

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

2006



HAMPDEN,
MASSACHUSETTS

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IN MEMORIAM

Edward Brittan
Volunteer Fireman

William Lepper
Local Growth Policy Committee

Ralph Schneelock
Board of Appeals

Robert Toulsin
Police Officer

Althea Woods
Hampden Historical Association

Robert Dieckmeyer
Inspector/Teller, Board of Registrars

INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN	Federal Census	1/1/01	5,189
	State Census	1/1/85	4,762
	Town Census	1/1/06	5,099
GEOGRAPHIC AREA	19.64 square miles		
COUNTY	Hampden County		
TAX RATE	\$14.18 for Fiscal 2006		
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING	Last Monday in April at 7:00pm		
ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS	First Monday in May, 8am-8pm		
GOVERNOR	CONGRESSMAN		
Deval Patrick Office of the Governor Boston, MA 02133 Phone: 617-727-9173	Richard E. Neal 437 Cannon House Office Bldg Washington, DC 20515 Phone: 202-225-5601	OR	
U.S SENATORS	District Office Federal Building, Room 309 1550 Main Street Springfield, MA 01103 Phone: 413-785-0325	OR	
Edward M. Kennedy U.S. Senate Russell Senate Office Bldg. Room 315 Washington, DC 20510 Phone: 202-224-4543	STATE SENATOR Gale Candaras, Hampden District State House, Room 308 Boston, MA 02133 Phone: 617-722-1291	OR	
OR 2400 JFK Building, Room 409 Boston, MA 02203 Phone: 617-565-3170	District Office: 17 Main Street Wilbraham, MA 01095 Phone: 413-599-4785	OR	
John F. Kerry U.S. Senate Russell Senate Bldg. Room 421 Washington, DC 20510	REPRESENTATIVE Mary S. Rogeness 2 nd Hampden District State House, Room 237 Boston, MA 02133 Phone: 617-722-2800	OR	
OR 145 State Street, Room 504 Springfield, MA 01103 Phone: 413-785-4610	Residence: 22 Warren Terrace, Longmeadow, MA 01106 Phone: 413-567-5480	OR	

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm
Meet Mondays at 6:30 pm
Phone: 566-2151

BOARD OF HEALTH

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8am-2pm
Meet Mondays at 6:30 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 Sibaldi

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

Thursday of every month 6:30 pm

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7 pm
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, 10:00am-2:00pm
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 Tues 6-8 pm
Phone: 566-2204

HAMPDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Meet 3rd Wed each month, 5 pm
Phone: 566-3047

HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday, 1-8 pm, Wednesday, 10 am- 5pm
Thursday, 1-8 pm, Saturday, 9am- 1pm

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Monday-Friday, 7:00am-3:30pm
Phone: 566-8842

TRANSFER STATION

Saturday, 8am-4pm, Tuesday, 1-4pm
Recycling Sat. 8 am-4 pm

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, Apr 1-Oct 31

VETERAN'S SERVICES- Robert Mathison

110 Main Street, Suite 12,
Monson, MA 01057
Phone: 267-4140

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

Meet 1st Tues month at 7:00 pm

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meet as posted

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS – 2006

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

Duane E. Mosier, Chairman	2007
John D. Flynn, Chairman	
Board of Health	2008
Richard R. Green	2009

Administrative Assistant to
Board of Selectmen
Pamela Courtney

Coordinator for Board of Health
Jane Budynkiewicz

MODERATOR

Richard Patullo	2007
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TOWN CLERK

Eva Wiseman	2007
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TOWN TREASURER

Tracy Scibaldi	2007
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Eva Wiseman	2007
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Diane Hildreth, Chair	2008
Stanley Witkop, Assessor	2007
Norman Charest, Assessor	2009

Assistant to the Assessors
Ann Murphy

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Scott Chapman	2009
Lisa Morace	2008

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN LIBRARY

Beth Burger, Trustee, Chair	2008
Kathleen Hutchison	2007
Cynthia Bailey	2009

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Cecilia Melville, Chair	2008
Miles Hapgood, Vice Chair	2009
George Stone	2010
William T. Olmstead	2011

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	2009
David Quill	2008

PLANNING BOARD

Joseph A. Dolben, Chair	2008
Laurie Niles	2011
Cornelius Flynn	2007
Joseph Kruzel	2010
Robert Majkut	2007
Anthony Bongiorni, Assoc.	2007

Kathleen Foster, Clerk

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Christopher McDonald, Chair	2008
Robert G. White, Jr.	2009
Mark A. Goossens	2007
Laurence Forrest	2009
Harold House	2008

Deborah House, Clerk

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2006

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Clifford Bombard
Pat Smith, Asst. to Accountant

BUILDING INSPECTOR

2007	Lance Trevallion	2007
2007	Mark Feeney, Alt.	2007

DOG OFFICERS

Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

2007	Gary Courtney	2007
	Robert Lague, Alt.	2007

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Peter Hatch

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Michael Ford	2007
Mark Feeney, Alt.	2007

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Shelly Sears

2007

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kathy Pessolano, Chair	2007
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SUPT OF INSECT/PEST CONTROL

Dana Pixley

2007

Michael Crowley	2009
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Doug Boyd	2008
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Carol Fitzgerald	2007
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Timm Marini	2009
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BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Lorri McCool

Ann Murphy, Clerk

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Arthur Booth

BOARD OF APPEALS

Mary Cesan, Chair	2007
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VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER

Robert Mathison

Richard Jones, Vice Chair	2007
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Kenneth Lefebvre	2008
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Dж Berliner	2009
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Richard Patullo	2008
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2007

Judy Jackson, Clerk	
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SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Dana Pixley

BOARD OF APPEALS, ALTERNATES

Mark R. Barba	2007
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Cheryl Cudnik	2007
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David R. Scott	2007
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TREE WARDEN

Dana Pixley

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

James McEwan, Chair	2007
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Patricia Regan-Loiko	2007
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Jerry Lezniak	2007
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Carol Gauthier	2007
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Hermine Weston	2007
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APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2006

TOWN COUNSEL

David J. Martel

PARKING CLERK

2007 Eva Wiseman 2007

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

Robin Warner, Chair
Richard Desanti
Richard Patullo
Bonnie Geromini

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER

2007 Ed Hatch 2008
2007 George Bouchard 2007
2007 Richard Jalbert 2009
2007 Michael Framarin, Oper. 2007

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2007 Dana Pixley, Super. 2007
2007 Patrick Markham 2007
2008 Robert Richards 2007
2007 John Ouellette 2007
2008

BOARD OF REGISTRAR

2007 Arthur A. Booth, Jr 2009
2007 Elizabeth M. Wells 2008
2008 Janet M. Redin 2007
2007

2009 Eva Wiseman, Clerk
2009

STORMWATER COMMITTEE

2007 Joe Kruzel, Chair 2007
2007 Neil Flynn 2007
2007 Dana Pixley 2007
2007 Duane Mosier 2007
2007 Jean Hall 2007
2007 Bruce Libby 2007
2007 Karl Sternberg 2007
2007 Denise Fiedler 2007

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2006

COUNCIL OF AGING DIRECTOR

Rebecca Moriarty 2007

CABLE COMMITTEE

Philip Grant 2007
David Lalonde 2007
Mark Barba 2007

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Donald Collins, Chair 2008
William Gouzounis 2008
Richard Ayers 2009
Thomas Argenio 2009
Carol Fitzgerald 2007

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

COMMITTEE

Doug Boyd 2008
John M. Flynn 2007
Dorothy Kibbe 2008
Lynne Wallace 2007
Cornelius Flynn, Planning Board Rep.
Phillip Grant, Conservation Comm. Rep.
Ben Bump, Housing Auth. Rep.
Connie Witt, Historical Comm. Rep.
Christopher McDonald, Park and Rec. Rep.

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Patricia Smith 2007

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Patricia Smith 2007

PVPC COMMISSIONER

Laurie Niles 2007
Anthony Bongiorni, Alt. 2007

PVTA REPRESENTATIVE

Doreen Fadus 2007

ADA COORDINATOR

Rebecca Moriarty 2007

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2006

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF

Jeff Farnsworth 2007

SERGEANTS

William Joy, Jr. 2007
Joseph Henry 2007

POLICE OFFICERS

Scott Trombly 2007
Michael Cooney 2007
Todd Ely 2007
Brett Purchas 2007
Tawrin Seega 2007
Michael Lynch 2007

RESERVE OFFICERS

Robert Robinson 2007
Christopher Eck 2007
Mark Galarneau 2007
Jason Roath 2007
Daniel Devine 2007
Kevin Carroll 2007
Eric Iwaniec 2007
Allissa Radula 2007
Michael Hutter 2007
Jeffrey Wojick 2007
Mark Siegel 2007
Timothy Lord 2007
David Goodrich 2007

DISPATCHERS (part time)

Timothy Lord 2007
Matthew Frydryk 2007
Cheri Tanguay 2007
John-Michael Mikkola 2007

POLICE MATRON

Laurie Ryder 2007
Cheri Tanguay 2007

SECRETARY POLICE DEPT.

Kathy Zanetti 2007

DISPATCHERS (full time)

Radcliffe Kenison 2007
Laurie Ryder 2007
Philip Lord 2007

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2006

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Peter Hatch, Chief	2007
Michael Gorski, Assist Chief	2007
Charles Beaver, Deputy Chief	2007
Tim Evans, Captain	2007
Michael Hatch, Lieutenant	2007
Michael Sicbaldi, Secretary/Treasurer	2007
 Nick Begin	2007
Jason Broom	2007
William Brown	2007
James Burns, Jr.	2007
James Burns, Sr.	2007
Donald Dickinson	2007
Thomas Farrow	2007
Joseph Grant	2007
Richard Harris	2007
Lawrence Hatch	2007
Richard Hatch, Sr.	2007
Harold House	2007
Daniel Isham	2007
Albert Jones	2007
Rick Kelly	2007
Donald Lambert	2007
Joy LeBlanc	2007
William Levakis	2007
Matthew Loveling	2007
Henry Managre	2007
David Markham	2007
Michael Maserati	2007
Arthur McCarthy	2007
Jason McCarthy	2007
Andrew Netherwood	2007
William Patric	2007
Edward Poulin	2007
Thomas Poulin	2007
Joshua Ross	2007
Scott Rumplik	2007
Gregory Sears	2007
Thomas Smith	2007
David Sutcliffe	2007
Richard Thayer	2007
Frederick Warren	2007

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

James D. Smith, Selectman
John D. Flynn, Planning Board
Robert Burger, Community Preservation Committee
Melissa Reeves, Planning Board
Michael Shea, Water Commissioner
James McEwan, Cultural Council
Elaine Kingsbury, Library Trustee
Matthew Frederick, Highway Department
Al Rosati, Highway Department
Mary Lou Majkut, Board of Assessors
Tina Albano, Park and Recreation Commissioner
Michael D'Agostino, Park and Recreation Commissioner
Candice Hunsucker, Ridgeline Hillside
Christopher Thompson, Board of Health Coordinator
Mark Feeney, Building Inspector
Robert Lague, Electrical Inspector
Ruth Haley, Council on Aging

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

Building Permits- Lance Trevallion- 566-2204

Commercial/Industrial Building (\$250 minimum)	40-cents/sq ft.
New House (\$150 minimum)	30-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)	30-cents/sq ft.
Swimming Pool	\$40
Solid Fuel Stoves	\$25

Electrical Permits- Gary Courtney- 566-2204

Commercial/Industrial Building Additions	\$180
New House	\$120
<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	\$100
Alterations/Change of service/temp service	\$80
Additions-added rooms, breezeway, garage, etc	\$80
Swimming Pools, Appliances	\$40

Plumbing Permits- Michael Ford- 566-2204

Commercial/Industrial building	\$160
New House	\$120
<i>An additional fee of \$2 per fixture over 10 fixtures will be charged, in addition to the normal fee of \$120 per building</i>	
Additions	\$60
<i>-additional charges as above</i>	
Swimming Pool	\$30
<i>(Any swimming pool with a permanent plumbing connection is subject to a permit fee).</i>	

Gas Permits- Michael Ford- 566-2204

All gas permits	\$30
<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 \$30

Fire Permits- Peter Hatch- 566-3314

Smoke Detector Inspection (new house)	\$60
Smoke Detector Inspection (real estate transfer)	\$60
Oil burner Inspection	\$60
Blasting Permit (Fire Chief)	\$60
Renewal of Smokeless powder (Fire Chief)	\$60
LP Gas Storage Permits (Fire Chief)	\$60
Tank and burner Inspection	\$60
Mobile fuel oil delivery vehicle	\$60
Underground storage tank installation (Fire Chief)	\$60
Multiple Unit Housing Inspection	\$60
Underground storage tank removal (Fire Chief)	\$90
Fire Report	\$35

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	\$300
Disposal Works Construction Permit - includes one revision (new or repair/replace any part of system)	\$200
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: every Saturday; 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.

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.

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

As the Animal Inspector for the Town of Hampden, I would like to report the following for 2006:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Young</u>
Cattle: (Adult=2 years + over)		
Dairy	4	4
Beef	12	5
Steers/Oxen		1
Goats (Adult = 1 year + over)	20	5
Sheep (Adult = 1 year + over)	15	0
Swine		
Breeders		0
Feeders		2
Llamas/Alpacas	10	3
Equines: Horses/Ponies	123	4
Donkeys/Mules	3	
Poultry: Chickens	523	
Turkey	7	
Waterfowl	63	
Gamebirds	2	
Rabbits:	9	

There were 2 domestic animals quarantined due to a wildlife encounter, and one cat bite to a human. There was one coyote that tested positive for rabies.

Respectfully submitted:

Shelley Sears
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Cases applied for and heard in 2006 included:

2006 – 1	Granted – a variance from Zoning Bylaw Section Table 7.2 to allow relief from front and side setbacks to accommodate construction of a garage to a home under construction.
2006 – 2	Granted – a special permit under Zoning Bylaw Section 7.14 to allow the installation of a wireless communication facility to operate as an extension to an existing utility tower.
2006 – 3	Granted – the renewal of a special permit under Zoning Bylaw Section 7.8.3 to allow earth removal for agricultural land improvement.
2006 – 4	Granted – a special permit under Zoning Bylaw Section 7.14 to allow the building of a wireless telecommunications facility.

Respectfully submitted:

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

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

Judith M. Jackson, Secretary

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

2006 was a year of change for the Board of Assessors. Goodbyes were said to Assessor Marylou Majkut, a driving force on the Board of Assessors, who decided not to run for a third term. Thank you Marylou for the hard work and dedication you gave over the years.

Welcome to newly elected Assessor, Norman Charest. Norm is working hard to educate himself in the world of assessing. Norm's thirst for knowledge and desire to treat each issue fairly and impartially has been a wonderful asset to the Town.

The Board received support from Town officials and taxpayers alike at the Annual Town Meeting in April.

A stabilization fund was established dedicated to triennial and interim revaluations and cyclical full list and measure programs. In the past necessary funding was requested for these mandated programs within a fiscal year. This stabilization fund will allow the town to plan ahead for these mandates by budgeting for this expense yearly so that funding will be available when necessary.

FY09 may seem a far way off but the assessing department has already started the process. All cyclical inspections must be completed and data entered prior to having values certified by the summer of 2008. Also by this time a full triennial revaluation will be in full swing. The assessing office will be working hard to ensure these requirements are completed within the time parameters set before us.

We would like to thank our Assistant to the Board, Ann Murphy. Ann believes in good customer service and works very hard to provide information to the Board, town officials and taxpayers alike. We are very lucky to have a person with such strong work ethics.

The Board would like to thank all town officials, town employees and town residents who have helped to make our town a better place to live!

Respectfully submitted,

Diane L. Hildreth, MAA, Chair
Stanley W. Witkop, Assessor
Norman Charest, Assessor
Ann Murphy, Assistant to the Board

THE COMMON WEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION
OF
HAMPDEN
 City\Town\District

FISCAL 2007

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

la. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)	\$ <u>10,054,668.48</u>
lb. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	<u>2,326,715.20</u>
lc. Tax levy (la minus lb)	\$ <u>7,727,953.28</u>
ld. 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	94.1055%	7,272,429.07	494,051,100	14.72	7,272,432.19
Exempt					0.00
Open Space	0.0000%	.00	0		0.00
Commercial	3.4590%	267,309.90	18,159,470	14.72	267,307.40
Exempt					0.00
Industrial	0.3266%	25,239.50	1,714,400	14.72	25,235.97
SUBTOTAL	97.8911%		513,924,970		7,564,975.56
Personal	2.1089%	162,974.81	11,071,856	14.72	162,977.72
TOTAL	100.0000%		524,996,826		7,727,953.28

MUST EQUAL 1C

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

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Reviewed By PODOLAK JAMES

Date : 11-DEC-06

Approved :DENNIS MOUNTAIN

Director of Accounts *Anthony Q. Rains*

HAMPDEN
City/Town/District

FISCAL 2007

II. Amounts to be raised

IIa. Appropriations (col. (b) through col. (e) from page 4) \$ 9,911,222.00

IIb. Other amounts to be raised

1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes .00
2. Debt and interest charges not included on page 4 .00
3. Final court judgements .00
4. Total overlay deficits of prior years .00
5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER) 7,484.00
6. Revenue deficits .00
7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E .00
8. Authorized deferral of teacher's pay .00
9. Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44 Sec. 31d 52,888.02
10. Other (specify onseparate letter) 21,697.82

TOTAL IIb (Total lines 1 through 10) 82,069.84

IIc. State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC cols. 1 and 2) 13,980.00

IId. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay) 47,396.64

IIe. Total amount to be raised (Total IIa through IId) \$ 10,054,668.48

III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

IIIa. Estimated receipts - State

1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total) \$ 818,337.00
2. Massachusetts school building authority payments .00

TOTAL IIIa 818,337.00

IIIb. Estimated receipts - Local

1. Local receipts not allocated (page 3,col.(b),Line23) 891,033.00
2. Offset receipts (See Schedule A-1) .00
3. Enterprise funds (See Schedule A-2) .00
4. Community preservation funds (See Schedule A-4) 120,925.00

TOTAL IIIb 1,011,958.00

IIIc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes

1. Free cash (page 4, col. (c)) 317,530.00
2. Other available funds (Page 4, col. (d)) .00

TOTAL IIIc 317,530.00

IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate

- 1a. Free cash...appropriated on or before June 30,2007 .00
- b. Free cash...appropriated on or after July 1,2007 .00
2. Municipal light source .00
3. Teacher's pay deferral .00
4. Other source : 178,890.20

TOTAL IIId 178,890.20

IIle. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources

(Total IIIa through IIId) \$ 2,326,715.20

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

a. Total amount to be raised (from IIe) \$ 10,054,668.48

b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIle) \$ 2,326,715.20

c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic) \$ 7,727,953.28

d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc) \$ 10,054,668.48

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED *

HAMPDEN
City/Tow n/District

(a)
Actual
Receipts
Fiscal 2006

(b)
Estimated
Receipts
Fiscal 2007

1	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	700,700.00	671,903.00
2	OTHER EXCISE	.00	.00
3	PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES AND EXCISES	47,874.00	47,874.00
4	PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES AND EXCISES	.00	.00
5	CHARGES FOR SERVICES - WATER	.00	.00
6	CHARGES FOR SERVICES - SEWER	.00	.00
7	CHARGES FOR SERVICES - HOSPITAL	.00	.00
8	CHARGES FOR SERVICES - TRASH DISPOSAL	80,939.00	80,000.00
9	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	.00	.00
10	FEES	52,025.00	42,070.00
11	RENTALS	.00	.00
12	DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES - SCHOOLS	.00	.00
13	DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES - LIBRARIES	.00	.00
14	DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES - CEMETERIES	.00	.00
15	DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES - RECREATION	.00	.00
16	OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	2,904.00	2,904.00
17	LICENSES AND PERMITS	7,855.00	7,855.00
18	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	.00	.00
19	FINES AND FORFEITS	13,657.00	13,387.00
20	INVESTMENT INCOME	25,365.00	22,040.00
21	MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING(PLEASE SPECIFY)	.00	3,000.00
22	MISCELLANEOUS NON-RECURRING(PLEASE SPECIFY)	.00	.00
23	TOTALS	\$ 931,319.00	\$ 891,033.00

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 2007 tax rate recapitulation form by the City, Town or 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	Telephone No.
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* Do not include receipts in columns (a) or (b) that were voted by the City/Town 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 should be submitted to support increases /decreases of estimated receipts to actual receipts.

-> Written documentation should be submitted to support increases/decreases of FY2006 estimated receipts to FY2007 estimated receipts to be used in calculating the municipal revenue growth factor.

