

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

2005



Hampden, Massachusetts

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IN MEMORIAM

George Ingalls
Moderator

Yorke Phillips
School Committee, Advisory

Daniel Martin Shooshan
Board of Appeals Chair
Founder

William Joy
First Police Chief
Hampden Housing Authority

INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN	Federal Census	1/1/01	5,189
	State Census	1/1/85	4,762
	Town Census	1/1/05	5,352
GEOGRAPHIC AREA	19.64 square miles		
COUNTY	Hampden County		
TAX RATE	\$15.62 for Fiscal 2005		
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING	Last Monday in April at 7:00pm		
ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS	First Monday in May, 8am-8pm		
GOVERNOR	CONGRESSMAN		
Mitt Romney	Richard E. Neal	437 Cannon House Office Bldg	Washington, DC 20515
Office of the Governor	Phone: 202-225-5601		
Boston, MA 02133			
Phone: 617-727-9173			
U.S SENATORS	OR		
Edward M. Kennedy	District Office	Federal Building, Room 309	
U.S. Senate	1550 Main Street	Springfield, MA 01103	
Russell Senate Office Bldg. Room 315	Phone: 413-785-0325		
Washington, DC 20510			
Phone: 202-224-4543			
OR	STATE SENATOR		
2400 JFK Building, Room 409	Brian P. Lees, Hampden District	State House, Room 308	
Boston, MA 02203	Boston, MA 02133		
Phone: 617-565-3170	Phone: 617-722-1291		
John F. Kerry	OR		
U.S. Senate	District Office: 527 Main Street		
Russell Senate Bldg. Room 421	Indian Orchard, MA 01151		
Washington, DC 20510	Phone: 413-543-2167		
OR	REPRESENTATIVE		
145 State Street, Room 504	Mary S. Rogeness,		
Springfield, MA 01103	2 nd Hampden District		
Phone: 413-785-4610	State House, Room 237		
	Boston, MA 02133		
	Phone: 617-722-2800		
	Residence: 22 Warren Terrace,		
	Longmeadow, MA 01106		
	Phone: 413-567-5480		

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS **BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES AND COMMITTEES**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm
Meet 1st & 3rd Monday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2151

BOARD OF HEALTH

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm
Meet 1st & 3rd Monday at 7:00 pm
Phone: 566-2152

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2nd & 4th Monday at 6:30pm each month

TOWN CLERK – Eva Wiseman

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9am-3pm
Phone: 566-3214

TOWN TREASURER–Tracy Scibaldi

Office Hours: By Appointment
Phone: 566-2401

TAX COLLECTOR – Eva Wiseman

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9am-3pm
Phone: 566-2206

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Office Hours: Monday/Wednesday, 9am-12:30
Meet 2nd Tuesday 7:00pm
Phone: 566-3223

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meet 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm
Phone: 595-0004

PLANNING BOARD

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

WATER COMMISSION COMMITTEE

1st Thursday of every month

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesday
Phone: 596-3884

CEMETERY COMMISSION

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

COUNCIL ON AGING

Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9:00am-3:30pm
Meet 2nd Tuesday of month,8:30am
Phone: 566-5588

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Meet 3rd Thurs each month, 8:15 at Centennial Commons
Phone: 566-8157

BUILDING INSPECTOR

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

HAMPDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Meet 3rd Wednesday each month
Phone: 566-3047

HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS **CLOSED**

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

TRANSFER STATION

Saturday, 8am-4pm, Tuesday,1-4pm
Recycling, 2nd & 4th Saturday

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS
BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF APPEALS

Meet 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm

Applications available from Town Clerk

PARK COMMISSION

Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm

Office Hours: Call 566-4950

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

VETERAN'S SERVICES- Robert Mathison

Phone: 267-4140

110 Main Street, Suite 12, Monson, MA 01057

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

Meet as posted

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meet 1st & 3rd Tues month at 7:00pm

Phone: 566-8327

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meet as posted

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS – 2005

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

James D. Smith, Chairman	2006
Duane E. Mosier, Chairman	
Board of Health	2007
John D. Flynn	2008

Administrative Assistant to
Board of Selectmen
Pamela Courtney

Coordinator for Board of Health
Christopher W. Thompson

MODERATOR

Richard Patullo

TOWN CLERK

Eva Wiseman

TOWN TREASURER

Tracy Scibaldi

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Eva Wiseman

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Diane Hildreth, Chair
Mary Lou Majkut, Assessor
Stanley Witkop, Assessor

Assistant to the Assessors
Ann Murphy

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Scott Chapman 2006
Lisa Morace 2008

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN LIBRARY

Beth Burger, Trustee, Chair	2008
Kathleen Hutchison	2007
Elaine Kingsbury	2006

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

William G. Joy, Chair	2006
Miles Hapgood, Vice Chair	2007
Thomas Howells	2009
George Stone	2009
Cecilia Melville	2008
Benjamin Bump-State Appointed	

CONSTABLES

George K. Stone, Jr.	2007
Miles Hapgood, Jr.	2007
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	2007

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Henry Dunwoody, Chairman	2007
Judith Hatch	2006
David Quill	2008

PLANNING BOARD

Joseph A. Dolben, Chair	2008
Melissa Reeves, Vice Chair	2006
John D. Flynn	2009
Joseph Kruzel	2010
Robert Majkut	2007
Anthony Bongiorni, Assoc.	2006
Jane Budynkiewicz, Clerk	

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Christopher McDonald, Chair	2008
Tina Albano	2006
Michael D'Agostino	2007
Laurence Forrest	2006
Harold House	2008

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2005

<u>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</u>		<u>BUILDING INSPECTOR</u>	
Clifford Bombard	2006	Mark Feeney	2006
Pat Smith, Asst. to Accountant	2006	Lance Trevallion, Alt.	2006
<u>DOG OFFICERS</u>		<u>ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR</u>	
Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control	2006	Robert Lague	2006
		Gary Courtney, Alt.	2006
<u>FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN</u>		<u>PLUMBING INSPECTOR</u>	
Peter Hatch	2006	Michael Ford	2006
	2006	Mark Feeney, Alt.	2006
<u>INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS</u>		<u>ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	
Shelly Sears	2006	Kathy Pessolano, Chair	2007
<u>SUPT OF INSECT/PEST CONTROL</u>		Michael Crowley	2006
Dana Pixley	2006	Doug Boyd	2008
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT</u>		Carol Fitzgerald	2007
Lorri McCool	2006	Timm Marini	2006
Glenn Riddle, Alternate	2006		Beth Perkins, Clerk
<u>VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER</u>	2006	<u>BOARD OF APPEALS</u>	
Arthur Booth		Richard Patullo, Chair	2008
<u>VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER</u>		Mary Cesan, Vice Chair	2007
Robert Mathison	2006	Kenneth Lefebvre	2008
<u>SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS</u>		Jed Berliner, Clerk	2006
Dana Pixley	2006	Richard Jones	2007
<u>TREE WARDEN</u>	2006	Mark Barba	2006
Dana Pixley		Judy Jackson, Clerk	
<u>FENCE VIEWERS</u>		<u>BOARD OF APPEALS, ALTERNATES</u>	
John H. Field	2006	David R. Scott	2006
William H. Patric		Cheryl Cudnick	2006
	2006	<u>HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL</u>	
	2006	James McEwan, Chair	2006
		Patricia Regan-Loiko	2006
		Jerry Lezniak	2006
		Carol Gauthier	2006
		Hermine Weston	2006

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2005

TOWN COUNSEL

David J. Martel

PARKING CLERK

2006 Eva Wiseman 2006

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

Robin Warner, Chair
Richard Desanti
Richard Patullo
Bonnie Geromini
Candice Keddy

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER

2006 Mike Shea, Chairman 2008
2006 George Bouchard 2007
2006 Richard Jalbert 2006
2006 Michael Framarin, Oper.
2006

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Charlie Schmitt, Chair
Phil Grant
Pat Cote
Bonnie Geromini
Jeff Liquori

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2006 Connie Witt, Chair 2006
2007 Chrissy Cesan 2007
2007 Melissa Lail-Trecker 2006
2008 Sally Bryce 2008
2008

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2006 Dana Pixley, Super. 2006
2006 Patrick Markham 2006
2008 Robert Richards 2006
2007 Albert Rosati 2005
2008 Matthew Frederick 2005
2006 John Ouellette 2005
2007

BOARD OF REGISTRAR

2006 Arthur A. Booth, Jr 2006
2006 Elizabeth M. Wells 2008
2007 Janet M. Redin 2007

John J. Shay, Hampden Rep
to GSSS

2006 Eva Wiseman

George Fournier, Water Op.

STORMWATER COMMITTEE

2006 Joe Kruzel, Chair 2006
2006 Neil Flynn 2006
2006 Dana Pixley 2006
2006 Duane Mosier 2006
2006 Jean Hall 2006
2006 Bruce Libby 2006
2006 Karl Sternberg 2006

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2005

COUNCIL OF AGING DIRECTOR

Rebecca Moriarty 2006

CABLE COMMITTEE

Philip Grant 2006
David Lalonde 2006
Mark Barba 2006

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Donald Collins, Chair 2008
William Gouzounis 2008
Richard Ayers 2006
Thomas Argenio 2006
Carol Fitzgerald 2007

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

COMMITTEE

Doug Boyd 2006

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Patricia Smith 2006

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Patricia Smith 2006

PVPC COMMISSIONER

Robert Majkut 2006
Anthony Bonjorni, Alt. 2006

PVTA REPRESENTATIVE

Doreen Fadus 2006

ADA COORDINATOR

Arthur A. Booth, Jr. 2006

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2005

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF

Scott Trombly 2006

SERGEANTS

Jeff Farnsworth 2006

Joseph Henry 2006

POLICE OFFICERS

Scott Trombly 2006

Michael Cooney 2006

William Joy 2006

Todd Ely 2006

Brett Purchas 2006

RESERVE OFFICERS

Robert Robinson 2006

Christopher Eck 2006

Mark Galarneau 2006

Christopher Pandolfi 2006

Jason Roath 2006

Tawrin Seega 2006

DISPATCHERS (part time)

Philip Lord 2006

Timothy Lord 2006

Cory Darrah 2006

Khristy Lord 2006

Cheri Tanguay 2006

POLICE MATRON

Laurie Ryder 2006

SECRETARY TO POLICE DEPT.

Kathy Zanetti 2006

DISPATCHERS (full time)

Radcliffe Kenison 2006

Laurie Ryder 2006

Michael Lynch 2006

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2005

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Peter Hatch, Chief	2006
Michael Gorski, Assist Chief	2006
Charles Beaver, Deputy Chief	2006
Tim Evans, Captain	2006
Michael Hatch, Lieutenant	2006
Michael Sicbaldi, Secretary/Treasurer	2006
Jason Broom	2006
William Brown	2006
James Burns, Jr.	2006
James Burns, Sr.	2006
Donald Dickinson	2006
Joseph Grant	2006
Richard Harris	2006
Lawrence Hatch	2006
Richard Hatch	2006
Harold House	2006
Daniel Isham	2006
Albert Jones	2006
Rick Kelly	2006
William Levakis	2006
Matthew Loveling	2006
Henry Managre	2006
David Markham	2006
Michael Maserati	2006
Arthur McCarthy	2006
Jason McCarthy	2006
Andrew Netherwood	2006
William Patric	2006
Edward Poulin	2006
Thomas Poulin	2006
Joshua Ross	2006
Scott Rumplik	2006
Gregory Sears	2006
Thomas Smith	2006
David Sutcliffe	2006
Richard Thayer	2006
Frederick Warren	2006

**IN RECOGNITION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE TOWN OF HAMPTON, THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE
FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS**

Noreen Couture, Historical Commission, Community Preservation Commission

Judy Jackson, Planning Board Clerk

Judith Moriarty, Cultural Council

John DiMaio, Police Department

Tawrin Seega, Police Department

Ronald Kidd, Personnel Committee

Amy West, Police Department

Aline "Tiny" Burt, Housing Authority

Jason Sutherland, Police Department, Reserve Officer

Stephen Hill, Police Department, Reserve Officer

Frank Kotomski, Board of Appeals

James McCoy, Police Department, Reserve Officer

Bonnie Geromini, Conservation Commission

Camilla Desmarais, Conservation Commission

Richard Gouvan, Conservation Commission

Joseph Savoie, Conservation Commission

Mike Gerrard, Conservation Commission

Robyn Janczolewicz, Library

Samantha Bearse, Library

Rick Fadus, Advisory Board

Kathy Pessolano, Advisory Board

Larry Moriarty, Town House Custodian

TOWN OF HAMPDEN PERMIT FEES
(FEES FOR PERMITS AFTER THE FACT ARE DOUBLED)
REVISED 1/22/04

Building Permits- Mark Feeney- 566-2204

Application of Building Permit	\$10
Commercial/Industrial Building (\$200 minimum)	25-cents/sq ft.
New House (\$100 minimum)	20-cents/sq ft.
<i>In the event of more than one unit per building, an additional fee of \$4 per unit will be charged, in addition to normal fee for new house.</i>	
Alterations/additions/accessory buildings (\$40 minimum)	20-cents/sq ft.
Swimming Pool	\$30
Solid Fuel Stoves	\$25

Electrical Permits- Robert Laque- 566-8472

Commercial/Industrial Building Additions	\$120
New House	\$80
<i>In the event of more than 1 unit per building, an additional fee of \$4 per unit will be charged, in addition to normal fee for new house.</i>	
Alterations/Rewiring existing structure	\$80
Alterations/Change of service/temp service	\$40
Additions-added rooms, breezeway, garage, etc	\$40
Swimming Pools	\$25

Plumbing Permits- Michael Ford- 566-5578

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

Gas Permits- Michael Ford- 566-5578

All gas permits	\$25
<i>In the event of multiple occupancy or multi-unit dwelling, the fee will be \$20 per meter up to 5 fixtures; above that, the fee will be \$2 per fixture</i>	

Solar Permit

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

Call back Fees

Call back fees for building, electrical, plumbing, and fire inspections \$20

Fire Permits- Peter Hatch- 566-3314

Smoke Detector Inspection (new house)	\$25
Smoke Detector Inspection (real estate transfer)	\$25
Oil burner Inspection	\$25
Blasting Permit (Fire Chief)	\$20
Renewal of Smokeless powder (Fire Chief)	\$25
Underground storage tank installation (Fire Chief)	\$20
Underground storage tank removal (Fire Chief)	\$75
Tank and burner Inspection	\$25
Mobile fuel oil delivery vehicle	\$25
Board of Selectmen- 566-2151	
Liquor Licenses-	
• Restaurant- All Alcoholic	\$900*
• Veteran's Club- All Alcoholic	\$300*
• Package Store- All Alcoholic	\$1050*
• Package Store- Wine & Malt	\$525*

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

Automatic Amusement License	\$25 per game
Weekday Entertainment Permit	\$100
Sunday Entertainment Permit:	
• Town fee	\$25 per category per year
• State fee:	
▪ Regular Hours (1pm-12am)	
• Per Sunday per category	\$10
• Per year per category	\$85
▪ Special Hours (before 1pm)	
• Per Sunday per category	\$20
• Per year per category	\$175
Common Victualler	\$20
Used Car License	\$25

Board of Health- 566-2152

Food Service Establishment Permits	\$50
Temporary Food Permits	\$15 per day
Milk & Cream License	\$10
Frozen Desserts Permit	\$10
General License	\$40
Massage Therapy License	\$40
Swimming Pool (Public/Semi-Public)	\$50
Septage Hauler Permit	\$50
Disposal Works Installer's License	\$50
Well Permit	\$25
Percolation Test	\$150
Disposal Works Construction Permit <i>revision (new or repair/replace any part of system)</i>	\$100- <i>includes one</i>
Each additional revision	\$50

TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING STATION

Cross Road, Hampden, MA 01036

HOURS OF OPERATION:

FOR HOUSEHOLD TRASH DISPOSAL: Tues: 1-4 pm; Sat: 8am-4pm

RECYCLING: 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month; 8am-4pm

ALL VEHICLES ENTERING THE TRANSFER STATION MUST HAVE A TRANSFER STATION STICKER.

The stickers are sold at the Board of Health office. First car sticker costs \$15.00*; additional stickers within the same household: \$5.00. * *(as of march 2005)*

Stickers are valid for one year and expire on June 30th of the following year.

HOUSEHOLD TRASH

All household trash must be disposed of in yellow preprinted bags purchased from the following locations:

- Board of Health Office
- Transfer Station
- Council on Aging / Senior Center
- The Grog Shoppe

The bags are sold in packages of 10.
16 Gallon bags= \$10.00
33 Gallon bags= \$20.00

Massachusetts prohibits the disposal of the following items:

- ❖ Paper and cardboard
- ❖ Bottles and cans
- ❖ Narrow neck plastics
- ❖ Leaves and yard waste
- ❖ Car batteries
- ❖ TV's and computers
- ❖ Large home appliances
- ❖ Hazardous waste

Be sure to keep these items out of your trash.

What are considered hazardous items?

Products with labels that say “**caustic**”, “**toxic**”, “**corrosive**”, “**poison**”, “**flammable**”, “**warning**”, “**danger**”, or “**caution**”, are considered hazardous items.

Examples: antifreeze, mercury, creosote, chemistry kits, DDT, drain cleaners, fertilizers, pesticides, gasoline, pool chemicals, paint thinner, wood stain, lead based paint, brake fluid, etc. *Call the Board of Health office` for a complete list.*

Wait for the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, held in September of every year, to dispose of these items.

Recycling Information

Recycling – It's easier than you think!

Recycling requirements have changed over the years, making it even simpler for you to take part. You no longer have to remove labels or keep track of many other recycling rules. Most items can just be dropped in the bin!

Your efforts are making a difference!

Our town sends its recyclable materials to the Springfield Material Recycling Facility (MRF). Last year, the “MRF” collected more than 50,000 tons of recyclables from communities in Western Massachusetts. That included enough paper to save 595,000 trees and enough plastic soda bottles to make 160,000 fleece jackets. Enough energy was saved by recycling aluminum cans to run a refrigerator for 65,500 days. You have helped make our recycling program a success. With your continued commitment, we will achieve our recycling goals. Keep up the good work!

RECYCLING GUIDE

MIXED PAPER:

All paper and cardboard must be clean & dry

- Junk Mail, including window envelopes
- Newspaper & Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Paper Bags
- Paperbacks & Phone Books, Remove Covers
- Computer Paper, White and Colored office paper
- Cardboard, flattened
- Cereal Boxes, Shoe Boxes, etc., Remove Plastic liners
 - NO egg cartons, pizza boxes, or wrapping paper
 - NO take-out containers
 - NO soda or beer holders /cartons
 - NO waxed paper or waxed cardboard
 - NO Plastic Grocery Bags

CONTAINERS:

All containers must be rinsed to remove all residue.

- Glass bottles & jars, all colors
- Aluminum/Tin/Steel Cans & lids
- Aluminum Foil
- Milk & Juice Cartons (Tent-Top) Drink Boxes, remove straws
- Plastic Bottles, Jars, Tubs, less than 2 gallons (With the Recyclable Symbol, # 1-7), discard plastic caps and lids
 - NO light bulbs, window or auto glass, dishes, glasses, Pyrex, ceramics, or broken glass
 - NO paint or aerosol cans or other metal objects
 - NO plastic bags, containers over 2 gallons, motor oil jugs, chemical containers, Styrofoam flower pots or trays

CLEAN METAL:

- Pipes, Aluminum Gutters, Bikes
 - NO appliances
 - NO gas engines

YARD WASTE:

- Leaves
- Grass
- NO branches

Maximum Wt. per item: 25-lbs.

MORE RECYCLING TIPS

Clothing:

Goodwill and Salvation Army take clothes, draperies, etc.

Books:

Donate to libraries. Some bookstores buy used books.

Wire Hangers:

Accepted by many dry cleaners in the region. May be accepted in scrap metal bin if hangers have no plastic.

Plastic Bags:

Recycled at some area supermarkets

Polystyrene "Peanuts":

Call 1-800-828-2214 or 1-800-789-4623

Motor Oil and Paint Disposal

Used motor oil is accepted at Auto Zone and other stores where motor oil can be purchased. Do not bring this to the Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Latex paints can be disposed of with your regular trash after it is allowed to dry out. See the drying procedure below.

Empty Cans:

Remove the lid and let dry completely to a solid state. Place in your trash. If it does not completely dry, treat as a partial can.

Partially Full Cans:

Remove the lid. Pour in absorbent kitty litter. Stir the mixture. Let dry to a solid state — usually happens overnight. Check to make sure that it is completely dry. If there is still liquid residue left, repeat the procedure. Once paint is completely dry, place can without lid in the trash. Place lid separately in the trash.

Stains and Lead based Paints should be saved for Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

WHAT ABOUT TIRES, BATTERIES, OLD CELL PHONES?

Car tires:

Remove the rim, place the rubber tire in a 33 gallon trash bag (only 1 tire per bag) and this can be disposed of as trash. You may throw the rim in the scrap metal recycling container.

Alkaline batteries can be thrown in the regular trash.

Rechargeable batteries should be recycled. Most Radio Shack stores & national hardware chains have free drop boxes.

Old cell phones must be recycled. While the toxic materials (including arsenic in semiconductors) in a single phone are minimal, consider the number of discarded cell phones in the relatively short time the technology has been available. Throwing these devices in landfills will cause lasting damage to the environment. There are various recycling programs and drop off centers for recycling. The phones are either refurbished and used for domestic violence victims or taken apart and the various components recycled. Please call your cell phone company to get information on their recycling program or drop off center.

BULKY ITEMS

(Furniture, mattress, appliances, etc.)

Call Bulk Disposal, Inc. at 596-9276. Pick-up and Drop-off rates available.

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS DISPOSAL

Call **Waste Management Western Processing Facilities**, 120 Old Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 for rates, directions and hours of operation.

Tel. 596-4635 or 1-800-545-4560

For any other questions regarding the Transfer Station operations or trash disposal and recycling, contact the Board of Health office at **566-2152**
Mondays thru Thursdays, 9am—3pm.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS – 2005

Cases applied for and heard in 2005 included:

2005 – 1	Appeal - granted in part, denied otherwise – appeal was requested from Building Inspector decision involving a Home Occupation use.
2005 – 2	Granted - a Special Permit to renovate a non-conforming structure.
2005 – 3	Granted - a variance to allow a 31' setback on a lot requiring a 100' side setback to minimize the impact on endangered species.
2005 – 4	Granted - renewal of a Special permit to allow earth removal for agricultural land improvement under Zoning Bylaw Section 7.8.3.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard E. Patullo, Chair
Mary Chris Cesan, Vice-Chair
Richard P. Jones
Kenneth E. Lefebvre
L. Jed Berliner, Clerk
Judith M. Jackson, Secretary

Cheryl M. Cudnik, Alternate
David R. Scott, Alternate

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted:

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

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
 TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

of

FISCAL 2006

HAMPDEN

City/Town/District

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

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

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

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Board of Assessors of

HAMPDEN

City or Town

Date

Tel. No.

