions to Houses	18
Alterations to Garages	2
Additions to Garage	1
Addition to Stores	1
Additions to Barns	1
Tear down Barns	1
Tear down Sheds	2
Tear down Chicken Coops	4
Electrical	96
Plumbing	47

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT
Building Commissioner

Report of the School Committee

The School Committee meets regularly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Because of the growth in school population and facilities, we find that special meetings are becoming more numerous and necessary in order to keep the school operational program efficient. Both the members of the committee and our Superintendent have given freely of time and effort to meet the demands of our growing school system. Our meetings are open to the public and we recommend attendance to all citizens who are interested in the growth and operation of our expanded educational program.

FACILITIES

This committee is most grateful to have been given the opportunity to work closely with the School Expansion Committee, School Planning Committee and School Building Committee. Knowing the emergency that exists, and the implications of this condition, we view the opening in September, of a new elementary school, a splendid achievement for everyone concerned.

Equally gratifying is the town's decision to enter into a Regional District High School plan. We have felt for some time that our high school needs, although served well academically, called for a closer tie to our local situation. We have been welcomed as a part of the planning for this program also.

Because of lack of space in East Longmeadow and Wilbraham, it is no longer possible to send our ninth grade students to either of these school systems. After careful consideration we have decided to establish a

Junior High School in our present building, to include grades 7, 8 and 9—the 9th grade to stay here until the Regional High School opens. It is our hope to establish a curriculum which will provide for a complete Junior High School program.

CURRICULUM

It is the belief of this committee that our educational standards must be maintained at a high level. Our young people meet ever increasing competition in the world today and we are sure that every parent and citizen of Hampden wishes to see our pupils well equipped for the years ahead. When the present 8th grade exceeded an enrollment of 40 it was our feeling that the grade should be split. We were able to do this by using the teachers' room as an overflow classroom. Results show that this move has increased the effectiveness of the teaching-learning situation.

Physical education has been maintained on a part time basis—but this committee strongly advises the full time employment of a physical educator in the immediate future.

The response to a survey investigating interest in a school band has been so favorable that we have added this activity to our school program under the direction of Al Strohman.

Upon the recommendation of a teachers' study group, report cards have been changed and revised. It is the feeling of the faculty, administration and committee that the new cards give a more satisfactory progress report of the children.

Our school has been fortunate in having the co-operation of the town library in providing reference material and supplementary reading encouragement. Feeling that we should supplement this facility, we have laid the groundwork for individual classroom libraries

through the purchase each year of recommended children's books.

The committee endorsed a student council in our school, feeling that we wish to encourage the growth and development of the democratic processes in the youth of our children.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Superintendent Bernard has worked tirelessly in his capacity as administrative officer for the school committee. We were pleased when the Hampden-Wilbraham School District Committee appointed him to the post of Assistant Superintendent, knowing that such a position would assure us of close integration between our local education program and that of the Region. Recently we accepted Mr. Bernard's resignation as Superintendent of the Hampden Schools with regret. We wish him much success in his future work and are happy for him in his administrative growth.

The faculty of our school has changed during the past year. Mrs. Goss' leave of absence opened a vacancy which we filled with the appointment of Mr. Lawrence Dennis who has been chosen to the principalship of the new Junior High School. Mrs. Helen Enslin will become principal of the new elementary school.

Mrs. Anna Giustina has held the position of helping teacher since Mrs. Cotton took the extra section of the 8th grade.

At the end of the last school year Dr. Quinn resigned as school physician because of the pressure of his private practice. Dr. Keroack was elected to this position.

After the resignation of Mr. Wilfred Gerard as school custodian, Mr. Clarke E. Warren was appointed to this position. Recently Mr. Warren was elected to the post of head custodian of the growing school plant.

We feel that we are very fortunate to have a faculty, an administrative group, and the sustaining personnel of such high standards of achievement and loyalty. Their role in the education of our youth is a most important factor in keeping our educational standards high.

HEALTH

During the past year we have shared the operation of the Salk Immunization Program with the Board of Health. We have expanded the office of school physician to include periodic inspection of plant facilities as well as routine health examinations.

Our increasing enrollment and growing facilities will make further demands upon the time of those persons responsible for the health of our young people and we are fortunate to have this area so capably covered.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

This program has been placed among the top ten in the state of Massachusetts. Its manager, Mrs. Alma Temple, was invited to participate in a panel discussion at Boston as part of the Massachusetts Hot Lunch Program convention. The staff participating in our local program do a fine job and we are happy to have it recognized beyond our borders.