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES OF FUNDING

FISCAL 2007
HAMPDEN
City/Town/District

City/Town Council or Town Meeting Dates	FY*	APPROPRIATIONS				AUTHORIZATIONS MEMO ONLY	
		(a) Total Appropriations of Each Meeting Dates	(b) ** From Raise and Appropriate (Tax Levy)	(c) From Free Cash See B-1	(d) From Other Available Funds See B-2	(e) From Offset Receipts (See A-1), Enterprise Funds (See A-2), or Community Preservation Fund (See A-4)	(f) *** Revolving Funds (See A-3)
04/24/06	2007	9,268,454.00	9,147,529.00			120,925.00	114,500.00
10/30/06	2007	642,768.00	325,238.00	317,530.00			
Totals		9,911,222.00	9,472,767.00	317,530.00		120,925.00	
		Must Equal					
		Cols. (b) thru (e)					

* Enter the fiscal year to which the appropriation relates, i.e., fiscal year 2006 or fiscal June 30, 2007.

** 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 receipts.

*** Include only revolving funds pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2.

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

City/Town/District	Date	Clerk	Telephone No.
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Report of the Building Commissioner 2006

Building Permits & Inspections		Total Permits & Inspections	
Dwelling:	14	Building	117
Addition:	18	Electrical	101
Alteration:	34	Plumbing/Gas	97
Garage:	4		
Barn:	4		
Shed:	13		
Swimming Pool:	9		
Stove:	9		
Deck:	4		

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The Building Department would like to thank Robert Lague for his years of service as Electrical Inspector and Mark Feeney for his years of hard work heading the department as the Building Inspector. They have both taken the alternate position in the department. Gary Courtney has stepped up as the town's Electrical Inspector and Michael Ford remains the town's Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance Trevallion
Building Commissioner

BOARD OF HEALTH

	2004*	2005*	2006*
Annual Flu Clinic	280	196	185
Pneumonia	17	0	0
Lyme Disease	9	16	14
Annual Rabies Clinic	47	50	50
Percolation Tests	66	52	57
Septic Systems – Installed/Repaired	68	44	65
Well Permits	13	21	18
Septage Haulers Permits Issued	4	4	4
Disposal Works Installers Licenses Issued	16	17	10
Food Service Establishment Permits Issued	29	28	28
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1	1
Health / Nuisance Complaints	11	3	3
No. of gallons of Hazardous Household Waste Collected	495	490	800

*(Numbers based on calendar year)

The Transfer Station is used by approximately 600 households, where 533 tons of solid waste and 176 tons of recyclable materials were processed. The recycling area opened for weekly recycling to make it more convenient for all town residents to recycle. The Board of Health would like to thank the people that keep the Transfer Station running smoothly on a weekly basis, Tom Balser and Carroll Willey. Thanks to the Highway Superintendent, Dana Pixley and the Highway Department for all their continuous help. For more information on how to use the Transfer Station, please refer to the Transfer Station Information section of this Town Report.

On April 1, 2006, 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 9, we participated in the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Day that was held at Minnechaug Regional High School. During this event, 800 gallons of hazardous waste from our Town were disposed of properly. The event also took in 45 mercury fever thermometers for exchange. Please contact the Board of Health office for more information on what materials are accepted during the event. September 2007 is the next hazardous waste collection month.

The Board held a flu clinic on November 17, 2006. One hundred eighty-five individuals were vaccinated for influenza. Many thanks to Rebecca Moriarty for her many hours of tireless work, the Council on Aging volunteers, nurses Judy Hatch, Bea Moriarty, the student nurses from STCC and volunteers that helped make this event a successful one.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health and Lorri McCool, Hampden Board of Health Agent has continued to work with the Hampden County Health Coalition (HCHC) in preparation for an emergency response plan. The Town of Hampden and Wilbraham have worked together to develop an Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) and Staging areas in order to effectively inoculate the residents of both towns, as required. The funds provided by the HCHC have enabled the towns to purchase printers. The upcoming year will continue to focus on increasing the capacity, capability and level of preparedness for routine and emergency public health events. If interested in volunteering on this project please call the Board of Health.

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 of the test. 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.

The Board of Health would like to take this opportunity to thank the Transfer Station Committee; Mark Barba, Arthur Booth, John Matthews and Michael Shea for all the hard work done. The committee investigated the possibility of privatizing the Transfer Station. Their findings are that it is in the Town's best interest to keep the Transfer Station running as is.

Thank you to Christopher Thompson for all of his hard work as Board of Health Coordinator. We wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Budynkiewicz, Coordinator

John D. Flynn, Chair, Board of Health

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

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Registered voters on Jan. 1, 2006 – 3510, December 31, 2006 - 3565

Voter attendance during 2006:

Republican Party Caucus, March 23, 2006	176
Democratic Party Caucus, March 24, 2006	10
Annual Town Meeting, April 24, 2006	223
Annual Town Election, 1, 2006	1130
Special Override Election June 6, 2006	715
State Primary, September 19, 2006 – Republican	246
State Primary, September 19, 2006- Democrat	535
Special Town Meeting, October 30, 2006	166
State Election, November 7, 2006	2245

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The year 2006 was an important year for our public safety departments. In January, the Chief of Police position was filled. In March, our Volunteer Fire Department was recognized for the special efforts of the October 15, 2005 storm that was disastrous for the Town and individual families. At that time Hampden had no money to cover emergency expenses, a major illustration of the need for a healthy Stabilization Account. Events in Town placed additional pressures on our safety services and emphasized the importance of having a well trained and committed Fire Department and an equally well trained and staffed Police Department. These two departments are our first responders in emergency situations.

The Highway infrastructure override vote failed in June. The Board will aggressively pursue funding for the repair, replacement and maintenance of our aging roads and drainage systems in Town.

Although bridges were not part of the original infrastructure plan, a public hearing was held by State officials and the Town was fortunate to be notified that the project is on an eligible project funding list.

Both the Library and Senior Center hosted events to celebrate the re-opening of their respective departments in July.

The steps taken in FY06 proved effective and the residents voted to spend only what the Town could afford. By reducing the spending from previous years, Hampden's financial health was given a boost. The year 2006 was a State election year and some of the local aid was restored. All of these factors helped the free cash position of the Town. At the Special Town Meeting in October, we were able to put money (\$347,530) into our Stabilization Account, as well as taking care of some immediate needs such as repair of the Town House roof, replacement of a Police cruiser, and acquisition of a new Highway truck.

The reasons for our positive free cash position are:

- Motor vehicle excise tax collections were approximately \$100k higher than other years;
- The Treasurer's aggressive tax title collections brought \$50k into the General Fund;
- Closure of the Library and Senior Center which allowed the Town to manage other FY06 financial priorities;
- HWRSD received additional State aid.

On another positive note, the Green Meadows School bond of \$2,738,000 sold for 3.98% for fifteen years.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The State's supplementary budget of FY06 included a line item awarding \$100k for the Hampden Senior Center. We worked closely with the Department of Housing and Community Development to conform to all requirements in order to secure this grant. We were notified that the grant was fully approved.

The Board wishes to thank James D. Smith for his many years of service to the community. In the spring of 2006, he completed twelve years as a Selectman. His experience, commitment and dedication to the Town are truly appreciated.

Thanks to the members of the elected boards as well as the numerous appointed volunteer boards and committees who give so willingly of their time to serve the Town in various capacities. We are always in need of motivated people to serve in these positions.

The Building Inspector of ten years, Mark Feeney, stepped down from the primary position and agreed to be the Alternate Building Inspector. Our Electrical Inspector, Bob Lague also chose to work on that basis and become our Alternate Electrical Inspector. Their work over the many years has been commendable and we are grateful for the service they provided.

In June 2006, The Board established the Town Hall Building Committee, and appointed Ray Andree, Bob Burger, Gary Courtney and Gilles Tanguay. The Committee met a number of times, did a walk through of the entire building and issued a report detailing three phases of recommended upgrades to the Town Hall.

The first phase recommended the roof replacement of the Town House and this was brought to the Fall Town Meeting for funding approval. This renovation was completed in December.

The Committee continues to amend their list of proposed renovations/repairs and will issue additional recommendations to the Selectmen. The Board is most appreciative of their time and expertise.

Hampden is a rural community where people come together and support each other. The voters are very discerning about how they spend their tax dollars. In the summer of 2006, the Department of Local Services interviewed Town Department Heads to review Hampden's financial management. The Department then issued a report with their recommendations to improve the process. The report was favorable and may be viewed online at www.Hampden.org and may also be viewed in the Selectmen's office.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

It is important for the Town to be conservative in how we allocate our free cash in order to strengthen Hampden's financial position so we may continue to move forward in a fiscally conservative, pro-active and responsible manner.

Our Board wishes to share as much information as possible with the voters, and hope to see a full house at the Annual Town Meeting on April 30th.

Respectfully submitted:

Duane E. Mosier, Chairman

John D. Flynn

Richard R. Green

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 bolded.

Dept	Description	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Future
Town House	Parking lot reconstruction									
	Town House Flat Roof					50,000				
	Telephone system									
	Generator					60,000				
COA	Elderly Transportation (van)									
	Generator									45,000
	Automatic Door Opener					3,000				
	Room partition		(donated)	19,000						
Fire	Fire Truck					71,000				
	Fire truck (2001 replaced)		212,000							
	Fire Station Addition									
Highway	Projected Road paving & drainage repair need for next ten years									
	Road Paving									
	Bridge Maint at Mill & Chapin Rd									
	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	
	Equipment Replacement (Dumptruck 1 ton w/ plow)					45,000				
	Pickup truck replacement							27,000		
	1989 Mack Dump Truck replace								125,000	
	Dump body replacement								12,000	
	Sander replacement							18,000		
	Computer System (lease)					23,000				
Police	Weapons		12,500				12,000			
	E911 UPGRADE									
School	TWB-short term (1-4 yrs)									
	TWB-Boiler replaced						200,000			
	TWB-ADA Bathroom							30,000		
	TWB-mid term (4-6 yrs)									
	TWB-long term (6+ yrs)								509,000	
	TWB Fire Alarm & Intercom								115,000	
	Green Meadows School renovation								975,000	

➔ Indicates "moved to future year"

BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners have been active overseeing the maintenance of Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery. Arrangements were made for the excavation and refilling of graves at the time of internment. Twenty-one interments were made in 2006. Activities this year also included marking out several graves for the installation of monuments and the placement of corner markers on several lots.

Several lots were sold in Old Cemetery and a little space is still available there. The new section of Old Cemetery has been surveyed and a tentative layout of the lots and roadways has been made. We are now awaiting the results of a hydrology survey to determine the extent of the drainage system that will be needed to utilize this area. When drainage and the roadways have been installed we will be able to sell lots from this section.

As reported last year, 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.

Those who adopted a plot under the Cemetery Preservation Group have done a marvelous job in restoring many of the damaged markers in Old Cemetery and in cleaning accumulated dirt and lichen which completely covered some of the stones. They are now planning to do some grading and restoration work on the old winter storage building in the cemetery to bring it back to its historical significance.

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. In FY06, the taxpayers' contribution totaled \$44,847 and received a matching FY05 contribution from the State of \$38,372. Although we have received full matching funds for the past five years, it is likely the percentage of 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 2006 (per the committee's recommendation and voter approval) the following proposals were approved:

OPEN SPACE	\$20,000 to Hampden Land Trust
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	No commitments – 10% set aside for future use.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	No commitments – 10% set aside for future use.
RECREATION	\$21,000 for Park improvements \$80,000 for Spray Park project

In 2006, Bob Burger resigned after five years of service. We thank Bob for his many contributions. Applications for CPA Funds are available at the Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas Boyd, Chair (Member at Large)
Dorothy Kibbe, Secretary (Member at Large)
Neil Flynn (Planning Board)
Benjamin Bump (Housing Authority)
Connie Witt (Historical Commission)
John M. Flynn (Member at Large)
Phillip Grant (Conservation Commission)
Chris MacDonald (Parks)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Hampden Conservation Commission currently has five full time members. 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 becoming an associate member and learn about the work of the Conservation Commission, 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. We also function as an advocate for preservation of important local land and water resources, encourage a conservation ethic in the community, and manage conservation lands for a variety of benefits. During the past year, we have held twelve regular meetings as well as three special meetings. We received six Notices of Intent and four Requests for Determinations in addition to overseeing three proposals from previous years.

The Conservation Commission also responds to concerns from town residents regarding possible wetland violations. Site visits have been completed on all reported concerns and appropriate action taken when needed.

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

COUNCIL ON AGING

Our mission never changed. Even when the Town was unable to fund the Senior Center building from July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006, staff and volunteers were still reaching out to seniors and meeting the needs of those in the community.

During the first part of 2006, the Senior Center Offices were located in the Town Hall. Becky Moriarty, funded by the Formula Grant from the state, worked for 6 hours/week as Director and Susan LaMondia, funded through a Title IIIB grant from Greater Springfield Senior Services, worked 12 hours as Outreach Coordinator. Thanks to numerous volunteers, many senior center programs were able to continue in new locations around town. Mattie Nichols ran Pitch games at the Town Hall. Kathleen Flynn opened up her house to the Trivia group. Barbara Dunwoody continued to meet with the Knitters at Centennial Commons. St. Mark's Church in East Longmeadow hosted our exercise programs taught by the YMCA and Line Dancing taught by Mattie Nichols. The quilt group continued to meet at the Town Hall. Other area Senior Centers were very accommodating and took in programs whenever possible. Bethlehem Baptist Church remained the site for the lunch program and Gennie Ford stayed on as the coordinator while the center was closed. And finally, Bill Olmstead kept everyone "in the know" when he created the newsletter "Moving Ahead" which included information about the Senior Center and the Library. The Friends of Hampden Seniors and the COA Board remained active during this time and offered a great deal of support and encouragement to the very small staff that remained and also continued to advocate for future funding of the Senior Center.

We were so pleased when on July 1, 2006 the Senior Center was able to open again. Becky and Sue were happy to move out of the Town Hall and into their own offices. Helena Nossal returned to her position as Assistant to the Director and Contributing Editor of the Scribe and Rudie Voight returned as our Custodian. We welcomed a new Senior Aide, Anna Rose Ingari and were happy that so many of our dedicated volunteers returned.

Shortly after our grand re-opening, Bobbi Grant was hired to fill the Activities Coordinator Position. Bobbi has been doing a great job and came with many new ideas for programs and events here at the center. This position is presently funded through the state formula grant.

The Lunch Bunch is up and running at the center under the direction of Christine Mansfield. This faithful core group of seniors kept the program running while it was at the church and continues to attend meals here on a daily basis. Other new programs and activities are taking place at the Senior Center on a daily basis. We encourage you to join us. If you have an idea for new programs or events that you would like to see here, please let us know. We are interested in knowing what you think about what we do and what we offer.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Services available include but 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. We continue to strive to identify the needs of the senior population in Hampden and to try and best meet those needs with programs and services.

The Hampden Senior Center exists to serve the senior population of Hampden by offering activities and support services. Our seniors are precious resources who need encouragement and appreciation. Thank you for your support of our seniors and the Hampden Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rebecca C. Moriarty, Executive Director
Brian MacLeod, Chairman
Patricia Clark, Vice Chairman
Al Ouimet, Treasurer
Ruth Haley, Secretary (*through June 2006*)
Mary Malinski, Secretary

Rita Vail
Shirley Gouvan
Karen Leger
Virginia Schneider
Deanna Vermette

Rep. To GSSI: John Shay

Council on Aging Staff (pre July 1, 2006)

Executive Director: Rebecca C. Moriarty
Outreach Coordinator: Tedi-Ann Busha (*through August 2006*)
Susan LaMondia (*September 2006-present*)

Council on Aging Staff (post July 1, 2006)

Executive Director: Rebecca C. Moriarty
Administrative Clerk: Helena Nossal
Activities Coordinator: Bobbi Grant
Custodian: Rudie Voight
Outreach Coordinator: Susan LaMondia
Senior Aides: Anna Rose Ingari
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.

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 2005-2006. The council has recently made decisions regarding the re-granting of these monies. Projects and activities that have been awarded grants for 2007 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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2006 the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 97 calls. The breakdown is as follows:

5	Chimney fires
8	Electrical
37	False alarms
8	Motor vehicle accidents
18	Brush fires
2	Carbon monoxide
7	Propane leaks
1	Motor vehicle fire
2	Mutual aid calls
6	Lightning strikes
2	Illegal fires
2	Furnace fires

As always, the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department extends our thanks to the Hampden Police and 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 18 years of age or older, please contact the department at 566-3314.

Respectfully submitted:

Chief Peter Hatch
Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 18 brush and forest fires in 2006. Burning season begins January 16, 2007 and extends through May 1, 2007. Permits are issued on a daily basis, weather permitting. To obtain one, call 566-3314 after 9:00 am. Burning hours are from 10:00 am and must be extinguished by 4:00 pm. No permits will be issued after 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, hay, leaves, stumps and building material is prohibited.

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Hatch
Forest Fire Warden

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT

2006

From the Superintendent

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

As I review the 2005-2006 school year, one word comes to mind: security. During much of the school year, many efforts were focused on developing strategies to improve security in all our schools. This was a task that clearly exceeded our expectations and required a tremendous effort on the part of many staff members. Gina Kahn, Risk Prevention Services Coordinator, should be congratulated for her efforts to secure funding from the State and Federal governments. We began the year utilizing funds from a \$100,000 grant and concluded with a seven-district collaborative application effort to secure funding to regionalize a combined approach to safety and security. We found that securing buildings and protecting students is more than a one time activity, it is an ongoing process. To quote School Committeeman Peter Salerno, "Security is not a destination but a journey." As we look to the future, we will continue to concentrate on this issue.

The reports presented by building principals and other district administrators illustrates that we continue to focus our efforts on improving our district from a systemic approach. We no longer look at just one school, but attempt to see the "big picture" and how success in one area can be shared and replicated elsewhere.

We are proud of what our staff and children do each and every day. Our commitment to continuous improvement is strong. While there were many accomplishments during the school year, few of us will forget November 12, 2005. On that day our high school athletic teams accomplished something that had never been done before by any high school in Western Massachusetts: they won four championships on a single day! Congratulations to the boys' soccer, girls' volleyball, field hockey and soccer teams. On that day, according to the Springfield Sunday Republican, it was 'Chaug Heaven at Minnechaug Regional High School!'

Curriculum

Donna Scanlon, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District has a rich and rigorous core curriculum that is designed to develop the unique talents of individual students and to celebrate excellent accomplishments. The curriculum renewal process is ongoing and ensures continuity and consistency in grades PreK-12. The District has established equity in access to high quality curriculum materials and resources. All teachers use these assets to design powerful, standards-based learning opportunities that actively engage students in the learning process.

Strengthening the integration of technology into instruction to improve learning is a high priority. Through sound planning, incremental investment, and creative allocation of staffing, the information centers have become the hub of every school. The level of technology integration across the curriculum has intensified with improvements in staffing, infrastructure, equipment, reliability, and professional development.

The District has launched a district-wide goal promoting the concept and practice of differentiated instruction within the general education program. Differentiated instruction meets the needs of individual learners and provides all students with the appropriate level of challenge and support to help them reach learning goals. A differentiated classroom offers multiple ways for students to access content, to process and make sense of concepts and skills, and to develop products that demonstrate their learning.

Competitive funding awarded from the U.S. Department of Education Elementary School Counseling Initiative allowed the District to provide various education, prevention, and intervention services, which are essential to removing barriers to learning and promoting academic achievement. The project, locally known as *Starting Strong, Staying Strong*, is developed around the theme of resiliency, and has significantly increased the District's capacity to integrate academic and social learning as a solid foundation for future success.

Below are some highlights from across the curriculum areas:

- The reading program incorporates National Reading Panel recommendations which address the five components of literacy learning: vocabulary/oral language comprehension, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, and reading comprehension. Supplemental services, with varying degrees of intensity for students who are experiencing difficulty, include: *Reading Recovery* and small literacy groups for first graders, as well as other intervention programs for students who require specialized instruction.
- Students in the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District write a great deal across the curriculum areas. Writing is critical to language development, learning content, and developing thinking skills.
- The mathematics curriculum is designed to develop understanding of mathematic concepts through student-centered activities while enhancing skills through meaningful practice.
- The science program helps students to advance scientific reasoning as they investigate and solve complex problems. Standards-based science units are studied in the classroom and, at the elementary level, are enriched through a weekly science lab with a specialist.
- History, geography, civics, and economic concepts and skills are addressed through engaging units of study in each grade.
- For all children at all ability levels, the arts play a central role in human development. Cognitive, language, and social-emotional development are positively impacted by participation in the arts.
- As an integral part of the total educational process, health and physical education opportunities develop a lifelong physically active lifestyle, as well as respect for self and others, through a safe learning environment.
- D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officers have provided the officers and schools the opportunity to develop relationships that build safe schools and align with the principles of prevention research.

HWRSD Academic Performance

Donna Scanlon, Ed.D.