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Reviewed By _____

Date _____

Approved: _____

Director of Accounts

Date

II. Amounts to be raised

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

III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

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

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

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

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED *

	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2005	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2006
→ 1. Motor vehicle excise	\$ 673,624.00	\$ 598,587.00
→ 2. Other excise	35,581.00	35,000.00
→ 3. Penalties and interest on taxes and excises		
→ 4. Payments in lieu of taxes		
5. Charges for Services - water		
6. Charges for Services - sewer		
7. Charges for Services - hospital		
8. Charges for Services - trash disposal	74,277.00	75,000.00
9. Other charges for services	14,509.00	14,509.00
10. Fees		
11. Rentals		
12. Departmental revenue - Schools		
13. Departmental revenue - Libraries		
14. Departmental revenue - Cemeteries		
15. Departmental revenue - Recreation		
16. Other departmental revenue		
17. Licenses and permits	4,242.00	4,242.00
18. Special assessments		
→ 19. Fines and forfeits	24,309.00	24,309.00
→ 20. Investment income	8,006.00	6,000.00
→ 21. Miscellaneous recurring (please specify)		
22. Miscellaneous non-recurring (please specify)	1,457.00	
23. TOTALS	\$ 836,005.00	\$ 757,647.00

I hereby certify that the actual receipts as shown in column (a) are, to the best of my knowledge correct and complete, and I further certify that I have examined the entries made on page 4 of the fiscal 2006 tax rate recapitulation form by the City/Town/District Clerk and hereby acknowledge that such entries correctly reflect the appropriations made and the sources from which such appropriations are to be met.

Date	Accountant/Auditor	Tel. No.
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- * Do not include receipts in columns (a) or (b) that were voted by the City/Town/District Council or Town Meeting as offset receipts on Schedule A-1, enterprise funds on Schedule A-2, or revolving funds on Schedule A-3. Written documentation must be submitted to support increases / decreases of estimated receipts to actual receipts.
- Written documentation must be submitted to support increases/decreases of FY2005 estimated receipts to FY2006 estimated receipts to be used in calculating the municipal revenue growth factor.

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES OF FUNDING

* Enter the fiscal year to which the appropriation relates. i.e. fiscal year 2005 or fiscal 2006

** Appropriations included in column (b) must not be reduced by local receipts or any other funding source. Appropriations must be entered gross to avoid a duplication in the use of estimated or other sources of revenue.

Issue only revolving funds pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 33 E 1/2.

I hereby certify that the appropriations correctly reflect the votes taken by City/Town/District Council

HAMPDEN
City/Town

Date

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REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Building Permits and Inspections

Dwelling:	16
Addition:	34
Alteration:	17
Garage:	5
Barn:	3
Shed:	7
Swimming Pool:	11
Stove:	9
Deck:	6
Tower/Antenna:	1
Total:	109

Total Permits and Inspections

Building	109
Electrical	99
Plumbing/Gas	102

Respectfully submitted:

Mark J. Feeney
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

	2003*	2004*	2005*
Annual Flu Clinic	201	280	196
Pneumonia	0	17	0
Lyme Disease	3	9	16
Bacteriosis	0	2	1
Annual Rabies Clinic	50	47	50
Percolation Tests	33	66	52
Septic Systems – Installed/Repaired	49	68	44
Well Permits	10	13	21
Septage Haulers Permits Issued	4	4	4
Disposal Works Installers Licenses Issued	19	16	17
Food Service Establishment Permits Issued	29	29	28
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1	1
Health / Nuisance Complaints	5	11	3
No. of gallons of Hazardous Household Waste Collected	420	495	490

*(Numbers based on calendar year)

The Transfer Station is being used by approximately 657 households, where 482 tons of solid waste and 181 tons of recyclable materials were processed. Last year, the Board of Selectmen/Health voted to join about 90 other municipalities in western Massachusetts to take all recyclables to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Springfield. For more information on how to use the transfer station, please refer to the Transfer Station Information section of this Town Report.

On April 2, 2005, we held our annual Rabies Clinic at the Highway Department Town Garage, where 50 dogs/cats were vaccinated. Many thanks to Dr. Penny Peck for her time and to our Town Clerk, Eva Wiseman, for her help in issuing dog licenses, and to the Girl Scouts, who, once again, lent a hand in organizing this important annual event.

On September 10, we participated in the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Day held at Minnechaug Regional High School. During this event, 490 gallons of hazardous waste from our Town were disposed of properly. The event also took in 50 mercury fever thermometers for exchange. Please contact the Board of Health office for more information on what materials are accepted during the event. September 2006 is the next hazardous waste collection month.

The board held a flu clinic on November 10, 2005. One hundred ninety-six individuals were vaccinated for influenza. Many thanks to the Council on Aging volunteers, nurses Judy Hatch, Bea Moriarty, and volunteers that helped make this event a successful one.

The Board of Health has continued to work with the Hampden County Health Coalition (HCHC) in preparation for an emergency response plan. The Towns of Hampden and Wilbraham have worked together to develop an Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) and Staging area in order to effectively inoculate the residents of both towns, as required. The funds provided by the HCHC have enabled the town(s) to purchase computers, audio-visual items, a state of the art refrigerator for storage and monitoring of vaccines, "Go-Kits" that provide the essential administrative components for EDS, scanners, weather radios, infra-red thermometers, stethoscopes and medical bags. All of these items are essential in the preparation and implementation of an emergency response. The upcoming year will continue to focus on

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increasing the capacity, capability and level of preparedness for routine and emergency public health events.

Well water testing for Coliform bacteria is now available throughout the year. Sterile sample bottles may be picked up from the BOH office with instructions on how to properly draw a water sample. Residents are responsible for taking their sample to the laboratory for testing and for the cost. Con-Test Labs located in East Longmeadow charges \$50.00** a sample, and there are other local labs that may be used.

We encourage you to visit our website, www.hampden.org, to access forms required for percolation testing, disposal works construction application, Title V information and links, Transfer Station information, upcoming events, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane E. Mosier, Chairman

**Cost of water testing subject to change based on Con-Test Lab prices.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Registered voters on Jan. 1, 2005 – 3623, December 31, 2005 - 3510
Voter attendance during 2005:

Republican Party Caucus, March 25, 2005	23
Democratic Party Caucus, March 24, 2005	42
Annual Town Meeting, April 25, 2005	290
Annual Town Election, May 2, 2005	1131
Special Town Election May 16, 2005	1934
Special Town Meeting, November 7, 2005	127

Inspectors And Tellers

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

“Lessons Learned” is perhaps the most appropriate sub-title for this year’s Selectmen’s Report. Pure and simple mathematics caused the town to have to shut down or reduce significant services this year. There simply was not enough available revenue to support the budget requests. The lessons learned come from reflecting on the complex, multi-year financial and political build-up to this mathematical breaking point.

Proposition 2 ½ gives the voters the power to control revenue growth and, ultimately, spending. For three years in a row the voters were asked if they wanted to fund level services by increasing revenues beyond the Proposition 2 ½ limits. Each year they said “no”. Yet in the first two years, in order to maintain services, the town meeting was presented with budget options that allowed services to continue. This was accomplished mainly by three significant, yet entirely legal, means: (1) depleting our savings such as our “free cash” and stabilization fund; (2) accelerating and/or maximizing revenue projections (for example, holding town meeting open waiting for and additional state aid, rather than letting any unanticipated revenues replenish free cash), and (3) deferring necessary expenses like replacing police cruisers or highway equipment.

Because each failed override had no immediately visible consequence on town services, the voters developed a false sense of security. Many even openly dismissed the warning statements coming from the Selectmen and Advisory Committee that we were headed for trouble.

Failed overrides were only part of the picture. On the “uncontrollable” side of the equation, there were local aid cutbacks from the state; increased state mandates; and soaring insurance costs to name a few. On the “controllable” side of the equation, the only significant areas of potential savings were in labor costs. To this end, town employees had their hours cut and benefits reduced. They also had no pay increases for one year. Two of the three town’s bargaining units agreed to a one-year zero increase and the third union is still in negotiations with a de facto zero increase for the past two years. The Hampden Wilbraham Regional School District had similar “uncontrollable” cost increases. Unfortunately, however, they did not implement labor cost savings similar to those implemented by the town.

To avoid pitting one department against another, the Selectmen and Advisory Committee chose not to aggressively confront disproportionately large budget increases in single departments, or to make those increases subject to separate overrides. Also, to avoid reducing services, budget options presented to prior years’ town meetings were based on positive short-term goals rather than realistic long-term projections. Unfortunately that positive “can do” attitude could not trump pure mathematics. Thus, the following lessons were learned:

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- We need to go into town meeting with conservative revenue projections, even if those numbers cause immediate cutbacks in services. We must not accelerate revenue projections to meet short-term needs.
- We must not spend our stabilization fund on operating expenses.
- We must not hold town meeting open, waiting for “last minute” state aid, leaving nothing to roll into the next year.
- And finally, we must make any disproportionate budget increases subject to separate overrides.

In closing the board would like to thank Mark Barba for his service as a member of the board for the past three years. We would also like to thank all the elected and appointed officials as well as the countless volunteers that work together to make Hampden such a great community in which to live.

Respectfully Submitted:

James D. Smith, Chairman
Duane E. Mosier
John D. Flynn

CHARTER: CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Section 1:

The Board of Selectmen shall establish and appoint a committee to be known as the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, composed of one member of the Board of Selectmen, two members of the Advisory Committee and two members at-large to be appointed (1) by the Board of Selectmen, (1) by the Moderator. At-large members to be appointed to staggered three-year terms, other members to be appointed for one-year terms. The Town Accountant and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members without the right to vote. The Committee shall appoint its own officers and observe all requirements of the "open meeting law".

Section 2:

The Committee shall study proposed capital projects and improvements involving major non-recurring tangible assets and projects which:

- Are purchased or undertaken at intervals of not less than five years;
- Have a useful life of at least five years;
- Cost over \$10,000

Section 3:

All officers, boards and committees (including the Selectmen and the School Committee) shall be October 15 of each year, submit to the Committee, on forms provided by the Committee, information concerning all anticipated projects requiring Town Meeting action during the ensuing six years. The Committee shall consider the relative need, impact, timing, cost and the effect each will have on the financial position of the Town. No expenditure shall be voted for a capital outlay by the committee which is not reflected in the Committee's report unless the requestor shall first have submitted a report explaining the omission.

Section 4:

The Committee shall prepare an annual report recommending a Capital Improvement Budget for the next fiscal year and a Capital Improvement Program including recommended capital improvements for the following five years. The report shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for its consideration, approval, and inclusion in the annual Town Report no later than January 30 of each year.

Section 5:

Such capital program, after its adoption, shall permit the expenditure on projects included therein of sums from departmental budgets for surveys, architectural or engineering advice, options or appraisals; but no such expenditure shall be incurred on projects which have not been so approved by the Town either by approval or through the appropriation of sums in the current year or in prior years.

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Established 2001

Capital projects have been defined as those having a useful life of at least five years and a cost greater than \$10,000. All projects are under review. The following is a compilation of the projects, the estimated cost and the desired time schedule. The projects completed are half toned.

Dept	Description	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Town House	Parking lot reconstruction	79,000				
	Town House Flat Roof					20,000
	Telephone system					
	Computer system server					
COA	Elderly Transportation (van)			45,000		=→
	Generator				20,000	
	Automatic Door Opener		(donated)	6,000		
	Room partition	(donated)	19,000			
Fire	Fire Truck				171,000	
	Fire truck (2001 replaced)	212,000				
	Fire Station Addition					300,000 ?
Library	Expansion		28,000			
	Building project			defeated	2,500,000	
Highway	Projected Road paving & drainage repair need for next ten years	293,129 per year	Total anticipated	expenditure	2,986,236	
	Road Paving	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
	Bridge Maint at Mill & Chapin Rd	350,000		=→	→	→
	350,000			=→	→	
	Drainage Replace Fernwood Rd		30,000	=→	→	→
	Drainage Replace Hickory & Walnut	35,000		=→	→	→
	Drainage Maint Carmody Rd	18,000				
	Drainage Maint TWB	18,000				
	Replace Dump truck due to accident		86,500			95,000
	Salt shed roof (replace)			16,000	→	→
	Garage repairs				15,000	→
	New Equipment (backhoe/loader)	75,000				

Dept	Description	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	Equipment Replacement (Dumptruck 1 ton w/plow)		40,000	=		
	Dump body replacement					12,000
	Sander replacement					9,500
Police	Computer System (lease)			23,000		
	Weapons	12,500				
	E911 UPGRADE					12,000
School	TWB-short term (1-4 yrs)			266,901	==	
	TWB-Boiler replaced				200,000	
	TWB-ADA Bathroom				30,000	→
	TWB-mid term (4-6 yrs)				509,000	
	TWB-long term (6+ yrs)					115,000
	TWB- gym floor replace			45,000		
	TWB Fire Alarm & Intercom	47,000				
	Green Meadows School renovation				9,975,000	

→ Indicates "moved to future year"

Respectfully submitted:

Doug Boyd
 John Flynn
 Beth DeSousa
 Brian Garbecki
 Tracy Scibaldi, Ex-Officio
 Cliff Bombard, Ex-Officio

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Commissioners have been active overseeing the maintenance of Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery. Arrangements were made for the excavation and refilling of graves at the time of interment. Thirteen interments were made in 2005. Activities this year also included marking out several graves for the installation of monuments and the placement of corner markers on several lots. Due to the curtailed maintenance by the Highway Department we have spent considerable time raking leaves and trimming brush along the fence in Old Cemetery.

Several lots were sold in Old Cemetery and space is still available there. We intend to open up a new section of Old Cemetery this year to make more lots available subject to completion of a survey of the area. Water tanks have been installed in both Old Cemetery and Prospect Hill Cemetery. The Fire Department has agreed to fill the tanks as needed. Please do not waste the water so it will be there when needed. This water is not drinkable and is only to be used for watering the plants.

We are in the process of reviewing the map of Prospect Hill Cemetery showing the actual location of each lot and the names of those interred in them as shown on the stones. The space usage review mentioned before is part of this process as well as a redrawing of the maps. To keep costs down we are attempting to do as much of this as we can ourselves but this is time consuming and can only be done in good weather.

The Cemetery Preservation Group has done a marvelous job in restoring many of the damaged markers in Old Cemetery and in cleaning accumulated dirt and the lichen which completely covered some of the stones.

Please remember that the maintenance of anything planted in the gravesite is the responsibility of the owner. Plantings that exceed the boundaries of the gravesite should be removed. Please dispose of any trash in the barrels provided at the cemeteries. This is a country cemetery and does not have some of the amenities of more expensive sites. Please do your part to maintain the beauty of these spots.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Henry W. Dunwoody (566-3357)
Judy Hatch (566-3963)
David Quill (566-3552)

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Hampden adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2001. Although the law allows up to a 3% surcharge on property taxes (the first \$100,000 valuation on residential property being exempt), Hampden voted the minimum of a 1% surcharge for CPA funds. These local funds are augmented by up to 100% with State matching funds. The CPA surcharge raised \$39,097.00 in FY 2006 and the Town received a match in the same amount from the Commonwealth. Although we have received full matching funds for the past four years, it is likely the percentage of a state contribution will be reduced in the future as more communities adopt the CPA. The monies collected by this surcharge may only be used for Open Space, Historic Preservation, Affordable Housing and limited Recreational Use.

Pursuant to the requirements of the law, the Community Preservation Committee is comprised of representatives of the following committees: Planning Board, Housing Authority, Historical Commission, Conservation Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, as well as Members at Large.

The Community Preservation Committee reviews and assesses each request for CPA funds to assure that criteria for each category are met. Only after the Committee has approved the application(s) for funds will the recommendation be made for the Town Meeting. The voters at Town Meeting make the final decision for appropriation of CPA funds. In 2005 (per the committee's recommendation and voter approval) the following proposals were approved:

OPEN SPACE	\$20,000 to the Hampden Land Trust (4 th installment)
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	\$630 Smart Growth Grant \$4,500 for continued gravestone restoration and repairs to the Old Cemetery.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$950 for Housing Authority to conduct engineering assessment at Centennial Commons

Applications for CPA Funds are available at the Town Offices or cpa@hampden.org

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas Boyd, Chair (Member at Large)
Robert Burger, Vice Chair (Member at Large)
Dorothy Kibbe, Secretary (Member at Large)
John D. Flynn (Planning Board)
Benjamin Bump (Housing Authority)
Connie Witt (Historical Commission)
John M. Flynn (Member at Large)
Phillip Grant (Conservation Commission)

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Hampden Conservation Commission currently has five full time members. We welcomed Jeff Liquori and Bonnie Geromini as members to the Commission this year. We are always anxious to meet people who are interested in joining the Commission and preserving our town's natural resources. If you are interested in helping in this area, speak to any of the Commission members.

Our purpose is to locally administer the provisions of the Town's Wetland Protection By-laws and the Massachusetts Wetland Protection and River Protection Acts. During the past year, we have held twelve regular meetings as well as three special meetings. We received ten Notices of Intent and twelve Requests for Determinations.

The October storm with its heavy rains caused damage to resident and business properties along the streams and rivers in Town. The Commission has assisted in determining the correct procedures to enable work to be completed in a timely manner avoiding further property damage.

We appreciate the work and assistance other Town departments have given towards the stewardship of our natural resources.

The Commission looks forward to continuing its efforts in serving the residents of the Town of Hampden.

Respectfully submitted:

Charles Schmitt, Chairman
Pat Cote
Bonnie Geromini
Phil Grant
Jeff Liquori
Judy Mikkola, Clerk

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

In 2005 the Hampden Council on Aging and Senior Center celebrated some wonderful events, but also faced many challenges. Through it all, the Council on Aging fulfilled its purpose; to identify the needs of the senior population in Hampden and to try and best meet those needs with programs and services. Services provided continue to include and are not limited to:

- Care Management
- Monthly health screenings
- Congregate Meals
- Insurance Counseling
- Home Delivered Meals
- Transportation Assistance
- Outreach and monthly newsletter
- Brown Bag Program
- Prescription Assistance
- Lock box program
- Fuel Assistance
- Entertainment/Social Club
- Health and Education
- Tax Assistance
- Recreation/hobbies/arts/crafts & games

At the end of June 2005 the Senior Center closed its doors due to the failed Proposition 2 ½ override question voted on in May. Prior to the closing, many exciting events took place some of which are highlighted below.

The Lunch Bunch Program, managed by Janis DeGrandpre continued to flourish. New "special meal" days were implemented and the numbers of people coming to lunch increased dramatically. The kitchen volunteers and meals on wheels volunteer drivers helped to maintain the success of this program.

In June, Janis DeGrandpre announced her retirement from the meals program after 27 years of successfully maintaining an exceptional program. She also left her position as Activities Coordinator. We celebrated with Janis as she made the difficult decision to leave in order to spend more time with her family. We continue to wish her well in her retirement and thank her for her many years of dedication and service to the seniors of Hampden.

The Friends of Hampden Seniors supported the Senior Center in many ways in 2005. The Friends purchased the beautiful new sign for the Senior Center and also had an awning installed at the back door to help direct snow and ice away from the door, and continued to fund the Scantic Scribe newsletter.

Our senior aides, Reggie Rivenburgh and Midge Copson finished their year with the senior center in June. They were wonderful assets to our staff and they are missed. We enjoyed having them at the senior center and appreciate all the work they did.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING P2

The second half of 2005 was a trying time for many seniors and all of the people who enjoyed their time in the beautiful senior center building. We found out in May that our doors would close on June 30th. Boxes were packed, items were stored away and final preparations were made in order to lock the doors. It was a difficult time for everyone as Doreen Rauch, Helena Nossal and Rudie Voight were laid off. The senior center moved to the Town Hall with Becky Moriarty, Director, working 6 hours per week through a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and Tedi-Ann Busha working 12 hours per week through a grant from Greater Springfield Senior Services.

Bethlehem Baptist Church opened their doors and invited us to continue our lunch program from their kitchen. Starting on July 1, 2005 under the direction of Gennie (Bond) Ford, the Lunch Bunch was relocated and continues to thrive. We are so grateful to Pastor Brian MacLeod and everyone at the church for their continued support of the seniors in Hampden. Without them, the lunch program would have been cancelled.

At the end of July we said good-bye to Tedi-Ann Busha as she and her family prepared to move. Tedi-Ann helped many seniors in her time at the center and she is missed. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

In September 2005 we welcomed Susan LaMondia to our staff as the new Outreach Coordinator. Sue came to this position with a great deal of knowledge and experience in the area of helping seniors. We are certainly glad that Sue has joined us. She has done a tremendous job getting information out to seniors from the Town Hall office.

Many of the senior center programs continue to run with the help of dedicated volunteers. We are grateful for the people who are helping to maintain these programs and activities. For information regarding programs and events you are encouraged to call the senior center.

The Council on Aging Board also experienced change in 2005. John D. Flynn spent a short time on the board filling an under 60 vacancy and resigned when he became a selectman. More recently we said good-bye to long time member Arlene Fisher. Arlene was a very dedicated member and we were sad to see her go. We wish Arlene well as she and husband George spend time cleaning up after the terrible flooding of their home.

Our last note of thanks goes to Rudie Voight, the former senior center custodian. Rudie has been volunteering his time to check on the senior center building on a weekly basis. Thank you Rudie!

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING P3

We do hope that in the not too distant future we will once again be able to re-open the senior center building on Allen Street. Until then, we hope you know that the council on aging and senior center is still alive and we are always here to help. Please call or visit us in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rebecca C. Moriarty, Executive Director
Brian MacLeod, Chairman
Patricia Clark, Vice Chairman
Al Ouimet, Treasurer
Ruth Haley, Secretary

Rita Vail
Arlene Fisher
Shirley Gouvan
Virginia Schneider

Council on Aging Staff (prior to July 1, 2005)
Admin. Clerks: Helena Nossal & Doreen Rauch
Activities Coord/Meal Site Mgr: Janis DeGrandpre
Custodian: Rudie Voight
Outreach Coord: Tedi-Ann Busha
Senior Aides: Margaret Copson & Regina Rivenburgh
Affiliations: National Council on Aging, Mass Association of Council on Aging & Senior Center Directors, Western Mass Association of Council on Aging & Greater Springfield Senior Services.

Council on Aging Staff (post July 1, 2005)
Executive Director: Rebecca C. Moriarty
Outreach Coord: Susan LaMondia
Affiliations remain the same

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

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

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

The Massachusetts Cultural Council granted the Hampden Cultural Council our yearly allocation of \$2,500.00. This was an increase of \$500.00 from the amount we received for 2004-2005. The council has recently made decisions regarding the re-granting of these monies. Projects and activities that have been awarded grants for 2006 include:

- ❖ Springfield Symphony program for grades 3 and 4
- ❖ Patriot Printer program at Thornton Burgess Middle School
- ❖ Support to the Friends of the Hampden Public Library
- ❖ Art of Pastel Workshop at the Town House
- ❖ Juggling Performance at the Town House
- ❖ Reading is Magic program at the Town House

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

Respectfully submitted:

James A. McEwan, Chairperson
Jerry Lesniak
Patricia Regan-Loiko
Marsha Miller-Spinelli
Melissa Pearlman
Hermine Weston

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2005 the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 93 calls. The breakdown is as follows:

- 11 house and building
- 6 electrical
- 46 false alarms
- 4 motor vehicle accidents
- 6 brush fires
- 2 carbon monoxide
- 6 propane leaks
- 4 motor vehicle fire
- 3 mutual aid
- 4 toaster oven
- 1 flooding

As always, the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department extends our thanks to the Hampden Police Department and the Hampden Highway Department for their help and support throughout the past year.

If any town resident is interested in joining the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department and is 19 years of age or older, please contact the department at 566-3314.