MAINTENANCE

During the past year the necessary repairs and replacements have been made to keep our school in excellent condition.

An indoor gas incinerator has been installed which has done much to reduce the fire and health hazard created by outdoor refuse cans.

A removable panel has been installed on the stage of the auditorium to replace the curtain which had become worn beyond repair.

We are very happy to report that the whole school plant is in top operating condition considering the age of the building.

FUTURE

The school census figures show a steady growth in school population. We wish to congratulate the citizens of Hampden on their alertness to this and their willingness to accept the financial obligations of the problem. Because the people of this town do not hesitate to recognize that the young people are the first asset of the community, we as a committee feel most richly rewarded for whatever time and service we give to our work on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR MacMULLEN, Chairman

EDWIN LOMBARD

JOHN WHITNEY

ELOISE WALLACE

THEODORE HOLMES

ITEMIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1957

	Appro.	Exp.	Returned to Excess and Deficiency
GENERAL CONTROL:			
School Committee Expense	\$350.00	\$350.00	.00
Superintendent's Salary	6,100	6,058.20	41.80
Expense of Superintendence	1,250.00	1,250.00	.00
EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION:			
Supervisors' Salaries	2,134.00	2,130.00	4.00
Teachers' Salaries	35,600.00	35,600.00	.00
Textbooks	900.00	900.00	.00
Supplies	1,400.00	1,400.00	.00
EXPENSE OF OPERATION:			
Janitors' Salaries	3,500.00	3,500.00	.00
Fuel/Light	2,300.00	2,300.00	.00
Miscellaneous	750.00	750.00	.00
MAINTENANCE:			
Repairs and Replacements	900.00	900.00	.00
AUXILIARY AGENCIES:			
Health	1,060.00	1,021.68	38.32
Transportation	22,950.00	22,783.98	166.02
Tuition	32,141.00	31,123.00	1,018.00
Miscellaneous	125.00	98.06	26.94
OUTLAY:			
New Equipment	540.00	540.00	.00
CONTINGENCY:	2,000.00	1,975.58	24.42
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TOTALS	\$114,000.00	\$112,680.50	\$1,319.50
NET EXPENDITURES AS SHOWN		\$112,680.50	
Less: Amount held in contract reserve for Dental Equipment			1,200.00
Returned to Excess and Deficiency			<hr/> \$119.50

REDITS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH:

Superintendent's Salary	\$3,333.33
Transportation:	
Chapter 71, Section 7A	18,699.24
State Wards	148.34
Vocational Education Chap. 74, Sec. 8A	1,167.50

Tuition:

State Wards	144.15
Vocational Education	3,680.01
Chapter 70	15,352.81
UTION REFUNDS:	485.90

REDITS FROM OTHER SOURCES:

Public Law 874	60.65
Sale of School Desks and chairs	60.00
Miscellaneous	5.00

TOTAL CREDITS: \$43,136.93

MOUNT PAID FROM LOCAL

TAXATION FOR EDUCATION 69,543.57

\$112,680.50

FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT, PUBLIC LAW 874

Balance 1955	Received 1956	Expended 1956	Balance Carried over
\$1,278.00	\$60.65	—	\$1,338.65

HAMPDEN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

1957 BUDGET

GENERAL CONTROL:

School Committee Expenses	\$ 290.00
Salary of Superintendent	6,400.00
Expenses of Superintendence	800.00

EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION:

Supervisors' Salaries	2,252.00
Teachers' Salaries	52,675.00
School Secretary's Salary	1,050.00
Textbooks	1,200.00
Supplies	1,900.00

EXPENSES OF OPERATION:

Janitors' Salaries	5,716.00
Fuel/Light	5,100.00
Miscellaneous Operating	1,240.00

MAINTENANCE:

Repairs and Replacements	300.00
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AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

Health	1,155.00
Transportation	24,550.00
Tuition	32,427.00
Miscellaneous Auxiliary	1,380.00

OUTLAY:

New Equipment	300.00
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CONTINGENCY FUND:

2,500.00

\$141,235.00

COMMUNITY PROGRAM

400.00

TOTAL BUDGET

\$141,635.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

ESTIMATED CREDITS FROM THE
COMMONWEALTH

Superintendent's Salary	\$3,333.00
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Transportation:

Chapter 71, Section 7A	19,800.00
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State Wards

Vocational Ed. Chap. 74, Sec. 8A	866.00
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Tuition:

State Wards

Vocational Education	2,500.00
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Chapter 70	16,580.00
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TOTAL ESTIMATED CREDITS	\$43,079.00
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ESTIMATED COST OF EDUCATION FROM TOWN TAXES	98,556.00
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	\$141,635.00
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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL GROSS BUDGET

	Appro. 1956	Appro. 1957	Differential
CONTROLLABLE COSTS			
General Control:			
School Committee Expense	\$ 350.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 60.00—
Salary of Superintendent	6,100.00	6,400.00	300.00 +
Expense of Supt.	1,250.00	800.00	450.00—
Expense of Instruction:			
Supervisors' Salaries	2,134.00	2,252.00	118.00 +
Teachers' Salaries	35,600.00	52,675.00	17,075.00 +
School Sec'y Salary		1,050.00	1,050.00 +
Textbooks	900.00	1,200.00	300.00 +
Supplies	1,400.00	1,900.00	500.00 +
Expense of Operation:			
Janitors' Salaries	3,500.00	5,716.00	2,216.00 +
Fuel/Light	2,300.00	5,100.00	2,800.00 +
Miscellaneous	750.00	1,240.00	490.00 +
Maintenance:			
Repairs and Replacements	900.00	300.00	600.00—
Auxiliary Agencies:			
Health	1,060.00	1,155.00	95.00 +
Miscellaneous	125.00	1,380.00	1,255.00 +
Outlay:			
New Equipment	540.00	300.00	240.00—
NON-CONTROLLABLE COSTS			
Auxiliary Agencies:			
Transportation	22,950.00	24,550.00	1,600.00 +
Tuition	32,141.00	32,427.00	286.00 +
	<u>\$112,000.00</u>	<u>\$138,735.00</u>	<u>\$26,735.00 +</u>
CONTINGENCY:	2,000.00	2,500.00	500.00 +
COMMUNITY PROGRAM:		400.00	400.00 +
	<u>\$114,000.00</u>	<u>\$141,635.00</u>	<u>\$27,635.00 +</u>

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of the Town of Hampden:

It is with real regret that I submit my final report as Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Hampden. During the three and one-half years I have been in Hampden, I have been constantly impressed with our fine boys and girls and with the community's genuine concern in providing them with the best possible educational program. With this sense of regret is a deep feeling of pride that comes from having had an opportunity to have a small part in helping Hampden develop a solid program of education for our boys and girls.

HAMPDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

The heart and soul of a school system lies in the daily achievement of the classroom teacher. We are blessed with a staff of better than average teachers. Once again our yearly academic achievement tests, which are standardized against national "norms," indicate superior academic progress. The problem of maintaining this fine academic pace is challenged by the growth in school enrollment.

GROWTH IN ENROLLMENT, YEARS 1950-1956

YEAR	GRADES								TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1950	38	35	22	25	28	31	18	27	224
1951	35	42	32	27	24	30	34	16	240
1952	27	33	39	32	26	25	30	29	241
1953	27	28	24	38	41	33	34	38	263
1954	33	35	31	32	38	38	26	27	260
1955	39	31	31	33	34	37	39	21	265
1956	39	41	37	35	32	40	37	41	302

Fortunately, Hampden's decision to build a new elementary school meets, in part, this challenge. However, it is imperative that grades 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8 be sectioned with the opening of the new building next September. This means additional teachers and additional teachers mean a larger school budget. The continued academic success of children can be assured by meeting the challenge and providing additional teachers.

The new building provides an opportunity to establish a primary school for grades 1 and 2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee has approved such a plan. This will permit the elimination of the traditional thinking in terms of grades 1 and 2. Pupils do not develop and mature at the same rate of speed and maturity controls attention span and study habits. Children will have the benefit of two full years of growth before coping with the problem of promotion.

Our annual October 1st school census again demonstrates the need of our new elementary school building.

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

(October 1, 1956 Census)

GRADE 1	PUPILS
1957	35
1958	45
1959	50
1960	35
1961	56
1962	38

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

Hampden is confronted with the problem of a home

for grade 9. Neighboring communities cannot accept this group as tuition pupils. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that our present Town House school be converted to a junior high school for grades 7, 8, and 9. This involves the remodeling of the present building to permit classes in shop, home making, more adequate science facilities and the use of the new elementary school gymnasium for physical education. The proposed junior high school offers a splendid opportunity for an accelerated program. Our achievement tests of last May indicate that the median, or average child, in grade 8 (8th grade 8th month) achieved 10th grade 7th month, in grade 7 (7th grade 8th month) achieved 8th grade 8th month, and in grade 6 (6th grade 8th month) achieved 7th grade 7th month. This represents unusual achievement. Qualified 8th grade pupils should be given the opportunity to study introductory algebra and a foreign language. This will give the pupils of Hampden a splendid chance to compete successfully for high school academic grades which will insure admission to college after graduation from high school.