Assistant Superintendent for 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 – 2006:

Grade	Subject Tested	Percent of Students Scoring Advanced/Proficient					Percent of Students Scoring Warning/Failing				
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
3	Reading	85%	87%	77%	80%	80%	2%	0%	3%	2%	2%
3	Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	68%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5%
4	English Lang. Arts	71%	64%	75%	62%	59%	4%	3%	2%	4%	5%
4	Mathematics	50%	56%	58%	50%	55%	10%	5%	5%	7%	7%
5	English Lang. Arts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	69%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3%
5	Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	58%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10%
5	Science/Engineering	N/A	70%	76%	72%	71%	N/A	4%	3%	4%	4%
6	English Lang. Arts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	83%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2%
6	Mathematics	60%	65%	59%	61%	61%	8%	9%	9%	8%	10%
7	English Lang. Arts	77%	77%	83%	77%	77%	2%	2%	3%	1%	4%
7	Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11%
8	English Lang. Arts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2%
8	Mathematics	39%	56%	54%	65%	54%	18%	13%	14%	11%	12%
8	Science/Engineering	N/A	62%	51%	59%	51%	N/A	10%	14%	6%	8%
10	English Lang. Arts	77%	77%	75%	86%	88%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%
10	Mathematics	66%	65%	70%	78%	80%	10%	7%	4%	5%	5%

Members of the graduating class of Minnechaug Regional High School are required to pass both the English Language Arts and the Mathematics MCAS tests as one condition for receiving a high school diploma. Starting with the graduating class of 2010, students will also need to pass a Science MCAS test in order to satisfy State regulations.

The District is proud to announce that in each of the last three years, 90 or more students were eligible for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, which provides a tuition waiver to State colleges and universities for four years. Students qualify 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 assessments.

In addition to MCAS performance, the District's 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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Verbal Mean	531	534	512	517	506	519	518	517	529	531	501
Math Mean	535	536	519	523	515	527	530	529	550	550	526

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 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.

Guidance Department

Carolyn Lewis, Director

The Class of 2006 granted degrees to 309 graduates, 90% of which were accepted and attended college. Many of those students were admitted to highly competitive colleges and universities, including Bentley College, Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Brown University, Bucknell University, Colby College, Dartmouth College, Hamilton College, Lehigh University, Mount Holyoke College, New York University, Rutgers University, Simmons College, Skidmore College, Smith College, United States Coast Guard Academy, United States Merchant Marine Academy, Wake Forest University, Washington University, Wellesley College. Three students received National Merit Letters of Commendation. Two seniors earned AP Scholars Awards and two earned AP Scholars Awards with Honor. 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

It was a year of growth for Green Meadows Elementary School! It was exciting to welcome the 4th grade back after nine years at Thornton W. Burgess Middle School. The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Early Childhood Program also returned to Green Meadows after being housed at Soule Road School during our construction project. As a result, enrollment grew from 251 students in 2005 to 369 students in 2006. The 4th grade team of teachers brought much enthusiasm and excitement to Green Meadows. They readily joined our collegial staff to expand our sense of community and outreach to students and families.

With the addition of the 4th grade and Early Childhood program, it was necessary to reassess how to meet the many diverse needs of our students. Two major changes were the addition of a shared Information Specialist and the development of a District Intensive Resource Room to service children with more significant needs, such as Autism and Downs Syndrome. Teachers have spent the year collaborating with the Information Specialist to utilize the wonderful technology in the Richard Moriarty Information Center. Teachers and students are using several new software programs such as *Enchanted Learning*, *Kidspiration*, and *Read, Write and Type*, as well as *Accelerated Math and Reading*. Teachers also use many wonderful websites to enhance learning in the content areas of Science and Social Studies. They continue to implement differentiated instruction in all areas of the curriculum to maximize the learning of all students. As a result, our MCAS scores continue to show improvement.

In addition to academic activities, it is the philosophy of Green Meadows Elementary School that students learn the valuable lesson of community service. Throughout the year students and

families were very generous in their support and contributions to the Giving Tree with Acts of Kindness that were transformed into toys for needy children. Families also donated over 450 food items to the Community Survival Center. It was truly amazing when the Green Meadows School community raised \$3000 for the Picayune Mississippi School District as part of our outreach to Hurricane Katrina survivors.

Our thanks to the many wonderful volunteers who work at Green Meadows Elementary School daily. The PTO, VIPS, community members and parents play a vital role in the success of our students.

Memorial Elementary School

Marguerite Myers-Killeen, Principal

Memorial Elementary School is a learning community comprised of approximately 330 students in grades two through six, and fifty staff members. Everyone strives daily to be responsible to do his/her part to make our school a special place for everyone.

During the year we had a total upgrade to our technology lab, including a Smart Board and a computer/television hook up in every classroom. With the addition of a part-time Information Specialist and a Computer Technician to the Memorial staff, our school's technology skills have blossomed. All staff members reported increased comfort and skill level using technology to enhance their curriculum. Some examples of technology related curriculum projects completed this year include travel brochures, "Get to Know Your Bus Driver" booklets, graphing the results of the Olympic Games, Power Point Presentations and use of the Smart Board to demonstrate acquired skills.

We were very pleased to note our MCAS scores showed improvement from previous test scores. The Memorial staff spent a significant amount of time analyzing prior results and developed specific action plans to address areas where students demonstrated weakness. To help in the math area, all classrooms were equipped with technology to implement the Accelerated Math program with teachers and parent volunteers trained to use this program.

One of our school improvement goals was to continue to build a strong sense of community at Memorial School. Improvement in this area has been made with all teachers implementing the Responsive Classroom philosophy and strategies, which include the components of a daily morning meeting and establishing rules with logical consequences as a class activity. All our students are contributing members of their classroom community, as well as the Memorial School community. Sixth graders were given the privilege of serving the school as members of the M-Team, a group of students who voluntarily help to make our school a better place by performing a variety of special school-related tasks.

Memorial School is fortunate to have a very dedicated group of parents who serve our school in a variety of ways. The PTO members volunteer a great deal of time to plan activities, raise money, and provide special programs/opportunities for our children. This year's group worked diligently to raise a large amount of money for a new playground. They also sponsored two family dinner nights which helped strengthen our school community. Memorial School has

diligently to raise a large amount of money for a new playground. They also sponsored two family dinner nights which helped strengthen our school community. Memorial School has many parents who help out regularly in a variety of ways to make our learning community even better for students and staff.

Memorial School is a very special place for our children to grow and learn. We are proud to be partners with our parents and our community to make this school a vibrant part of the town of Wilbraham!

Mile Tree School

Rosemary Brosnan, Principal

Mile Tree Elementary 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. Mile Tree Elementary School provides rich, developmentally appropriate learning experiences in all physical, social, emotional, language, aesthetic and intellectual areas. Mile Tree Elementary School has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, which is the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

Mile Tree's School Council is composed of parents, a community member, faculty, and the school's administrator. The School Council is charged with setting the school's annual goals, writing and implementing the annual improvement plan, and reviewing the school's budget.

Mile Tree's strong PTO is actively engaged in providing enrichment activities to enhance the learning climate of the school. Through successful fund raising efforts they provide many cultural activities and assemblies. Parents and community volunteers play a key role in the education of children at Mile Tree. Volunteers donate numerous hours of help, from copying for teachers to chaperoning field trips.

Mile Tree School students participated in many fundraising activities during the year. One of the highlights was the "Presidents for Picayune" which raised money for the Picayune Mississippi School District, which was adopted by our district after Hurricane Katrina.

Mile Tree School was awarded a \$1000 W.H.A.T. grant for a "Good Nutrition" program. During "National Nutrition Month", students participated in a "Taste of the Green" (a sampling of green fruits and vegetables) on St. Patrick's Day and saw a "Food Play" performance.

Mile Tree School students read 5,649 books during their "Spring Into Reading" program! As a result of their success, the students were treated to a "Pig Out on Reading" program presented by Farmer Minor and Daisy the Pig. The Friendly Corporation donated \$500 to the Mile Tree School library in honor of the successful completion of the reading program.

Soule Road School

Stephen Hale, Principal (through 8/06)

Mary T. Goodwin, Principal (as of 8/06)

As elaborated in the school mission statement, Soule Road Elementary School continuously strives to provide the best possible education for our students. Last year the dedicated school community collaborated to address our identified School Improvement Goals of improving the quality of our students' written work and continuing to meet the unique needs of all student learners through designing and implementing differentiated instruction lessons.

Our students continued to use the Collins Writing Method in every content area to focus their writing strategies, enhance their use of mechanics, and expand topic development. Our staff worked diligently to incorporate strategies to support and enhance the writing potential of every child. Through District initiatives on differentiated instruction, multiple professional development opportunities were available for staff during the year. The resulting classroom lessons expanded the potential and abilities within every child by providing learning opportunities at their individual readiness level. The long-range result will be children who possess skills necessary to contribute to society in a meaningful way.

For the 350 students served in grades two through six at Soule Road Elementary School, it was a very exciting year. Spirit Day, March Madness, Roller Skating Parties, and Movie Nights fostered a sense of school spirit and community. The PTO generously sponsored many educational programs and social activities. The popular Souleto Arts Festival showcased the various outstanding artistic talents of our students. Professional illustrator Jeff Mack served as an "artist-in-residence" during the month of February. "Science Guy" Jeff Danglo amazed our students, and the powerful Ellis Island program captivated the audience. The Sally Spin Slade program stressed the importance of physical health and healthy lifestyle choices. Our fourth, fifth and sixth grade writers worked with noted children's author Barbara O'Connor, who led classroom workshops designed to expand students' use of descriptive vocabulary and vivid topic development. In light of continuing concerns about school and child safety, Soule Road was fortunate to work collaboratively with the Free Masons and the Wilbraham Junior Women's Club to introduce the CHIPs (Child Identification Program) to our families.

Looking to contribute to needs outside of our building, Soule Road students and families generously contributed to Pennies for Patients and various food drives. During the holiday season, Soule Road Elementary School "adopted" children from the Children's Study Home, and we continue to make birthday greeting cards to cheer the residents of the Soldier's Home each month.

The Soule Road Elementary School is a learning community where students, families and staff work collaboratively to provide a rigorous curriculum and a healthy social and emotional environment in which all students can thrive and achieve to the best of their abilities.

Stony Hill Elementary School
Rebecca S. DeSmith, Principal

Stony Hill Elementary School students, teachers and parents are working hard in the three areas of our school improvement plan: writing, differentiated instruction and Stony Hill's 50th birthday celebration.

are more familiar each year with the Collins Writing Program, and this folder evaluation is the next logical step in sustaining our improvement.

Working toward ensuring quality education which meets the needs of every learner, Stony Hill has spent time learning, discussing and practicing the tenets of differentiated instruction. As principal, I spent four days in the summer training with the leading expert in this field. Inservice days and faculty meetings have been centered on theory, strategies and techniques for delivering instruction that is not “one size fits all.” Stony Hill joins the District in this effort as we move toward a more inclusive model for special education students.

As Stony Hill celebrates 50 years of existence in 2007, a highly organized and energetic group of parents has embraced this birthday as a school spirit event. On May 19, 2007, friends and families of Stony Hill will gather at Fountain Park for an extensive school carnival. As students prepare for that date, we will tie in our goals in writing and differentiation as we research “the way things were” back in 1957 compared with education today.

Stony Hill continues to serve the community in the presentation of our annual Senior Citizen Breakfast. We continue to work with our friends at Country Bank to provide a banking program for all students. We also offer enrichment courses in Accelerated Math and Mad Science, as well as the opportunity to work on a school newspaper. Learning is happening in exciting ways at Stony Hill!

As always, we are grateful for the effort and support of our PTO and School Council as we search for ways to enhance education in our community.

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School

Noel Pixley, Principal

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School’s School Improvement Plan focused on three important strategic goals. Improving students’ level of writing continued to be a major focus as teachers continued to implement the Collins Writing Program, the purpose of which is “Developing Writing and Thinking Skills Across the Curriculum.” Professional development took place throughout the school year in order to reinforce the “Writing Across the Curriculum” goal at Thornton Burgess.

Another important action step pertaining to the writing goal dealt with MCAS results. The analysis of MCAS data was another means used in gaining insight to students’ strengths and weaknesses. Teachers then provided scored models, discussions, and practice to increase student performance.

In addition, the school improvement goals addressed the need to improve students’ math learning and performance at all grade levels. We supported students in mathematics by offering a variety of supplemental materials, experiences and support, such as Title I services, Accelerated Math after-school support, Math Exploratory courses, and participation in the American Mathematics Contest and the Mathcounts Competition held at AIC.

An emphasis was placed on professional development opportunities in the area of mathematics, and training was also offered in the area of differentiated instruction so that teachers could utilize these strategies in all content areas. We were pleased to have Suzanne Whintle, Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, present elements and instructional strategies to our faculty to support differentiation.

Our final goal was to promote the use of technology by fostering a climate conducive to the physical and educational needs of students and staff. The Information Specialist at TWB held workshops concerning hardware, software, computer programs and online programs that would assist teachers in improving and enhancing student learning. Staff was supported by the Information Specialist and the Tech Support team in using the computer, creating spreadsheets, making Power Point Presentations, demonstrating how hypermedia is an extension to hypertext that supports linking graphics, sound, and video elements in addition to text elements, and trouble shooting computer difficulties. There were also workshops provided to help teachers use the GradeQuick program and report cards and progress reports for some grades were electronically generated using this program.

Numerous technological programs and websites were accessed by students and teachers to further facilitate learning, including HeyMath!, MassOne: Virtual Education Space, <http://Trackstar4teachers.org>, www.doe.mass.edu/MCAS, and the District email. During participation in the related arts cycle, students were taught the general function of the technology available in the new computer lab, including SmartBoard and SmartBoard Notebook Gallery, digital camera, video camera, file/folder management/sharing, and how to use PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel, and Word within Microsoft Office. Students were also educated in computer and internet safety using the Netsmartz.org website. Before students were issued an "Internet Drivers License", they had to pass an internet safety course on this website. Furthermore, technology literacy was implemented in grade appropriate strands and the fair use policy was taught to all grade levels.

Beyond the goals of the School Improvement Plan, the faculty and staff of Thornton W. Burgess Middle School continued to promote a positive and safe school climate. Character education was taught through advisory class and a variety of safety initiatives took place throughout the school year. We are very proud of the accomplishments that we as a school have achieved, and we welcome the challenge of improving on our performance both academically and socially in the years to follow.

Wilbraham Middle School

Barbara Lukis, Principal (through 8/06)
Stephen Hale, Principal (as of 8/06)

Wilbraham Middle School serves 425 students in grades seven and eight. Our students benefit from the school's committed staff, dedicated PTO, and caring community, who all work together to support the academic, social, and emotional needs of our adolescent learners.

Wilbraham Middle School's School Improvement Council outlined three goals in its improvement plan, inspired by our mission statement and striving to meet the greater community's expectations. 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 currently implemented:

1. Increase Wilbraham Middle School's capacity to meet the individual math learning needs of diverse student learners.
2. To continue to improve student writing by incorporating comprehensive writing strategies, experiences, and assessments throughout the curriculum.
3. To improve the science program by incorporating analysis of MCAS results and introducing grade level formal assessments which align with the Massachusetts State Frameworks and the HWRSD Curriculum Maps.

At Wilbraham Middle School, it was a very exciting year for our students. Student Council instituted a "Spirit Week" with a pep rally conducted by the students and the Student-Faculty volleyball game highlighting the week. In addition, Student Council opened the "Eagles Supply Closet", a school store where students can purchase school supplies and Wilbraham Middle School apparel.

International Week was sponsored by the PTO in conjunction with the WMS Foreign Language Department. All week different activities took place throughout the school including announcements made in another language, cultural music played over the loud speaker, foreign films that dealt with different cultures, and performances by two international dance groups. An Art Show highlighted students' various talents.

Technology resources took a big leap forward with the creation of a second computer lab for teachers and students. In addition, all faculty received new computers in their classrooms which created more computer access for students. Through a large donation from Big Y Foods, additional computers and upgrades were made in the school's library.

In summary, it was a very successful year for the Wilbraham Middle School community where local support, grant funding, and PTO assistance helped create lifelong educational experiences for our students.

Minnechaug Regional High School

M. Martin O'Shea, Principal

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 the 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 increase the capacity of general

education to meet the needs of diverse student learners. The following reports from the various departments highlight just some of the commendable educational activities at the high school.

The **English Department** offered skills-based courses 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 AP students continue to do well in the AP exams with over 75% of the students receiving a grade of 4 or 5. The MCAS scores were also exceptional with a passing rate of over 99%. Seven students won Gold awards from the prestigious Scholastic Writing Awards of 2006. There were 50,000 entries with 3,000 chosen for national competition. One MRHS student was a finalist for the Nancy Thorp Poetry contest. The Classic Drama class presented four plays that were open to the public. Emeralds Literary Magazine and Smoke Signal newspaper won national awards. Thanks to a grant from the Wilbraham-Hampden Academic Trust (W.H.A.T.) all sophomore students attended a production of Macbeth presented by the New Rep Theatre.

The **Family and Consumer Science Department** was actively involved in showcasing their students' skills and knowledge. The Child Growth class carried out a Community Service Learning project entitled "Box for Tots". The students created a box of various objects for nine area preschools to have available in case of an emergency situation. The Food Technology classes catered ten after-school events, highlighting their culinary experience. Wilbraham Cable Access Television presented videos of students from the Principles of Baking classes. Guest speakers from local colleges spoke with classes in the department and two Principles of Baking students plan to further their education at Johnson and Wales University and five of the eight students enrolled in Child Study III plan to continue their education as education majors at area colleges.

The **Fine Arts Department** continued to gain much recognition both locally and state-wide. Music students were nominated for and participated in the Western District, Quabbin Valley, All-State and All-Eastern Music Festivals, and The Springfield Republican Newspaper "Talented Teens in the Arts" program. Music students also dignified themselves with numerous performances both at school and within the greater Hampden-Wilbraham community, including the bands' first appearances wearing their new marching band uniforms. Art students were rewarded by nominations for The Boston Globe Scholastic Art Award and Art All-State. Selected Art/Music staff members updated curriculum guides to reflect NEASC recommendations.

The **Foreign Language Department** experienced many changes during the year with three retiring teachers. In addition to our staff, other educators and various activities helped to enrich the curriculum, such as the guest Chinese teacher who treated the students to an introductory Chinese language and culture lesson. The department also participated in the Minnechaug Intern Program with four interns. Latin students took field trips to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, the Worcester Art Museum, and the Botanical Gardens at Smith College. French students spent an evening in Boston having dinner and attending "Les Miserables," and took a trip to Quebec during April vacation. Spanish students also participated in various class enrichment activities this year, and two of them will be hosting a Spanish student this summer as part of the "Year of Study Abroad" as designated by the U.S. Senate.

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The **Guidance Department** continues to offer a variety of programs to serve students and their parents. Some of the services are: guidance brochure, "welcome" call to the homes of all freshmen, workshop on writing college essays, college financial aid night, college night for juniors and their parents, follow-up program for seniors and their parents, orientation program for eighth grade students and their parents, and a reception for transfer students. A practice test for the SAT Reasoning test is offered, in addition to an ACT test taking strategy workshop. The SAT Reasoning and Subject tests, the ACT, PSAT, ASVAB and AP exams are administered at Minnechaug. Our Internship program for seniors continues to grow, and the Tech Prep program has expanded and provides excellent opportunities for students. The counselors meet individually with their students to assist in developing course schedules, making career and college choices and dealing with personal problems. They also work with students through the Developmental Guidance program in group sessions.

The **History and Social Science Department** was active throughout the year with its display case, guest speakers, curriculum development and preparation for the Social Studies MCAS. Teachers participated in workshops sponsored by the DOE and the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association. Students were successful in department sponsored events such as Media Fest, the Phi Alpha Theta State Historical Conference, Model U.N., Model Congress, and Mock Law. The Model Congress Club, working with Representative Gale Candaras, prepared legislation that would mandate schools practice shelter in place drills during the school year. The bill has been filed at the State House in Boston.

Throughout the year Minnechaug's **Interscholastic Athletics** student-athletes competed and excelled in 30 athletic offerings. Ten Western Massachusetts Championships are a testament to this very competitive and diverse athletic program. Almost 1,200 participants enjoyed the interscholastic athletic experience, and academic excellence continued to accompany athletic success. Sportsmanship and a winning tradition were, once again, at the core of Minnechaug's comprehensive, well-respected and successful program.

The **Mathematics Department** remains active with curriculum revisions throughout the year. Curriculum must constantly evolve in order to remain current and most effective. The Statistics course was offered this year for the first time in several years. A teacher attended the Mathematics Science & Technology/Engineering Institute, which provided a unique, intense immersion experience and prepared them to explain algebraic concepts at the student's point of readiness and through the student's learning preference. Three teachers enhanced their current knowledge in teaching math through the use of the graphing calculator by attending the Texas Instrument Conference sponsored by Math West. Some exciting math application projects were completed by various teachers, including the BC Calculus class held a "marble launching" contest that applied projectile motion to hit the target, and the "Goat Problem" completed in BC Calculus sparked the interest of the admissions office at Brown University after one of the students used it for his college essay. In Algebra 1 part 2, the students conducted experiments to

The **Media Center** continued to be a busy place this past year, with multiple classes visiting every day and a constant stream of students worked on individual assignments. The Media Center also played host to several events during the year, including Media Fest presentations and Business Entrepreneurship class presentations, among many others. We are fortunate that two sources of monthly book donations continued this year, with former teacher Susan Kline and the Falcon Corner School Store providing valuable resources.