Respectfully submitted:

Chief Peter Hatch
Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 6 brush and forest fires in 2005. Burning season begins January 15, 2006 and extends through May 1, 2006. Permits are issued on a daily basis, weather permitting. To obtain one, call 566-3314 after 9:00 am. Burning hours start at 10:00 am and all fires must be extinguished by 4:00 pm. No permits will be issued after 12:00 pm. All fires must be attended by the individual issued the permit. Brush is defined as trimmings with a butt end smaller than one inch. The burning of grass, leaves, stumps and building material is prohibited.

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Hatch
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In the year 2005, the Highway Department's budget was significantly reduced. This resulted in many changes in both staffing and planned projects. Two, of five, full-time members were laid off and several maintenance projects were tabled. The "long-term" effect of deferring maintenance to the town's infrastructure is enormous. In the most recent review of the town's infrastructure in combination with normal life expectancies of the various items, it was found that approximately \$300,000.00 should be spent annually on maintenance. This would allow for replacement of old drainage systems, pavement surfaces and so on, that have reached, and in many cases exceeded, their life expectancies. This year's reduction in funding has not only resulted in a smaller crew, but has further reduced the approximate \$15,000.00 available for maintenance. At this time, there are drainage systems that have failed and need to be replaced, while others have deteriorated to the point that their failure will be in the near future. The maintenance of our infrastructure, including deficiencies with our bridges, is the town's responsibility and our failure to fund it will have catastrophic effects in years to come.

Fortunately, there is some good news to report. Although State-Aid received from Chapter 90 allotments to the town cannot be used for general maintenance, it can be used for specific projects. This money was used in 2005 to fund all expenses associated with paving projects on Allen Crest, Greenleaf Drive, Samble Lane, Old Orchard Road, Middlefield Road, Deerfield Road, and Isaac Bradway Road.

As you are all aware, on October 15, 2005, Hampden suffered considerable damage, both public and private, as a result of extensive rain and local flooding. Sections of Main Street, Ames Road, Rock-a-Dundee Road, and Glendale Road were badly damaged. Repairs to these roads took nearly a month to complete and expenditures totaled nearly \$70,000.00. I have completed all the necessary filings with Federal Emergency Management Agency, and expect the town to receive reimbursement in the near future. Also, as a result of that flooding there was an unfortunate slope failure that occurred downhill of Glendale Road, along the bank of East Brook. This failure could eventually jeopardize the stability of Glendale Road, resulting in road closure and a larger repair. I am currently seeking funding through FEMA's "Public Assistance for Hazard Mitigation" program to correct this situation. This project has an estimated cost of \$125,000.00.

Maintenance projects such as street sweeping, patching and trimming roads of brush, along with the repair and maintenance of our equipment was completed. Catch basin cleaning and the cleaning of ditches were done on a limited basis due to increased rental and disposal costs. A total of eight collapsed catch

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basins were re-built on Wilbraham Road, Somers Road, Main Street and Forest Hills Road. We painted all concrete guardrail posts and installed a small area of sub-drainage on Forest Hills Road.

There were a total of 21 winter storms in 2005. As always, the members of the Highway Department worked long hours to clear the roads and make them safe for traffic. Supplemental workers that come in and help us with winter storms are more valuable now than ever, given the reduced staff. To that end, I would like to thank Albert Rosati and Matthew Frederick who are no longer with the department. These two men served the town well for many years and I wish them both the best in their new careers. The remaining members of the Highway Department are; Patrick Markham, Robert Richards and John Ouellette. Supplemental workers used on a regular basis are Harold House and Jason Walbridge. I would like to thank them all for their service, support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

This year we continue our work on a no match grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. This grant has made possible photographing and inventorying of over 500 properties of historic and/or architectural interest in town. When complete, the photos, along with a brief description of each property, will be available in a variety of formats for use by residents and scholars.

The ADOPT-A-PLOT program continued in Old Cemetery this year with the professional conservation of thirteen monuments and the only statue in Old Cemetery. This work was paid for with Community Preservation Act funds.

We continue to respond to requests for information on Hampden's buildings and their occupants. The requests -numbering from 20 to 50 a year- are usually answered by our dedicated volunteer Bill Meuse, a retired National Park Service historian.

We are becoming alarmed at the number of old and some fairly new homes that are being torn down to build larger homes on their lots.

This year, we welcomed Sally Bryce to the Commission as a member.

Connie Witt serves on the Community Preservation Committee and the Smart Growth By-Laws Committee as the representative of the Historical Commission. The Smart Growth By-Laws Committee is a sub-committee of the Planning Board.

Our concerns are not just old buildings and archaeological sites. We are also concerned with preserving what little remains of our rural heritage through preservation of farmlands, scenic roads, conservation and smart growth.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Chapin Witt, Chairman
Sally Bryce
Chrissy Cesan
Melissa Lail-Trecker

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully:

Christine Evans
Executive Director

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Opened 1891 – Closed 2005

The Library Trustees have discovered there is a lot of truth in the old adage - in times of trouble you find out just who your true friends are. Since the failure of the May 16th override, the zero funding of the library and the subsequent closing of the Hampden Free Public Library on June 30th, 2005, we have heard from many of our fellow citizens. Your concern and kind words have kept us going in our challenge to obtain funding for fiscal year 2006/2007 and reopen the Library.

The Hampden Free Public Library has the dubious distinction of being the first public library in the nation to be closed for more than six months. We respectfully request your support in our efforts to turn this situation around and reopen Hampden's Public Library and allow us to continue to be the vital town resource it has been for the past 114 years.

The Trustees continue to meet on a monthly basis and monitor the library weekly to protect the collection that is the property of the Town of Hampden. The roof has leaked and is being watched closely and there has been no damage to the materials.

Special thanks to the newly elected Co-Presidents of the Friends - Patty Ehlers and Cynthia Bailey who have been tireless in their efforts to maintain some library functions for Hampden.

The Friends of the Hampden Public Library have enriched the library in so many ways over the past 19 years. Their fundraising has provided materials and programs not financed by the town budget. We thank all of the members of the Friends who have offered their assistance in our goal of again offering library services to all Hampden citizens.

We would like to stress that all of the activities that the Friends of the Hampden Library sponsor, during this trying year, are funded by private donations.

The Friends initiated a monthly Book Swap for all citizens along with a story time for the children. Many fundraisers are on-going to fund their activities and to assist in supporting the library when it reopens. Please offer them your support whenever and however you can.

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

We stand ready, with your support, to again fulfill this mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth E. Burger, Trustee Chair, Kathy Hutchinson, Elaine Kingsbury,

"Aside from our schools, we have learned to look upon the Public Library as one of the greatest and best factors in the education of our people" John N. Isham, Library Trustee, March 20, 1900

REPORT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Department has faced a very challenging year. The board actively meets two times per month with minutes being posted electronically. It is a priority with the board to keep the community well informed of all activities and events. This is done by utilizing the Tuesday and Wednesday envelopes sent home through the schools and postings on the community bulletin board.

The Recreation Director position was lost due to a zero funded budget. Sue Gorman, the department clerk, also left to pursue other opportunities. The loss of Jay Fenlason and Sue Gorman greatly affected the services that the board would have liked to provide to the town. Each board member has taken on several additional tasks that in the past were handled by the Recreation Director. We were able to provide the youth of the town with many of the same sports programs that we have in the past. Unfortunately, the Fall Festival, the learn-to-ski program and town trips were eliminated. The programs that we were able to offer existed largely through the assistance of a very strong and capable volunteer base. The various sports' coordinators and the RAH board has made it possible for the continuation of these youth programs.

The Summer Activities Program experienced another great season with many theme weeks that provided teens with a fun filled and exciting work experience. The enrollment was down from prior years but the camp provided the children who attended with a memorable summer filled with great activities and interesting guests. The Commissioners would, as always, like to thank the wonderful staff from last year's summer camp program. The dedication, enthusiasm and hard work shown by our town's young people ensured that the summer program was a continued success. We are looking forward to working with many of them again.

The board, in conjunction with the Police Department and the Recreation Association of Hampden has continued to hold movie nights. These events are held periodically and are well attended and enjoyed by many families.

The heavy fall rains caused some flooding damage in Memorial Park. The board would like to express their gratitude to Dana Pixley for all of his assistance not only with the repairs but also the assistance that he offered on how to deal with MEMA. Dana and his Highway Department staff have always been a great help to our department. This year was no exception.

Not everything has been negative. In May Harold House was elected to the board replacing Glennice Flynn after 12 years of dedicated service to our community. Deb House was hired last summer as our clerk. She has been a wonderful addition to our team. Her hard work and dedication has kept us afloat.

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The wonderful staff at Town Hall also deserves our thanks and appreciation. All of our town sports programs are run in conjunction with the Recreation Association of Hampden (RAH). RAH's committed volunteers help to organize and monitor all of our sports programs. Their contributions are integral to the growth of youth sports in Hampden. We are grateful for their involvement.

Respectfully submitted:

Chris McDonald, Chairman
Tina Albano
Mike D'Agostino
Huck House
Larry Forrest

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The committee met four times in 2005. The committee met to formulate plans and advise the selectmen and department heads on preparations and procedures to follow in regards to lay-offs as a result of town budget cuts. In addition, the committee advised the selectmen on unemployment issues, call-back issues and vacation time issues for laid-off employees. The committee also reviewed the current town policy on benefits for recalled employees and made some modifications where it was considered advisable.

The committee met to advise and assist the selectmen on the selection of a new Police Chief. The committee developed "Applicant Screening Criteria" forms to be completed by candidates. The committee reviewed resumes and submissions of the candidates, conducted interviews and checked references. The committee then passed information on to the selectmen to assist them in their selection of the Chief.

Respectfully submitted:

Donald Collins, Chairman
Thomas Argenio
Richard Ayers
Carol Fitzgerald
William Gouzounis

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

There were no new subdivision plans submitted to the Planning Board in 2005. The Board administered two active subdivisions approved in 2004, Scantic Meadows, which is under construction, and Shadow Wood, which has not yet begun construction. The Board did review and present for Town Meeting approval two PURDs (developments aimed at housing for residents over the age of 55). The plans for one of these, Tall Pines, came before the Board for review in 2005. In addition, the Board reviewed and approved a number of Special Permits for large lots and shared driveway developments.

The Board proposed a change to the Zoning By-Law approved at Town Meeting limiting the number of abutting Large Lots to two. The Board felt that the change clarified the use of Large Lots as being an alternative to Subdivisions.

Finally, the Town received a grant from the State under its Smart Growth program. The Smart Growth subcommittee was formed with a broad cross-section of citizens to study some alternatives to managing growth and their recommendations are expected in the near future.

The Planning Board holds regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in the Melville Room of the Town Hall. Please contact us at 566-2403, or email at planning@hampden.org.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph Dolben, Chair
Melissa Reeves, Vice Chair
John D. Flynn
Joseph Kruzel
Robert Majkut
Anthony Bongiorni, Associate Member
Jane Budynkiewicz, Clerk

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Hampden Police Department had to face changes within our department over the last year due to the current budget restraints that were placed on our department.

The Department currently consists of seven full time police officers, which include the Chief, two Sergeants and four patrol officers. We have three full time dispatchers and three permanent part time dispatchers. Also, we rely on the twelve reserve officers currently in the department.

Over the last year we have faced a reduction in our workforce, due to our current budget limitations. We are down from ten full time officers to seven from a year ago and we are still down a full time dispatcher. We rely even more on our reserve officers to properly staff our department, which continues to be a challenge for our full time department. We continue to have officers working alone, at times, due to our current budget. Our training continues to suffer, but minimum requirements are still being met.

Our department has experienced members who have moved on over the last twelve months. Reserve Officer Thomas S. Cortis and Officer Michael J. Hawk resigned from our department for personal reasons. We accepted the resignation of our Senior Resource Officer, Gary Courtney, who is still greatly missed by the department and the senior citizens of Hampden. Other officers who moved on to other opportunities were Reserve Officer Josh E. Dufrene, Massachusetts State Police, Officer Carl V. Mazzaferro, Enfield Police Department, Reserve Officer Dominick A. Corsetti, Amherst Police Department and William J. Albano, Longmeadow Police Department. A big loss to the Town of Hampden and our agency came with the departure of Chief Douglas W. Mellis, who left to expand his career as Chief of Police in the neighboring Town of East Longmeadow.

Sergeant Jeff Farnsworth was selected to lead our department as Acting Chief until a permanent chief was selected.

Over the year, we have appointed Jason B. Roath, Tawrin G. Seega, Jeffrey J. Wojcik, Daniel D. Devine, Kevin A. Carroll and Marc S. Siegel to our reserve force, which brings us to the current number of twelve reserve officers.

Cheri Tanguay and Tim Lord worked as permanent part time dispatchers for us and have gone back to part time status only. Kayse L. Rosati resigned from a permanent part time position and has moved on. Cory A. Darrah and Khristy L. Lord were appointed to fill two permanent part time vacancies within our department.

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I was selected to become the permanent Chief of Police. Unfortunately, the town and I were unable to reach an agreement through contract negotiations, so I returned back to a prior position within our police department.

Over this period of time as Police Chief, I experienced a great deal and learned a lot in a short time. I had an opportunity to work very closely with other town agencies during the October flooding, which occurred in our town. I would like to say a "Job well done" to all those who were involved. Also, a special thanks to the Hampden Fire Department and Hampden Highway Department.

Hopefully, in our next budget; full time personnel can be restored and training can be reinstated. This will enable our department to give the residents of Hampden the best service possible.

I would like to thank all the members of the Hampden Police Department for the support they have given me as being their "Chief". A special thanks to Kathy Zanetti and Racky Kenison for all of their help and support. I would like to thank the residents of this town for their support and the Board of Selectman for allowing me this opportunity to serve as the Town of Hampden's Chief of Police.

Respectfully Submitted:

Scott B. Trombly
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I SUBMIT HEREWITH, the Annual Report for the police department for the year ending, December 31, 2005.

During the year, the Police Department received 5,894 calls for service. Most of the calls received by this department were for assistance, complaints and for reporting crimes or accidents. The following are some of the types of complaints received and investigated by this department.

Call Action Breakdown

Call Action	Total	Call Action	Total
Building Checks	1,317	Motor Vehicle Stops	1,004
General Services	413	Special Attention	232
Medical Assist	229	Animal Complaints	158
911 Calls	125	Alarm Calls	270
Assist Other Agencies	79	Suspicious Person/Auto	178
Assist Citizen/Motorist	477	Abandoned/Disabled M/V	58
Assist other PD	73	Vandalism	59

During the year we had 345 total offenses committed, with 101 total arrests and 9 juvenile arrests. Offenses included in these numbers are 20 cases involving burglary or breaking and entering into a home; 32 cases of larceny; 44 incidents of vandalism or malicious destruction of property; 20 cases of driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs; 5 narcotics violations and 12 restraining orders were issued. Listed below are some of the other complaints filed.

Offenses for 2005

Offense	Total	Offense	Total
Traffic Town By-Law Offense	112	Malicious Damage	43
Other Larceny	32	Intimidation	21
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	20	Other Offenses	18
Driving Under the Influence	10	Liquor Law Violations	10
Theft from Building	10	Aggravated Assault	5
Drug/Narcotic Violations	5	Simple Assault	4
Negligent Manslaughter	1	Forcible Rape	1

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We had 70 motor vehicle accidents this year. There were a total of 834 citations issued during the year with a total of \$43,080.00 in fines. Of the citations issued 34.9% were civil infractions, 46.8% were warnings and 3.2% resulted in criminal charges. The average speed limit in Hampden is 33 MPH; the average speed of vehicles that were issued citations was 49MPH or 16 MPH over the speed limit.

WARNING CITATIONS			
Speeding	242	Inspection Sticker Violation	26
Unregistered Vehicles	16	Stop Sign Violation	15
Defective Equipment	14	No Plate Violation	10
Failure to Keep Right	9	License not in Possession	7
Seat Belt Violation	2	Snow/Rec Vehicle Violation	4

CIVIL CITATIONS			
Speeding	190	Inspection Sticker Violation	16
License not in Possession	11	Seat Belt Violation	10
Unregistered Vehicle	10	Defective Equipment	9
Stop Sign Violation	8	Failure to Keep Right	5
No Plate Violation	7	Jr. Operator Violation	5

CRIMINAL CITATIONS			
Op M/V Revoked Lic/Reg	26	Unlicensed Oper of M/V	16
Speeding	12	Driving without License	9
OUI	9	Unregistered Vehicle	7
Alcohol Violations	5	License not in possession	3
Failure to Keep Right	3	Jr. Operator Violation	2

During the year \$7,579.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits, photographs, unregistered vehicle, and various report fees.

REPORT OF THE RIDGELINE AND HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

The Ridgeline and Hillside Committee provides an advisory function to the Planning Board. Applications for development in this overlay district are reviewed by the members; site visits and process reviews are held; and a recommendation is then passed to the Building Inspector.

The Committee had five applications this year. Out of the five applications, four had favorable recommendations given to the building inspector and the fifth was outside the Ridgeline and Hillside's jurisdiction.

If you have any questions about applicability of the bylaw to your property, please stop by the Planning Board office in the Town Hall to look at the Overlay map.

We would like to thank John D. Flynn for his years of service to the Committee and congratulate him on his position as a Selectman. We are pleased to report that Bonnie Geromini has joined the Committee.

All residents are welcome at any meeting and any volunteer help is greatly appreciated. We encourage all residents to make suggestions and comments.

Respectfully submitted:

Robin Warner, Chair
Richard Desanti
Bonnie Geromini
Candice Hunsucker
Richard Patullo

REPORT OF THE SCANTIC VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

During 2005, the Scantic Valley Water District (SVWD) pumped 477,560 gallons of water from two wells on Massachusetts Audubon Society property, off Main Street in Hampden. There are nine (9) active water services in the SVWD, providing drinking water to eight homes and one Laughing Brook property. The SVWD is a registered community based Public Water System (PWS) in the Commonwealth and is regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Water Supply. The 2005 DEP water sampling schedule for the SVWD was accomplished with twelve Coliform, two Nitrate, two sets of Volatile Organic Compounds and two sets of Inorganic Compounds samples taken at various locations in the distribution system. All water quality sampling results for 2005 indicate excellent water quality, surpassing standards set by the DEP. Documents filed with the DEP by this PWS for 2005, included the Annual Statistical Report, Consumer Confidence Report and an Emergency Response Plan.

The following significant events occurred during 2005: DEP inspections in February and August and the replacement of a broken ventilation motor for the stand-by generator in March.

Respectfully submitted:

Mike Shea, Chair
George Bouchard
Richard Jalbert
Michael Framarin, Operator

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

The 2004-2005 school year ended on a high note with many accomplishments and achievements. Each school year opens with great expectations and I am always amazed, but humbly honored, to watch each year's events unfold.

Change continues to be the dominant theme throughout the District. This year we witnessed the retirement of several long-term employees, including Minnechaug Principal Jack Logan. Mr. Logan devoted his entire career to making Minnechaug one of the most outstanding high schools in the State. The accomplishments listed in the high school's report on academics, athletics and the arts reflect just how effective Mr. Logan's leadership has been.

We continue to improve and change many programs throughout all grade levels. As you read the reports from the elementary schools, for instance, you will clearly see that we are focused on continuous improvement.

Technology remains a focus for our District. During the 2004-2005 school year our energies were geared toward assessing both strengths and weaknesses. Our goal was to develop an organizational structure that would support our staff as they integrated technology with daily instruction. Recommendations were made at the end of the year and once implemented will provide long awaited improvements. The School Committee supported these efforts and earmarked funds to replace many outdated computers and make improvements to the infrastructure.

Finally, under the direction of the School Committee, the District made many improvements in the area of building security. With the help of a Federal grant secured by Mrs. Gina Kahn, Risk Prevention Services Coordinator, and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Donna Scanlon, we reviewed procedures and plans needed to protect our students on a daily basis. We also able installed many security devices at all schools which eliminated gaps in our facility security plans. The emphasis on this issue has received much attention and positive comments from parents and school staff.

As the 2004-2005 school year came to a close, we also began to see signs that the State's fiscal problems were beginning to improve. Slight increases in State aid provided some relief to the communities. There is hope that the 2005-2006 school year will continue a return to fiscal stability. In the title Great Expectations by Charles Dickens, the term "expectation" refers to a potential legacy. The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District certainly has a proud past and as we look to the future we certainly have the potential for great expectations.

Curriculum

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

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District has a rich and rigorous core curriculum, as evidenced by students' excellent accomplishments. The curriculum renewal process is ongoing and ensures continuity and consistency in grades PreK-12. The allocation of grant and local funds has allowed the District to establish equity in access to high quality curriculum materials and resources in every classroom. All teachers use these assets to design powerful, standards-based learning opportunities that actively engage students in the learning process. The narrative below highlights current elementary and middle school programs in technology integration, reading, mathematics, and science.

Strengthening the integration of technology into instruction to improve learning is a high priority. The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School Committee approved a plan to improve staffing, infrastructure, equipment, reliability, and professional development so that all students have suitable access to technology. Research tells us that technology makes learning more interactive, enjoyable, and customizable, and this improves students' attitudes toward the subject and their interest in learning. Our goal is to ensure that students maximize their learning while developing the technology competencies needed for the 21st century.

Through sound planning, incremental investment, and creative allocation of staffing, information centers are becoming the hub of every school with grades 2 and higher. Each school's information center is considered a "dynamic agent of learning." These centers feature a library with a collection of both fiction and non-fiction, a research section with traditional print media and a bank of computers for Internet searches, a computer lab with at least twenty five computers and publishing media tools for the development of presentations or productions. The level of technology integration and professional development across the curriculum has intensified with full-time information specialists and paraprofessionals to support assimilation efforts.

Our current elementary reading program incorporates National Reading Panel recommendations for curriculum, instruction, and assessment which address the five components of literacy learning: vocabulary/oral language comprehension, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, and reading comprehension. The core program, based upon the Houghton-Mifflin *Invitations to Literacy* (1997) balanced literacy series, is supplemented by classroom libraries and a steadily increasing number of leveled books for guided reading at the primary grades. *Accelerated Reader* is also available to encourage children to focus attention on careful reading of books, which improves students' critical-thinking skills and builds an intrinsic love of reading. Finally, to complete the Language Arts program, Collins Writing is consistently used in grades PreK-8 to support writing to learn across the curriculum.

Given the National Reading Panel recommendations, there is a need to find the right

tools and use them with the right children. HWRSD supplemental regular education, Title 1, and/or Special Education reading interventions for students who are experiencing difficulty include: *Reading Recovery* and small literacy groups for first graders who are performing at the lowest 20% of their class, *Soar to Success* and *Story Grammar Marker* for students in grades 3-6 who need support in developing habits of mind for improving comprehension, and *Phonographix*, for students who need explicit phonics instruction.

The HWRSD mathematics curriculum is designed to develop understanding of mathematics concepts through student-centered activities while developing skills through meaningful practice. Rich, rigorous, in-depth units of study are balanced by direct instruction, selected textbook activities, and varied opportunities to review and practice skills. *Investigations* and *Mathematics* published by Addison-Wesley Scott-Foresman are used as the primary resources at the elementary level, while *Connected Mathematics* is the primary resource for students in grades 6-8.

Though the general curriculum is designed to invite inquiry by diverse learners, there is often a need to provide extra support or challenge to meet student needs. The District has adopted *Accelerated Math*, a technology based resource to address this problem.