THE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL:

Plans for the new Hampden-Wilbraham Regional High School, which was authorized by town meetings in the two towns last October, are rapidly crystallizing. The Regional High School Committee is working in an atmosphere of harmony. It is presently planning a publicity program which will acquaint all citizens with proposed plans.

I wish to thank the citizens of Hampden for the splendid cooperation which has been given to me. I shall always remember and appreciate their friendly counsel and encouragement.

I wish to thank the entire school staff, the School

Committee, the School Building Committee, the Regional School Committee and the Town Officials for their sincere efforts and cooperation in developing the Hampden school system.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. BERNARD

Superintendent of Schools

ENROLLMENTS

GRADES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
PUPILS	39	41	37	35	32	40	37	41	302
GRADES	9 10 11 12								TOTAL
PUPILS									
S.H.S.	17 14 20								51
J.H.S.	16								16
Trade	2 8 6 2								18
Agawam Voc.	1 2								3
Private	6 4 2								12
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	25 25 24 26								100

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATES

June 1956

Bernard, Phyllis M.	Jones, Donna L.
Burns, Joan A.	Larson, Larry C.
Butler, Catherine A.	Moriarty, Lawrence F.
Clifford, Robert G.	Ross, Diane L.
Goodrich, Harry L.	Samble, Charles T.
Gottsche, David M.	Shierman, Frances E.
Haynes, Donald F.	Streeter, Russell K.
Herring, Stanley E.	Wallace, Douglas V.
Hill, Judith A.	Wendell Alec B.
Isham, Alfred C.	Witkop, Eileen L.
Jarvis, Linda M.	

REPORT OF HAMPDEN SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC
FOR 1956

Examinations	292
Notices sent home	109
Permanent teeth filled	75
Temporary teeth filled	70
Permanent teeth extracted	12
Temporary teeth extracted	15
Cleanings	65
Treatments	30

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD J. BENNETT, D.M.D.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

The school physician has completed the following:

Physical Examinations of School Personnel:	19
Physical Examinations of School Children:	189
Vaccinations:	8
Re-vaccinations:	1
Polio Vaccine Inoculations	619

The school physician has responded to all school emergencies. The school physician feels that the physical condition of the Hampden School Children remains generally good. He wishes to remind all parents that personal hygiene and cleanliness have a great bearing on good health. Let us not forget to impress this on our children so that Hampden may maintain its good physical standards.

The kitchen and toilet facilities of the Town House were inspected and found in general to be adequate and well cared for.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN J. KEROACK, M.D.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

The school nurse has assisted the school physician with the following:

Physical Examinations of Personnel	19
Physical Examinations of School Children	189
Defects found	15
Number Weighed and Measured	277
Head Inspection	277
Infested heads	0
Eyes Examined	168
Notices sent on defective eyes	5
Ears Tested	175
Notices sent on defective ears	1
Vaccinations	13
Re-vaccinations	1

Pre-school registration was held in May.

All school personnel were X-rayed for Tuberculosis.

 All reports were negative.

Four children had the benefit of four weeks vacation at Camp Frederick Edwards.

The school nurse has assisted the school dentist with the examination of the teeth:

Number of children examined	292
Notices sent home	109

POLIO INOCULATIONS

	First Inoculation	Second Inoculation
Pre-school children	112	110
School children, Grades 1-8	184	182
Age group 15-19 years	19	12
Vaccine given in Doctors' offices	54	68

Respectfully submitted,

SHIRLEY FULLER, R.N.

HAMPDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF

1956-57

S. J. BERNARD, Superintendent

MRS. HELEN F. ENSLIN, Principal

Name	Grade	Date Appointed	Education, Professional Training
S. J. Bernard			
Lawrence Dennis	8	1953	B.S., M.A.
Vivian Cotton	8	1956	B.E., Westfield S.T.C.
		1953	B.E., Westfield S.T.C.
Helen Enslin	7	1939	Hyannis S.T.C.
Lena Moriarty	6	1953	B.S., Westfield S.T.C.
Catherine Garvey	5	1954	Bridgewater S.T.C.
Miriam Bryans	4	1952	Bridgewater S.T.C.
Helen Colling	3	1951	B.S., Framingham S.T.C.
Emilie Steere	2	1951	B.S., Westfield S.T.C.
Eleanor Drummond	1	1953	Lowell S.T.C.
Jeanie Hatheway	1	1955	Westfield S.T.C.