The **Physical Education/Health Department** continued to update curriculum guides and manuals, which are valuable reference materials for new teachers. The department incorporated a Walking for Fitness Unit. Guest speakers augmented classroom instruction that covered a variety of health related topics. The Health Education Department continued to grow and improve and made great strides within the health field.

The **Science Department** developed an innovative blend of Earth Science and Biology curriculum framework strands for the “Natural Science” course to be offered to freshmen beginning in the fall of 2006. The shift of the Ecology and Evolution strands to the grade 9 curriculum allows sufficient time to cover the newly incorporated Human Body strands in grade 10, while preserving many important Earth Science concepts as part of a comprehensive science education. These changes were enacted to ensure adequate preparation for the MCAS Biology exam required for graduation beginning with the class of 2010. In addition, preparation began for adding an AP Chemistry course, tentatively scheduled for enrollment beginning in the spring of 2008.

Student Activities had another exceptional year by offering a tremendous variety of activity programs; alumni reunion planning and assistance; student recognition programs such as Renaissance, Student of the Month and perfect attendance; as well as academic and service awards and scholarships. There were numerous fundraising events with about \$300,000 collected. A selection of individual activity program highlights includes:

- Class of 2006 held step-up events, Peach Festival booth, breakfasts, Senior-Faculty Basketball Game, Flag Football Game, High Meadow Day, Prom, Graduation, and more
- Class of 2007 held Peach Festival booth Scarecrow fundraiser, Flag Football, Magazine Drive, Battle of the Bands, Senior-Faculty Basketball Game, step up luncheon, and more
- Class of 2008 held Entertainment Book sale, carwashes, Senior-Faculty Basketball Game, hole in one contest, and more
- Class of 2009 held Calendar Raffle, carwash, bottle drive
- Key Club participated in over 50 service events throughout the community and Western Mass. and provided scholarships while about 225 active members were doing thousands of hours of community service during the year
- National Honor Society offered a tutoring program for MRHS, WMS, and Soule Road, as well as food drives, caroling, snow shoveling, Christmas gifts for the needy, the Peach King Pageant, scholarships worth a total of \$1500 and donations totaling over \$2600
- Pep Band had about 150 members who participated in parades, football games, pep rally and held numerous fundraisers raising about \$12,600 to purchase uniforms, carry bags, and equipment

- Student Council held their annual Semi-Formal Dance with about 800 students attending and also had ten dress down days, the annual Toy for Joy fundraiser, two Red Cross blood drives, Homecoming, scholarships and donations to groups in excess of \$2000, Senior night recognition ceremony and supported numerous other groups and projects throughout the school
- Student Host and Hostesses assisted at about ten evening events with program distribution and ticket sales
- School Store sold about \$35,000 of products to students and parents throughout the year, gave thousands in scholarships, and donated books to the Media Center.

The **Technical Education, Computers and Business Department** continued to present a diverse offering of technical, applied and fine art classes at many levels in many subject areas. These departments, with their wide-ranging interdisciplinary approach, assist students in all areas of the Massachusetts State Frameworks. With obvious strengths in critical thinking, problem solving, and the design process, our applied technology classes continue to thrive and play a large part in the “greater good” of the student population. Of particular interest in the past year: computer students took second place at the Western New England College Programming Contest; the metal technology classes tackled the first of what will hopefully be many custom vehicle prototypes, the platform for which was an old Craftsman lawnmower that was donated to the Technology Department; the Technology and Engineering course was recently redesigned for better alignment with the State Frameworks giving students better preparation for the MCAS test; and the Entrepreneurship classes had a student finish second in the Springfield Technical Community College Young Entrepreneurial Scholars Business Plan Competition of Western Mass.

Student Services

Thomas Philpott, Director

Student Services essentially encompasses special education and services to students who have a primary language other than English. The Student Services Department is responsible for providing a wide variety of related services such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, assistive technology, and school adjustment counseling. These services, along with specialized instruction, are designed to assist the unique learning needs of students with disabilities and language needs and to ensure these students have full access to all educational programs and activities in the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District.

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 have Student/Teacher Assistance Teams that have been established to provide immediate accommodations and strategies that may enable the student to become more successful in school.

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District has a reputation as a provider of quality educational services to all students, including those whose disabilities would otherwise inhibit school success if not for the support provided by the various dedicated educators and related services therapists.

Federal and State grants have provided critical financial support to supplement the district's budget to meet the increasing cost of providing a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) to all students regardless of intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional, linguistic or other issues. These grants have also funded workshops and consultation services to the District's professional and paraprofessional staff in order to improve the quality and effectiveness of instruction.

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District has made a significant commitment to the full inclusion of special education students in all our schools, classes, and activities and realizes that this goal can only be accomplished through the strong determination of our regular and special education staff to commit to effective collaboration and to work in concert with the parents of our students to create a school district that we can all be proud of!

School Nurses

Poppy Nelson, RN, BSN, NCSN
Nurse Leader

As usual, our school nurses had a busy year caring for the students and staff of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District. First aid was given to 13,104 students; 16,797 illness assessments were completed; 12,348 student medications were administered; and 5,104 parent phone calls and meetings were accomplished. Overall, there were 46,419 student health clinic visits during the school year. Two part-time substitute float nurses were hired through funds provided by the Essential School Health Services grant, and we were grateful for the help they offered the students and nurses.

We again partnered with Springfield College Health Education students to provide instruction to elementary students in several health topics. We worked with Elms College to provide student nurses to Minnechaug Regional High School, Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, Wilbraham Middle School, and Wilbraham and Monson Academy one day per week for six weeks. The student nurses helped with patient care in the health clinics, as well as occasionally taught health classes and shared their final presentations.

With the help of the Wilbraham Fire Department we offered CPR/AED training to our staff. Our nurses administered the Hepatitis B vaccine three-part series and flu shots to District employees and, with the help of dedicated parent volunteers, ran the Fluoride Mouthrinse Program for first and second grade students. Our nurses also participated in the statewide Asthma Surveillance Project and found that our student's asthma rates are similar to the average for the Commonwealth.

A quality control project was completed using the services of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. This involved a random parent satisfaction survey, which showed the following results: 98% of parents were very satisfied with the care their child receives from the school nurse, 100% feel they can reach the school nurse for help without a problem, 90% feel the school nurse keeps them informed about their child, 92% feel their child can get nursing care quickly at school in an emergency, 95% feel the school nurse treats their child with respect, and 95% value the advice given by the school nurse.

Lastly, as always, the nurses thank 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. The care, respect, and smiles they offer our students are greatly appreciated.

Adult Community Education and Recreation

Ned Doyle, Director

The Adult Community Education and Recreation Program, "New Beginnings," continues to provide the Hampden and Wilbraham communities with diverse enrichment opportunities. Over 2,000 participants enjoyed the program offerings and feedback was extremely positive. The "Summer Programs 'R' You," serving the youth of the communities, was once again the most popular program. However, the diverse spring and fall adult offerings were also well attended and provided participants excellent enrichment opportunities. The "New Beginning" program anticipates a very bright future, as it continues to meet the needs of the community.

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. The School Councils for the 2005-2006 school year were:

Mile Tree Elementary School

Rosemary Brosnan, Principal
Kurt Anderson
Karen Anti
Amy Basile
Terry Goodrich
Ginny McKeon
Kristina Stone

Green Meadows Elementary School

Deborah F. Thompson, Principal
Ellen Collins
Carol Fitzgerald
Becky Orr
Melanie Patterson
Beth Richards
Warren Schoonover
Nancy Trevallion
Cheryl Willis

Memorial Elementary School

Marguerite Myers-Killeen, Principal
Jessica Carroll
Nancy Douglass
Denise Fisher
Rachel Lyons
Peggy McNeff
Susan Mederios
Jack Pedace
Nancy Piccin

Soule Road Elementary School

Stephen Hale, Principal
Maureen Burke
Meg Cyr
Julie Kibbe
Becky Lefort
Jill Pszeniczny
Ellen Schmutte
Georgianne Small
Georgina Trebbe

Stony Hill Elementary School

Rebecca S. DeSmith, Principal
Lori Berg
Stacy Gilmour
Mary Beth Laliberte
Michelle Mistalski
Nan O'Connor
Mary Pajak
Kathy Reid
Sue Toomey

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School

Noel Pixley, Principal
Sara Bandoski
Karen Burzdak
Denise Fiedler
Phyllis Hultstrom
Catherine Mahoney
Deana Murdza
Charlene Normandeau
Gina Pantuosco
Mark Taylor

Wilbraham Middle School

Barbara L. Lukis, Principal
Mary Goodwin, Assistant Principal
Scott Berg
Janice Flynn
Judi LaBranche
Abdoulaye Ngom
Mary Pajak
Cindy Zielenski

Minnechaug Regional High School

M. Martin O'Shea, Principal
Sam Boyd
Patricia Casey
John Costello
Stephanie Dunaj
Patricia Gordon
Sandra Himmelwright
Clifton Johnson
Gary Manuel
Bruce MacDonald
Patrick Moriarty
Tom Petzold
Linda Pickreign
Jane Robinson
Gregory Schmutte

Retirements During the 2005-2006 School Year:

JoAnne E. Dalmolin – Minnechaug Regional High School
John H. Deely – Minnechaug Regional High School
Jean E. Godek – Green Meadows Elementary School
Deborah L. Gormley – Soule Road Elementary School
Daniel R. Hanscom – Minnechaug Regional High School
Irene S. Kraft – Mile Tree Elementary School
Barbara L. Lukis – Wilbraham Middle School
Joyce G. Sager – Minnechaug Regional High School

Five-Year Enrollment History

Grade	2001 – 2002			2002 - 2003			2003 - 2004			2004- 2005			2005- 2006		
	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T
K	61	180	241	59	179	238	58	161	219	64	165	229	70	181	251
P-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	65	210	275	65	192	257	65	180	245	61	168	229	64	173	237
2	62	189	251	71	201	272	62	191	253	74	177	251	63	174	237
3	63	184	247	58	197	255	66	202	268	62	193	255	74	188	262
4	64	195	259	68	184	252	71	209	280	66	211	277	64	198	262
5	95	229	324	64	205	269	61	200	261	75	213	288	71	213	284
6	80	216	296	93	232	325	68	205	273	67	205	272	75	213	288
7	76	251	327	83	217	300	66	219	286	72	205	277	60	205	265
8	88	227	315	79	251	330	95	232	326	70	219	289	73	211	284
9	87	243	330	96	233	329	81	257	338	105	258	363	78	220	298
10	66	222	288	88	240	328	86	254	340	76	235	311	93	250	343
11	72	218	290	59	207	266	79	224	303	79	240	319	72	219	291
12	79	208	287	79	218	297	81	222	303	79	223	302	78	245	323
Other			87			72			79			75			78
TOTAL	958	2772	3817	962	2756	3790	939	2756	3774	950	2712	3737	935	2690	3703

Hamden-Wilbraham Regional School District School Committee:

Scott R. Chapman, Chairperson
William Bickley, Jr.
Marianne Desmond
D. John McCarthy
Lisa Morace
Peter T. Salerno
Gilles Turcotte

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 – 4)

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)

Mary Goodwin, 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, 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 5 – 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)

Stephen Hale, 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.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In the year 2006, the Highway Department's budget was restored to previous levels, but continued to be a challenge. Due to rising costs of construction, limited available funds for road improvements, and the continued decline of much of our infrastructure, two positions in the Highway Department have not yet been filled. The financial savings allowed for the completion of several smaller projects that otherwise would not have been accomplished. The consequence of this is that some functions were contracted out and other tasks normally accomplished with department labor were not done. The need for additional laborers will continue to be evaluated closely, and adjustments will be made as time goes on.

With local funds, some minor projects were completed. A section of drainage on Martin Farms Road was replaced and the associated drainage channel was cleaned to correct water problems in that area. Approximately 250-feet of sub-drainage was added to Main Street, eliminating water and icing problems there. A culvert was replaced on Somers Road and several catch basins that began to collapse were rebuilt.

As in past years, State-Aid received from Chapter 90 allotments to the Town was used in 2006 to fund all expenses associated with paving projects on Valley View Drive, Forest Hills Road and Chestnut Hill Road. All of these roads received structure adjustments and new catch basin tops. The curbs were repaired as needed and the roads were tack coated and paved completely. State-Aid was also used for the placement of hot mix used to re-profile about 800-feet of Bennett Road and the entire length of Ames Road. These roads will receive a final coat of asphalt and stone next year.

As you are aware, in October 2005, Hampden suffered considerable damage as a result of local flooding. In 2006 the remaining repairs were completed. A slope failure that occurred on the property of Mass Audubon near Glendale Road, along the bank of East Brook, was temporarily repaired. This failure jeopardized the stability of Glendale Road. I am pleased to report that Mass Audubon gifted this repair, which was done by the Highway Department with a local contractor, to the town. Final repairs were also made to areas of Memorial Park.

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

Two roads were the focus of much conversation in 2006. Briefly, South Ridge Road will receive sectional repair work to both the drainage and the pavement surface next year as approved at the Special Town Meeting in October of 2006.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Howlett Hill Road was the subject of a public hearing in November of 2006, which resulted in the Selectmen voting to "Discontinue the Maintenance" of this road.

There were a total of 16 winter storms in 2006. As in past years, 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 continue to be a valuable asset, given the reduced staffing of the department. I would like to thank the members of the Highway Department; Patrick Markham, Robert Richards and John Ouellette, along with all the supplemental workers that are used on a regular basis for their service, support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley
Highway Superintendent

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

This year marked the end of the ADOPT-A-PLOT program. Over the past five years over 900 headstones have been cleaned and over 275 headstones have been reset and/or repaired in Old Cemetery. Using Community Preservation Act funds, the largest and most complex repairs and resets were done by professional stone conservator Jonathan Appell. We would like to thank all the residents who contributed their time and/or money to this worthwhile project.

We continue to work on a Town wide survey of all of our historic buildings and sites. We have photographed just about all of our historic houses, barns and other outbuildings along with a few historic archaeological sites. When this project is complete, residents and researchers will be able to access information on historic buildings in Town both in print and on CD at various sites.

Bill Meuse, retired NPS historian and a Commission volunteer, completed an in depth report on Mt. Vision Farm on North Road. Mt. Vision was an experimental farm during much of its history and turned out to be far more significant agriculturally than we had thought. The historic farmhouse is scheduled for demolition. We are hoping it can be moved rather than destroyed. Our efforts to find a buyer for the structure have been unsuccessful. If you are interested in it let us know.

Our concerns are not just old buildings and archeological 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

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Hampden Housing Authority meets on the third Thursday of every month in 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: Miles Hapgood, George Stone, Cecilia Melville and William Olmstead. The Governor's appointee is Benjamin Bump. The Housing Authority employs three staff members; Executive Director, Christine Evans; Maintenance Manager, Jim McQuillan, and Maintenance Assistant, John Piechota.

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 - \$542, 2 bedrooms - \$619. 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.

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 Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 – 3:00 and Friday mornings from 8:00 – 12:00 noon. We are closed on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Respectfully,

Christine Evans
Executive Director/Secretary to the Board

PUBLIC LIBRARY

2006 was an eventful year for the Hampden Public Library. The first half of the year found the trustees and the Friends of the Library working to find funding to reopen the library in July. The trustees worked on a barebones budget while the Friends Group continued to raise awareness of the importance of libraries and monies for many programs the library would need once reopened. Two successful events sponsored by the Friends were held in the spring; the Golden Ticket Raffle and the April Gala.

As the Town Meeting approached, the trustees submitted the budget to the Advisory Board, attended meetings and planned for the library reopening in anticipation of a budget passing at Town Meeting.

After the budget passed at Town Meeting, the trustees were busy hiring staff and readying the library for reopening on July 1, 2006. We were fortunate that two of our former staff members, Christina Fairman and Cynthia Rowley, were available to be rehired. However, both positions were changed due to our limited budget. We now have a Youth Services Librarian who is responsible for both the Children and Young Adults. The Technical Services Librarian is now responsible for circulation as well as technical services including our new C/W MARS library system. Our search for a Library Director led us to Carol Scheier, a branch supervisor in the Springfield Library System. Carol's knowledge of library services, her love of libraries, and her gentle manner, made her a perfect choice for the Director's position. We also hired Marissa Garbecki as a Library Page. In the fall of 2006, James Nietupski was hired as a Library Page.

As the reopening date approached, the Friends Group moved into full gear. Cleaning the library from top to bottom, refurbishing the library with plants and colorful hangings and planning for a "Grand Reopening Celebration" were just some of the group was busy doing. The library staff and trustees were busy setting up and receiving training of our new C/W MARS library system, weeding through library materials, assessing what would be needed to reopen, and working with the Friends Group to insure the library would be ready for the public on July 1st. Some of those books were packed in boxes and donated to schools and libraries affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The library reopened on July 1, 2006 under sunny skies in a grand manner. State Representatives Gale Candaras and Mary Rogeness attended along with John Arnold from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and John Ramsay from the Western Mass Regional Library System. The Friends Group planned a terrific day that included an historic tour of Hampden on the Peter Pan double decker bus, games for the children, music from the Highlanders Bagpipe Group, the Melha Shriners, and an old fashioned hotdog roast.

Since July 1, 2006, the library has been a busy place. We have signed up 605 patrons with their new C/W MARS cards. Over 18,650 library items have been circulated. The library staff has cataloged 2,000 library materials, and has purchased 700 new library items. Our magazine collection is growing thanks to an "Adopt-A-Magazine" drive sponsored by the Friends of the Library. As a result of this drive, 60 new magazine subscriptions were ordered for the library.

The library had a \$70,000 budget appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting with an additional \$5,000 appropriated at the Special Town Meeting in the fall. In order to meet state guidelines for recertification, the library was required to be open for 25 hours a week and spend 19% of their budget on library materials. In order to meet these guidelines and to provide access to inter-library loans for its patrons, the library needed additional funding. The library received money and materials from the Friends of the Library and individual donations of an additional \$9,000. In addition, \$3,500 was spent from Trust Funds, as appropriate, for library materials, and \$7,000 from MEG (State money received in past years) was used for computer hardware and software upgrades and for our C/W MARS membership. This brings the total budget for the library for FY 2007 to \$95,000.

The trustees and library staff would like to thank everyone who helped open the doors to our library. We would like to thank our current library volunteers and members of the Friends of the Library for their ongoing support and advocacy for the Hampden Public Library.

In 2006 was said goodbye to longtime trustee, Elaine Kingsbury. Elaine served the library as a trustee since 1989. We sincerely thank her for her time, dedication and commitment to our library.

We also welcomed our newest trustee, Cynthia Bailey. We thank her for interest in the library and her many hours of work on behalf of the library both as a Friend and a trustee.

Kathleen Hutchison, Trustee Chair
Beth Burger, Trustee
Cynthia Bailey, Trustee

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Parks and Recreation Department has faced a very challenging year. The Board actively meets two times per month with minutes 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, postings on the community bulletin board and local newspapers.

The Parks and Recreation Department offers soccer, basketball, baseball and softball programs. Each program covers a wide array of age and skill appropriate programs. All sporting experiences are aimed at developing sportsmanship and skills in a positive, nurturing atmosphere. The assistance of a very strong and capable volunteer base has been a great help. The various sports coordinators, coaches and the Recreation Association of Hampden (RAH) have made it possible for the continuation of these youth programs. In addition the Board offered a trip to Fenway Park to see a Red Sox game. This was the only recreational trip that was offered.

The Summer Activities Program experienced another great season with many theme weeks that provided campers with many fun filled and exciting experiences. 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, particularly Kara Vicalvi. Kara served as Camp Director for the last two summers. Her motivation and organizational skills were instrumental in the success of the program. The dedication, enthusiasm and hard work shown by our town's young people, who worked as counselors and CIT's ensured that the summer program was a continued success. We are looking forward to working with many of them again.

A spray park is under construction at Memorial Park and completion is scheduled for early spring 2007. The Memorial Park Project members, headed by Sue Rauscher, Beth DeSousa, Carolyn Brennan and Mark Feeney, are responsible for this remarkable accomplishment. Their determination and dedication enabled the construction of this park to move very quickly. They raised the necessary funds, got the proper clearances and arranged for a contractor to work on the project. It is an awesome addition to Memorial Park and to the Town of Hampden. It has replaced an unused swimming area with water spray features that the entire town can enjoy. The Board extends our thanks to the project members.

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.

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In May, Bob White and Mark Goossens were elected to the Board replacing Tina Albano and Mike D'Agostino. Tina and Mike's dedicated service to our community will be missed. Deb House has continued as our clerk and has been a wonderful addition to our team. Without her hard work and dedication we would not be able to accomplish our mission. Dana Pixley and his Highway Department staff have always been a great help to our department and this year was no exception. 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'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
Larry Forrest
Mark Goossens
Huck House
Bob White

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Committee met several times during the year. The Committee's primary responsibility is to advise and assist the Selectmen on personnel matters. During the year, questions arose as to the status of employee benefits during suspensions. A clarification to the Employee Handbook was developed by the Committee and forwarded to the Selectman who adopted the recommendation. The clarification makes it clear that a suspended employee loses employee benefits during the period of suspension.