Accelerated Math

- Supplements the core curriculum;
- Meets NCLB definition for scientifically based research;
- Is a vehicle for individualized instruction;
- Generates unlimited practice assignments tailored to each student;
- Gives immediate, individualized feedback;
- Lets teachers and students know that all objectives are being mastered;
- Automatically scores all assignments and tasks;
- Helps students practice the skills needed to move ahead at their own pace.

Accelerated Math incorporates an assessment instrument called STAR Math. It is a helpful resource for Title 1 support programs, Academic Support Services, Special Education, after school and summer programs, and enrichment, but is also used within the regular classroom.

The STAR Math assessment component provides norm-referenced achievement information, a good complement to the criterion referenced MCAS information.

The elementary science program is designed to help students develop scientific reasoning as they investigate and solve complex real-world problems using the tools they need. Standards-based science units are studied in the classroom and are enriched through a weekly science lab with a specialist.

HWRSD Academic Performance

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

Since its inception in 1998, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) has increasingly become a major source of information with regard to student achievement, curriculum evaluation, and diagnosis of individual student strengths and weaknesses.

The chart below displays a summary of MCAS performance data for 2002 - 2005.

Grade/Subject Tested	Percent of Students Scoring Advanced/Proficient				Percent of Students Scoring Warning/Failing			
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2002	2003	2004	2005
Grade 3 Reading	85%	87%	77%	80%	2%	0%	3%	2%
Grade 4 English Lang. Arts	71%	64%	75%	62%	4%	3%	2%	4%
Grade 4 Mathematics	50%	56%	58%	50%	10%	5%	5%	7%
Grade 5 Science/Engineering	N/A	70%	76%	72%	N/A	4%	3%	4%
Grade 6 Mathematics	60%	65%	59%	61%	8%	9%	9%	8%
Grade 7 English Lang. Arts	77%	77%	83%	77%	2%	2%	3%	1%
Grade 8 Mathematics	39%	56%	54%	65%	18%	13%	14%	11%
Grade 8 Science/Engineering	N/A	62%	51%	59%	N/A	10%	14%	6%
Grade 10 English Lang. Arts	77%	77%	75%	86%	4%	2%	2%	2%
Grade 10 Mathematics	66%	65%	70%	78%	10%	7%	3%	3%

Members of the graduating class of Minnechaug are required to pass both the grade 10 English Language Arts and the grade 10 Mathematics MCAS tests as one condition for receiving a high school diploma. Starting with the graduating class of 2010 students must pass a Biology test in order to satisfy State regulations.

The District is proud to announce that for the last two years, 90 or more students were eligible for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. Students qualified for this award by scoring in the Advanced category in English Language Arts or Mathematics and Advanced or Proficient in the other subject area on the grade 10 MCAS. If they accepted the award, students received a tuition waiver to State colleges and universities for four years.

It is important to note that the percentage of 10th grade students who scored at the Failing level in English Language Arts has decreased from 23% to 2% since spring of 2000, and the percentage of 10th grade students who scored at the Failing level in Mathematics has decreased from 36% to 3% since spring of 2000. These improvements are attributed to ongoing refinements of programs and the relentless pursuit of excellence throughout all levels of our educational system.

The State's testing system has been evolving continuously for the last eight years. By 2006, the MCAS program will test all 3-8 grade children in reading and mathematics each year. This change is required by the No Child Left Behind Act. Other subjects will continue to be tested in the targeted grades.

In addition to MCAS performance, HWRSD educators use a range of information to monitor student achievement. One example of the data considered to be relevant is SAT scores. The table below provides longitudinal SAT results for students graduating from Minnechaug Regional High School:

MRHS	1995	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Verbal Mean	531	534	512	517	506	519	518	529	529	531
Math Mean	535	536	519	523	515	527	530	517	550	550

Consistent with other achievement tests, these MRHS results are above the State and National average. In 2005 the State Verbal Mean was 520 and the Math Mean was 527. The National Verbal Mean was 508 and the Math Verbal Mean was 520.

In order for students to be appropriately prepared for high stakes tests as well as for multiple career and educational options in the 21st century, it is essential that teachers, administrators, parents, community, and students work together knowledgeably over the long term. Fortunately, the necessary partnerships in the District are vigorous and effective, with a shared commitment to continuous improvement at all levels.

MRHS Class of 2005
Carolyn Lewis, MRHS Guidance Director

The Class of 2005 granted degrees to 307 graduates of which 93% were accepted and attended college. Many of those students were admitted to highly competitive colleges and universities including Barnard College, Boston University, Bucknell University, Carnegie Mellon University, Colby College, Cornell University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Mount Holyoke College, New York University, Purdue University, Tufts University, US Military Academy at WestPoint, Villanova University, and Wake Forest University. Seven students received National Merit Letters of Commendation. The program of studies at Minnechaug prepares students to make the transition to and meet the demands of college-level academic work or further study.

Green Meadows Elementary School
Deborah Thompson, Principal

Last year was an exciting one for Green Meadows Elementary School! We began the year entering into the last phase of the building project. After a very hectic summer of construction and a delayed opening, we had the joy of seeing this wonderful new building completed. Teachers settled into their new classrooms and the Library/Media

Center was opened. State-of-the-art computers were installed in each classroom and the new lab. The computer lab houses 24 student computers, teaching station, SmartBoard and projection unit. This technology allows teachers to access new and stimulating ways to present material to students. In addition to the stationary lab, Green Meadows also has a mobile laptop lab that can be moved into different classrooms with its wireless Internet connections that teachers and students can utilize for online research activities. All of this new technology helps students learn the skills needed for the 21st century.

On May 25, 2005 Green Meadows School celebrated the completion of the building project with a rededication ceremony. Many honored guests such as State Representative Brian Lees, Hampden Selectmen, Building Committee members, OMR Architects, School Committee members, Dr. Gagliarducci, and Dr. Scanlon attended. Students, faculty and staff publicly thanked the community of Hampden for their generous support of the building project. The most special part of the event was the rededication of the various memorials at Green Meadows School. The families of Helen Enslin, Green Meadows School's first Principal; Richard Moriarty, Building Committee Chair; Charlotte Miller; Todd Rumplik; and the Ross family were invited for the rededication of the memorials in honor of their loved ones. Each person was remembered for his/her contribution to Green Meadows Elementary School and the family was presented with a special plaque. It was a very touching moment when our new Information Center was named in honor of Richard Moriarty who donated years of his time supporting Green Meadows School and was instrumental in getting the building project approved.

Green Meadows could not accomplish all that it does without the tireless help and dedication of the many volunteers. The PTO, VIPs and parents who donate hours working in classrooms, running special programs and chairing fundraising activities are all greatly appreciated. In addition, the exemplary teaching staff at Green Meadows provides an excellent education for the youngsters of our community. Teachers also incorporate the essential value of community service in their lesson plans. This year students participated in several community service activities that provided toys for the needy, food for the hungry, and generous donations for hurricane victims. We are proud of the fine values of our school community.

Memorial Elementary School
Marguerite Myers-Killeen, Principal

Having completed my first year as Principal at Memorial Elementary School, I am very proud to be the leader of this special learning family. I have spent a great deal of time during the past year working with and getting to know the students, families and staff.

In April, Memorial School was fortunate to have a totally upgraded technology lab installed in our building, which includes a Smart Board. Staff and students have been receiving training with this new equipment, and all students are utilizing the lab at least

once a week. In addition to this, every classroom is now equipped with a television/computer link so technology is part of daily instruction and enhances our curriculum.

Last spring we submitted a grant to the Wilbraham Hampden Academic Trust (w.h.a.t.) Foundation to implement a project entitled "Wild over Wilbraham" (W.O.W.). The purpose of the project was to expose the students to the history of Wilbraham with various historical data being studied at different grade levels. The generous grant financed our artist-in-residence, Rona Leventhal, who worked with us in the study of our community. Our fifth and sixth graders were taught interviewing skills which they practiced by interviewing many prominent people in town. They used their data to create stories, skits, and tableaus which were shared with the community during a W.O.W. celebration.

Our annual school wide community service project was collecting non-perishable food items for the Community Survival Center, and we proudly presented our donation of 790 pounds of food!

The goals in our School Improvement Plan include continuing to implement writing across the curriculum, improving our math scores on MCAS tests, improving/increasing the use of technology and creating a stronger sense of community within our school environment. Our ultimate goal each and every day at Memorial Elementary School is to make our school a great place for our children to grow and learn.

Mile Tree Elementary School

Lynne Kimball, Principal (through summer 2005)

Rosemary Brosnan, Principal (beginning fall 2005)

Mile Tree Elementary School is home to 370 students in grades PreK – Grade One. It is Wilbraham children's first step in their educational experience in the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District.

Mile Tree School's mission is *all children can and will learn well*. Dedicated staff members collaborate to provide the highest quality early childhood educational experience for all Mile Tree students.

This past year Mile Tree Elementary School earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. NAEYC created its accreditation program in 1985 to set professional standards for early childhood education and to help families identify high-quality early childhood programs.

To earn NAEYC's accreditation, the Mile Tree School staff conducted a self-study to determine how well the school was meeting the standards. In May, the school's program was observed by a professional validator and reviewed by a national panel.

In July administrators were notified that Mile Tree Elementary School had achieved NAEYC accreditation for providing a high quality program for young children and their families. This accreditation is valid through May 31, 2010.

Mile Tree Elementary School is proud of its rich, developmentally appropriate learning experiences in all physical, social, emotional, language, aesthetic and intellectual areas.

To support the educational program Mile Tree School's PTO sponsors many interactive assemblies, math and science nights, "Anything Goes" nights, roller skating parties, holiday craft activities, Life Care Center visits, monthly guesstimate contests to reinforce the Investigations Math program, Saturday pancake breakfasts, family fun walks, and field trips at all grade levels.

Soule Road Elementary School

Rosemary Brosnan, Principal (through summer 2005)

Stephen Hale, Principal (beginning fall 2005)

Soule Road Elementary School serves 337 students in grades two through six. Dedicated staff members collaborate to provide the highest quality educational experience for all Soule Road Elementary School students and families.

The mission of the Soule Road Elementary School community is to provide the best possible education available to its students. With this in mind, the Soule Road School Council developed the School Improvement Plan. The plan's goals ensure that our education environment is a place where all students thrive and achieve to the best of their abilities. The following goals are being implemented: Improve the ability of all students to write well and increase the education capacity to meet the individual needs of all student learners.

The programs and activities from the writing and differentiated instruction goals provide numerous opportunities to enhance student performance in all areas. As they develop their diverse potentials, students will be encouraged to become capable problem solvers, able to cope with and adapt to the ever-changing world about them.

At Soule Road Elementary School, it was a very exciting year for our students. Some of the highlights from the past year included: In January, 27 students were nominated by their classmates for the "Peaceful and Kind Student Awards" because they personified the qualities of courage and non-violence echoed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The third annual *Souleto Festival*, sponsored by the PTO, was held in May and highlighted students' artwork, photography, poetry, short stories, drama selections, instrumental and dance performances. The Technology Committee sponsored their third annual raffle, and proceeds enabled the committee to purchase computers, printers, Accelerated Math scanners, computer supplies and software programs for the classrooms and computer lab.

The year was also the year of grants at Soule Road Elementary School. A \$1,600 Wilbraham-Hampden Academic Trust (w.h.a.t.) grant brought the Bamidele Drummers & Dancers for a two-week residency. These musicians worked with our teachers and students, and then held a lively performance for the whole community. We also received a grant from Pratt & Whitney's "Power of One" program which provided \$4,000 to purchase a Smart Board and computer to enhance our technology integration program. With other funding received from our PTO and the w.h.a.t. organization, a physicist was invited to do a residency at Soule Road. Mr. Jeff Reardon worked with our Science program performing interesting physics experiments with our students.

In summary, it was a very successful year for the Soule Road Elementary School community in which local support, grant funding, and the help of our PTO helped to create lifelong educational experiences for our students.

Stony Hill Elementary School
Rebecca S. DeSmith, Principal

Stony Hill Elementary School is energetically moving ahead with its school improvement goals and continues to join with the District's major initiative to increase writing skills across the curriculum. Instruction in the area of topic development continues to improve as teachers implement techniques shared at faculty meetings and from professional readings. Goals in writing are aligned with Massachusetts Department of Education curriculum standards for English Language Arts.

Writing is tied closely with our building goal of advancing our knowledge and use of technology. Stony Hill formed its first technology committee which organized a technology raffle modeled after the success at Soule Road School. The monies generated supplement the district's technology expenditures. Using the Collins Writing Program standards, technology focus correction areas are in place at each grade level, and children are learning specific computer skills and programs appropriate for the grade. The Smart Board is popular with staff and students as they enthusiastically embrace this form of technology for writing classes and in content areas. Our laptop lab, housed in our library, is up and running. We are working diligently to align our building technology instruction to district, state and national standards because using technology in educating students is not an option in today's world. Our challenge is keeping up and moving forward at a rate which makes our students competitive.

In addition to our efforts in writing and technology, Stony Hill continues several successful programs, including the popular Country Bank savings program for students in which they are learning valuable life skills. Our sixth Senior Citizen Breakfast was held in December and our sixth graders showed their leadership and service skill by interacting with, entertaining and serving breakfast to senior members of our community. We were delighted to partner again with eighth grade students from Wilbraham Middle School in a math mentoring program where older students work individually with students in grades four and six to prepare for math MCAS exams. Our Stony Hill Enrichment Program serviced nearly 100 students with programs in drawing,

writing, physical education, scrapbooking, computer use and more. Stony Hill is an exciting place for learning. Teachers, paraprofessionals and students alike are engaging in meaningful learning activities. Our PTO and School Council support and help to guide our efforts, and we are grateful for their generous participation.

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School
Noel Pixley, Principal

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School's Improvement Plan focused on four strategic goals. Improving academic growth in the area of language arts continued to be a major focus. Teachers continued to implement the Collins Writing Program, which is "developing writing and thinking skills across the curriculum." In other words, this technique requires students to "think on paper." Teachers in all grades received training and materials necessary to put the writing program in to practice. Data collected from the fall and spring writing prompts was used to strengthen our writing curriculum and to show students where improvement was needed in their writing samples.

In addition, the school improvement goals also addressed the need to promote a safe and healthy school climate for staff and students. Under this goal, the School Council completed phase three of the beautification project for the exterior of the building. The stone wall structures in front of the main entrance were downsized and capped, and a beautiful new sign welcomes people as they enter the school premises. A "Core Value" program was developed to foster respectful behavior among members of the school community, and students worked closely with the faculty in "Mix it up at Lunch", "Kindness Counts", "Advisor/Advisee" and other programs.

In preparation to move the fourth grade back to Green Meadows Elementary School for the 05-06 school year, the staff reviewed middle school philosophy and created a student schedule to promote middle level education. A plan was devised to reorganize classroom locations to better reflect the middle school model and a transition plan was developed accordingly.

Teachers continued to immerse themselves in a variety of professional development opportunities, specifically focusing on learning more about technology and how to integrate it into the classroom and work environments. Preparing students for the MCAS and addressing their increasing challenges in each grade level was a focus for all staff. Teachers and administrators continued to be actively involved in various grade level study groups, curriculum review, curriculum mapping and various other professional development activities.

As in the past, the administration and faculty would like to recognize the parents, PTO, and VIPS for their continued support. Through their remarkable and continued sustenance, the school is able to offer meaningful field trips and in-school programs. Volunteers in these groups helped in countless ways throughout the school year.

Wilbraham Middle School
Barbara L. Lukis – Principal

Wilbraham Middle School continues to benefit from a committed staff, dedicated PTO, and caring community who all support the academic, social and emotional needs of our student population.

Constantly striving to improve and expand upon our curriculum needs, we were fortunate to add a 7th grade component to our successful MCAS math program. With all staff trained in the Collins Writing Program, we are now implementing Writing Across the Curriculum to include all content and specials areas.

In reaching out to access community resources, our 8th grade students benefited from a “scientist in residence” program in affiliation with the University of Massachusetts and organized by Ms. Maureen Lessard.

With the support of a w.h.a.t. grant and our generous PTO, Ms. Cindy Zielenski piloted the Turning Point Technology remote cards with a Smart Board program. This technology allows students to play a more interactive role in their education and assists teachers in creating interactive PowerPoint Presentations, such as “Science Jeopardy.” This interactive learning increases student attentiveness and comprehension.

Ms. Zielenski and Mr. Josh Farber, our Information Specialist, are working together to bring United Streaming Technology, an educational “video on demand” program, throughout the building. Advances in technology have also impacted the social studies program with the availability of the ABC Clio web reference and curriculum resources, which are also supported by the Media Center staff.

All this new technology helps students become more adept at working in a complex and ever-changing global society, which is an important part of the Wilbraham Middle School mission statement.

As we continue to see the blending of curriculum and technology, our staff is excited about the possibilities for new programs in the future. Everyone at Wilbraham Middle School continues to strive for academic excellence in all content areas.

Minnechaug Regional High School
John K. Logan, Jr., Principal (through summer 2005)
M. Martin O’Shea, Principal (beginning fall 2005)

From Principal M. Martin O’Shea: Minnechaug Regional High School continues to excel in the academic, social, and physical education of its students. The faculty and administration remain firmly committed to the school’s mission of “striving to prepare students to be responsible, creative, and productive world citizens who can live and work in a global society.” The major goals of this year’s School Improvement Plan,

developed by the School Council, are to increase the effectiveness of reporting student progress to parents to better enable them to support student achievement; to continue our efforts to incorporate our mission and our stated "expectations for student learning" into every classroom; and to improve the writing of our students. The following reports from the various departments highlight just some of the commendable educational activities offered at the high school.

Science Department teachers are adjusting the existing science curricula to align with the most recent Massachusetts Science and Technology /Engineering High School Standards. The scope and sequence of freshman and sophomore Science classes have been modified to ensure all Minnechaug students are prepared to meet the new requirement beginning with the 2010 graduates that all high school students pass the MCAS Biology test. In the inaugural semester of Nutrition and You, students had the opportunity to work with the educational piece of the federally mandated Nutrition and Wellness Policy. AP Physics graduated its first seniors, with thirty percent scoring a perfect five on the AP exam. The Environmental Club attended the Mass Envirothon competition and finished in eighth place among forty teams and the Science Olympiad team finished first in Western Mass and eighth in the State among forty competing teams.

The **Family and Consumer Sciences Department** continues to integrate academic and applied knowledge from math, science, social studies and the arts into its courses. Students from the Principles of Baking classes showcased their talents and knowledge with baking demonstrations on the Wilbraham Cable Access channel, and the Culinary Arts classes practiced their catering skills by providing a retirement feast for Mr. Logan. The Minnechaug Preschool participated in a district wide arts initiative with local preschools entitled "What's Outside My Window", which culminated in an exhibit at the Scantic Valley Y.M.C.A. Seniors in the Child Study and Preschool Management III class continue to create portfolios showcasing their work. Various guest speakers visited classes to discuss the school-to-work learning transition, as well as career options and educational requirements in various fields of interest.

The **Mathematics Department** remains active with curriculum revisions throughout the year. Curriculum coordinators, whose function is to facilitate regular curriculum discussions, are assigned to each course. Currently level 1 Algebra 1 teachers are involved in developing a mapping and ancillary materials for the new textbook. As lab space allowed, more intermediate classes used the computer portion of the Carnegie Cognitive Tutor, which seems to lead to increased MCAS results. A new mobile lap top/NEC projector/printer unit was added to the department's technology, which allows more teachers to incorporate the Geometer Sketchpad and other valuable software in to their lessons.

The **Physical Education/Health Department** continued to provide knowledgeable speakers in health-related areas such as alcohol, substance abuse, smokeless tobacco, nutrition, human sexuality, and sportsmanship. Two of our physical educators earned

certification in Project Adventure and then helped their students develop leadership skills in this adventure-based programming. Each month eight physical education students are selected students of the month because they exemplify a positive attitude, fairness, respect, effort, and sportsmanship. The department members are all certified in CPR, automated defibrillators, first aid and life guard training.

The History and Social Science Department was active throughout the year with its display case, guest speakers, and implementation of the new U.S. History curriculum. Teachers and students participated in programs dealing with the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, the Mt. Vernon/George Washington Seminar Lectures, the Women's Professional Development Conference, the Iraq War, Media Fest, the Phi Alpha Theta State Historical Conference, Model U.N., Model Congress, and Mock Law.

Interscholastic Athletics: Throughout the year, Minnechaug's student-athletes competed and excelled in 30 athletic offerings. Eight Western Massachusetts Championships and a State Championship in Boys' Lacrosse were testaments to this very competitive and diverse athletic program. Academic excellence continued to accompany athletic success. Virtually every team, at every level, received the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's Academic Excellence Award, recognizing the teams' grade point average. Sportsmanship and a winning tradition were at the core of Minnechaug's comprehensive, well-respected, and successful program.

The **English Department** offers skills-based courses for freshman and sophomore year and a broad range of courses for juniors and seniors, including AP English, Shakespeare plays, Blues and Literature and American Literature. Our MCAS scores are exceptional with a passing rate of over 98%. Two students were finalists for the Nancy Thorp Poetry contest, and five students won awards from the prestigious Scholastic Writing Awards, which has 50,000 entries with 3,000 chosen for national competition.

Student Activities: Our 47 student activity groups enjoyed another successful year with the following programs winning championships or taking individual honors: As Schools Match Wits, Chess Team, FBLA, Computer Team, Model Congress, Model UN, One Act Plays, and Science Olympiad. Journalism honors were awarded to the Smoke Signal and Emeralds. Significant dollars were raised to support school programs and donate to local charities. Many of our programs, especially our Key Club, contributed about 15,000 hours of community service! State, private, and local grants, as well as private donations, funded many programs. At the Evening of Recognition 182 students received academic awards, service awards, and/or scholarships.

Language Department: Enrollment in French, Latin and Spanish has increased, and two Latin 1 classes were added. The formation of a study group has facilitated curriculum collaboration among foreign language teachers at Thornton Burgess,

Wilbraham Middle School and Minnechaug. Some French students took the Grand Concours National French Exam and some participated in a Boston cultural program. Latin students traveled to the Gardner Museum in Worcester and some took the National Latin Exam. Ping Geng, a Chinese instructor at UMass and Putnam High, gave an introduction to the Chinese language to a Spanish class. Interest is growing among students and faculty to add Chinese to our course of studies.

Guidance Department: The department continues to offer a variety of programs to serve students and their parents. Services include: a guidance brochure, a "welcome" telephone call to all freshman, a test taking strategy session for freshman, an introduction to the Choices Planner computer program and the Tech Prep program for sophomores, a workshop on writing college essays, college financial aid nights, a college night for juniors, sophomores and their parents, a follow-up program for seniors and their parents, an orientation program for eighth grade students and their parents, a reception for transfer students, "Coffee with Counselors" morning, prep sessions and practice tests for SAT Reasoning and Subject tests and ACT and administering of the SAT, ACT, PSAT, AP & ASVAB. The internship program for seniors continues to grow, and the Tech Prep program has expanded. The counselors meet with their students to assist in developing course schedules, making career and college choices and dealing with personal issues.

Media Center: Last year, the Media Center had a computer upgrade with 12 replacement computers, all with online services. More than 900 classes visited the Media Center, with another 8,100 individual visits. Several hundred dollars were raised through the collection of empty printer cartridges and used to supplement the book budget. Also adding to the book collection were two ongoing monthly donations of books – one from former English teacher, Sue Kline, and one from the Falcon Corner Store – both of which are on display throughout the year.