Anna Giustina, Helping Teacher	1956	B.E., Westfield S.T.C.
Virginia Madyette, Supv. Art	1952	B.A., Smith College
Alice Fitzgerald, Supv. Music	1952	
Shirley Fuller, R.N.		School Nurse
Alvin J. Keroack, M.D.		School Physician
Harold J. Bennett, D.M.D.		School Dentist
Clarke E. Warren		Custodian and Supervisor of Attendance
Mrs. Alma Temple		Supervisor, Hot Lunch Program
Mrs. Rachel Dickinson		Asst. Supervisor, Hot Lunch Program

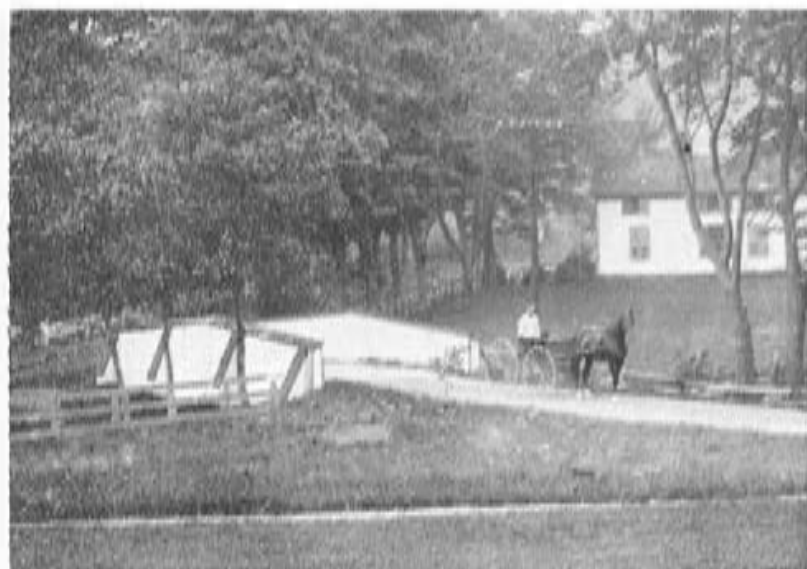
SCHOOL CALENDAR — 1956-57

SEPT.	M	T	W	Th	F	
			5	6	7	Sept. 5—School opens
17 days	10	11	12	13	14	Sept. 17—Eastern States Exposition
	xx	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
OCT.	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	xx	Oct. 12—Columbus Day
21 days	15	16	17	18	xx	Oct. 19—Hampden County Teachers' Convention
	22	23	24	25	26	
	29	30	31			
NOV.				1	2	Nov. 12—Veterans' Day
	5	6	7	8	9	Nov. 21—School closes 12 M for Thanksgiving Recess
19 days	xx	13	14	15	16	Nov. 26—School opens
	19	20	21	xx	xx	
	26	27	28	29	30	
DEC.	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	Dec. 21—School closes for Christmas Vacation
15 days	17	18	19	20	21	
	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	
	xx					
JAN, 1957		xx	2	3	4	
	7	8	9	10	11	Jan. 2—School opens
22 days	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	29	30	31		
FEB.					1	
	4	5	6	7	8	Feb. 21—School closes for Midwinter Vacation
15 days	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	xx	
	xx	xx	xx	xx		
MARCH					xx	
	4	5	6	7	8	Mar. 4—School opens
20 days	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	
APRIL	1	2	3	4	5	Apr. 19—Good Friday
	8	9	10	11	12	Apr. 19—Patriot's Day
19 days	15	16	17	18	xx	Apr. 26—School closes for Spring Vacation
	22	23	24	25	26	
	xx	xx				
MAY			xx	xx	xx	
	6	7	8	9	10	May 6—School opens
19 days	13	14	15	16	17	May 30—Memorial Day
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	xx	31	
JUNE	3	4	5	6	7	
10 days	10	11	12	13	14	June 14—School closes for elementary pupils
(17 days)	17	18	19	20	21	June 21—High Schools close

NOTE: xx indicates no school

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LOOKING SOUTH TOWARD CENTER BRIDGE ABOUT 1904



LOOKING NORTH TOWARD SOMERS ROAD BRIDGE ABOUT 1895

FOR THE YEAR 1900 AND THE YEAR 1901