The Committee also provided a proctor for an examination administered to candidates for an opening in the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted:

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

PLANNING BOARD

There were no new subdivision plans submitted to the Planning Board in 2006. 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 administered the Tall Pines PURD (development aimed at housing for residents over the age of 55), which was approved in 2005. Construction of Tall Pines is pending final approvals from the Massachusetts Department Fish and Wildlife and other governmental authorities. In addition, the Board reviewed and signed several ANRs (plans creating additional lots where Planning Board approval is not required) and approved a number of Special Permits for large lots and shared driveways.

The Town received a grant from the State under its Smart Growth program. The Smart Growth subcommittee, reviewed a number of growth alternatives for the Town, and proposed three By-Law changes for consideration at the Fall Special Town Meeting. The decision of the Special Town Meeting was to table the question in favor of its consideration at the Annual Town Meeting, and two of the proposed changes are in this year's warrant. For all their hard work on the project, the Board thanks the members of the subcommittee: Melissa Reeves, Sherry Himmelstein, Connie Witt, Dorothy Kibbe, Patricia Cote, and Anthony Bongiorni.

Also in this year's Town Warrant is a proposed change to the Hillside and Ridgeline zoning regulations submitted by the Ridgeline and Hillside subcommittee. The proposal is the result of several years experience in administering the regulations by the subcommittee and their research into ways to better manage development of these important areas in Town. Thanks to the members of the subcommittee: Robin Warner, Bonnie Geromini, Richard DeSanti, and Dick Patullo, for their efforts in making the provisions more effective and easier to use.

Finally, the Board gives special thanks to former Chair, John D. Flynn and member, Melissa Reeves, who stepped down last year, and to former clerk, Jane Budynkiewicz, who transferred to the Board of Health, for their years of service and for their contributions to work of the Board. They will be missed.

Joseph Dolben, Chair
Joseph Kruzel, Vice Chair
Cornelius Flynn
Laurie Niles
Robert Majkut
Anthony Bongiorni, Associate Member
Kathy Foster, Clerk

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to report that the Hampden Police Department has been able to restore some services to our community this past year that we had lost in prior budget years. We have undergone a very active and dynamic year both internally and regarding calls for service.

A few of the significant changes in our Department have been that I have taken over as the permanent Chief of Police for Hampden and Scott Trombly has returned to his prior Patrol Officer's position. This opened a Sergeant's position which resulted in Officer William Joy being promoted to Sergeant. We were also able to restore two of the three vacant Patrolman's positions that were cut the prior year. We saw the return of a former Hampden full time officer; Tarwin Seega and full time dispatcher Michael Lynch who will be attending the Police Academy and will assume the other restored full time Patrolman's position. We were also able to restore a full time Dispatcher's position. While we are still short one full time Police Officer due to prior budget cuts, our Department is in a much better position to provide the service that the Town deserves and has grown to expect.

Regarding service to the community, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the department's employees who have done an outstanding job this past year dealing with some very tragic and trying events. The Hampden Police Department has received praise from our District Attorney's office for the investigative efforts of members of our Police Department regarding the extraordinarily tragic murder of a young woman this year. The entire staff worked tirelessly and all members of the Department, from Patrol to Dispatch to Reserve Officers performed their duties in an outstanding manner. The officers investigating the incident completed a lengthy and complicated investigation that lead to the arrest and indictment of a suspect. Beyond this particular incident, there were a number of other incidents resulting in the loss of lives of those much too young, and these too were handled with great professionalism by the Officers of this Police Department.

On a more positive note, the Police Department has been able to expand and reinstitute some programs within our Town. We continue to have officers working in both our schools on a weekly basis. Sergeant William Joy is working at Thornton Burgess School and Officer Scott Trombly is working at Green Meadows School. With the re-opening of the Town's Senior Center, Reserve Officer Kevin Carroll and Officer Michael Cooney are serving as our Senior Resource Officers.

I have applied for a number of grants this past year and we have received a Community Policing Grant which allowed us to implement such things as the School Resource Officer positions and the Senior Resource Officers. We were

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able to continue a very popular youth golf program at the Hampden Country Club this summer and had over 65 Hampden children participating throughout the summer. We have also received a Governor's Highway Safety Bureau Traffic Enforcement Grant that will allow us to address some traffic issues. The traffic safety grant will specifically address drunk driving during holiday periods.

We continue to work on projects within the department such as updating our radio communications system to allow better communications between the Police and Fire Departments and surrounding public safety agencies. School safety has been an on-going effort and we continue to work with the regional schools to help enhance and facilitate their efforts.

I would like to thank the members of the Hampden Fire Department and the Highway Department for their assistance this past year, and most importantly I want to thank the men and women who make up the Hampden Police Department for their support and outstanding service to our community.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff W. Farnsworth
Chief of Police

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I SUBMIT HEREWITH, THE Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending, December 31, 2006.

During the year, the Police Department received 7,940 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	1,324	Motor Vehicle Stops	1,348
General Services	367	Special Attention	310
Medical Assist	273	Animal Complaints	170
911 Calls	88	Alarm Calls	294
Assist Other Agencies	315	Suspicious Person/Auto	173
Assist Citizen/Motorist	417	Abandoned/Disabled M/V	52
Assist other PD	81	Vandalism	76

During the year we had 578 total offenses committed, with 187 total arrests and 10 juvenile arrests. Offenses included in these numbers are 2 cases involving armed robbery; 15 cases of burglary/breaking and entry; 5 incidents of weapon law violations; 9 cases of aggravated assault; 14 narcotics violations and 13 restraining orders were issued. Listed below are some of the other complaints filed.

Offenses for 2006

Offense	Total	Offense	Total
Traffic Town By-Law Offense	240	Malicious Damage	59
Larceny	41	Identity Theft/Fraud	19
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	21	Other Offenses	48
Driving Under the Influence	17	Liquor Violations	56
Theft from Building	10	Assault and Battery	16
Drug/Narcotic Violations	14	Simple Assault	5
Harassment	9	Homicide	1

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We had 77 motor vehicle accidents this year. There were a total of 1,058 citations issued during the year with a total of \$40,720.00 in fines. Of the citations issued 28.1% were civil infractions, 49.6% were warnings and 4.6% resulted in criminal charges. The average speed limit in Hampden is 33 MPH; the average speed of vehicles that were issued citations was 48 MPH or 15 MPH over the speed limit.

WARNING CITATIONS			
Speeding	383	Inspection Sticker Violation	60
Unregistered Vehicles	18	Stop Sign Violation	17
Defective Equipment	14	No Plate Violation	23
Failure to Keep Right	5	License not in Possession	7
Seat Belt Violation	7	Marked Lanes Violation	5

CIVIL CITATIONS			
Speeding	213	Inspection Sticker Violation	40
License not in Possession	10	Seat Belt Violation	8
Unregistered Vehicle	15	Defective Equipment	6
Stop Sign Violation	8	Failure to Keep Right	4
No Plate Violation	1	Jr. Operator Violation	4

CRIMINAL CITATIONS			
Op M/V Revoked Lic/Reg	38	Unlicensed Oper of M/V	32
Speeding	14	Uninsured Motor Vehicle	23
OUI	29	Unregistered Vehicle	5
Alcohol Violations	25	License not in possession	2
Failure to Keep Right	3	Jr. Operator Violation	2

During the year \$10,177.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits, and various report fees.

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 four applications this year. Out of the four applications, three had favorable recommendations given to the Building Inspector and the fourth was outside the jurisdiction of the Ridgeline and Hillside Committee.

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.

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
Richard Desanti
Bonnie Geromini
Richard Patullo

SCANTIC VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

During 2006, the Scantic Valley Water District (SVWD) pumped 434,370 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 2006 DEP water sampling schedule for the SVWD was accomplished with twelve Coliform, two Nitrate and two sets of Volatile Organic Compounds samples taken at various locations in the distribution system. All water quality sampling results for 2006 indicate excellent water quality; meeting or exceeding standards set by the DEP. Documents filed with the DEP by this PWS for 2006, included the Annual Statistical Report & Consumer Confidence Report.

The year 2006 was a trouble free year for the SVWD, the only item of note was the filling of the 100 gallon propane fuel tank in May 2006. The tank was last filled in April 2000. The propane was used to power the standby electrical generator in the pumphouse.

Respectfully submitted:

Dick Jalbert
George Bouchard
Ed Hatch
Michael Framarin, Water Operator

STORMWATER COMMITTEE

The Town of Hampden continues to operate under a five-year Stormwater Management Program, as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This Program consists of various tasks and timelines, which address 6 Minimum Controls as outlined by the EPA.

This past year, the Committee worked on the third annual report to the Department of Environmental Protection. We also continued to work on achieving goals related to Public Education & Involvement, Illicit Discharge & Detection, Construction Site Runoff, Post Construction Management and Pollution Prevention & Housekeeping.

Drafting an Erosion Control Bylaw that meets the requirements of this five-year plan and getting it approved at an Annual Town Meeting are just a couple of the objectives that are being worked on for next year.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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

TAX COLLECTOR

One year after its introduction, the Collector's office is finally making a little sense out of the new software program that made a tumultuous first impression for fiscal 2006. Financially, we knew we had no alternative, but it still wasn't easy to make the move from a tried and true system to deal with one unknown to us. And while things are falling into place, there have been some long hours and plenty of frazzled nerves along the way. People have gotten accustomed to the look of the new bills and questions are back to the more common complaints that come with every mailing.

The tax rate for fiscal 2007 has been set at \$14.72 per thousand dollars of assessed value, representing a 54 cent increase over fiscal 06's \$14.18. Not bad when you think about the Town's increased cost of doing business.

I continue to urge any resident homeowners over the age of 70 to check the exemption criteria used by the Assessors. If you qualify, this exemption can certainly help to ease your tax burden.

Calendar year tax collections for 2006:

Tax:	8,172,898.40
Interest & fees:	55,165.80
Total	8,228,064.20

Respectfully submitted:

Eva Wiseman
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK

www.hampden.org still makes it easy to access information about Town boards and events. For questions on general, wetland and zoning bylaws, meeting dates, hours and phone numbers for Town House offices, or dates and times for upcoming events, just visit our cyberspace information center. Need a Building Permit? That's only one of the different applications that are available to print or download. And with such convenient hours, it's never too late to find what you're looking for.

Money collected in 2006 and remitted to the Treasurer follows:

Fish and Game

State	4266.25
Town Fees	182.10
Dog Licenses	959.00
Certified Copies and Publications	2220.00
Trade Names and Marriages	485.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1456.15</u>
	5302.25 Total

Available in the Town Clerk's Office

Dog licenses \$4.00 spay/neuter, OR	10.00
Subdivision Control Law	7.00
Zoning By-Law	10.00
Zoning Map	10.00
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	2006
Births	44	46	47	28	29	18
Deaths	73	78	79	59	70	84
Marriages	14	13	12	11	14	14

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Wiseman, Town Clerk

MINUTES – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 4/24/06
 The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM by Moderator Richard Patullo
 Attendance 223

At 7:13 p.m. a motion was made to recess to conduct the Special Town Meeting the motion carried by a majority vote. The meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

Article 1 REPORTS	The Town voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 2005, be accepted as printed. <u>A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator</u>
Article 2 BUDGET	The Town voted that the sums of money shown in the column entitled "Fiscal 2007 Draft Recommendations" of the Supplementary Report and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee, with line 70.4 being corrected to read \$415,764, 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, 2007. <u>A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator</u>
Fiscal 2007	
Draft	
Recommendations	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
1.0 Accountant	
1.1 Salary	22,351.00
1.2 Clerical	0.00
1.3 Expenses	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Accountant	24,851.00
2.0 Advisory Committee	
2.1 Clerical	4,070.00
2.2 Expenses	<u>200.00</u>
Total Advisory	4,270.00
3.0 Appeals, Board of	
3.1 Clerical	2,945.00
3.2 Expenses	<u>200.00</u>
Total Appeals	3,145.00
4.0 Assessors, Board of	
4.1 Salaries	12,824.00
4.2 Clerical	13,703.00
4.3 Expenses	2,500.00
4.4 Data Processing	0.00
4.5 Revaluation Update	4,300.00
4.6 Mapping Maintenance	900.00
4.7 Computer Maint. & Supp.	0.00
4.8 Field Review	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Assessors	36,227.00

5.0	Building Department Expenses	
5.1	Code and General Enforcement	420.00
5.2	Commissioner and Expenses	0.00
	Total Building Dept.	420.00
6.0	County Retirement	131,505.00
7.0	Insurance	
7.1	Property and Liability	78,000.00
7.2	Employee Benefits	180,000.00
7.3	Unemployment Compensation	2,000.00
7.4	Longevity	0.00
	Total Insurance	260,000.00
8.0	Law and Claims	
8.1	General	20,000.00
	Total Law	20,000.00
9.0	Moderator	
9.1	Salary	0.00
9.2	Expenses	100.00
	Total Moderator	100.00
10.0	Planning Board	
10.2	Clerical	9,049.00
10.3	Expenses	535.00
	Total Planning Board	9,584.00
11.0	Registrars, Board of (Voters)	
11.1	Salaries	780.00
11.2	Election Expenses	2,900.00
11.3	Street Lists	1,900.00
	Total Registrars	5,580.00
12.0	Selectman	
12.1	Salaries	9,327.00
12.2	Administrative Asst.	29,784.00
12.3	Secretarial	0.00
12.4	Expenses	1,600.00
12.5	Legal Advertising	400.00
12.6	Computer Study Committee	0.00
12.7	Temporary Help	500.00
	Total Selectman	41,611.00
	*8 Secretarial is now 56.2	
13.0	Tax Collector	
13.1	Salary	24,587.00
13.2	Clerical	9,508.00
13.3	Expenses	2,000.00
13.4	Computer Maintenance	4,992.00
13.5	Tax Title Work	250.00
13.6	Tax Title Admin.	0.00
	Total Tax Collector	41,337.00

14.0	Town Clerk	
14.1	Salary	24,587.00
14.2	Clerical	6,339.00
14.3	Expenses	1,000.00
14.4	Town Publications	0.00
	Total Town Clerk	31,926.00
15.0	Town Report	3,000.00
16.0	Treasurer	
16.1	Salary	29,922.00
16.2	Clerical	7,183.00
16.3	Expenses	900.00
16.4	Certifying Notes	100.00
16.5	Interest on Loans (short term)	2,500.00
16.6	Tax Title Expense	1,000.00
16.7	Payroll Service	5,000.00
16.8	Bank Service Charges	100.00
16.9	Tax Title Admin.	0.00
	Total Treasurer	46,705.00
17.0	Veterans' Benefits	9,500.00
18.0	Greater Springfield Senior Services	467.00
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	670,228.00
	GENERAL TOWN SERVICES	
20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance	2,500.00
21.0	Cemetery Commission	
21.1	Clerical	607.00
21.2	Expenses	80.00
21.3	Maintenance	500.00
	Total Cemetery Commission	1,187.00
22.0	Conservation Commission	
22.1	Clerical	5,300.00
22.2	Expenses	1,200.00
	Total Conservation Commission	6,500.00
23.0	Transfer Station	
23.1	Operation	90,000.00
23.2	Monitoring/Testing	14,400.00
	Total Transfer Station	104,400.00
24.0	School Buildings Repairs	0.00
25.0		
26.0	Library	
26.1	Salaries	
26.2	Expenses	
26.3	Books and Periodicals	
	Total Library	70,000.00
27.0	Town Events	800.00

29.0	Office Equipment	
29.1	Acquisition	500.00
29.2	Maintenance	7,000.00
29.3	Supplies	5,000.00
29.4	Postage	10,000.00
	Total Office Equipment	22,500.00
30.0	Parks and Recreation	
30.1	Salaries	5,000.00
30.2	Operating Expenses	4,000.00
30.3	Capital Improvements	2,500.00
30.4	Baseball	0.00
30.5	Softball	0.00
30.6	Girls Soccer	0.00
30.7	Boys Soccer	0.00
30.8	Basketball	0.00
30.9	Director's Salary	0.00
	Total Parks and Recreation	11,500.00
31.0		
32.0	Town House Maintenance	
32.1	Custodial	16,000.00
32.2	Maintenance and Repairs	6,800.00
32.3	Heat and Utilities	35,000.00
	Total Town House Maintenance	57,800.00
	*1STM Nov 2005, Article 2	
	\$ DIFFERENCE of \$7,000	
33.0		
34.0	Ambulance	12,703.00
35.0	Gasoline	35,000.00
	*2 STM Nov 2005, Article 2	
	\$ DIFFERENCE of \$5,000	
36.0	Street Lighting	12,100.00
	*3 STM Nov 2005, Article 2	
	\$ DIFFERENCE of \$2,500	
37.0	Council on Aging	
37.1	Director's Salary	23,516.00
37.2	Clerk	7,722.00
37.3	Expenses	1,000.00
37.4	Temporary Help	0.00
	Total Council on Aging	32,238.00
38.0	Senior Center	
38.1	Custodial	6,550.00
38.2	Utilities	9,000.00
38.3	Building Maintenance	6,000.00
38.4	Grounds Maintenance	0.00
	Total Senior Center	21,550.00
39.0	Historical Commission	200.00
	Total General Town Services	390,978.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

40.0	Superintendent's Salary	63,052.00
41.0	Tree Warden	
	41.1 Expenses	5,000.00
	41.2 Tree Planting	
	41.3 Insect Pest Control	
42.0	Public Grounds	30,938.00
43.0	Highway Maintenance	76,320.00
	43.1 Expenses	
	43.2 Paving	
44.0	General Highway Expense	80,680.00
45.0	Snow and Ice Removal	37,224.00
46.0	Contract Services	
	46.1 Street Sweeping	
	46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning	34,500.00
	*17 STM Oct. 2004, Article 3	
47.0	Other Highway Accounts	
	47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance	10,000.00
	47.2 Highway Engineering	
	47.3 Equipment Acquistion	
48.0	Building Expenses	
	48.1 Utilities	7000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		344,714.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

50.0	Animal Inspection	
	50.1 Salary	1,900.00
	50.2 Expenses	240.00
	50.3 Rabies Management	0.00
	Total Animal Inspection	2,140.00
51.0	Emergency Management	1,000.00
52.0	Dog Officer	
	52.1 Animal Control Account	13,545.00
	52.2 Dog Damage Fund	300.00
	Total Dog Officer	13,845.00
53.0	Fire Department	
	53.1 Fire Chief Salary	912.00
	53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1,230.00
	53.3 Operation	25,154.00
	Total Fire Department	27,296.00
	*4 STM Nov 2005, Article 2	
	\$ DIFFERENCE of \$2,000	
54.0	Forest Fires	1,418.00
55.0	Forest Fire Warden	585.00

56.0	Health, Board of	
56.1	Salary	3,764.00
56.2	Clerk Salary	17,760.00
56.3	Expenses	3,000.00
	Total Board of Health	24,524.00
565.5	Water District	
565.1	Operations	6,889.00
565.2	Testing	2,900.00
	Total Water District	9,789.00
57.0	Police	
57.1	Chief's Salary	65,205.00
57.2	General Salaries	698,880.00
57.3	Maintenance of Cruisers	7,282.00
57.4	General Expenses	39,943.00
57.5	New Cruisers	31,000.00
57.6	Training	27,763.00
57.7	Equipment	6,828.00
57.8	Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	63,468.00
57.9	Additional Officer	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
58.2	Towing Clerk	200.00
58.3	WMLEC	250.00
59.0	Parking Clerk	
	Total Police	942,919.00
	TOTAL PROTECTION	1,023,516.00
	SCHOOLS	
69.0	Regional School District	
69.1	Assessment	5,884,244.00
69.2	Teacher Deferral	7,616.00
	Total Regional School District	5,891,860.00
	SUB TOTAL	8,321,296.00
70.0	Local Government Debt	
70.1	Principal	250,000.00
70.2	Interest	13,350.00
70.3	School Debt	53,072.00
70.4	Green Meadow BAN	415,764.00
70.5	Highway Truck	15,000.00
	Total Local Government Debt	747,186.00
	GRAND TOTAL	9,068,482.00

**Article 3
PREVIOUS
BILLS**

The Town voted to take no action on this article.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 4
REVOLVING
ACCOUNT**

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of **Assessors** to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ 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.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 5
REVOLVING
ACCOUNT**

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of **Health**, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, 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 payment from the fund to be expended by the Board of Health to defray salaries of part-time employees, said funds not to exceed \$21,000 for the fiscal year 2007.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 6
REVOLVING
FUND**

The Town voted 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 MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving fees paid for issuance of building permits, inspections, 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.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 7
REVOLVING
FUND**

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its **Library** Trustees, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MGL 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.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 8
REVOLVING
FUND**

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its **Council on Aging**, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MGL 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 cost of classes, supplies and other necessary expenses, said fund not to exceed \$35,000 for the fiscal year 2007.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 9
TREASURER/
ACCOUNTANT**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to fund an upgrade in software and hardware for the Town Treasurer and Town Accountant.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 10
COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE**

The Town voted to hear the report of the Community Preservation Committee.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee to contribute \$20,925.00 to the Park and Recreation Committee, for improvements to Memorial Park.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator.