Technology Education/Computers/Business Department: These three combined departments continue to evolve with the State Frameworks and present a diverse offering of technical, applied, and fine art classes at many levels in many subject areas. Because of our long-standing interdisciplinary and differentiated learning approach, we are in a unique position to assist students in preparing for all areas of the MCAS test. Of particular interest this past year: An entrepreneurship student took first place at the annual Springfield Technical Community College Business Plan Competition and received a college scholarship; computer students took 1st place at the Western New England College Programming Contest for the second year in a row; graphics students took first place in the experimental animation category at the Freedom Video Awards; "Technology and Engineering," a preparation course for the upcoming MCAS Science test was introduced; a major technology upgrade is underway in the Technology Department computer lab; and all three departments are taking an active lead in the use of Manhattan Virtual Classrooms at Minnechaug through a joint effort with WNEC.

Fine Arts Department: Over 700 students were involved in the Fine Arts Department's

22 courses during the school year. Art offered 11 courses that provided opportunities and experience in a myriad of art forms and techniques. Thirteen art students were nominated for **The Boston Globe Scholastic Art Award**, three students were chosen for **"Talented Teens"** segment in the Springfield newspapers, and one art student was selected for **Art All-State**. Music courses were offered to over 400 music students in 11 courses. The three choirs had 137 students, while the three bands blossomed to 180 strong! Continued intense fund-raising helped the bands achieve their goal of purchasing marching band uniforms! MRHS choral and band musicians dignified their school and community at the **Western District, Quabbin Valley, Plymouth State, and All-State** music festivals.

Student Services Department
Thomas Philpott, Director

Student Services comprises special education (specialized instruction) and English as a Second Language services. In addition, the department provides related services such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, assistive technology, and school adjustment counseling, which are all designed to assist students make effective academic and social progress within the regular education classroom.

The Student Services Department is also responsible for the comprehensive assessment of students each year in order to determine whether a student's lack of educational progress is related to an educational disability or some other factor. Each of the District's eight schools has Student/Teacher Assistance Teams established to provide immediate accommodations and strategies that may enable the student to become more successful in school. If a student has an educational disability that directly impairs the ability of the student to make effective progress in school without the help of specialized instruction or related services, an Individualized Educational Plan can be developed that determines the type and amount of intervention necessary to make academic growth in the least intrusive manner. In the Student Services Department there are usually no simple solutions and no one program will meet all disabled students' needs.

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

Federal and State grants have allowed the expansion of our assistive technology resources creating an important link between the disabled student and his or her ability to access the general curriculum. These grants have also funded workshops and consultation services to District professional and paraprofessional staff to develop a better understanding of the impact educational disabilities have on a student's learning capability. A State grant continues to support an Autism Specialist to develop programming that will enhance our ability to work with such students within the District,

thus reducing dependence on costly out-of-District programs and consultants. Central to the goal of ensuring that all Hampden-Wilbraham students make appropriate academic and social progress is the close cooperation between regular education and special education administrators, teachers, and paraprofessionals. Regular education initiatives such as the Student/Teacher Assistance Team (S/TAT) and the District Curriculum Accommodation Plan (DCAP) are expanding the continuum of services the District provides students with diverse learning needs. The ability of our staff to work together and in concert with the support of the families in our two communities has resulted in a school district that we can all be proud of!

**Poppy Nelson, RN, BSN, NCSN
Nurse Leader**

Our School Nurses had another busy year caring for the students and employees of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District. First aid was given to 13,059 students, 16,875 illness assessments were completed, 11,746 student medications administered, and 4,908 parent phone calls and meetings accomplished. Overall, there were 51,328 student health clinic visits during the school year.

We were happy to welcome Michele Lavallee-Specht, RN, as the nurse at Mile Tree School and Mary Jennison, RN, as the part-time nurse at Minnechaug. Becky Gurney, RN, was hired as a part-time float nurse through the Essential School Health Services Grant.

Using a proactive approach to keeping our students and families healthy, we partnered with Springfield College, Patricia McDiarmid, and the health education students to provide instruction to elementary students on topics such as hand washing, nutrition, healthy snacks, exercise, and hygiene. We also partnered with Elms College to provide student nurses one day per week for six weeks at Minnechaug, Wilbraham Middle Schools, Thornton Burgess School, and Wilbraham-Monson Academy. We worked with Caroline Cunningham from Wilbraham Public Access TV and Wilbraham's Public Health Nurse, Claudia Considine, RN, along with our Community Service Learning Grant, to designate February 7-11 as "Hand Washing Awareness Week". Kiara Fryer, RN, School Nurse at Stony Hill School, along with several children in grades 1, 3, and 5, participated in making a video about proper hand washing techniques, which is an effective method for maintaining good health.

As part of our ongoing commitment to wellness, we offered the "Weight Watchers At Work Program" to staff and the "Calling It Quits" smoking cessation program to Minnechaug students, trained many administrators and staff in CPR/AED with the help of the Wilbraham Fire Department, administered the Hepatitis B vaccine 3 part series and flu shots to District employees, and provided the Fluoride Mouthrinse Program to first and second grade students with the help of parent volunteers.

As always, the nurses thank Marge Trimble, Betty Worthington, and the members of the Wilbraham Women's Club for volunteering to test the vision and hearing of hundreds of our children from pre-school through tenth grade.

Adult Community Education and Recreation

Ned Doyle, Director

The Adult Community Education and Recreation Program, "New Beginnings," continues to provide diverse enrichment opportunities. Last year well over 2,000 participants enjoyed the program offerings and feedback was extremely positive. The "Summer Programs 'R' You," serving the youth of the area, was once again the most popular. However, the numerous spring and fall adult offerings were also well attended and afforded participants excellent enrichment opportunities. Classes included computer related subjects such as "Intro to Computers" and "Intro to the Internet", health and fitness offerings were "Pilates," "Yoga," "Water Aerobics," and "Community CPR, First Aid & Safety" and the fun and leisure courses included "Ballroom Dancing," "Folk Art Painting," and "Historic Homes." The "New Beginnings" program anticipates a very bright future as it strives to accommodate the many requests of the communities.

School Councils

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District wishes to acknowledge the effectiveness of the School Councils and to thank them for volunteering their personal time to pursue a commitment to the education of our young people. We would also like the community to recognize the services rendered by these parents and citizens of the HWRSD. The School Councils for 2004-2005 were:

Mile Tree Elementary School

Lynne Kimball, Principal
Katy Anderson
Amy Basile
Patricia Boylan
Beth Cebula
Ginny McKeon

Green Meadows Elementary School

Deborah F. Thompson, Principal
Carol Fitzgerald
Melanie Patterson
Beth Richards
Heidi Schwendenmann
Mary Ellen Shea
Suzanne Simons
Cheryl Willis

Memorial Elementary School

Marguerite Myers-Killeen, Principal
Nancy Douglas
Katharine Farnham
Jeff Jones
Susan Mederios
Pat O'Connor
Gail Smead

Soule Road Elementary School

Rosemary Brosnan, Principal
Andrew Cohen
Betty Howarth
Becky Lefort
Cathy Mahoney
Linda Mitchell
Georgianne Small

Lisa Vartanian

Stony Hill Elementary School

Rebecca S. DeSmith, Principal
Stacy Gilmour
Mary Beth Laliberte
Shawn Lawrence
Michelle Mistalski
Nan O'Connor
Kathy Reid

Georgina Trebbe

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School

Noel Pixley, Principal
Diane Baron
Donna Benoit
Karen Burzdak
Denise Fiedler
Bonnie Howell
Phyllis Hultstrom
Charlene Normandeau
Wendi Obuchowski
Gina Pantuosco

Wilbraham Middle School

Barbara L. Lukis, Principal
Christopher Eagan
Sarah-Elise Field
Dawn Fitzgerald
Mary Goodwin
Janice Flynn
Judy LaBranche
Katherine Murphy
Mary Pajak
Debra Vartanian
Cindy Zielenski

Minnechaug Regional High School

John K. Logan, Principal
Patricia Casey
Patricia Gordon
Sandra Himmelwright
Wilbur Jenkins
Clifton Johnson
Meridith Malysz
Gary Manuel
Bruce MacDonald
Patrick Moriarty
Sarah Petzold
Linda Pickreign
Jane Robinson
Gregory Schmutte

Retirements During The 2004-2005 School Year:

James C. Benoit - Soule Road Elementary School
Katharine Farnham - Soule Road Elementary School
Dawn Fitzgerald - Wilbraham Middle School
Candice Haynes – Wilbraham Middle School
Elizabeth Howarth - Soule Road Elementary School
Sandra Jarvis – Thornton W. Burgess Middle School
Lynne Kimball - Mile Tree Elementary School
Arlene Kotowski – Minnechaug Regional High School
John Logan – Minnechaug Regional High School
Gloria Laflamme – Minnechaug Regional High School
Paul Olbrych – Wilbraham Middle School
Lynn Schmitt - Thornton W. Burgess Middle School
Kathleen Taylor - Soule Road Elementary School
Anne Turcotte - Central Office

Sonya Vickers – Minnechaug Regional High School
 Barbara Walsh - Thornton W. Burgess Middle School
 Curtis Wing – Minnechaug Regional High School
 Candace Woloshchuk – Wilbraham Middle School

2004 - 2005 School Committee Members											
Through May 2005						As of May 2005					
Peter T. Salerno, Chairperson						Scott R. Chapman, Chairperson					
Scott R. Chapman, Vice Chairperson						Peter T. Salerno, Vice Chairperson					
William Bickley, Jr.						William Bickley, Jr.					
Marianne Desmond						Marianne Desmond					
D. John McCarthy						D. John McCarthy					
Mary Anne Morris						Lisa Morace					
Gilles Turcotte						Gilles Turcotte					

Five-Year Enrollment History

Grade	2000 – 2001			2001 – 2002			2002 - 2003			2003 - 2004			2004- 2005		
	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T
K	63	193	256	61	180	241	59	179	238	58	161	219	64	165	229
P-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	59	176	235	65	210	275	65	192	257	65	180	245	61	168	229
2	66	179	245	62	189	251	71	201	272	62	191	253	74	177	251
3	64	185	249	63	184	247	58	197	255	66	202	268	62	193	255
4	96	217	313	64	195	259	68	184	252	71	209	280	66	211	277
5	75	210	285	95	229	324	64	205	269	61	200	261	75	213	288
6	80	244	324	80	216	296	93	232	325	68	205	273	67	205	272
7	88	221	309	76	251	327	83	217	300	66	219	286	72	205	277
8	88	219	307	88	227	315	79	251	330	95	232	326	70	219	289
9	60	192	252	87	243	330	96	233	329	81	257	338	105	258	363
10	77	200	277	66	222	288	88	240	328	86	254	340	76	235	311
11	82	231	313	72	218	290	59	207	266	79	224	303	79	240	319
12	68	229	313	79	208	287	79	218	297	81	222	303	79	223	302
Other		85			87			72			79			75	
TOTAL	966	2696	3747	958	2772	3817	962	2756	3790	939	2756	3774	950	2712	3737

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District - Directory Of Schools
Mile Tree Elementary School (Grades Pre K – 1)

Rosemary Brosnan, Principal
625 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-6921
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Green Meadows Elementary School (Grades Pre K – 3)

Deborah Thompson, Principal
38 North Road, Hampden, MA 01036 – (413) 566-3263
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Memorial Elementary School (Grades 2 – 6)

Marguerite Myers-Killeen, Principal
310 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-6821
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Soule Road Elementary School (Grades 2 – 6)

Stephen Hale, Principal
300 Soule Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-9311
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Stony Hill School (Grades 2 – 6)

Rebecca DeSmith, Interim Principal
675 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 599-1950
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

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

Noel Pixley, Principal
85 Wilbraham Road, Hampden, MA 01036 – (413) 566-8950
School Hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wilbraham Middle School (Grades 7 – 8)

Barbara Lukis, Principal
466 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-9061
School Hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Minnechaug Regional High School (Grades 9 –12)

M. Martin O’Shea, Principal
612 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-9011
School Hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.

Superintendent’s Office

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

REPORT OF THE STORMWATER COMMITTEE

In March of 2003, the Town of Hampden submitted a Notice of Intent and a five year Stormwater Management Program as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Program consists of various tasks and timelines which address 6 Minimum Controls as outlined by the EPA.

The Committee submitted the second annual report to the Department of Environmental Protection. Since then, the Committee has continued to work on ongoing tasks such as monitoring the Catch Basin Cleaning Program, training of municipal employees with regard to illicit discharges, posting new education displays, updating the Stormwater website and sent out a Stormwater Survey. The Committee drafted an Illicit Discharge Bylaw which was presented and passed at Town Meeting.

New tasks to be undertaken include drafting an Erosion Control Bylaw, and monitoring existing programs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee volunteers for their valuable time, effort, and dedication which makes this program a success.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph P. Kruzel, Chairman
Duane Mosier
Dana Pixley
Denise Feidler
Steve Libby
Neil Flynn
Jean Hall
Karl Sternberg

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

The financial situation has sent Town departments scurrying to find ways to make ends meet while still complying with State and Federal mandates. This hasn't been an easy task, to say the least. In an effort to lower costs in the Collector's office, a new software vendor was chosen to replace our longstanding company. As can be expected with any new programs, we have been experiencing some problems with the transition, particularly with the excise conversion. Another more noticeable result is that the bills are not providing as much information as taxpayers had become accustomed to seeing in past years. Unfortunately, we no longer have the additional information that numerous callers have been requesting.

Reassessments allowed for a drop from the fiscal 2005 tax rate of \$15.62 per thousand to the fiscal 2006 rate of \$14.18 per thousand dollars of assessed value. However, property values were increased by an average of approximately 19%, so even with the new rate, most home owners saw an increase in their tax.

I would continue to urge any resident homeowners over the age of 70 to check the exemption criteria used by the Assessors. Some may find that they qualify and this exemption can certainly help to ease their tax burden.

Calendar year tax collections for 2004:

Real estate:	7,098,506.69
Community Preservation:	34,168.48
Personal Property:	165,976.01
Motor Vehicle:	640,116.05
Interest:	43,634.80
Charges:	8,100.00
Total:	7,990,502.03

Respectfully Submitted:

Eva A Wiseman
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Town's website continues to provide a convenient and easy to navigate source for Town information. Bylaws and many different types of applications are now available to download and a link to online tax payments will be provided soon. If you haven't visited Hampden on line yet, I suggest that you do. Just go to hampden.org for a look at what's going on.

Money collected in 2005 and remitted to the Treasurer follows:

Fish and Game

State	5086.80
Town Fees	210.30
Dog Licenses	871.00
Certified Copies and Publications	2150.00
Trade Names and Marriages	435.00
Miscellaneous	<u>4110.70</u>
	7777.00 Total

Available in the Town Clerk's Office

Dog licenses 4.00 spay/neuter, <u>OR</u>	10.00
Subdivision Control Law	5.00
Zoning By-Law	10.00
Zoning Map	7.00
Certified Copies (vital records)	5.00
Marriage Licenses	15.00
Trade Name in Business (dba)	20.00
Street List	10.00
Voter's List	10.00
Voter's List on diskette	10.00
Voter Registration Card	5.00

Vital Statistics recorded in Hampden:

2001 2002 2003 2004 2005

Births	44	46	47	28	28
Deaths	73	78	79	59	69
Marriages	14	13	12	11	14

Respectfully submitted:

Eva Wiseman
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2005
VOTERS 127**

Moderator Richard Patullo called the meeting to order at 7:05PM

Article 1. The Town voted by a declared majority to raise and appropriate \$25000 for the Reserve Account.

Article 2. The Town voted by a declared majority to transfer from Unemployment 7.3 \$21,000 to the following accounts:

32.3	Town House Utilities	\$7000
35.0	Gasoline	\$5000
36.0	Street Lights	\$2500
53.5	Fire Station Utilities	\$2000
57.6	Training for Reserve Police Officers	\$4500

Article 3. Highway Account

The Town voted by a declared majority to take no action.

Article 4 The Town voted by a declared majority to transfer \$17500 from Unemployment 7.3 for emergency pipe repairs at Thornton W Burgess School.

Article 5. The Town voted by a declared majority to approve the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee of \$638 for the Planning Board and \$950 for the Hampden Housing Authority.

Article 6. The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to re-zone the parcel of land located on the northerly side of North Monson Road as described in the article.

A motion to close the meeting at 7:28 was made and seconded and passed by a declared majority vote.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 4/25/05 - attendance 290
Moderator Richard Patullo called the meeting to order at 7:10PM

Article 1 REPORTS	The Town voted by majority that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 2004, be accepted as printed.
Article 2 BUDGET	<p>The Town voted by majority that the sums of money shown in the column entitled "Fiscal 2006 Recommended Available Funds" of the Supplementary Report and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee, with corrections and amendments as listed, be raised and appropriated for the specific purposes designated and that the same be expended only for such purposes. Each number being considered a separate appropriation and that the Town raise and appropriate such sums as may be required to defray said charges for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, and then that the amounts be amended to reflect the amounts in the column entitled "Recommended Available Funds Plus Override", subject to a positive Proposition 2 1/2 override referendum vote.</p> <p>Corrections were made as follows:</p> <p>Line 7.2 - \$182,913, line 13.1 - \$24,587, line 14.1 - \$24,587, line 36 - \$8500</p> <p>A motion to move debate was made, carried and then amended to readdress line 38.2, Senior Center Utilities.</p> <p>A motion to amend line 7.3 to \$95,000 and to increase line 38.2 to \$5000 was made and carried by a majority vote.</p>

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1.0 Accountant	
1.1 Salary	21,806
1.2 Clerical	0
1.3 Expenses	<u>12,000</u>
Total Accountant	33,806
2.0 Advisory Committee	
2.1 Clerical	3,200
2.2 Expenses	<u>200</u>
Total Advisory	3,400
3.0 Appeals, Board of	
3.1 Clerical	2,873
3.2 Expenses	<u>150</u>
Total Appeals	3,023
4.0 Assessors, Board of	
4.1 Salaries	12,512
4.2 Clerical	12,554
4.3 Expenses	2,500
4.4 Data Processing	0
4.5 Revaluation Update	28,000
4.6 Mapping Maintenance	900
4.7 Computer Maint. & Supp.	0
4.8 Field Review	<u>1,500</u>
Total Assessors	57,966
*1 Includes transfer of \$50 from Reserve Fund	
5.0 Building Department Expenses	
5.1 Code and General Enforcement	410
5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	<u>0</u>
Total Building Dept.	410
6.0 County Retirement	213,020
7.0 Insurance	
7.1 Property and Liability	78,000
7.2 Employee Benefits	182,913
7.3 Unemployment Compensation	95,000
7.4 Longevity	0
Total Insurance	355,913

*2 Includes transfer of \$530 from Reserve Fund

*3 Includes transfer of \$3510.78 from Reserve Fund

*4 STM Oct 2004, Article 3

8.0	Law and Claims	
8.1	General	20,000
	Total Law	20,000
9.0	Moderator	
9.1	Salary	0
9.2	Expenses	100
	Total Moderator	100
10.0	Planning Board	
10.2	Clerical	8,155
10.3	Expenses	535
	Total Planning Board	8,690
11.0	Registrars, Board of (Voters)	
11.1	Salaries	761
11.2	Election Expenses	1,100
11.3	Street Lists	0
	Total Registrars	1,861
	*5 Includes transfer of \$1,250.35 from Reserve Fund	
12.0	Selectman	
12.1	Salaries	9,100
12.2	Administrative Asst.	23,338
12.3	Secretarial	0
12.4	Expenses	1,600
12.5	Legal Advertising	300
12.6	Computer Study Committee	0
12.7	Temporary Help	0
	Total Selectman	34,338
	*6 Includes transfer of \$620.38 from Reserve Fund	
	*7 Includes transfer of \$16.33 from Reserve Fund	
	*8 Secretarial is now 56.2	
13.0	Tax Collector	
13.1	Salary	23,987
13.2	Clerical	7,282
13.3	Expenses	2,000
13.4	Computer Maintenance	4,975
13.5	Tax Title Work	0
13.6	Tax Title Admin.	0
	Total Tax Collector	38,244
14.0	Town Clerk	
14.1	Salary	23,987
14.2	Clerical	4,723
14.3	Expenses	900
14.4	Town Publications	0
	Total Town Clerk	29,610
15.0	Town Report	1,500
	*9 Includes transfer of \$1,730 from Reserve Fund	
16.0	Treasurer	
16.1	Salary	29,192
16.2	Clerical	7,008
16.3	Expenses	600
16.4	Certifying Notes	100
16.5	Interest on Loans (short term)	2,500
16.6	Tax Title Expense	700
16.7	Payroll Service	7,100
16.8	Bank Service Charges	100
16.9	Tax Title Admin.	0
	Total Treasurer	47,300
	*10 Includes \$1,500 transfer from Reserve Fund	
17.0	Veterans' Benefits	9,500
	*11 Includes transfer of \$1,400 from Reserve Fund	
18.0	Greater Springfield	
	Senior Services	467
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	859,148

GENERAL TOWN SERVICES

20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance	1,800
	*12 Includes transfer of \$700 from Reserve Fund	
21.0	Cemetery Commission	
	21.1 Clerical	585
	21.2 Expenses	80
	21.3 Maintenance	0
	Total Cemetery Commission	665
22.0	Conservation Commission	
	22.1 Clerical	2,800
	22.2 Expenses	450
	Total Conservation Commission	3,250
23.0	Transfer Station	
	23.1 Operation	90,000
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing	13,000
	Total Transfer Station	103,000
24.0	School Buildings Repairs	0
25.0	Insect Pest Control	0
26.0	Library	
	26.1 Salaries	
	26.2 Expenses	
	26.3 Books and Periodicals	
	Total Library	0
	*13 Includes transfer of \$1,600 from Reserve Fund	
27.0	Town Events	600
29.0	Office Equipment	
	29.1 Acquisition	0
	29.2 Maintenance	5,000
	29.3 Supplies	2,000
	29.4 Postage	8,000
	Total Office Equipment	15,000
30.0	Parks and Recreation	
	30.1 Salaries	0
	30.2 Operating Expenses	0
	30.3 Capital Improvements	0
	30.4 Baseball	0
	30.5 Softball	0
	30.6 Girls Soccer	0
	30.7 Boys Soccer	0
	30.8 Basketball	0
	30.9 Director's Salary	0
	Total Parks and Recreation	0
31.0	Public Grounds	26,000
32.0	Town House Maintenance	
	32.1 Custodial	12,000
	32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	5,400
	32.3 Heat and Utilities	28,000
	Total Town House Maintenance	45,400
33.0	Tree Warden	
	33.1 Expenses	500
	33.2 Planting Trees	0
	Total Tree Warden	500
	*14 Includes transfer of \$225 from Reserve Fund	
34.0	Ambulance	12,577
35.0	Gasoline	30,000
36.0	Street Lighting	8,500
37.0	Council on Aging	
	37.1 Director's Salary	0
	37.2 Clerk	0
	37.3 Expenses	0
	37.4 Temporary Help	0
	Total Council on Aging	0

38.0	Senior Center	
38.1	Custodial	
38.2	Utilities	5,000
38.3	Building Maintenance	
38.4	Grounds Maintenance	
	Total Senior Center	5,000
	*15 Includes transfer of \$2,69 by Advisory	
	*16 Includes transfer of \$1,500 from Reserve Fund	
39.0	Historical Commission	200
	Total General Town Services	252,492

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
40.0	Superintendent's Salary	61,514
41.1	Paving	0
42.0	Highway Maintenance	63,090
43.0	General Highway Expense	37,088
44.0	Snow and Ice Removal	37,224
45.0	Street Sweeping and Catch Basin Cleaning	17,250
	*17 STM Oct. 2004, Article 3	
46.0	Other Highway Accounts	
46.1	Highway Engineering	0
46.2	Road Machinery Maintenance	9,000
46.3	Town Garage Maintenance	4,600
	TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	229,766

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
50.0	Animal Inspection	
50.1	Salary	1,853
50.2	Expenses	0
50.3	Rabies Management	0
	Total Animal Inspection	1,853
51.0	Civil Defense Supplies	10
52.0	Dog Officer	
52.1	Animal Control Account	13,445
52.2	Dog Damage Fund	100
	Total Dog Officer	13,545
53.0	Fire Department	
53.1	Fire Chief Salary	890
53.2	Fire Chief Expenses	100
53.3	Operation	23,154
	Total Fire Department	24,144
54.0	Forest Fires	1,383
	*18 Includes transfer of \$497 from Reserve Fund	
55.0	Forest Fire Warden	571
56.0	Health, Board of	
56.1	Salary	3,673
56.2	Clerk Salary	17,760
56.3	Expenses	500
	Total Board of Health	21,933
565.5	Water District	
565.1	Operations	6,889
565.2	Testing	2,900
	Total Water District	9,789
57.0	Police	
57.1	Chief's Salary	61,500
57.2	General Salaries	559,575
57.3	Maintenance of Cruisers	8,500
57.4	General Expenses	30,750
57.5	New Cruisers	0.00
57.6	Training	3,374
57.7	Equipment	6,828
57.8	Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	74,398
57.9	Additional Officer	0.00
	*19 Includes transfer of \$3,867.47 from Reserve Fund	
	*20 STM Oct 2004, Article 4	

58.0	Other Police Accounts	
58.1	Election and Town Meetings	910.00
58.2	Towing Clerk	0.00
58.3	WMLEC	250.00
59.0	Parking Clerk	
	Total Police	746,086
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	TOTAL PROTECTION	819,314
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69.0	Regional School District	
69.1	Assessment	5,831,172
69.2	Teacher Deferral	7,616
	Total Regional School District	5,838,788
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	SUB TOTAL	7,999,508
70.0	Local Government Debt	
70.1	Principal	250,000
70.2	Interest	13,350
70.3	School Debt	53,072
70.4	Green Meadow BAN	295,000
70.5	Highway Truck	15,000
	Total Local Government Debt	626,422
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	GRAND TOTAL	8,625,930

Article 3 PREVIOUS BILLS	The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.
Article 4 STABILIZATION FUND	The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.
Article 5 REVOLVING ACCOUNT	The Town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Assessors, as described in Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 6 REVOLVING ACCOUNT	The Town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Health, as described in Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 7 REVOLVING ACCOUNT	The Town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund through the Board of Selectmen, for the Building Department as described in Article 7 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 8 REVOLVING ACCOUNT LIBRARY	The Town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund for the Library Trustees, as described in Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 9 REVOLVING ACCOUNT	The Town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Health, as described in Article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 10 REVOLVING ACCOUNT	The Town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund for the Council on Aging, as described in Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 11 HIGHWAYS STATE AID	The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to accept any monies as made available through Chapter 90 funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.

Article 12 HIGHWAY	The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.
Article 13 CONSERVATION FUND	The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.
Article 14 FIRE DEPARTMENT	The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote that \$171,000 be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$171,000 under G.L. c.44 § 7(9) or any other enabling authority; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2 ½) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.
Article 15 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS	The Town voted by majority to transfer an amount not to exceed \$200,000 remaining from funds raised and appropriated for renovations at Green Meadows Elementary School for capital improvements at the Thornton W. Burgess School.
Article 16 ADDITIONAL STATE AID	The Town voted by majority that in Fiscal Year 2006, if additional state aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.
Article 17 LIBRARY STUDY	The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to conduct a building feasibility study for a new or renovated library facility, subject to a positive Proposition 2 ½ referendum vote.
Article 18 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE	The Town voted by majority to hear the report and recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee. A motion was made and carried by majority vote to approve the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for the appropriation of \$4000 to the Park and Recreation Committee for improvements to Memorial Park and for \$4750 to the Historical Committee for continued restoration of Old Cemetery on Chapin Road, as recommended by the Moderator.
Article 19 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE	The Town voted by majority to accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for the 4th year's appropriation of \$20,000 for the purchase of Minnechaug Mountain as initially voted pursuant to at the Special Town Meeting on October 21, 2002.
Article 20 ZONING BYLAW	The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as described in Article 20 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 21 PURD SPECIAL PERMIT	The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to authorize the Planning Board to consider a Special Permit as described in Article 21 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 22 PURD SPECIAL	The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to authorize the Planning Board to consider a Special Permit as described in Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 23 ZONING BYLAW	The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to take no action on this article.

Article 24 ZONING BYLAW	The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to take no action on this article.
Article 25 GENERAL BYLAW	The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.
Article 26 GENERAL BYLAW	<p>The Town voted by majority to adopt a new General Bylaw, Chapter VIII, Section 8 Protection of Persons or Property, as described in Article 26 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant with amendments as listed.</p> <p>A motion to strike the word "fire" in line one of paragraph six carried by a majority vote.</p> <p>A motion to amend paragraph six by adding "and or sounding" after the word transmitting, carried by a majority vote.</p>
Article 27 GENERAL BYLAW	The Town voted by majority to amend the General Bylaws by adopting a new Chapter XIV "Stormwater Management" as described in Article 27 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 28 RECYCLING FACILITY	The Town voted by majority to approve the contract as described in Article 28 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 29 RESERVE FUND	The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$8610 for the Reserve Fund, subject to a proposition 2 ½ override.
Article 30 STABILIZATION FUND	The town voted by majority to take no action on this article.
Article 31 REDUCING TAX RATE	The town voted by majority to take no action on this article.

A motion to adjourn the meeting carried by a majority vote at 10:34PM.

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DEP's Updated Title 5 Website: www.mass.gov/dep/brp/wwmhome.htm

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

My second year as the Town Treasurer has presented some new challenges and continues to motivate me to learn my job thoroughly. I continue to attend several municipal meetings and seminars annually to keep current on recent changes in the laws. I also attended the annual week long Treasurer classes held at UMASS in the summer. I have been fortunate to have good cooperation from all the Town departments and look forward to the new challenges in 2006.

With the budget cuts over the past few years, seeking cost savings and adding efficiencies to our office has been a priority. We are always looking for ways to upgrade all Treasurers' functions. This includes countless hours spent creating templates and files that are necessary for good financial management. For example, with the Selectmen's help, we were able to get our prior years' assessments to the Regional School District balanced and the current assessments on a more practical schedule.

Additionally, we received bids from other payroll vendors, which helped streamline the payroll process while saving money for the Town. The new system was instituted January 2006. We are diligently working toward the automation of our check vendor system, which will also save time and money.

My office is constantly seeking different avenues in which to invest the Town's money and to maximize our interest earnings. A review of our current bank accounts resulted in the opening of a high interest money market account to receive our state revenues, maximizing our interest income. In addition we were able to take advantage of free banking services resulting in a savings of over \$1,500.00 this year.

By pursuing delinquent taxes, we were able to collect approximately \$50,000.00 on Tax Title properties, some dating back to 1996. This helped with our cash flow and it also got the properties back on the tax rolls. In addition, our office has collected over \$8,000.00 on Septic Loans that had been outstanding since 1998.

Finally, I am very grateful for Pat Smith, who has retired after 20 years of service to the Town from her part time Assistant Accountant, Clerk, Collector, and Treasurers, positions. She handled the daily business of the Town both professionally and efficiently for these offices. With her many years of experience, she has been an excellent mentor to all.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracy L. Sicbaldi
Town Treasurer



BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS TREASURER'S QUARTERLY CASH REPORT

Town of Hampden, for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2005
(City, Town, County, District)

PART I: A. Cash and checks in office

\$ _____

B. Non-Interest Bearing Checking Accounts

Collat- eral'd Y or N	Comp. Bal. Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Inter est Rate	Balance	Sub-Total
				N/A		
				N/A		
				N/A		
				N/A		
				N/A		
				N/A		
				N/A		

C. Interest Bearing Checking Accounts

Collat- eral'd Y or N	Comp. Bal. Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub-Total
	N	BWMass	General Fund	2.67%	288,364.22	
	N	Peoples Bank	General Fund	2.05%	10,870.94	
						\$299,235.16

D. Liquid Investments

Collat- eral'd Y or N	Comp. Bal. Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub-Total
N		MMDT	Holding Account	2.51%	4,680.01	
		TDBanknorth	Holding Account	2.69%	1,426.09	
		Bank of America	Holding Account	2.41%	5334.50	
		Bank of America	Holding Account	2.41%	9.17	
		Unibank	Holding Account	2.25%	128,663.72	
		Peoples Bank	CPA Holding	2.05%	87,580.94	
						\$227,694.43

Note: Attach additional sheets if needed.

E. Term Investments

F. Trust Funds

Part I Total: All Cash and Investments

\$ 658,657.62

Note: Attach additional sheets if needed.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

In the year 2005, members of the Highway Department removed a total of 82 trees that were dead or storm damaged. Mass Electric Co. funded the majority of trees felled by a tree service. Others were funded privately or by the town. The following lists show the types of trees and which streets they were removed from. Continued maintenance of the trees within the town reduces exposure to personal injury, power outages and in general improves the overall appearance of the town.

Tree Removals by Highway Dept. in 2005

Allen Street	1 Pine	3 Maple	South Monson
1 Maple	East	Meadowbrook	Rd
1 Pine		Lane	1 Maple
Ames Road	Longmeadow Rd	½ fallen Maple	Somers Road
2 Maple	2 Maple	Mountain Road	1 Maple
2 Maple	11 small Pine		Thresher Road
Bennett Road	Glendale Road	1 Maple	1 Poplar
1 Maple	1 Maple		Wilbraham Road
Carmody Road	Hickory Lane	1 Maple	2 Maple
4 Maples	1 Maple		
Chapin Road	Main Street	South Road	
1 Cedar	1 Ash	1 Poplar	
Cross Road	1 Hemlock	½ of 1 Oak	

Tree Removals Requiring Assistance of a Tree Service in 2005

Ames Road		Main Street		North Road
3 Maples	09/06 L	2 Maple	12/01 W	3 Ash
Chapin Road		1 Elm	09/07 L	Scantic Road
1 Maple	08/29 L	Mill Road		1 Pine
East Longmeadow Road		1 Ash	12/02 W	South Road
1 Maple	08/26 L	1 Maple	08/26 L	1 Catalpa
Glendale Road		Mohawk Drive		½ of 1 Oak
2 Maple	03/21 W	1 Cottonwood	11/10 NE	Wilbraham Road
Hickory Lane		Mountain Road		4 Maple
2 Ash		13 Ash	08/30 L	1 Ash
1 Elm	03/21 W	1 Maple	08/30 L	03/21 W
				08/26 L

Tree Stumps Ground in 2005

Allen Street	10 Spruce
6 Maple	Wilbraham Road
Main Street	1 Ash
2 Maple	3 Maple
1 Apple	
Mill Road	
3 Maple	
3 Ash	
North Road	
1 Maple	
Stony Hill Road	
1 Maple	

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

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley
Tree Warden

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The year of 2005 has been a year of challenges for the Veterans' Services Department. The department has seen increased activity of veterans in need of services. Energy, drug and medical costs have risen dramatically and in turn many veterans on fixed incomes have fallen on very difficult times.

This office has endeavored to take applications for veterans and their families and to find services for those veterans in need.

Veterans' Day 2005 paid special tribute to veterans, as the governor signed into law House Bill 4469, commonly referred to as "The Welcome Home Bill". The law expands benefits to veterans, such as: a \$1,000 bonus for those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and an increase of \$500 in annuity payments, education and fee waivers at all State and Community Colleges and an increase in insurance death benefits from \$5,000 to \$100,000.

During this report period your Veterans' Service Officer has increased efforts in the area of outreach by providing ongoing information to the media and is committed to serve local veterans and their dependents in whatever way possible.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert A. Mathison
Director\VSO

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

CLIFFORD E. BOMBARD
CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET-ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
6/30/2005

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CPA SPEC REV	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST AGENCY	LONG TERM DEBT	MEMORANDUM ONLY
Assets							
Cash and Equivalents							
Accounts Receivable	138,622	201,978	156,359	29,971	131,728		658,658
Property Taxes	236,946						
CPA	1,206						
Excise Taxes	93,168						
Tax Liens	79,046						
Tax Possessions	30,717						
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles	(59,244)						
Amount to be Provided for Payment of Notes	520,461	201,978	156,359	29,971	131,728	791,400	791,400
Total Assets	520,461	201,978	156,359	29,971	131,728	791,400	1,831,897
Liabilities							
Warrants Payable	102,889	8,589	20,000				
Employee Withholdings	14,107						
Due To/From Other Governments	1,756						
Deferred Revenue							
Property Taxes	178,908						
Excise Taxes	93,168						
Tax Liens	79,046						
Tax Possessions	30,717						
Tailings	3,802						
Long Term notes Payable							
Total Liabilities	504,393	8,589	20,000	-	-	791,400	1,324,382
Fund Equity							
Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	27,653						
Reserved for Deficits(to be raised)	(115,501)						
Reserved for Expenditure							
Undesignated	103,916	193,389	136,359	29,971	131,728		
Total Fund Equity	16,068	193,389	136,359	29,971	-	-	507,515
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	520,461	201,978	156,359	29,971	131,728	791,400	1,831,897

TOWN OF HAMDEN
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES
6/30/05

TAXES AND EXCISES **

REAL ESTATE	
2005	6,655,674.89
2004	73,790.87
2003	5,378.15
ROLL BACK TAX	819.68
	6,735,663.59
PERSONAL PROPERTY	
2005	174,759.14
2004	948.42
2003	157.15
2002	60.88
	<hr/> 175,925.59
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION	
2005	37,422.74
2004	369.79
2003	27.15
	<hr/> 37,819.68
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	
2005	497,297.24
2004	164,261.43
2003	9,657.25
2002	1,359.75
2001	684.90
2000& PRIOR	364.27
	<hr/> 673,624.84
TOTAL TAXES AND EXCISES	<hr/> 7,623,033.70
LOCAL REVENUES	
SELECTMEN	4,110.00
TAX COLLECTOR	12,574.00
TOWN CLERK	5,666.95
BOARD OF HEALTH	1,670.00
POLICE DEP'T	2,784.85
DISTRICT COURT	24,309.50
INVESTMENT INTEREST	8,006.24
LIBRARIES	278.40
TRANSFER STATION	74,277.10
LICENSES	4,240.00
ALL OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	1,457.17
INTEREST ON TAXES	23,868.86
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	<hr/> 163,243.07

STATE REVENUES

ADD'L STATE AID	67,754.67
VETEREN'S ABATEMENTS	4,733.00
VETERAN'S REIMBURSE.	3,655.00
EXEMPTS/ELDERLY-VETERANS	3,566.22
LOTTERY AID	514,301.00
QUINN BILL	37,249.96
TOTAL STATE REVENUES	631,259.85

TOTAL ALL REVENUES

8,417,536.62

TRANSFER FROM STABILIZATION FUND

175,000.00

PAYABLES

TEMPORARY NOTES	771,400.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	84,598.49
GROUP INSURANCE	114,749.32
UNION DUES	5,716.98
FEES PAYABLE	11,042.05
TAILINGS	495.47
TOTAL PAYABLES	988,002.31

TOTAL RECEIPTS**9,580,538.93**

CASH AND SAVINGS 7/1/04

168,553.63

WARRANTS PAYABLE

(65,402.00)

VERIFYING BALANCE**9,683,690.56**

** NET OF REFUNDS

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
6/30/05

GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT

TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
SALARY	21,806.00
AUDIT	900.00
ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
CLERICAL	2,314.72
EXPENSES	198.03
APPEALS BOARD	
CLERICAL	2,425.20
EXPENSES	37.00
ASSESSORS	
SALARIES	12,512.00
CLERICAL	12,552.84
EXPENSES	2,900.00
SOFTWARE SUPPORT	4,500.00
MAPPING MAINTENANCE	950.00
FIELD REVIEW	2,000.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT	400.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	196,273.00
INSURANCE	
PROPERTY & CASUALTY	77,857.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	171,671.00
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	2,000.00
LONGEVITY	5,800.00
LAW & CLAIMS	25,578.29
PLANNING BOARD	
CLERICAL	8,155.00
EXPENSES	530.37
ELECTIONS	
REGISTRARS	761.00
ELECTION EXPENSE	3,850.68
STREET LISTS	1,440.49
SELECTMEN	
SALARIES	9,100.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASS'T	25,338.00
EXPENSES	1,600.00
LEGAL ADVERTISING	400.00

TAX COLLECTOR	
SALARY	23,987.00
CLERICAL	6,918.61
EXPENSES	2,950.00
COMPUTER MAINT	4,175.00
TOWN CLERK	
SALARY	23,987.00
CLERICAL	4,723.00
EXPENSES	1,000.00
TOWN REPORT	3,000.00
TREASURER	
SALARY	29,182.00
CLERICAL	7,008.00
EXPENSES	900.00
CERTIFYING NOTES	45.00
SHORT TERM INTEREST	3,570.99
PAYROLL SERVICE	8,048.47
TAX TITLES	590.00
VETERAN'S BENEFITS	8,246.00
GREATER SPFLD SENIORS	467.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	722,648.69

GENERAL TOWN SERVICES

ACADEMY HALL MAINT	2,000.00
CONSERVATION	
CLERICAL	1,535.86
EXPENSES	450.00
TRANSFER STATION	
EXPENSES	90,000.00
MONITORING AND TESTING	14,400.00
LIBRARY	102,617.06
TOWN EVENTS	800.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	
ACQUISITION	500.00
MAINTENANCE	7,000.00
SUPPLIES	5,000.00
POSTAGE	9,778.00
PARKS & RECREATION	
SALARIES	398.60
EXPENSES	3,410.65
DIRECTOR	33,501.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

ANIMAL INSPECTOR	
SALARY	1,853.00
EXPENSES	14.31
DOG OFFICER	13,745.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
CHIEF SALARY	868.00
OPERATIONS	22,203.96
FOREST FIRES	
WARDEN	557.00
EXPENSES	610.00
BOARD OF HEALTH	
SALARY	3,673.00
CLERICAL	17,760.00
EXPENSES	2,081.24
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
CHIEF SALARY	62,937.99
OFFICER SALARIES	663,118.43
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	12,291.00
NEW CRUISER	27,500.00
EXPENSES	38,992.15
TRAINING	19,500.00
CAREER INCENTIVE	74,452.47
LEAA MATCHING FUNDS	250.00
ELECTION COVERAGE	2,099.99
NEW EQUIPMENT	5,616.00
WATER DISTRICT	
OPERATIONS	6,889.00
TESTING	2,673.09
TOTAL PROTECTION	979,685.63
SCHOOLS	
REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	5,539,683.00
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00
TOTAL SCHOOLS	5,547,299.00
DEBT SERVICE	
LONG TERM DEBT PRINCIPAL	290,000.00
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	29,850.00
SCHOOL DEBT	56,173.00
GREEN MEADOW BAN INTEREST	146,030.53
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	522,053.53

PUBLIC GROUNDS	
SALARIES	25,559.00
TOWN HOUSE	
CUSTODIAN	16,585.00
MAINTENANCE	6,596.50
UTILITIES	30,758.90
TREE WARDEN	1,295.99
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	12,452.00
GASOLINE	25,000.00
STREET LIGHTING	15,100.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	
DIRECTOR	31,638.00
CLERICAL	18,380.00
SENIOR CENTER	
CUSTODIAL	8,854.00
UTILITIES	12,707.16
MAINTENANCE	5,978.72
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	113.94
TOTAL GENERAL TOWN SERVICES	482,410.38

HIGHWAYS

SUPERINTENDENT	58,868.00
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	74,861.00
GENERAL HIGHWAYS	83,374.15
SNOW & ICE	126,138.97
STREET SWEEPING	32,994.55
ROAD MACHINERY MAINT	9,999.36
TOWN GARAGE MAINTENANCE	5,425.00
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	391,661.03

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

11/13/00 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING	
ART #11 COMPUTER	1,162.09
4/29/02 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING	
ART #3 TOWN HOUSE REPAIR	2,295.00
10/21/02 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING	
ART #1 STORM DRAIN	6,365.78
4/28/03 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING	
ART#6 HIGHWAY TRUCK	15,000.00
TOTAL ANNUAL AND SPECIALS	24,822.87
 TOTAL APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES	8,670,581.13
 STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	
VETERAN'S SERVICE DISTRICT	12,653.00
POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT	851.00
PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING	775.65
REGISTRY SERVICES	2,055.00
PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT	14,974.00
TOTAL STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	31,308.65
 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS	8,701,889.78
 TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	37,849.68
 PAYABLES	
TEMPORARY NOTES	771,400.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	100,321.83
GROUP INSURANCE	118,959.51
CHARITY	146.98
UNION DUES	4,638.66
FEES PAYABLE	11,965.00
TAILINGS	785.23
TOTAL PAYABLES	1,008,217.21
 TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES	9,747,956.67
 CASH AND SAVINGS 6/30/05	138,622.42
WARRANTS PAYABLE	(102,888.53)
VERIFYING BALANCE	9,783,690.56

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES
FISCAL 2005

	APPROPRIATIONS & CARRYOVERS	TRANSFERS IN(OUT)	TOTAL AVAILABLE	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE
ACCOUNTANT					
SALARY	21,806.00		21,806.00	21,806.00	-
EXPENSES	3,500.00		3,500.00	900.00	2,600.00
ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	2,800.00		2,800.00	2,314.72	485.28
EXPENSES	200.00		200.00	198.03	1.97
APPEALS BOARD					
CLERICAL	2,873.00		2,873.00	2,425.20	447.80
EXPENSES	160.00		160.00	37.00	123.00
ASSESSORS					
SALARY	12,512.00		12,512.00	12,512.00	-
CLERICAL	12,554.00		12,554.00	12,552.84	1.16
EXPENSES	2,500.00	400.00	2,900.00	2,900.00	-
SOFTWARE SUPPORT	4,000.00	500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	-
MAPPING MAINT	900.00	50.00 A	950.00	950.00	-
FIELD REVIEW	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	-
BUILDING DEPT'					
CODE ENFORCEMENT	410.00		410.00	400.00	10.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	196,273.00		196,273.00	196,273.00	-
INSURANCE					
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY	77,857.00		77,857.00	77,857.00	-
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	171,671.00		171,671.00	171,671.00	-
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	-
LONGEVITY	5,800.00		5,800.00	5,800.00	-
LAW AND CLAIMS	20,000.00	5,578.29	25,578.29	25,578.29	-
MODERATOR					
EXPENSES	100.00		100.00		100.00
PLANNING BOARD					
CLERICAL	8,155.00		8,155.00	8,155.00	-
EXPENSES	535.00		535.00	530.37	4.63
REGISTRARS					
SALARIES	761.00		761.00	761.00	-
ELECTION EXPENSES	3,700.00	521.83 A	4,221.83	3,850.68	371.15
STREET LISTS	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,440.49	459.51
SELECTMEN					
SALARIES	9,100.00		9,100.00	9,100.00	-
ADMINISTRATIVE ASS'T	25,338.00		25,338.00	25,338.00	-
EXPENSES	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,600.00	-
LEGAL ADVERTISING	400.00		400.00	400.00	-
TAX COLLECTOR					
SALARY	23,987.00		23,987.00	23,987.00	-
CLERICAL	7,282.00		7,282.00	6,918.61	363.39
EXPENSES	2,100.00	850.00	2,950.00	2,950.00	-
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	4,175.00		4,175.00	4,175.00	-
TAX TITLE WORK	250.00		250.00		250.00