The Town voted to accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee to contribute \$80,000.00 to assist the Park and Recreation Committee and Memorial Park Project, a private organization, to establish a spray park at Memorial Park. Memorial Park Project has agreed to assume the financial burden of maintenance of the spray park for the first 3 years. A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator.

The Town voted to hear the report and recommendations of the Capital Planning Committee.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator.

**Article 11
CAPITAL
PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

The Town voted to take no action on this article.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 12
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

The Town voted to accept any monies made available through Chapter 90 funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator.

**Article 14
HIGHWAY**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$49,000** to purchase a replacement one-ton dump truck with plow.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 15
INFRA-
STRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENTS**

The Town voted to appropriate **\$4,000,000** for 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; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$4,000,000 under G.L. c.44, Section 7 or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to acquire, accept as a gift, or take by eminent domain permanent and/or temporary easements for such drainage system improvements; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other 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, Section 21C (**Proposition 2 1/2**) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

*Override vote June 6, 2006 failed

**Article 16
CONSERVATION
FUND**

The Town **defeated** a motion to raise and appropriate \$1,000 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 an Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purpose.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 17
LIBRARY
ADDITIONAL
STATE AID**

The Town voted that in Fiscal Year 2007, if additional state aid for the library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 18
ASSESSORS**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$12,000** for the mandated full list and measure of all real estate and personal property in the Town.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 19
COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE**

The Town voted 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.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 20
COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION
ACT**

The Town **defeated** a motion to revoke its acceptance of General Laws Chapter 44B, Sections 3 to 7, (the Community Preservation Act) as adopted pursuant to Article 18 at the Annual Town Meeting on April 30, 2001 and the referendum on May 7, 2001, this revocation to also be subject to approval by the voters at an election held after May 7, 2006.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 21
BYLAW**

The Town voted to amend Chapter II, Section 2 of the General Bylaws, by changing polling hours from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm to 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 22
ZONING**

*The Town **defeated** a motion to amend the Zoning By-law as described in Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
* A motion to amend the article to read in part "and every resident member must be aged 30 or older" was deemed out of order by the Moderator who explained that residents were not given sufficient notification of the change.

Lack of a 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 23
ZONING
BYLAW**

The Town voted to amend the Zoning By-law as described in Article 23 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 24
BYLAW**

A motion to substitute the language of this Article to read "I move that the Town vote to take no action" was seconded and passed by a declared majority vote.

The Town voted to take no action on Article 24 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 25
RESERVE
FUND**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$8047.00** for the Reserve Fund.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 26
STABILIZATION
FUND**

The Town voted to take no action on Article 26.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator.

**Article 27
REDUCING
TAX RATE**

The Town voted to take no action on Article 27

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

A motion to adjourn was made and passed by a declared majority vote at 11:02PM.

MINUTES – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – 4/24/06
The meeting was called to order at 7:13PM by Moderator Richard Patullo
Attendance 223

Article 1 TWB	The Town voted to transfer \$30,000 from 7.2 (Employee Benefits) to 24.0 (School Building Repairs) for handicap bathrooms at Thornton W. Burgess School. Majority Vote declared by the Moderator
Article 2 POLICE	The Town voted to transfer \$12,000 from 7.3 (Unemployment Compensation) to 57.7 (Police Equipment) for E911 upgrade Majority Vote declared by the Moderator
Article 3 SELECTMEN	The Town voted to transfer \$2,000 from 7.3 (Unemployment Compensation) to 12.2 (Selectmen Administrative Assistant) and \$5,500 from 7.3 (Unemployment Compensation) to 57.2 (Police General Salaries). Majority Vote declared by the Moderator
Article 4 TREASURER/ ACCOUNTANT	The Town voted to take no action. Majority Vote declared by the Moderator
Article 5 TOWN HOUSE	The Town voted take no action. Majority Vote declared by the Moderator
Article 6 ASSESSORS	The Town voted to establish a stabilization fund, to be known as the Assessors' Stabilization Fund, to finance the cost of the triennial revaluation and Full List Review of all real estate and personal property in the Town. Majority Vote declared by the Moderator
Article 7 ASSESSORS	The Town voted to transfer \$10,000 from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Assessor's Stabilization Fund. 2/3 Vote declared by the Moderator
Article 8 STABILIZATION	The Town voted to transfer \$35,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve Account to the General Stabilization Fund. 2/3 vote declared by the Moderator

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and passed at 7:24PM.

MINUTES - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 30, 2006

Moderator Richard Patullo opened the Meeting at 7:08 pm. Attendance: 166

Article 1 The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the Reserve Fund.
A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 2 The Town voted to accept any monies as made available by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Housing and Community Development, under the provisions of a Legislative Earmarked Grant for Fiscal Year 2007 and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.
A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 3 The Town voted that \$31,000 is appropriated to pay costs of issuance related to the \$2,738,000 School Bonds, dated October 1, 2006, issued by the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District to finance the construction, remodeling and extraordinary repairs to the Green Meadows Elementary School; and that to meet this appropriation \$31,000 shall be raised and appropriated by the Town.
A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 4 The Town voted that \$55,238 is appropriated to pay the interest payment due on April 1, 2007 related to the \$2,738,000 School Bonds, dated October 1, 2006, issued by the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District to finance the construction, remodeling and extraordinary repairs to the Green Meadows Elementary School, and that to meet this appropriation \$55,238 shall be raised and appropriated by the Town.
A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 5 The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$40,000 to repair the septic system at Green Meadows School.
A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 6 The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$35,000 to repair the roof of the Town House.
A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 7 A motion to move the question was made, seconded and passed by majority vote.
The Town then voted to raise and appropriate \$70,000 for road and drainage improvements on South Ridge Road.
A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 8 The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$32,000 to purchase a new police cruiser.
A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 9 The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to increase the Library line item 26 as found in the FY2007 town budget.
A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 10 The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$7,000 to increase the street light line item 36 as found in the FY2007 town budget.
A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 11 The Town voted to raise and appropriate a total of \$30,000 and transfer \$317,530 from unappropriated available funds to the Stabilization Fund.
A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 12 A motion to substitute the language of the original motion from "I move the Town vote to re-affirm the rights of all of the citizens of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts as stated in Mass General Law, Chapter 40A, Section 3 to practice agriculture in all of its forms and to require publication of this right via the Town's website" to read "I move that the Town take No Action on this article" was made, seconded and carried. The Town then voted to take No Action on this article.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 13 The Town voted to accept the provisions of Mass General Laws Chapter 39, Section 23D on the conditions set forth on the warrant.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 14 A motion was made and seconded that the Town take No Action on this article" A subsequent motion to substitute the language of the original motion to "I move the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-laws of the Town by amending the existing Flexible Residential Open Space Development (FROSD) as printed in the warrant", was made and seconded but that vote failed. The Town then voted to take No Action on this article.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 15 The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 16 The Town voted to approve the revision to the Town Zoning Map showing the approved zone change from business to residential as described in Article 6 of the November 7, 2005 Town Meeting.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 17 The Town voted in accordance with Mass General Law Chapter 40, Section 4A to enter into inter-municipal agreements for the purposes as printed in the warrant.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

The Meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

TOWN OFFICES EMAILS/WEBSITES AND PHONE NUMBERS

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police@hampden.org 566-8011

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inspector@hampden.org 566-2204

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TOWN OF HAMPDEN website: www.hampden.org

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

My third year as the Town Treasurer has resulted in several new accomplishments. In order to meet the budget constraints of the Town, I investigated and converted to a new payroll vendor. This resulted in savings of over \$2,500 annually. The vendor offers better service, and the computer program is more user-friendly and technologically based. I worked closely with the Town Accountant in selecting and finalizing a new accounting and vendor check software package. The target date for installation was July 2006, as approved at Town Meeting. In addition, I am continually searching for free banking services and the best interest rates for investing of the Town's funds. With the quick turnover of monies from the departments of the Town, and by seeking higher interest rates, I was able to maximize all of the Town's investments. Interest earnings this year in the General Fund alone were approximately \$32,000.

My continuous pursuit on Tax Title has resulted in the collection of over \$12,000 this year. I have created an aggressive system that the Treasurer's office utilizes to expedite collections.

Together with the Selectmen, Accountant, and members of the School District, we were able to work together on the financing of the Green Meadows School \$3 Million Bond. This insured that the Town's obligation of payments is to be scheduled at the appropriate times while coinciding with the School District's cash flow needs.

I take pride in the accomplishments that my Assistant and I have achieved, and I look forward to spending many years in office working in the best interests of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Sicbaldi
Town Treasurer



BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS TREASURER'S QUARTERLY CASH REPORT

Town of Hampden,
(City, Town, County, District)

for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2006

PART I: A. Cash and checks in office

\$ _____

B. Non-Interest Bearing Checking Accounts

C. Interest Bearing Checking Accounts

D. Liquid Investments

E. Term Investments

F. Trust Funds

Part I Total: All Cash and Investments

\$ \$798,913.75

Balances from Year End Report.

TREE WARDEN

In the year 2006, members of the Highway Department removed a total of 40 trees that were dead or storm damaged. 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.

Allen Street	Glendale Road	Pondview Dr	St. Germain Rd.
1 Maple	1 Maple	1 Maple	1 Maple
1 pine	Main Street	Potash Hill Ln.	Wilbraham Road
Chestnut Hill Rd.	2 Maple	1 Pine	1 Maple
5 Spruce	Mountain Road	South Rd	
Colony Drive	1 Poplar	5 Ash	
1 Spruce	Old Coach Rd.	3 Oak	
Crestwood Ln.	1 Oak	1 Poplar	
1 Pine			

Tree Removals Requiring Assistance of a Tree Service

Bennett Road	Mountain Road	Wilbraham Road
1 Maples	2 Maple	5 Maple
Main Street	1 Oak	2 Elm
1 Maple	North Road	
2 Maple	1 Maple	

Tree Stumps Ground

Allen Street	Main Street	Mill Road	North Road
1 Pine	6 Maple	1 Ash	2 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 2006 was a year of many challenges for the Veterans' Services Department. The Department has seen increased activity from Veterans in need of services. Energy, medications and medical costs have risen dramatically and in turn many Veterans on fixed incomes have fallen on difficult times.

This office has endeavored to take applications for Veterans and their families and to find services for those Veterans in need. "The Welcome Home Bill" was enacted and expands benefits to Veterans, such as; a \$1,000 bonus for those who served in Iraq or Afghanistan, 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.

The Commonwealth changed the statutory exemption for property taxes which has increased amounts and reimbursements for eligible Veterans. In addition, Veterans who have been determined to be permanently disabled will now be eligible for an excise tax exemption.

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
6/30/2006

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CPA SPEC REV	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST AGENCY	LONG TERM DEBT	MEMORANDUM ONLY
Assets							
Cash and Equivalents	514,459	226,994	193,609	29,971	175,357		1,140,390
Accounts Receivable	219,329						219,329
Property Taxes	352						352
CPA	58,862						58,862
Excise Taxes	58,546						58,546
Tax Liens	32,153						32,153
Tax Possessions	(35,085)						(35,085)
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles							
Amount to be Provided for Payment of Notes							
Total Assets	848,616	226,994	193,609	29,971	175,357	501,400	1,474,547
 Liabilities							
Warrants Payable	96,582		12,290				108,872
Employee Withholdings	13,983						13,983
Due To/From Other Governments	3,031						3,031
Deferred Revenue	184,596						184,596
Property Taxes	58,861						58,861
Excise Taxes	58,546						58,546
Tax Liens	32,153						32,153
Tax Possessions	4,397						4,397
Tailings							
Long Term notes Payable							
Total Liabilities	452,149					501,400	501,400
 Fund Equity							
Reserved for Encumberances	2,427						2,427
Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	(58,823)						(58,823)
69,652	214,704		193,609		29,971	175,357	653,322
383,211							413,182
Reserved for Expenditure							
Undesignated							
Total Fund Equity	396,467	214,704	193,609	29,971	175,357		1,010,108
 Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	848,616	226,994	193,609	29,971	175,357		1,474,547

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES
FISCAL 2006

	APPROPRIATIONS & CARRYOVERS	ADVISORY TRANSFER IN(OUT)	TOWN MEETING 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	12,000.00	-
ADVISORY COMMITTEE						
CLERICAL	3,200.00			3,200.00	2,596.14	603.86
EXPENSES	200.00			200.00	160.00	40.00
APPEALS BOARD						
CLERICAL	2,873.00		(1,000.00)	1,873.00	1,677.90	195.10
EXPENSES	150.00			150.00	80.30	69.70
ASSESSORS						
SALARY	12,512.00			12,512.00	12,512.00	-
CLERICAL	12,554.00			12,554.00	12,401.58	152.42
EXPENSES	2,500.00			2,500.00	1,853.59	646.41
REVALUATION UPDATE	28,000.00			28,000.00	27,987.50	12.50
MAPPING MAINT	900.00	75.00		975.00	975.00	-
FIELD REVIEW	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00	-
BUILDING DEPT						
CODE ENFORCEMENT	410.00		(110.00)	300.00		300.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	213,020.00			213,020.00	213,020.00	-
INSURANCE						
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY	78,000.00		(3,700.00)	74,300.00	74,300.00	-
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	182,913.00		(30,000.00)	152,913.00	152,781.92	131.08
UNEMPLOYMENT	95,000.00		(63,000.00)	32,000.00	26,377.49	5,622.51
LAW AND CLAIMS	20,000.00			20,000.00	16,781.50	3,218.50
MODERATOR						
EXPENSES	100.00			100.00		100.00
PLANNING BOARD						
CLERICAL	8,155.00			8,155.00	8,155.00	-
EXPENSES	535.00		500.00	1,035.00	180.00	855.00
REGISTRARS						
SALARIES	761.00			761.00	761.00	-
ELECTION EXPENSES	1,100.00	526.20		1,626.20	1,626.17	0.03
SELECTMEN						
SALARIES	9,100.00			9,100.00	9,100.00	-
ADMINISTRATIVE ASS'T	23,338.00		2,000.00	25,338.00	24,049.77	1,288.23
EXPENSES	1,600.00			1,600.00	1,070.03	529.97
LEGAL ADVERTISING	300.00	398.85	406.00	1,104.85	1,103.89	0.96
TAX COLLECTOR						
SALARY	23,987.00			23,987.00	23,987.00	-
CLERICAL	7,282.00			7,282.00	7,195.60	86.40
EXPENSES	2,000.00			2,000.00	1,973.35	26.65
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	4,975.00			4,975.00	4,975.00	-
TOWN CLERK						
SALARY	23,987.00			23,987.00	23,987.00	-
CLERICAL	4,723.00			4,723.00	3,857.14	865.86
EXPENSES	900.00			900.00	828.13	71.87
TOWN REPORT	1,500.00		1,750.00	3,250.00	3,246.00	4.00
TREASURER						
SALARY	29,192.00			29,192.00	29,192.00	-
CLERICAL	7,008.00			7,008.00	5,878.28	1,129.72
EXPENSES	600.00			600.00	590.09	9.91
PAYROLL SERVICE	7,100.00		100.00	7,200.00	7,193.03	6.97
CERTIFYING NOTES	100.00			100.00	50.00	50.00
INTEREST(SHORT TERM)	2,500.00			2,500.00	8,436.29	(5,936.29) A
TAX TITLES	13,100.00		(4,000.00)	9,100.00	8,640.25	459.75
BANK CHARGES	100.00			100.00		100.00

VETERANS BENEFITS	9,500.00		9,500.00	8,944.00	556.00
GR SPFLD SENIOR CENTER	467.00		467.00	241.00	226.00
ACADEMY HALL MAINT	1,800.00	(1,100.00)	700.00	578.68	121.32
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS					
CLERICAL EXPENSES	585.00 80.00		585.00 80.00	53.34	531.66 80.00
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL EXPENSES	2,800.00 450.00		2,800.00 450.00	2,428.93 350.90	371.07 99.10
TRANSFER STATION					
EXPENSES	90,000.00		90,000.00	68,431.51	21,568.49
MONITORING & TESTING	13,000.00		13,000.00	12,663.00	337.00
SCHOOL BUILDING REPAIR		17,500.00	17,500.00	17,500.00	-
TOWN EVENTS	600.00		600.00	276.58	323.42
OFFICE EQUIPMENT					
MAINTENANCE	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,901.98	98.02
SUPPLIES	2,000.00		2,000.00	973.82	1,026.18
POSTAGE	8,000.00	1,800.00	3,000.00	12,783.00	17.00
PUBLIC GROUNDS	26,000.00		26,000.00	25,999.62	0.38
TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE					
CUSTODIAL	12,000.00		12,000.00	10,734.54	1,265.46
MAINT & REPAIRS	5,400.00	250.00	5,650.00	5,642.95	7.05
UTILITIES	28,000.00		14,400.00	42,400.00	42,386.95
TREE WARDEN					
EXPENSES	500.00	2,200.00	2,700.00	2,698.03	1.97
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	12,577.00		12,577.00	12,576.60	0.40
GASOLINE	30,000.00	8,700.00	5,000.00	43,700.00	43,700.00
STREET LIGHTING	8,500.00		2,500.00	11,000.00	8,165.78
SENIOR CENTER					
MAINTENANCE	5,000.00	202.43	2,500.00	7,702.43	6,879.67
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	200.00		200.00	170.00	30.00
HIGHWAYS					
SUPERINTENDENT	61,514.00		61,514.00	61,514.00	-
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	63,090.00	3,512.11	66,602.11	65,110.04	1,492.07
GENERAL HIGHWAYS	37,088.00		37,088.00	37,088.00	
SNOW & ICE	37,224.00		37,224.00	90,112.02	(52,888.02) A
STREET SWEEPING	17,250.00		17,250.00	17,249.80	0.20
MACHINERY MAINT	9,000.00		9,000.00	8,995.44	4.56
TOWN GARAGE	4,600.00	805.54	5,405.54	5,286.99	118.55
ANIMAL INSPECTIONS					
SALARY	1,853.00		1,853.00	1,853.00	-
CIVIL DEFENSE SUPPLIES	10.00		10.00		10.00
DOG OFFICER					
ANIMAL CONTROL	13,445.00		13,749.00	13,749.00	-
DOG DAMAGE FUND	100.00		100.00	100.00	-
FIRE DEPT					
CHIEF'S SALARY	890.00		890.00	890.00	-
CHIEF'S EXPENSES	100.00		100.00		100.00
OPERATIONS	23,154.00		2,000.00	25,154.00	24,484.09
FOREST FIRES					
WARDEN	571.00		571.00	571.00	-
EXPENSES	1,383.00		1,383.00	645.00	738.00

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
6/30/2006

GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT

TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
SALARY	21,806.00
AUDIT	12,000.00
ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
CLERICAL	2,596.14
EXPENSES	160.00
APPEALS BOARD	
CLERICAL	1,677.90
EXPENSES	80.30
ASSESSORS	
SALARIES	12,512.00
CLERICAL	12,401.58
EXPENSES	1,853.59
REVALUATION UPDATE	27,987.50
MAPPING MAINTENANCE	975.00
FIELD REVIEW	1,500.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	213,020.00
INSURANCE	
PROPERTY & CASUALTY	74,300.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
FICA	42,134.18
INSURANCE	101,605.06
LONGEVITY	1,773.30
SICK PAY BUY BACK	5,739.38
LONGVIEW ASSOC	1,530.00
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	26,377.49
LAW & CLAIMS	16,781.50
PLANNING BOARD	
CLERICAL	8,155.00
EXPENSES	180.00
ELECTIONS	
REGISTRARS	761.00
ELECTION EXPENSE	1,626.17
SELECTMEN	
SALARIES	9,100.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASS'T	24,049.77
EXPENSES	1,070.03
LEGAL ADVERTISING	1,103.89
TAX COLLECTOR	
SALARY	23,987.00
CLERICAL	7,195.60
EXPENSES	1,973.35
COMPUTER MAINT	4,975.00