TOWN CLERK					
SALARY	23,987.00		23,987.00	23,987.00	-
CLERICAL	4,723.00		4,723.00	4,723.00	-
EXPENSES	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	-
TOWN REPORT	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	-
TREASURER					
SALARY	29,182.00		29,182.00	29,182.00	-
CLERICAL	7,008.00		7,008.00	7,008.00	-
EXPENSES	900.00		900.00	900.00	-
PAYROLL SERVICE	5,500.00	2,800.00 A	8,300.00	8,048.47	251.53
CERTIFYING NOTES	100.00		100.00	45.00	55.00
INTEREST(SHORT TERM)	2,500.00		2,500.00	3,570.99	(1,070.99) B
TAX TITLES	700.00		700.00	590.00	110.00
BANK CHARGES	250.00		250.00		250.00
VETERANS BENEFITS	8,246.00		8,246.00	8,246.00	-
GR SPFLD SENIOR CENTER	467.00		467.00	467.00	-
ACADEMY HALL MAINT	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	-
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS					
CLERICAL	585.00		585.00		585.00
EXPENSES	80.00		80.00		80.00
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	2,800.00		2,800.00	1,535.86	1,264.14
EXPENSES	450.00		450.00	450.00	-
TRANSFER STATION					
EXPENSES	90,000.00		90,000.00	90,000.00	-
MONITORING & TESTING	14,400.00		14,400.00	14,400.00	-
LIBRARY	102,670.00		102,670.00	102,617.06	52.94
TOWN EVENTS	800.00		800.00	800.00	-
OFFICE EQUIPMENT					
ACQUISITION	500.00		500.00	500.00	-
MAINTENANCE	7,000.00		7,000.00	7,000.00	-
SUPPLIES	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	-
POSTAGE	9,778.00		9,778.00	9,778.00	-
PARKS AND RECREATION					
SALARIES	500.00		500.00	398.60	101.40
EXPENSES	3,650.00		3,650.00	3,410.65	239.35
DIRECTOR'S SALARY	33,501.00		33,501.00	33,501.00	-
PUBLIC GROUNDS	25,559.00		25,559.00	25,559.00	-
TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE					
CUSTODIAL	16,585.00		16,585.00	16,585.00	-
MAINT & REPAIRS	6,000.00	596.50 A	6,596.50	6,596.50	-
UTILITIES	29,600.00	1,158.90 A	30,758.90	30,758.90	-
TREE WARDEN					
EXPENSES	500.00	800.00 A	1,300.00	1,295.99	4.01
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	12,452.00		12,452.00	12,452.00	-
GASOLINE	25,000.00		25,000.00	25,000.00	-

STREET LIGHTING	15,100.00	15,100.00	15,100.00	-
COUNCIL ON AGING				
DIRECTOR	31,638.00	31,638.00	31,638.00	-
CLERICAL	18,380.00	18,380.00	18,380.00	-
SENIOR CENTER				
CUSTODIAL	8,854.00	8,854.00	8,854.00	-
UTILITIES	10,139.00	3,627.92	13,766.92	12,707.16
MAINTENANCE	6,000.00	290.10	6,290.10	5,978.72
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	200.00		200.00	113.94
HIGHWAYS				
SUPERINTENDENT	58,868.00	58,868.00	58,868.00	-
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	74,861.00	74,861.00	74,861.00	-
GENERAL HIGHWAYS	83,387.00	83,387.00	83,374.15	12.85
SNOW & ICE	37,224.00	37,224.00	126,138.97	(88,914.97) B
STREET SWEEPING	33,000.00	33,000.00	32,994.55	5.45
MACHINERY MAINT	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,999.36	0.64
TOWN GARAGE	4,600.00	825.00	5,425.00	5,425.00
ANIMAL INSPECTIONS				
SALARY	1,853.00	1,853.00	1,853.00	-
EXPENSES	240.00	240.00	14.31	225.69
CIVIL DEFENSE SUPPLIES	10.00		10.00	10.00
DOG OFFICER				
ANIMAL CONTROL	13,445.00	13,445.00	13,445.00	-
DOG DAMAGE FUND	300.00	300.00	300.00	-
FIRE DEPT				
CHIEF'S SALARY	868.00	868.00	868.00	-
CHIEF'S EXPENSES	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
OPERATIONS	22,589.00	22,589.00	22,203.96	385.04
FOREST FIRES				
WARDEN	557.00	557.00	557.00	-
EXPENSES	1,333.00	1,333.00	610.00	723.00
BOARD OF HEALTH				
SALARY	3,673.00	3,673.00	3,673.00	-
CLERICAL	17,760.00	17,760.00	17,760.00	-
EXPENSES	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,081.24	918.76
POLICE				
CHIEF'S SALARY	63,038.00	63,038.00	62,937.99	100.01
OFFICER SALARIES	671,188.00	671,188.00	663,118.43	8,069.57
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	12,291.00	12,291.00	12,291.00	-
EXPENSES	35,500.00	3,500.00	39,000.00	38,992.15
NEW CRUISER	27,500.00		27,500.00	27,500.00
TRAINING	19,500.00		19,500.00	19,500.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	5,616.00		5,616.00	5,616.00
CAREER INCENTIVE	74,960.00		74,960.00	74,452.47
WMLC	250.00		250.00	250.00
ELECTIONS	2,100.00		2,100.00	2,099.99
TOWING	100.00		100.00	100.00
WATER DISTRICT				
OPERATION	6,889.00	6,889.00	6,889.00	-
TESTING	2,900.00	2,900.00	2,673.09	226.91
SCHOOL DISTRICT				
REGIONAL ASSESSMENT	5,539,683.00	5,539,683.00	5,539,683.00	-
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00	7,616.00	7,616.00	-

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT SERVICE					
PRINCIPAL	290,000.00		290,000.00	290,000.00	-
INTEREST	29,850.00		29,850.00	29,850.00	-
SCHOOL DEBT	56,173.00		56,173.00	56,173.00	-
GREEN MEADOW BAN DEBT	120,515.00		120,515.00	146,030.53	(25,515.53)
CARRY OVER ACCOUNTS					
RESERVE FUND	25,353.00	(21,498.54)	3,854.46	3,854.46	
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 11/13/00					
#3 ROOF	11,566.85		11,566.85	11,566.85	C
#11 COMPUTERS	1,162.09		1,162.09	1,162.09	-
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/19/01					
#11 SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR	12,000.00		12,000.00	12,000.00	C
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 4/29/02					
#3 TOWN HOSE REPAIR	2,295.00		2,295.00	2,295.00	- C
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/21/02					
#1 STORM DRAIN	10,451.46		10,451.46	6,365.78	4,085.68 C
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/28/03					
#4 TWB ALARM	2,133.00		2,133.00	2,133.00	
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/27/03					
#5 HIGHWAY TRUCK				15,000.00	(15,000.00)
ASSESSMENTS					
VETERAN'S SERVICE DIST	12,653.00		12,653.00	12,653.00	- B
POLLUTION CONTROL DIST	851.00		851.00	851.00	-
PV PLANNING DISTRICT	775.65		775.65	775.65	- B
REGISTRY SERVICES	2,055.00		2,055.00	2,055.00	-
PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT	14,974.00		14,974.00	14,974.00	-
TOTALS	8,626,990.05	-	8,626,990.05	8,701,889.78	(74,899.73)

A) ADVISORY BOARD TRANSFERS

B) OVERDRAWN ACCOUNTS TO BE RAISED ON FY 2006 RECAP

C) CARRY OVER TO 2006 FOR EXPENDITURE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES
6/30/05

	BALANCE FWD	COMMITMENTS	COLLECTIONS	ABATES ADJUSTS	TAX TITLES	REFUNDS	OPEN 6/30/2005	GENERAL LEDGER
REAL ESTATE TAXES								
LEVY OF 2005	(9,531.88)	6,868,809.72	6,637,739.85	20,602.18	2,064.96	183,000.77	183,000.77	
LEAVY OF 2005 CPA	(71.64)	38,559.33	37,422.74	187.30		877.65	877.65	
LEVY OF 2004	134,252.46		96,374.82	1,035.94	9,040.52	50,385.13	50,385.13	
LEVY OF 2004CPA	606.38		369.79		16.31	220.28	220.28	
LEVY OF 2003	7,160.85		5,659.97	281.82		1,500.88	1,500.88	
LEVY OF 2003 CPA	135.38		27.15			108.23	108.23	
ROLL BACK TAXES		819.68	819.68			-	-	
TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES	132,551.55	6,908,188.73	6,798,414.00	22,107.24	9,056.83	24,930.73	236,092.94	236,092.94
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES								
LEVY OF 2005		174,204.04	174,759.14	149.16		-	(704.26)	(704.26)
LEVY OF 2004	2,489.86		948.42			1,541.44	1,541.44	
LEVY OF 2003	1,439.85		157.15			1,282.70	1,282.70	
LEVY OF 2002 & PRIOR			60.88			(60.88)	(60.88)	
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES	3,929.71	174,204.04	175,925.59	149.16	-	-	2,059.00	2,059.00
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISES								
LEVY OF 2005	574,098.12	503,221.03	12,604.54		5,923.79	64,196.34	64,196.34	
LEVY OF 2004	137,399.07	171,567.27	8,855.86		7,305.84	18,506.33	18,506.33	
LEVY OF 2003	6,291.80	10,862.77	1,165.01		1,205.52	5,035.20	5,035.20	
LEVY OF 2002	4,613.08		1,549.90			3,253.33	3,253.33	
LEVY OF 2001	2,313.23		684.90			1,628.33	1,628.33	
LEVY OF 2000 & PRIOR	653.44	259.48	364.27			548.65	548.65	
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	71,369.96	718,048.47	688,250.14	22,625.41	-	14,625.30	93,168.18	93,168.18
TAX LIENS RECEIVABLE	69,989.25	9056.83					79,046.08	79,046.08
TOTAL ALL LEVIES	277,840.47	7,809,498.07	7,662,589.73	44,881.81	9,056.83	39,556.03	410,366.20	410,366.20

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	OVER(UNDER)	EXCESS	FUND BALANCE JULY 01, 2004	FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2005
HIGHWAYS						
CONTRACT #4246123	63,439.50	19,488.00	43,951.50	(78,260.90)	(34,309.40)	
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS						
COMMUNITY POLICING	28,500.00	30,782.90	(2,282.90)	15,311.98	13,029.08	
TRAFFIC GRANT	7,482.62	6,153.00	1,329.62	(1,070.90)	258.72	
PUBLIC SAFETY						
TASK FORCE	3,900.00	4,117.94	(217.94)	270.98	53.04	
FAMILY INVOLVEMENT						
BULLET PROOF VESTS	9,035.14	9,130.64	(95.50)	(5,260.93)	(5,356.43)	
COUNCIL ON AGING GRANTS	13,544.00	13,517.20	26.80	759.30	786.10	
LIBRARY GRANTS	8,557.29	5,305.68	3,251.61	25,295.65	28,547.26	
ARTS LOTTERY GRANT	2,000.00	1,050.00	950.00	3,597.42	4,547.42	
FIRE SERVICE SAFE GRANTS	21,500.00	21,550.14	(50.14)	2,786.07	2,735.93	
MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT	547.00	400.00	147.00	406.63	553.63	
OTHER						
SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR	9,769.49	319.20	9,450.29	40,766.19	50,216.48	
ASSESSORS REVOLVING	385.50	170.19	215.31	1,653.55	1,868.86	
COUNCIL ON AGING REVOLVING	9,418.15	10,523.73	(1,105.58)	4,411.78	3,306.20	
CONSERVATION REVOLVING	4,722.50	4,163.39	559.11	4,578.87	5,137.98	
HISTORICAL COMMISSION REVOLVING						
LIBRARY REVOLVING	4,225.23	5,674.36	(1,449.13)	1,736.90	287.77	
BOARD OF HEALTH REVOLVING	23,771.85	20,730.43	3,041.42	8,038.44	11,079.86	
PARKS & RECREATION REVOLVING	87,768.53	87,897.49	(128.96)	32,614.51	32,485.55	
TRANSFER STATION REVOLVING	0.02		0.02	27,504.05	27,504.07	
BUILDING INSPECTOR REVOLVING	34,269.80	31,285.56	2,984.24	9,840.47	12,824.71	
DARE GIFTS						
POLICE OFF DUTY	25,178.38	25,165.64	12.74	9,769.76	9,782.50	
RESTITUTION	47,917.66	43,864.87	4,052.79	9,647.46	13,700.25	
ENGINEERING FEES	2,000.00	5,825.02	(3,825.02)	11,804.57	7,979.55	
POLICE/FIRE GIFTS	6,070.90	2,157.15	3,913.75	1,536.74	5,450.49	
	414,003.56	349,445.99	(39,586.08)	128,831.41	193,388.98	

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	EXCESS OVER(UNDER)	FUND BALANCE		FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2005
				JULY 01, 2004	JULY 01, 2005	
RESERVED	70,169	46,000	(13,651)	112,189	112,189	136,359
	70,169	46,000	(13,651)	112,189	112,189	136,359

- 1) SOURCES OF REVENUES

COMMONWEALTH	31,117
TAX LEVY	37,820
INTEREST	1,232
- 2) USES OF FUNDS

CEMETERIES	6,000
MINNECHAUG MT	40,000

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTES
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECT FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXCESS, OVER (UNDER)</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2004</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2005</u>
WATER DISTRICT		-	29,971	29,971
TOTALS		-	29,971	29,971

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TRUST FUNDS
 6/30/2005

	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>FUND BALANCES</u>	<u>EXPENDABLE</u>	<u>FUND BALANCES</u>	<u>NON-EXPENDABLE</u>
				<u>JULY 1, 2004</u>	<u>JUNE 30, 2005</u>	<u>JUNE 30, 2005</u>	<u>FUND BALANCES</u>
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE		523.90	12,339.00	41,569.68	(536.42)	30,291.00	
BUMSTEAD FUND		243.01		13,648.34		10,891.35	3,000.00
TOWN COMMONS FUND		37.20		2,088.99		2,126.19	
CONSERVATION FUND		194.30		4,045.47		4,239.77	
MCCRAY FUND		22.12		1,242.03		1,264.15	
LIBRARY FUNDS							
DAY FUND		13.57		1,032.63		546.20	500.00
NEWELL FUND		74.00		5,634.60		4,208.60	1,500.00
KINDERGARTEN FUND	6,763.63	308.44	6,661.74	23,045.58		23,455.91	
GEORGE BALLARD FUND		14.13		1,075.87		590.00	500.00
CHARLES BALLARD FUND		14.13		1,075.87		590.00	500.00
STODDARD FUND		160.27		12,204.67		12,364.94	
HOLT FUND		30.69		2,336.74		1,367.43	1,000.00
FLYNN FUND		45.48		3,463.20		3,508.68	
ENSLIN FUND		36.82		2,804.30		2,841.12	
FAYE FLYNN FUND		45.08		3,432.71		3,477.79	
DAN FLYNN FUND		39.55		3,011.81		3,051.36	
ROBERT BOHLKE TRUST FUND		198.67		15,129.49		328.16	15,000.00
DICKINSON FUND		59.62		4,539.84		4,599.46	
STABILIZATION FUND			1,194.78	175,000.00		174,327.66	522.44
	6,763.63	3,255.76		194,000.74		315,709.48	
						79,437.13	52,291.00

TOWN OF HAMPTON
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES
FISCAL 2006 THRU 12/31/2005

	APPROPRIATIONS & CARRYOVERS	TRANSFERS IN(OUT)	TOTAL AVAILABLE	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE
ACCOUNTANT					
SALARY	21,806.00		21,806.00		21,806.00
AUDIT	12,000.00		12,000.00	50.00	11,950.00
ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	3,200.00		3,200.00	1,130.46	2,069.54
EXPENSES	200.00		200.00	160.00	40.00
APPEALS BOARD					
CLERICAL	2,873.00		2,873.00	535.80	2,337.20
EXPENSES	150.00		150.00	40.00	110.00
ASSESSORS					
SALARY	12,512.00		12,512.00	4,170.66	8,341.34
CLERICAL	12,554.00		12,554.00	5,839.08	6,714.92
EXPENSES	2,500.00		2,500.00	593.58	1,906.42
REVALUATION UPDATE	28,000.00		28,000.00	20,287.50	7,712.50
MAPPING MAINT	900.00		900.00		900.00
FIELD REVIEW	1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00
BUILDING DEP'T					
CODE ENFORCEMENT	410.00		410.00		410.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	213,020.00		213,020.00	106,510.00	106,510.00
INSURANCE					
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY	78,000.00		78,000.00	72,567.00	5,433.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	182,913.00	(5,000.00) A	177,913.00	68,113.16	109,799.84
UNEMPLOYMENT	100,000.00	(38,500.00) A	61,500.00	21,112.49	40,387.51
LONGEVITY					
LAW AND CLAIMS	20,000.00		20,000.00	3,853.00	16,147.00
MODERATOR					
EXPENSES	100.00		100.00		100.00
PLANNING BOARD					
CLERICAL	8,155.00		8,155.00	4,075.20	4,079.80
EXPENSES	535.00		535.00	60.00	475.00
REGISTRARS					
SALARIES	761.00		761.00		761.00
ELECTION EXPENSES	1,100.00		1,100.00		1,100.00
SELECTMEN					
SALARIES	9,100.00		9,100.00	4,551.99	4,548.01
ADMINISTRATIVE ASS'T	23,338.00		23,338.00	11,481.27	11,856.73
EXPENSES	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,042.62	557.38
LEGAL ADVERTISING	300.00		300.00	425.83	(125.83)
TAX COLLECTOR					
SALARY	23,987.00		23,987.00	9,994.60	13,992.40
CLERICAL	7,282.00		7,282.00	4,053.90	3,228.10
EXPENSES	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,706.86	293.14
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	4,975.00		4,975.00	4,975.00	
TOWN CLERK					
SALARY	23,987.00		23,987.00	9,994.60	13,992.40
CLERICAL	4,723.00		4,723.00	1,498.41	3,224.59
EXPENSES	900.00		900.00	356.72	543.28

TOWN REPORT	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
TREASURER				
SALARY	29,192.00	29,192.00	12,163.35	17,028.65
CLERICAL	7,008.00	7,008.00	1,529.15	5,478.85
EXPENSES	600.00	600.00	227.78	372.22
PAYROLL SERVICE	7,100.00	7,100.00	3,199.53	3,900.47
CERTIFYING NOTES	100.00	100.00	40.00	60.00
INTEREST(SHORT TERM)	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00 B
TAX TITLES	700.00	12,000.00 C	12,700.00	6,849.25
BANK CHARGES	100.00	100.00		100.00
VETERANS BENEFITS	9,500.00	9,500.00	4,816.00	4,684.00
GR SPFLD SENIOR CENTER	467.00	467.00		467.00
ACADEMY HALL MAINT	1,800.00	1,800.00	214.92	1,585.08
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS				
CLERICAL	585.00	585.00		585.00
EXPENSES	80.00	80.00		80.00
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE				
CLERICAL	2,800.00	2,800.00	1,170.24	1,629.76
EXPENSES	450.00	450.00	26.77	423.23
TRANSFER STATION				
EXPENSES	90,000.00	90,000.00	30,071.31	59,928.69
MONITORING & TESTING	13,000.00	13,000.00		13,000.00
SCHOOL BUILDING REPAIR	17,500.00 B	17,500.00		17,500.00
TOWN EVENTS	600.00	600.00	126.58	473.42
OFFICE EQUIPMENT				
MAINTENANCE	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,265.85	2,734.15
SUPPLIES	2,000.00	2,000.00	121.95	1,878.05
POSTAGE	8,000.00	8,000.00	6,821.01	1,178.99
PUBLIC GROUNDS	26,000.00	26,000.00	3,483.03	22,516.97
TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE				
CUSTODIAL	12,000.00	12,000.00	4,714.54	7,285.46
MAINT & REPAIRS	5,400.00	5,400.00	1,657.80	3,742.20
UTILITIES	28,000.00	7,000.00	35,000.00	14,803.48
TREE WARDEN				
EXPENSES	500.00	401.15 B	901.15	294.65
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	12,577.00	12,577.00	6,288.30	6,288.70
GASOLINE	30,000.00	5,000.00 A	35,000.00	10,257.94
STREET LIGHTING	8,500.00	2,500.00 A	11,000.00	3,021.01
SENIOR CENTER				
MAINTENANCE	5,000.00 A	5,000.00	2,715.44	2,284.56
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	200.00	200.00		200.00
HIGHWAYS				
SUPERINTENDENT	61,514.00	61,514.00	29,736.00	31,778.00
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	63,090.00	63,090.00	5,960.52	57,129.48
GENERAL HIGHWAYS	37,088.00	37,088.00	12,652.55	24,435.45
SNOW & ICE	37,224.00	37,224.00	46,518.20	(9,294.20)
STREET SWEEPING	17,250.00	17,250.00	3,234.80	14,015.20
MACHINERY MAINT	9,000.00	9,000.00	288.77	8,711.23
TOWN GARAGE	4,600.00	4,600.00	580.29	4,019.71

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Once again, the budget for the Town of Hampden proves to be a challenge. As in prior years, we are faced with uncertainty about state aid; therefore, it is likely that Town Meeting will be recessed on April 24, 2006 as in 2005. Town meeting will then reconvene at a later date when we have firmer numbers from the state. This will be discussed at our public hearing on the 2007 budget and warrant articles, which is to be held on March 20, 2006. The opinions of residents provide valuable input to the Advisory Board and are always considered in our final recommendations on the budget.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas Boyd
Michael Crowley
Carol Fitzgerald
Timothy Marini
Kathy Pessolano, Chair

TOWN OF HAMPTON
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

	Fiscal 2005 Expended	Fiscal 2006 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2007 Requested Funds
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

		Fiscal 2005 Expended	Fiscal 2006 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2007 Requested Funds
1.0	Accountant			
1.1	Salary	21,806.00	21,806.00	22,351.00
1.2	Clerical	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.3	Expenses	3,500.00	12,000.00	2,500.00
	Total Accountant	25,306.00	33,806.00	24,851.00
2.0	Advisory Committee			
2.1	Clerical	2,800.00	3,200.00	3,680.00
2.2	Expenses	200.00	200.00	200.00
	Total Advisory	3,000.00	3,400.00	3,880.00
3.0	Appeals, Board of			
3.1	Clerical	2,873.00	2,873.00	2,945.00
3.2	Expenses	160.00	150.00	200.00
	Total Appeals	3,033.00	3,023.00	3,145.00
4.0	Assessors, Board of			
4.1	Salaries	12,512.00	12,512.00	12,512.00
4.2	Clerical	12,554.00	12,554.00	17,814.00
4.3	Expenses	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
4.4	Data Processing	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.5	Revaluation Update	4,000.00	28,000.00	4,300.00
4.6	Mapping Maintenance	900.00	900.00	900.00
4.7	Computer Maint. & Supp.	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.8	Field Review	2,000.00	1,500.00	14,000.00
	Total Assessors	34,466.00	57,966.00	52,026.00