BOARD OF HEALTH					
SALARY	3,673.00		3,673.00	3,672.96	0.04
CLERICAL	17,760.00	(3,800.00)	13,960.00	13,730.32	229.68
EXPENSES	500.00		500.00	476.97	23.03
POLICE					
CHIEF'S SALARY	61,500.00		61,500.00	61,500.00	-
OFFICER SALARIES	559,575.00	8,000.00	567,575.00	565,532.73	2,042.27
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	8,500.00		8,500.00	8,033.30	466.70
EXPENSES	30,750.00		30,750.00	30,570.77	179.23
TRAINING	3,374.00	4,500.00	7,874.00	7,865.20	8.80
NEW EQUIPMENT	6,828.00		6,828.00	6,828.00	-
CAREER INCENTIVE	74,398.00		74,398.00	74,119.43	278.57
WMLEC	250.00		250.00	250.00	-
ELECTIONS	910.00	400.00	1,310.00	1,213.80	96.20
WATER DISTRICT					
OPERATION	6,889.00		6,889.00	5,672.01	1,216.99
TESTING	2,900.00		2,900.00	1,918.00	982.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT					
REGIONAL ASSESSMENT	5,831,172.00		5,831,172.00	5,831,172.00	-
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00		7,616.00	7,616.00	-
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT SERVICE					
PRINCIPAL	260,000.00		260,000.00	260,000.00	-
INTEREST	21,150.00		21,150.00	21,150.00	-
SCHOOL DEBT	53,072.00		53,072.00	53,072.00	-
GREEN MEADOW BAN DEBT	295,000.00		295,000.00	279,633.00	15,367.00
HIGHWAY TRUCK	15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00	-
CARRY OVER ACCOUNTS					
RESERVE FUND	25,000.00	(18,620.13)	6,379.87		6,379.87
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 11/13/00					
#3 ROOF	11,566.85		11,566.85		11,566.85 B
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/19/01					
#11 SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR	12,000.00		12,000.00		12,000.00 B
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/21/02					
#1 STORM DRAIN	4,085.68		4,085.68		4,085.68 B
SPECIAL TOWNMEETING 4/24/06					
# 1 TWB RENOVATION		30,000.00	30,000.00		30,000.00 B
# 2 E911		12,000.00	12,000.00		12,000.00 B
# ASSESSOR STABILIZATION	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	
# STABILIZATION	35,000.00		35,000.00	35,000.00	
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS					
VETERAN'S DISTRICT	14,025.70		14,025.70	14,025.70	
POLLUTION CONTROL	1,160.00		1,160.00	1,160.00	
PV PLANNING DISTRICT	775.65		775.65	775.65	
REGISTRY SERVICES	2,300.00		2,300.00	2,300.00	
PVTA	10,566.00		10,566.00	10,566.00	
TOTALS	8,782,608.88	-	8,782,608.88	8,694,469.04	88,139.84

A) DEFICIT TO BE RAISED IN FY 2007

B) CARRY FORWARD TO FY 2007 FOR EXPENDITURE

TOWN CLERK	
SALARY	23,987.00
CLERICAL	3,857.14
EXPENSES	828.13
TOWN REPORT	3,246.00
TREASURER	
SALARY	29,192.00
CLERICAL	5,878.28
EXPENSES	590.09
CERTIFYING NOTES	50.00
SHORT TERM INTEREST	8,436.29
PAYROLL SERVICE	7,193.03
TAX TITLES	8,640.25
VETERAN'S BENEFITS	8,944.00
GREATER SPFLD SENIORS	241.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	764,070.94

GENERAL TOWN SERVICES

ACADEMY HALL MAINT	578.68
CEMETERY	
CLERICAL	53.34
CONSERVATION	
CLERICAL	2,428.93
EXPENSE	350.90
TRANSFER STATION	
EXPENSES	56,033.22
SALARIES	12,398.29
MONITORING AND TESTI	12,663.00
SCOOL BUILDING REPAR	17,500.00
TOWN EVENTS	276.58
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	
MAINTENANCE	4,901.98
SUPPLIES	973.82
POSTAGE	12,783.00

PUBLIC GROUNDS	
EXPENSES	5,246.66
SALARIES	20,752.96

TOWN HOUSE	
CUSTODIAN	10,734.54
MAINTENANCE	5,642.95
UTILITIES	42,386.95

TREE WARDEN	2,698.03
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	12,576.60

GASOLINE	43,700.00
STREET LIGHTING	8,165.78
SENIOR CENTER	
UTILITIES	6,879.67
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	170.00
TOTAL GENERAL TOWN SERVICES	279,895.88

HIGHWAYS

SUPERINTENDENT	61,514.00
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	
EXPENSES	43,899.64
SALARIES	21,210.40
GENERAL HIGHWAYS	
EXPENSES	12,249.45
SALARIES	24,838.55
SNOW & ICE	
EXPENSES	65,760.10
SALARIES	24,351.92
STREET SWEEPING	17,249.80
ROAD MACHINERY MAINT	8,995.44
TOWN GARAGE MAINTENANCE	5,286.99
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	285,356.29

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

ANIMAL INSPECTOR	
SALARY	1,853.00
DOG OFFICER	
ANIMAL CONTROL	13,749.00
DOG DAMAGE FUND	100.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
CHIEF SALARY	890.00
OPERATIONS	24,484.09
FOREST FIRES	
WARDEN	571.00
EXPENSES	645.00
BOARD OF HEALTH	
SALARY	3,672.96
CLERICAL	13,730.32
EXPENSES	476.97
WATER DISTRICT	
OPERATIONS	5,672.01
TESTING	1,918.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT	
CHIEF SALARY	61,500.00
OFFICER SALARIES	565,532.83
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	8,033.30
NEW CRUISER	
EXPENSES	30,570.77
TRAINING	7,865.20
CAREER INCENTIVE	74,119.33
LEAA MATCHING FUNDS	250.00
ELECTION COVERAGE	1,213.80
NEW EQUIPMENT	6,828.00
TOTAL PROTECTION	823,675.58

SCHOOLS	
REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMN	5,831,172.00
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00
TOTAL SCHOOLS	5,838,788.00

DEBT SERVICE	
LONG TERM DEBT PRINCIPAL	260,000.00
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	21,150.00
SCHOOL DEBT	53,072.00
GREEN MEADOW BAN INTEREST	279,633.00
HIGHWAY TRUCK	15,000.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	628,855.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES	8,620,641.69
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TOWN MEETING ARTICLES	
4/24/06 SPECIAL	
ASSESSOR STABILIZATION	10,000.00
STABILIZATION	35,000.00
TOTAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES	45,000.00

TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES	8,665,641.69
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STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	
VETERAN'S SERVICE DISTRICT	14,025.70
POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT	1,160.00
PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING	775.65
REGISTRY SERVICES	2,300.00
PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT	10,566.00
TOTAL STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	28,827.35

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS	8,694,469.04
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TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	44,858.73
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PAYABLES	
TEMPORARY NOTES	800,000.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	64,387.39
GROUP INSURANCE	99,828.87
UNION DUES	4,065.92
TRANSFERS OUT	1,300.00
FEES PAYABLE	9,713.00
TAILINGS	1,807.41
TOTAL PAYABLES	981,102.59

TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES	9,720,430.36
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CASH AND SAVINGS 6/30/06	514,459.03
WARRANTS PAYABLE	(96,581.90)
VERIFYING BALANCE	10,138,307.49

TOWN OF HAMPTON
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES
6/30/2006

TAXES AND EXCISES **

REAL ESTATE	
2006	6,961,557.13
2005	154,850.80
2004	45,042.73
2003	1,154.78
	7,162,605.44
ROLLBACK TAX	5,994.38
TAX TITLES	41,333.35
PERSONAL PROPERTY	
2006	164,818.44
2005	(2,618.72)
2004	(12.66)
2003	158.36
2002	286.71
	162,632.13
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION	
2006	43,632.86
2005	1,042.62
2004	183.25
	44,858.73
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	
2006	541,452.71
2005	139,003.83
2004	17,727.96
2003	1,777.61
2002	520.83
2001 & PRIOR	217.60
	700,700.54
TOTAL TAXES AND EXCISES	8,118,124.57
LOCAL REVENUES	
SELECTMEN	3,155.50
TAX COLLECTOR	30,531.50
TOWN CLERK	10,227.10
BOARD OF HEALTH	6,679.50
POLICE DEP'T	1,431.00
DISTRICT COURT	13,657.50
INVESTMENT INTEREST	25,365.74
CELL TOWER	2,904.46
TRANSFER STATION	80,939.46
LICENSES	7,855.00
ALL OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	9,592.00
INTEREST ON TAXES	47,872.02
BOND PREMIUM	99,943.27
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	340,154.05

STATE REVENUES

ADD'L STATE AID	
VETEREN'S ABATEMENTS	4,190.00
OTHER STATE REVENUE	1,098.14
EXEMPTS/ELDERLY	5,020.00
LOTTERY	611,063.00
QUINN BILL	39,728.73
TOTAL STATE REVENUES	661,099.87

TOTAL ALL REVENUES	9,119,378.49
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PAYABLES

TEMPORARY NOTES	800,000.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	65,698.60
GROUP INSURANCE	98,726.55
UNION DUES	3,733.30
FEES PAYABLE	10,988.20
TAILINGS	6,125.07
TOTAL PAYABLES	985,271.72

TOTAL RECEIPTS	10,104,650.21
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CASH AND SAVINGS 7/1/05	136,545.78
WARRANTS PAYABLE	(102,888.50)

VERIFYING BALANCE	<u>10,138,307.49</u>
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** NET OF REFUNDS

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	EXCESS OVER(UNDER)	FUND BALANCE JULY 01, 2005	FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2006
HIGHWAYS					
CONTRACT #4246123	64,618.10	30,308.70	34,309.40	(34,309.40)	-
CONTRACT #35422	102,180.07	102,180.07	-	-	
OCTOBER STORM	30,483.51	44,884.79	(14,401.28)		(14,401.28)
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS					
COMMUNITY POLICING	28,500.00	23,442.68	5,057.32	13,029.08	18,086.40
TRAFFIC GRANT	3,282.76	3,476.81	(194.05)	258.72	64.67
PUBLIC SAFETY	635.53	883.75	(883.75)	635.53	(635.53)
TASK FORCE	12,800.00	31,123.15	(18,323.15)	53.04	(830.71)
LOCAL PREPAREDNESS	380.10	499.00	(118.90)	(2,611.93)	(18,323.15)
BULLET PROOF VESTS	13,959.00	12,459.51	1,499.49	786.10	2,286.59
COUNCIL ON AGING GRANTS					
LIBRARY GRANTS					
ARTS LOTTERY GRANT	2,500.00	381.24	(381.24)	28,547.26	28,166.02
FIRE SERVICE SAFE GRANTS					
MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT	34.63	2,600.00	(100.00)	4,547.42	4,447.42
OTHER		30.28	-	2,735.93	2,735.93
SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR	1,647.53		1,647.53	553.63	557.98
ASSESSORS REVOLVING	530.76	1,943.00	(1,412.24)	50,216.48	51,864.01
COUNCIL ON AGING REVOLVING	1,395.15	2,996.09	(1,600.94)	1,866.86	456.62
CONSERVATION REVOLVING	5,513.30	632.50	4,880.80	3,306.20	1,705.26
HISTORICAL COMMISSION REVOLVING				5,137.98	10,018.78
LIBRARY REVOLVING	447.83	497.56	(49.73)	160.00	160.00
BOARD OF HEALTH REVOLVING	24,232.20	16,297.87	7,934.33	287.77	238.04
PARKS & RECREATION REVOLVING	71,216.91	67,347.18	3,889.73	11,079.86	21,014.19
TRANSFER STATION REVOLVING	750.00		750.00	32,485.55	36,355.28
BUILDING INSPECTOR REVOLVING	33,814.00	28,129.55	5,684.45	27,504.07	28,254.07
DARE GIFTS		279.94	(279.94)	12,824.71	18,509.16
POLICE OFF DUTY	38,902.32	45,064.58	(6,162.26)	9,782.50	1,114.95
RESTITUTION	14,666.94	22,110.41	(7,443.47)	13,700.25	6,256.78
ENGINEERING FEES	11,649.50	11,740.87	(91.37)	7,979.55	7,888.18
POLICE/FIRE GIFTS	5,469.92	3,729.77	1,740.15	5,460.49	7,190.64
	469,610.06	453,039.30	16,570.76	196,133.48	214,704.24

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTES
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECT FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

<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 MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	EXCESS OVER(UNDER)	FUND BALANCE	FUND BALANCE
			JULY 01, 2005	JUNE 30, 2006
86,374	29,125	57,249	136,359	193,608
86,374	29,125	57,249	136,359	193,608

1) SOURCES OF REVENUES

COMMONWEALTH	38,372
TAX LEVY	44,878
INTEREST	3,124
	86,374
D'AMOUR CONSTRUCTION	600
JOHNATHAN APPELL	4,990
MINNECHAUG MT	20,000
HAMPDEN HOUSING	950
PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING	638.00
PEPPALARDO FENCE	1,947.00
	29,125.00

2) USES OF FUNDS

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
COMBINING STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TRUST FUNDS
6/30/2006

	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>FUND BALANCES</u>	<u>EXPENDABLE</u>	<u>NON-EXPENDABLE</u>
				<u>JULY 1, 2005</u>	<u>JUNE 30, 2006</u>	<u>FUND BALANCES</u>
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND	1,000.00	806.47		(536.42)	806.47	31,291.00
BUMSTEAD FUND		519.95		13,891.35	11,411.30	3,000.00
TOWN COMMONS FUND		79.58		2,126.19	2,205.77	
CONSERVATION FUND		158.69		4,239.77	4,398.46	
MCCRAY FUND		47.31		1,264.15	1,311.46	
LIBRARY FUNDS						
DAY FUND		36.75		1,046.20	582.95	500.00
NEWELL FUND		200.61		5,708.60	4,409.21	1,500.00
KINDERGARTEN FUND		3,480.60	40.00	23,455.91	26,896.51	
GEORGE BALLARD FUND		38.30		1,090.00	628.30	500.00
CHARLES BALLARD FUND		38.30		1,090.00	628.30	500.00
STODDARD FUND		434.54		12,364.94	12,799.48	
HOLT FUND		83.19		2,367.43	1,450.62	1,000.00
FLYNN FUND		123.30		3,508.68	3,631.98	
ENSLIN FUND		99.13		2,841.82	2,940.95	
FAYE FLYNN FUND		122.21		3,477.79	3,600.00	
DAN FLYNN FUND		107.22		3,051.36	3,158.58	
ROBERT BOHLKE TRUST FUND		538.67		15,328.16	866.83	15,000.00
DICKINSON FUND		161.63		4,599.46	4,761.09	
ASSESSOR STABILIZATION FUND		10,000.00			10,000.00	
	25,000.00	55.81		522.24	25,578.05	
	<u>36,000.00</u>	<u>7,049.07</u>	<u>40.00</u>	<u>101,437.63</u>	<u>122,066.31</u>	<u>53,291.00</u>

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES
6/30/06

	BALANCE FWD	COMMITMENTS	COLLECTIONS	ABATES ADJUSTS	TAX TITLES	REFUNDS	OPEN 6/30/2005
REAL ESTATE TAXES							
LEVY OF 2006	7,209,156.57	6,976,690.75	34,767.06		21,128.00	2,009.93	218,826.76
LEVY OF 2006 CPA	44,455.29	45,642.79	470.68		28,149.97	29,361.74	351.75
LEVY OF 2005	183,000.77	184,212.54	1,042.62	(192.05)	27.08		-
LEVY OF 2005 CPA	877.65		45,042.73	(37.03)	5,137.01		0.00
LEVY OF 2004	50,385.13						242.42
LEVY OF 2004CPA	220.28		183.25		37.03		-
LEVY OF 2003	1,500.88		1,154.78		(57.03)	403.13	-
LEVY OF 2003 CPA	108.23				108.23		-
ROLL BACK TAXES		5,994.38	5,994.38				
TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES	236,092.94	7,259,606.24	7,259,963.84	35,096.89	33,717.19	52,499.67	219,420.93
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES							
LEVY OF 2006	168,825.87	164,818.44	5,998.34				(1,990.91)
LEVY OF 2005	(704.26)	670.82					1,914.46
LEVY OF 2004	1,541.44	55.00	2,341.83				(787.73)
LEVY OF 2003	1,282.70	158.36					1,124.34
LEVY OF 2002 & PRIOR	(60.88)	286.71	225.83				-
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES	2,059.00	168,825.87	165,989.33	8,566.00	-	3,357.20	260.16
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISES							
LEVY OF 2006	582,613.43	545,046.33	9,705.57				3,593.62
LEVY OF 2005	98,295.90	148,112.31	10,354.46				9,108.48
LEVY OF 2004	6,326.46	18,850.23	758.12				1,122.27
LEVY OF 2003	5,035.20	1,777.61	23.75				6,346.71
LEVY OF 2002	3,253.33	520.83					3,233.84
LEVY OF 2001	1,628.33	217.60					2,732.50
LEVY OF 2000 & PRIOR	548.65						1,410.73
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	93,168.18	687,235.79	714,524.91	20,841.90	-	13,824.37	58,861.53
TAX LIENS RECEIVABLE	79,046.08	41,333.35	(33,717.19)				71,429.92
TOTAL ALL LEVIES	410,366.20	8,115,667.90	8,181,811.43	64,504.79	33,717.19	69,681.24	349,972.54

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES
FISCAL 2007 THRU 12/31/06

	APPROPRIATIONS & CARRYOVERS	TRANSFERS IN(OUT)	TOTAL AVAILABLE	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE
ACCOUNTANT					
SALARY	22,351.00		22,351.00	30.70	22,320.30
EXPENSES	2,500.00		2,500.00	50.00	2,450.00
ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	4,070.00		4,070.00		4,070.00
EXPENSES	200.00		200.00		200.00
APPEALS BOARD					
CLERICAL	2,945.00		2,945.00	1,128.00	1,817.00
EXPENSES	200.00		200.00	46.80	153.20
ASSESSORS					
SALARY	12,824.00		12,824.00	6,274.66	6,549.34
CLERICAL	13,703.00		13,703.00	6,585.00	7,118.00
EXPENSES	2,500.00		2,500.00	315.91	2,184.09
REVALUATION UPDATE	4,300.00		4,300.00	3,800.00	500.00
MAPPING MAINT	900.00		900.00		900.00
FIELD REVIEW	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00
BUILDING DEPT					
CODE ENFORCEMENT	420.00		420.00		420.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	131,505.00		131,505.00	131,505.00	-
INSURANCE					
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY	78,000.00		78,000.00	71,102.00	6,898.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	180,000.00		180,000.00	66,994.76	113,005.24
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00
LAW AND CLAIMS	20,000.00		20,000.00	13,037.10	6,962.90
MODERATOR					
EXPENSES	100.00		100.00		100.00
PLANNING BOARD					
CLERICAL	9,049.00		9,049.00	4,366.66	4,682.34
EXPENSES	535.00		535.00	234.50	300.50
REGISTRARS					
SALARIES	780.00		780.00		780.00
ELECTION EXPENSES	2,900.00		2,900.00	3,046.13	(146.13)
STREET LISTS	1,900.00		1,900.00		1,900.00
SELECTMEN					
SALARIES	9,327.00		9,327.00	4,549.98	4,777.02
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST	29,784.00		29,784.00	13,949.06	15,834.94
EXPENSES	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,048.90	551.10
LEGAL ADVERTISING	400.00		400.00	345.86	54.14
TEMPORARY HELP	500.00		500.00		500.00
TAX COLLECTOR					
SALARY	24,587.00		24,587.00	12,293.52	12,293.48
CLERICAL	9,508.00		9,508.00	4,718.00	4,790.00
EXPENSES	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,433.44	566.56
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	4,992.00		4,992.00	4,800.00	192.00
TAX TITLE WORK	250.00		250.00		250.00

TOWN CLERK				
SALARY	24,587.00	24,587.00	12,293.52	12,293.48
CLERICAL	6,339.00	6,339.00	3,025.31	3,313.69
EXPENSES	1,000.00	1,000.00	752.36	247.64
TOWN REPORT	3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00
TREASURER				
SALARY	29,922.00	29,922.00	14,961.00	14,961.00
CLERICAL	7,183.00	7,183.00	3,162.11	4,020.89
EXPENSES	900.00	900.00	340.87	559.13
PAYROLL SERVICE	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,428.70	2,571.30
CERTIFYING NOTES	100.00	100.00	70.00	30.00
INTEREST(SHORT TERM)	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00
BANK CHARGES	100.00	100.00		100.00
TAX TITLE EXPENSE	1,000.00	1,000.00	486.74	513.26
VETERANS BENEFITS	9,500.00	9,500.00	3,440.00	6,060.00
GR SPFLD SENIOR CENTER	467.00	467.00		467.00
ACADEMY HALL MAINT	2,500.00	2,500.00	168.55	2,331.45
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS				
CLERICAL	607.00	607.00		607.00
EXPENSES	80.00	80.00		80.00
MAINTENANCE	500.00	500.00		500.00
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE				
CLERICAL	5,300.00	5,300.00	894.74	4,405.26
EXPENSES	1,200.00	1,200.00	64.91	1,135.09
TRANSFER STATION				
EXPENSES	90,000.00	90,000.00	41,974.92	48,025.08
MONITORING & TESTING	14,400.00	14,400.00	4,420.00	9,980.00
LIBRARY	75,000.00	75,000.00	37,248.85	37,751.15
TOWN EVENTS	800.00	800.00	303.65	496.35
OFFICE EQUIPMENT				
ACQUISITION	500.00	500.00		500.00
MAINTENANCE	7,000.00	7,000.00	3,175.96	3,824.04
SUPPLIES	5,000.00	5,000.00	308.29	4,691.71
POSTAGE	10,000.00	10,000.00	2,481.58	7,518.42
PARKS AND RECREATION				
SALARIES	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,982.38	1,017.62
EXPENSES	4,000.00	4,000.00	694.18	3,305.82
CAPITAL EXPENSES	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00
TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE				
CUSTODIAL	16,000.00	16,000.00	5,554.00	10,446.00
MAINT & REPAIRS	6,800.00	6,800.00	3,528.54	3,271.46
UTILITIES	35,000.00	35,000.00	18,772.95	16,227.05
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	12,703.00	12,703.00	5,292.70	7,410.30
GASOLINE	35,000.00	35,000.00	10,159.92	24,840.08
STREET LIGHTING	19,100.00	19,100.00	3,875.70	15,224.30