		Fiscal 2005 Expended	Fiscal 2006 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2007 Requested Funds
5.0	Building Department Expenses			
5.1	Code and General Enforcement	410.00	410.00	420.00
5.2	Commissioner and Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Building Dept.	410.00	410.00	420.00
6.0	County Retirement	196,273.00	213,020.00	131,505.00
7.0	Insurance			
7.1	Property and Liability	77,538.00	78,000.00	81,000.00
7.2	Employee Benefits	156,500.00	*4 2,000.00	182,913.00 100,000.00
7.3	Unemployment Compensation			2,000.00
7.4	Longevity	5,800.00	0.00	4,800.00
	Total Insurance	241,838.00	366,913.00	267,800.00
	*4 STM Oct 2004, Article 3 \$ DIFFERENCE of \$490			
8.0	Law and Claims			
8.1	General	20,000.00	20,000.00	25,000.00
	Total Law	20,000.00	20,000.00	25,000.00
9.0	Moderator			
9.1	Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00
9.2	Expenses	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Total Moderator	100.00	100.00	100.00
10.0	Planning Board			
10.2	Clerical	8,155.00	8,155.00	8,359.00
10.3	Expenses	535.00	535.00	535.00
	Total Planning Board	8,690.00	8,690.00	8,894.00

		Fiscal 2005 Expended	Fiscal 2006 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2007 Requested
11.0	Registrars, Board of (Voters)			
11.1	Salaries	761.00	761.00	761.00
11.2	Election Expenses	3,700.00	1,100.00	2,900.00
11.3	Street Lists	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00
	Total Registrars	6,361.00	1,861.00	5,561.00
12.0	Selectman			
12.1	Salaries	9,100.00	9,100.00	9,327.00
12.2	Administrative Asst.	25,338.00	23,338.00	26,605.00
12.3	Secretarial	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.4	Expenses	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
12.5	Legal Advertising	400.00	300.00	400.00
12.6	Computer Study Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.7	Temporary Help	0.00	0.00	500.00
	Total Selectman	36,438.00	34,338.00	38,432.00
	*8 Secretarial is now 56.2			
13.0	Tax Collector			
13.1	Salary	23,987.00	23,987.00	23,987.00
13.2	Clerical	7,282.00	7,282.00	9,508.00
13.3	Expenses	2,100.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
13.4	Computer Maintenance	4,175.00	4,975.00	4,992.00
13.5	Tax Title Work	250.00	0.00	250.00
13.6	Tax Title Admin.	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Tax Collector	37,794.00	38,244.00	40,737.00

		Fiscal 2005 Expended	Fiscal 2006 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2007 Requested Funds
14.0	Town Clerk			
14.1	Salary	23,987.00	23,987.00	23,987.00
14.2	Clerical	4,723.00	4,723.00	6,339.00
14.3	Expenses	1,000.00	900.00	1,000.00
14.4	Town Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Town Clerk	29,710.00	29,610.00	31,326.00
15.0	Town Report	3,000.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
16.0	Treasurer			
16.1	Salary	29,192.00	29,192.00	29,192.00
16.2	Clerical	7,008.00	7,008.00	7,183.00
16.3	Expenses	900.00	600.00	900.00
16.4	Certifying Notes	100.00	100.00	100.00
16.5	Interest on Loans (short term)	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
16.6	Tax Title Expense	700.00	700.00	1,000.00
16.7	Payroll Service	5,500.00	7,100.00	5,000.00
16.8	Bank Service Charges	250.00	100.00	100.00
16.9	Tax Title Admin.	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Treasurer	46,150.00	47,300.00	45,975.00
17.0	Veterans' Benefits	8,246.00	9,500.00	9,500.00
18.0	Greater Springfield Senior Services	467.00	467.00	467.00
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	701,282.00	864,148.00	692,619.00

	Fiscal 2005 Expended	Fiscal 2006 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2007 Requested
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GENERAL TOWN SERVICES

20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance	2,000.00	1,800.00	2,500.00
21.0	Cemetery Commission			
	21.1 Clerical	585.00	585.00	585.00
	21.2 Expenses	80.00	80.00	80.00
	21.3 Maintenance	0.00	0.00	1,860.00
	Total Cemetery Commission	665.00	665.00	2,525.00
22.0	Conservation Commission			
	22.1 Clerical	2,800.00	2,800.00	5,300.00
	22.2 Expenses	450.00	450.00	1,200.00
	Total Conservation Commission	3,250.00	3,250.00	6,500.00
23.0	Transfer Station			
	23.1 Operation	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing	14,400.00	13,000.00	14,400.00
	Total Transfer Station	104,400.00	103,000.00	104,400.00
24.0	School Buildings Repairs			
25.0				
26.0	Library			
	26.1 Salaries			
	26.2 Expenses			
	26.3 Books and Periodicals			
	Total Library	102,670.00		119,221.00
27.0	Town Events			
		800.00	600.00	800.00

		Fiscal 2005 Expended	Fiscal 2006 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2007 Requested Funds
29.0	Office Equipment			
29.1	Acquisition	500.00	0.00	500.00
29.2	Maintenance	7,000.00	5,000.00	7,000.00
29.3	Supplies	5,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00
29.4	Postage	9,778.00	8,000.00	10,000.00
	Total Office Equipment	22,278.00	15,000.00	22,500.00
30.0	Parks and Recreation			
30.1	Salaries	500.00	9,200.00	
30.2	Operating Expenses	3,650.00	15,000.00	
30.3	Capital Improvements	0.00	5,000.00	
30.4	Baseball	0.00	0.00	
30.5	Softball	0.00	0.00	
30.6	Girls Soccer	0.00	0.00	
30.7	Boys Soccer	0.00	0.00	
30.8	Basketball	0.00	0.00	
30.9	Director's Salary	33,501.00	0.00	
	Total Parks and Recreation	37,651.00	29,200.00	
31.0				
32.0	Town House Maintenance			
32.1	Custodial	16,585.00	12,000.00	16,000.00
32.2	Maintenance and Repairs	6,000.00	5,400.00	6,800.00
32.3	Heat and Utilities	29,600.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
	Total Town House Maintenance	52,185.00	*1	52,400.00
	*1STM Nov 2005, Article 2			
	\$ DIFFERENCE of \$7,000			

		Fiscal 2005 Expended	Fiscal 2006 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2007 Requested
33.0				
34.0	Ambulance	12,452.00	12,577.00	12,703.00
35.0	Gasoline *2 STM Nov 2005, Article 2 \$ DIFFERENCE of \$5,000	25,000.00	35,000.00 *2	35,000.00
36.0	Street Lighting *3 STM Nov 2005, Article 2 \$ DIFFERENCE of \$2,500	15,100.00	11,000.00 *3	17,126.00
37.0	Council on Aging 37.1 Director's Salary 37.2 Clerk	31,638.00 18,380.00	[REDACTED]	35,275.00 19,306.00
	37.3 Expenses 37.4 Temporary Help	0.00 0.00		1,000.00 0.00
	Total Council on Aging	50,018.00		55,581.00
38.0	Senior Center 38.1 Custodial 38.2 Utilities 38.3 Building Maintenance 38.4 Grounds Maintenance Total Senior Center	8,854.00 10,139.00 6,000.00 0.00	5,000.00 - - 5,000.00	9,824.00 13,770.00 6,300.00 0.00
39.0	Historical Commission	200.00	200.00	200.00
	Total General Town Services	453,662.00	240,492.00	525,950.00

		Fiscal 2005 Expended	Fiscal 2006 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2007 Requested Funds
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
40.0	Superintendent's Salary	58,868.00	61,514.00	63,052.00
41.0	Tree Warden			
	41.1 Expenses	500.00	500.00	6,800.00
	41.2 Tree Planting			
	41.3 Insect Pest Control			
42.0	Public Grounds	25,559.00	26,000.00	30,938.00
43.0	Highway Maintenance	74,861.00	63,090.00	76,320.00
	43.1 Expenses			
	43.2 Paving			
44.0	General Highway Expense	83,387.00	37,088.00	80,680.00
45.0	Snow and Ice Removal	37,224.00	37,224.00	37,224.00
46.0	Contract Services			
	46.1 Street Sweeping	33,000.00	17	17,250.00
	46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning			
	*17 STM Oct. 2004, Article 3			
47.0	Other Highway Accounts	10,000.00	9,000.00	10,000.00
	47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance			
	47.2 Highway Engineering			
	47.3 Equipment Acquisition			
48.0	Building Expenses	4,600.00	4,600.00	7,000.00
	48.1 Utilities			
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		327,999.00	256,266.00	346,514.00

	Fiscal 2005 Expended	Fiscal 2006 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2007 Requested
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY			
50.0 Animal Inspection			
50.1 Salary	1,853.00	1,853.00	1,900.00
50.2 Expenses	240.00	0.00	240.00
50.3 Rabies Management	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Animal Inspection	2,093.00	1,853.00	2,140.00
51.0 Emergency Management	10.00	10.00	1,000.00
52.0 Dog Officer			
52.1 Animal Control Account	13,445.00	13,445.00	13,545.00
52.2 Dog Damage Fund	300.00	100.00	300.00
Total Dog Officer	13,745.00	13,545.00	13,845.00
53.0 Fire Department			
53.1 Fire Chief Salary	868.00	890.00	912.00
53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1,000.00	100.00	1,230.00
53.3 Operation	22,589.00	25,154.00	25,154.00
Total Fire Department	24,457.00	26,144.00	27,296.00
	*4 STM Nov 2005, Article 2 \$ DIFFERENCE of \$2,000		
54.0 Forest Fires	1,333.00	1,383.00	1,418.00
55.0 Forest Fire Warden	557.00	571.00	585.00
56.0 Health, Board of			
56.1 Salary	3,673.00	3,673.00	3,764.00
56.2 Clerk Salary	17,760.00	17,760.00	20,358.00
56.3 Expenses	3,000.00	500.00	3,000.00
Total Board of Health	24,433.00	21,933.00	27,122.00

		Fiscal 2005 Expended	Fiscal 2006 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2007 Requested Funds
565.5	Water District			
565.1	Operations	6,889.00	6,889.00	6,889.00
565.2	Testing	2,900.00	2,900.00	2,900.00
	Total Water District	9,789.00	9,789.00	9,789.00
57.0	Police			
57.1	Chief's Salary	63,038.00	61,500.00	61,500.00
57.2	General Salaries	671,188.00	559,575.00	701,579.00
57.3	Maintenance of Cruisers	12,291.00	8,500.00	7,282.00
57.4	General Expenses	35,500.00	30,750.00	38,584.00
57.5	New Cruisers	27,000.00	*20 0.00	61,200.00
57.6	Training	19,500.00	7,874.00	*5 25,263.00
57.7	Equipment	5,616.00	6,828.36	6,828.00
57.8	Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	74,960.00	74,398.85	57,660.00
57.9	Additional Officer	0.00	0.00	0.00
*20	STM Oct 2004, Article 4			
*5	STM Nov 2005, Article 2			
	\$ DIFFERENCE of \$4,500			
58.0	Other Police Accounts			
58.1	Election and Town Meetings	2,100.00	910.00	2,100.00
58.2	Towing Clerk	100.00	0.00	200.00
58.3	WMLEC	250.00	250.00	250.00
59.0	Parking Clerk			
	Total Police	911,543.00	750,586.21	962,446.00
	TOTAL PROTECTION	987,960.00	825,814.21	1,045,641.00

		Fiscal 2005 Expended	Fiscal 2006 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2007 Requested Funds
SCHOOLS				
69.0	Regional School District	5,539,683.00	5,831,172.00	5,895,262.00
	69.1 Assessment	7,616.00	7,616.00	7,616.00
	69.2 Teacher Deferral			
	Total Regional School District	5,547,299.00	5,838,788.00	5,902,878.00
SUB TOTAL				
		8,018,292.00	8,025,508.21	8,513,602.00
70.0	Local Government Debt			
	70.1 Principal	290,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00
	70.2 Interest	29,850.00	13,350.00	13,350.00
	70.3 School Debt	56,173.00	53,072.00	53,072.00
	70.4 Green Meadow BAN	120,515.00	295,000.00	295,000.00
	70.5 Highway Truck	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
	Total Local Government Debt	496,538.00	626,422.00	626,422.00
GRAND TOTAL				
		8,514,740.00	8,651,930.21	9,140,024.00

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Hampden

Town of Hampden

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

Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, Wilbraham Road, Hampden, on Monday, April 24, 2006 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

REPORTS

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

BUDGET

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums to cover same, and to raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

**PREVIOUS
BILLS**

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year FY-05 or previous years, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

**REVOLVING
ACCOUNTS**

Article 4. To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Assessors to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, for the purpose of receiving and expending monies from fees collected, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Assessors to defray the costs of equipment and supplies connected with public documents, said fund not to exceed \$2,500 for the fiscal year 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Health, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, for the purpose of receiving and expending fees paid for issuance of licenses, permits and inspections, said

funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Health to defray salaries of part-time employees, said fund not to exceed \$21,000 for the fiscal year 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Selectmen, to establish a revolving fund for the Building Department, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving fees paid for issuance of building permits, inspection fees, including weights and measures, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to defray salaries and expenses of part-time employees of the Building Department and consultants, said fund not to exceed \$50,000 for the fiscal year 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to authorize the Town, acting through its Library Trustees, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving fines paid for overdue, lost and/or damaged materials, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Library Trustees to defray the costs of repairs and supplies and to purchase books and materials, said fund not to exceed \$6,000 for the fiscal year 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to authorize the Town, acting through its Council on Aging, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving proceeds from classes, programs and other fees, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Council on Aging to defray the costs of classes, supplies and other necessary expenses, said fund not to exceed \$35,000 for the fiscal year 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

TREASURER/
ACCOUNTANT

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for an upgrade in software to be utilized by the Town Treasurer and Town Accountant, or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to hear the report and recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

CAPITAL PLANNING

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Capital Planning Committee or take any other action relative thereto.

POLICE E-911

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to update and upgrade the Police Department's E-911 system, or take any other action relative thereto.

HIGHWAY
STATE AID

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, the General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement, or take any other action relative thereto.

HIGHWAY

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase the replacement of the one-ton dump truck with plow or take any other action relative thereto.

HIGHWAY

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, to fund infrastructure improvements in the amount of \$3,000,000, subject to approval by the Town of an exclusion of bonded indebtedness for the expenditure described herein from the provisions of Proposition 2-1/1 so-called, or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSERVATION
FUND

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Conservation Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted upon and approved at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase, or take any other action relative thereto.

LIBRARY
ADDITIONAL
STATE AID

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote that in Fiscal Year 2007, if state aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion, or take any other action relative thereto.

ASSESSOR

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the mandated full list and measure of all real estate and personal property in the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for the 5th year's appropriation of \$20,000 for the purchase of Minnechaug Mountain as initially voted pursuant to Article 16 at the Special Town Meeting on October 21, 2002, or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION
ACT

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to rescind from the Town's General Bylaw, Chapter IIIA, adopted May 2001.

POLLING HOURS

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter II, Section 2 of the General By-Laws by changing the polling hours from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm to 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING
BOARD

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to amend the paragraph 7.1311 of the Zoning By-Law by replacing the first two sentences with the following:

"In order to provide housing for individuals aged 55 and older, each household must have at least one resident member aged 55 or older and every resident member must be aged 40 or older" or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING
BOARD

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to amend the paragraph 7.82 of the Zoning By-Law by replacing the phrase "50 cubic yards" with the phrase "250 cubic yards" or take any other action relative thereto.

GENERAL
BYLAW

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town General Bylaws by adding the following section to Chapter XIV:

Chapter XIV (A): Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management (Bylaw available for review in Town Clerk's office and Selectmen's Office)

RESERVE
FUND

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

STABILIZATION
FUND

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Overlay Reserve Fund to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

REDUCING
TAX RATE

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in elections of Town Officers to meet at the Hampden Town House, 625 Main Street, Hampden, on Monday the 1st day of May, 2006 AD at eight o' clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the election officers of said Town for the following officers, to wit:

To choose for the term of one year the following:

1 Moderator
1 Park Commissioner

To choose for the term of three years the following:

1 Board of Selectmen
1 Board of Assessor
1 Library Trustee
1 Cemetery Commissioner
2 Park Commissioners
1 School Committee member

To choose for the term of five years the following:

1 Planning Board member
1 Housing Authority member

Also, to choose all other necessary Town Officers.

Also to vote the following ballot questions:

1. Shall the Town of Hampden be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance the cost of road, intersection and drainage improvements and reconstruction, consisting of the resurfacing thereof with bituminous concrete or other road material, including leveling, structural overlays, utility adjustments, minor drainage improvements and curbing, the replacement of culverts and for design, permitting, appraisals, permanent and temporary easements, construction and services during construction and project contingency?
2. Shall the Town of Hampden vote to rescind from the Town's General Bylaw, Chapter IIIA, adopted May 2001?

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting and attested copy thereof at each of the five places designated by the Town. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this _____ day of _____ 2006.

James D. Smith, Chairman

Duane E. Mosier

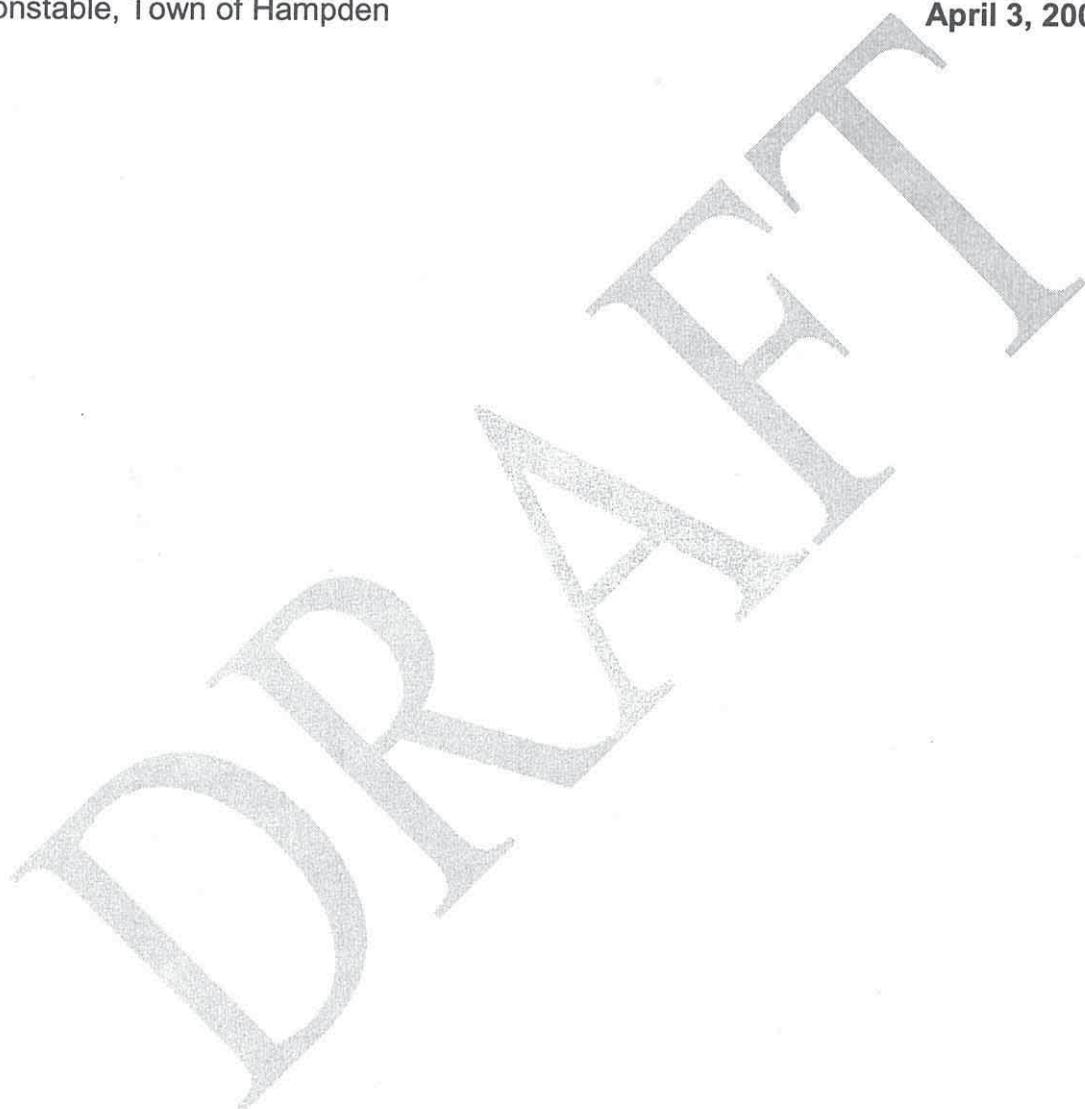
John D. Flynn

Board of Selectmen

I, Arthur Booth, Constable for the Town of Hampden, have on this date posted copies of the warrant for the Town Meeting to be held on April 24, 2006 at 7:00 pm in all five places as designated by the Town of Hampden.

Arthur Booth
Constable, Town of Hampden

April 3, 2006



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INFORMATION & EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Town Government		
POLICE Department	EMERGENCY	911
Business Office		566-8011
FIRE Department		911
Business Office		566-3314
Selectmen		566-2151
Highway: Dana Pixley		566-8842
Library		566-3047
Council on Aging		566-5588
Dog Officer: Nick Dominic		781-1484
Veterans' Agent: Robert Mathison, 110 Main St., Monson		267-4140
Building Inspector: Mark Feeney		566-2204
Electrical Inspector: Robert Lague		566-8472
Plumbing Inspector: Michael Ford		566-5578
Board of Health Agent: Lorri McCool		566-2152
Schools		
Green Meadows Elementary School, North Road		566-3263
Thornton W. Burgess School, Wilbraham Rd.		566-8950
Principal's Office – Noel Pixley		566-3931
Minnechaug Regional High School, Main St., Wilbraham		596-9011
Superintendent's Office – Dr. Paul Gagliarducci		596-3884
Churches		
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Allen St.: Rev. Brian McLeod		566-5572
Federated Community Church, Main St		566-3711
Parsonage: Rev. Thomas D. Howells		566-3402
St. Mary's Church, Somers Rd.: Rev. Timothy Murphy		566-8843
Utilities		
Bay State Gas: Business Office		781-9200
Bay State Gas: Billing		781-9200 x 4
GAS LEAK EMERGENCY		800-525-8222
Massachusetts Electric – Customer Service & Emergency		800-322-3223
Massachusetts Electric – Power Outage Only		800-465-1212
Verizon - Residential		800-870-9999
Verizon – Repair – 24 hour		800-446-8946
Charter Communications – Cable Company		888-557-1115
Hospitals		
AMBULANCE: AMR - 24 hour service		533-3362
Baystate Medical Center - Springfield		794-0000
Mercy Medical Center – Springfield		748-9000
Healthsouth Rehabilitation - Ludlow		589-7581
Wing Memorial Hospital - Palmer		283-7651
U.S. Post Office, Main St.		566-3752
Poison Control Center		800-222-1212
Department of Social Services		205-0500