COUNCIL ON AGING				
DIRECTOR	23,516.00	23,516.00	11,275.00	12,241.00
CLERICAL	7,722.00	7,722.00	3,702.50	4,019.50
EXPENSES	1,000.00	1,000.00	528.61	471.39
SENIOR CENTER				
CUSTODIAL	6,550.00	6,550.00	3,140.00	3,410.00
UTILITIES	9,000.00	9,000.00	4,000.31	4,999.69
MAINTENANCE	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,700.58	2,299.42
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	200.00	200.00		200.00
HIGHWAYS				
HIGHWAY SUP'T	63,052.00	63,052.00	30,300.00	32,752.00
TREE WARDEN EXPENSE	5,000.00	5,000.00	223.41	4,776.59
PUBLIC GROUNDS	30,938.00	30,938.00	9,640.11	21,297.89
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	76,320.00	76,320.00	36,398.13	39,921.87
GENERAL HIGHWAYS	80,680.00	80,680.00	29,965.98	50,714.02
SNOW & ICE	37,224.00	37,224.00	33,583.88	3,640.12
CATCH BASIN CLEANING	34,500.00	34,500.00	1,196.45	33,303.55
ROAD MACHINERY REPAIR	10,000.00	10,000.00	4,271.90	5,728.10
TOWN GARAGE	7,000.00	7,000.00	1,110.36	5,889.64
ANIMAL INSPECTIONS				
SALARY	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,853.00	47.00
EXPENSES	240.00	240.00		240.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
DOG OFFICER				
ANIMAL CONTROL	13,545.00	13,545.00		13,545.00
DOG DAMAGE FUND	300.00	300.00	120.00	180.00
FIRE DEPT				
CHIEF'S SALARY	912.00	912.00		912.00
CHIEF'S EXPENSES	1,230.00	1,230.00		1,230.00
OPERATIONS	25,154.00	25,154.00	4,493.62	20,660.38
FOREST FIRES				
WARDEN	585.00	585.00		585.00
EXPENSES	1,418.00	1,418.00		1,418.00
BOARD OF HEALTH				
SALARY	3,764.00	3,764.00	1,568.30	2,195.70
CLERICAL	17,760.00	17,760.00	7,858.62	9,901.38
EXPENSES	3,000.00	3,000.00	334.19	2,665.81
WATER DISTRICT				
OPERATION	6,889.00	6,889.00	2,073.70	4,815.30
TESTING	2,900.00	2,900.00	1,065.00	1,835.00
POLICE				
CHIEF'S SALARY	65,205.00	65,205.00	31,097.72	34,107.28
OFFICER SALARIES	698,880.00	698,880.00	309,798.38	389,081.62
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	7,282.00	7,282.00	5,625.63	1,656.37
EXPENSES	39,943.00	39,943.00	25,855.09	14,087.91
NEW CRUISER	31,000.00	31,000.00	28,200.00	2,800.00
TRAINING	27,763.00	27,763.00	20,694.49	7,068.51
NEW EQUIPMENT	6,828.00	6,828.00	3,983.21	2,844.79
CAREER INCENTIVE	63,468.00	63,468.00	54,475.43	8,992.57
WMLEC	250.00	250.00	250.00	-
ELECTIONS	2,100.00	2,100.00	1,250.20	849.80
TOWING	200.00	200.00		200.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT				
REGIONAL ASSESSMENT	5,884,244.00	5,884,244.00	2,949,749.00	2,934,495.00
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00	7,616.00	3,808.00	3,808.00
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT SERVICE				
PRINCIPAL	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	-
INTEREST	13,350.00	13,350.00	13,350.00	-
SCHOOL DEBT	53,072.00	53,072.00	24,418.00	28,654.00
GREEN MEADOW BAN DEBT	415,764.00	415,764.00	415,764.00	-
HIGHWAY TRUCK	15,000.00	15,000.00		15,000.00
CARRY OVER ACCOUNTS				
RESERVE FUND	28,047.00	28,047.00		28,047.00
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 11/13/00				
#3 ROOF	11,566.85	11,566.85	1,400.00	10,166.85
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/29/01				
#11 SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR	12,000.00	12,000.00		12,000.00
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/21/02				
#1 STORM WATER	4,085.00	4,085.00		4,085.00
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 4/24/06				
#1 TWB RENOVATION	30,000.00	30,000.00	22,636.00	7,364.00
#2 E911	12,000.00	12,000.00	2,763.00	9,237.00
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/24/06				
# 9 ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,955.60	4,044.40
# 14 HIGHWAY TRUCK	49,000.00	49,000.00	48,506.35	493.65
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/30/06				
# BOND COSTS	31,000.00	31,000.00	13,800.00	17,200.00
# 4 GREEN MEADOWS BOND	55,238.00	55,238.00		55,238.00
# 5 GREEN MEADOW SEPTIC	40,000.00	40,000.00		40,000.00
#6 TOWN HOUSE ROOF	35,000.00	35,000.00	282.25	34,717.75
#7 RIDGE ROAD	70,000.00	70,000.00	1,360.00	68,640.00
#8 CRUISER	32,000.00	32,000.00		32,000.00
#11 STABILIZATION	30,000.00	30,000.00		30,000.00
ASSESSMENTS				
VETERAN'S SERVICE DIST		-	14,985.88	(14,985.88)
POLLUTION CONTROL DIST		-	775.65	(775.65)
PV PLANNING DISTRICT		-		-
REGISTRY SERVICES		-		-
PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT		-		-
TOTALS	9,530,418.85	-	9,530,418.85	4,978,705.94
				4,551,712.91

BUDGET

FISCAL

YEAR

2008

**TOWN OF HAMPTON
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008**

	Fiscal 2006 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2007 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2008 Requested Funds	NOTES
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
1.0 Accountant				
1.1 Salary	21,806	22,351	22,910	
1.2 Clerical				
1.3 Expenses (Audit)	12,000	2,500	12,000	
Total Accountant	33,806	24,851	34,910	-
2.0 Advisory Committee				
2.1 Clerical	2,596	4,070	4,175	
2.2 Expenses	160	200	200	
Total Advisory	2,756	4,270	4,375	-
3.0 Appeals, Board of				
3.1 Clerical	1,678	2,945	2,993	
3.2 Expenses	80	200	200	
Total Appeals	1,758	3,145	3,193	-
4.0 Assessors, Board of				
4.1 Salaries	12,512	12,824	13,209	
4.2 Clerical	12,402	13,703	14,763	
4.3 Expenses	1,854	2,500	2,500	
4.4				
4.5 Software Support	27,988	4,300	4,300	
4.6 Mapping Maintenance	975	900	1,000	
4.7 Cylindrical Full List Measure				
4.8 Building Permit Field Review	1,500	2,000	3,000	
Total Assessors	57,230	36,227	38,772	-

	Fiscal 2006 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2007 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2008 Requested Funds	NOTES
5.0 Building Department Expenses				
5.1 Code and General Enforcement	-	420	420	
5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	-	-	-	
Total Building Dept.		420	420	
6.0 County Retirement				
	213,020			
		131,505		
			160,538	
7.0 Insurance				
7.1 Property and Liability	74,300	78,000	80,000	
7.2 Employee Benefits	152,782	180,000	178,000	
7.3 Unemployment Compensation	26,377	2,000	2,000	
7.4 Longevity	-	-	4,400	
Total Insurance	253,459	260,000	264,400	
8.0 Law and Claims				
8.1 General	16,782	20,000	22,000	
Total Law	16,782	20,000	22,000	
9.0 Moderator				
9.1 Salary	-	-	-	
9.2 Expenses	-	100	100	
Total Moderator		100	100	
10.0 Planning Board				
10.2 Clerical	8,155	9,049	9,073	
10.3 Expenses	180	535	550	
Total Planning Board	8,335	9,584	9,623	

		Fiscal 2006 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2007 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2008 Requested Funds	NOTES
11.0	Registrars, Board of (Voters)				
11.1	Salaries	761	780	800	
11.2	Election Expenses	1,626	2,900	2,500	
11.3	Street Lists	-	1,900	1,900	
	Total Registrars	2,387	5,580	5,200	
12.0	Selectman				
12.1	Salaries	9,100	9,327	9,600	
12.2	Administrative Asst.	24,050	29,784	32,991	
12.3					
12.4	Expenses				
12.5	Legal Advertising	1,070	1,600	1,600	
12.6	Computer Study Committee	1,104	400	400	
12.7	Temporary Help	-			
	Total Selectman	35,324	41,611	47,091	
	*8 Secretarial is now 56.2				
13.0	Tax Collector				
13.1	Salary	23,987	24,587	26,784	
13.2	Clerical	7,196	9,508	11,028	
13.3	Expenses	1,973	2,000	2,000	
13.4	Computer Maintenance	4,975	4,992	5,792	
13.5	Tax Title Work	-	250	250	
13.6	Tax Title Admin.				
	Total Tax Collector	38,131	41,337	45,854	

		Fiscal 2006 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2007 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2008 Requested	NOTES
14.0	Town Clerk				
14.1	Salary	23,987	24,587	26,784	
14.2	Clerical	3,857	6,339	6,048	
14.3	Expenses	828	1,000	1,000	
	14.4 Town Publications	-	-	100	
	Total Town Clerk	28,672	31,926	33,932	-
15.0	Town Report	3,246	3,000	3,500	
16.0	Treasurer				
16.1	Salary	29,192	29,922	30,438	
16.2	Clerical	5,878	7,183	7,476	
16.3	Expenses	590	900	900	
16.4	Certifying Notes	50	100	100	
16.5	Interest on Loans (short term)	8,436	2,500	2,500	
16.6	Tax Title Expense	8,640	1,000	1,000	
16.7	Payroll Service	7,193	5,000	6,000	
16.8	Bank Service Charges	-	100	100	
16.9	Tax Title Admin.	-	-	-	
	Total Treasurer	59,980	46,705	48,514	-
17.0	Veterans' Benefits	8,944	9,500	9,500	
18.0	Greater Springfield Senior Services	241	467	467	
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	764,071	670,228	732,389	

		Fiscal 2006 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2007 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2008 Requested Funds	NOTES
GENERAL TOWN SERVICES					
20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance	579	2,500	2,500	
21.0	Cemetery Commission	53	607	674	
	21.1 Clerical		80	80	
	21.2 Expenses		500	500	
	21.3 Maintenance				
	Total Cemetery Commission	53	1,187	1,254	
22.0	Conservation Commission	2,429	5,300	6,372	
	22.1 Clerical		1,200	400	
	22.2 Expenses	351			
	Total Conservation Commission	2,780	6,500	6,772	
23.0	Transfer Station	68,432	90,000		
	23.1 Operation	12,663	14,400	19,900	
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing				
	Total Transfer Station	81,095	104,400	19,900	
24.0	School Buildings Repairs	-		5,000	0.00
25.0					
26.0	Library				
	26.1 Salaries			60,803	
	26.2 Expenses			1,466	
	26.3 Books and Periodicals			14,606	
	Total Library	-	75,000	76,875	
27.0	Town Events	277	800	800	

	Fiscal 2006 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2007 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2008 Requested Funds	NOTES
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29.0	Office Equipment			
29.1 Acquisition	-	4,902	500	2,500
29.2 Maintenance	-	974	7,000	7,000
29.3 Supplies	-	-	5,000	3,000
29.4 Postage	-	12,783	10,000	10,000
Total Office Equipment		18,659	22,500	22,500

30.0	Parks and Recreation			
30.1 Salaries	-	-	5,000	9,200
30.2 Operating Expenses	-	-	4,000	4,100
30.3 Capital Improvements	-	-	2,500	2,600
30.4 Baseball	-	-	-	-
30.5 Softball	-	-	-	-
30.6 Girls Soccer	-	-	-	-
30.7 Boys Soccer	-	-	-	-
30.8 Basketball	-	-	-	-
30.9 Director's Salary	-	-	-	-
Total Parks and Recreation			11,500	15,900

32.0	Town House Maintenance			
32.1 Custodial	-	10,735	16,000	16,000
32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	-	5,643	6,800	6,800
32.3 Heat and Utilities	-	42,387	35,000	40,000
Total Town House Maintenance		58,764	57,800	62,800

*1STM Nov 2005, Article 2
\$ DIFFERENCE of \$7,000

		NOTES	Fiscal 2006 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2007 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2008 Requested
33.0					
34.0	Ambulance		12,577	12,703	13,000
35.0	Gasoline		43,700	35,000	35,000
	*2 STM Nov 2005, Article 2 \$ DIFFERENCE of \$5,000				
36.0	Street Lighting		8,166	19,100	19,100
	*3 STM Nov 2005, Article 2 \$ DIFFERENCE of \$2,500				
37.0	Council on Aging				
	37.1 Director's Salary		-	23,516	28,952
	37.2 Clerk		-	7,722	7,722
	37.3 Expenses		-	1,000	1,000
	37.4 Temporary Help		-	-	-
	37.5 Outreach Coordinator		-	2,500	2,500
	Total Council on Aging		-	32,238	40,174
38.0	Senior Center				
	38.1 Custodial		-	6,550	7,185
	38.2 Utilities		-	9,000	11,000
	38.3 Building Maintenance		6,880	6,000	6,000
	38.4 Grounds Maintenance		-	-	-
	Total Senior Center		6,880	21,550	24,185
39.0	Historical Commission		170	200	200
	Total General Town Services		233,699	402,978	345,960

		Fiscal 2006 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2007 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2008 Requested Funds	NOTES
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT					
40.0	Superintendent's Salary	61,514	63,052	65,454	-
41.0	Tree Warden	2,698	5,000	5,125	-
	41.1 Expenses				
	41.2 Tree Planting				
	41.3 Insect Pest Control				
42.0	Public Grounds	26,000	30,938	31,712	-
43.0	Highway Maintenance	65,110	76,320	78,228	-
	43.1 Expenses				
	43.2 Paving				
44.0	General Highway Expense	37,088	80,680	82,697	-
45.0	Snow and Ice Removal	90,112	37,224	37,224	-
46.0	Contract Services			35,362	-
	46.1 Street Sweeping		17,250	34,500	-
	46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning				
47.0	Other Highway Accounts	8,995	10,000	10,000	0.00
	47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance				
	47.2 Highway Engineering				
	47.3 Equipment Acquisition				
48.0	Building Expenses	5,287	7,000	7,650	0.00
	48.1 Utilities				
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		314,054	344,714	353,452	-

	Fiscal 2006 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2007 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2008 Requested Funds	NOTES
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

	Fiscal 2006 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2007 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2008 Requested Funds	NOTES
50.0 Animal Inspection				
50.1 Salary	1,853	1,900	1,948	
50.2 Expenses	-	240	240	
50.3 Rabies Management	-	-	-	
Total Animal Inspection	1,853	2,140	2,188	
51.0 Emergency Management				
	-	1,000	1,000	
52.0 Dog Officer				
52.1 Animal Control Account	13,749	13,545	14,500	
52.2 Dog Damage Fund	100	300	300	
Total Dog Officer	13,849	13,845	14,800	
53.0 Fire Department				
53.1 Fire Chief Salary	890	912	966	
53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	-	1,230	1,261	
53.3 Operation	24,484	25,154	25,783	
Total Fire Department	25,374	27,296	28,010	
*4 STM Nov 2005, Article 2 \$ DIFFERENCE of \$2,000				
54.0 Forest Fires				
	645	1,418	1,454	
55.0 Forest Fire Warden				
	571	585	621	
56.0 Health, Board of				
56.1 Salary	3,673	3,764	3,960	
56.2 BOH Coordinator Salary	13,730	17,760	18,367	
56.3 Expenses	477	3,000	1,000	
Total Board of Health	17,880	24,524	23,327	

		Fiscal 2006 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2007 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2007 Requested Funds	Fiscal 2008 Requested Funds	NOTES
565.5	Water District					
565.1 Operations		5,672		6,889		6,889
565.2 Testing		1,918		2,900		2,900
Total Water District		7,590		9,789		9,789
57.0	Police					
57.1 Chief's Salary		61,500		65,205		66,835
57.2 General Salaries		565,533		698,880		702,326
57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers		8,033		7,282		7,985
57.4 General Expenses		30,571		39,943		45,707
57.5 New Cruisers				31,000		29,000
57.6 Training		7,865		27,763		31,685
57.7 Equipment		6,828		6,828		6,828
57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)		74,119		63,468		61,736
57.9 Additional Officer						-
58.0	Other Police Accounts					
58.1 Election and Town Meetings				2,100		951
58.2 Towing Clerk		1,214		200		200
58.3 VMLEC		250		250		250
59.0	Parking Clerk					
Total Police		755,913		942,919		953,504
TOTAL PROTECTION		823,676		1,023,516		1,034,693

			Fiscal 2006 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2007 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2008 Requested	NOTES
SCHOOLS						
69.0	Regional School District					
69.1	Assessment	5,831,172		5,884,244	5,978,162	
69.2	Teacher Deferral	7,616		7,616	7,616	
	Total Regional School District	5,838,788		5,891,860	5,985,778	
	SUB TOTAL	7,974,287		8,333,296	8,452,272	
70.0	Local Government Debt					
70.1	Principal	260,000		250,000	200,850	
70.2	Interest	21,150		13,350	-	
70.3	School Debt	53,072		53,072	49,000	
70.4	Green Meadow Bond	295,000		415,764	293,775	
70.5	Highway Truck	15,000		15,000	16,500	
70.6	Fire Truck				40,000	
	Total Local Government Debt	644,222		747,186	600,125	
	GRAND TOTAL	8,618,509		9,080,482	9,052,397	

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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 30, 2007 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. TOWN REPORTS

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.

Article 2. BUDGET

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, 2007 to June 30, 2008 or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This article presents the Advisory Committee's recommendations for appropriations to fund the FY 2008 budget.

Article 3. PREVIOUS BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year FY-06 or previous years, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefore, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Occasionally bills are remitted for expenses incurred in prior fiscal years.

Article 4. REVOLVING FUND – BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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 ½ , 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 2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: State law allows certain departments to set up accounts to collect and disburse fee revenues, and requires that Annual Town Meeting approve these accounts each year.

Article 5. REVOLVING FUND – BOARD OF HEALTH

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 ½, 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 \$40,000 for the fiscal year 2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: State law allows certain departments to set up accounts to collect and disburse fee revenues, and requires that Annual Town Meeting approve these accounts each year.

Article 6. REVOLVING FUND – BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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 2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: State law allows certain departments to set up accounts to collect and disburse fee revenues, and requires that Annual Town Meeting approve these accounts each year.

Article 7. REVOLVING FUND – LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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 2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: State law allows certain departments to set up accounts to collect and disburse fee revenues, and requires that Annual Town Meeting approve these accounts each year.

Article 8. REVOLVING FUND – COUNCIL ON AGING

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 \$30,000 for the fiscal year 2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: State law allows certain departments to set up accounts to collect and disburse fee revenues, and requires that Annual Town Meeting approve these accounts each year.

Article 9 REVOLVING FUND – TAX COLLECTOR

To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to authorize the Town, acting through its Tax Collector 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 and expending monies from charges collected, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Tax Collector to defray the costs of equipment and supplies connected with public documents, said fund not to exceed \$2,500 for the fiscal year 2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: State law allows certain departments to set up accounts to collect and disburse fee revenues, and requires that Annual Town Meeting approve these accounts each year.

Article 10 ENTERPRISE FUND – TRANSFER STATION

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F1/2 for purposes of establishing an enterprise fund, to be effective for Fiscal Year 2008, to receive payments from Transfer Station operations and payments of other funds approved by the Town, with expenditures from this fund (except any surplus) to be made without further appropriation by the Board of Health for purposes of operating, maintaining, and improving the Hampden Transfer Station, including recycling facilities, in the Town.

Explanation: This article would provide a special fund that would allow funds from the operation of the transfer station and recycling center to pay expenses related to the operation of the transfer station and recycling center.

Article 11. ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFER STATION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Transfer Station revolving account to the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund and/or General Fund.

Explanation: The revolving account that was used for the transfer station would be closed out and its fund split between the Enterprise Fund and the General Fund.

Article 12. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Explanation: In 2001 the town voted by ballot to accept the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The CPA provides funding through a property tax surcharge and state contribution toward projects related to open space preservation, historic preservation and affordable housing. The act provided for establishment of a local Community Preservation Committee to review projects and recommend utilization of CPA receipts to Town Meeting. This article addresses the committee's report and asks Town Meeting to act on it, including appropriations recommended by the committee.

Article 13. HIGHWAY STATE AID

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.

Explanation: The article is self explanatory.

Article 14. HIGHWAY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the replacement of a Highway truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Estimated cost \$28,000-\$30,000

Article 15. HIGHWAY

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be raised by borrowing, contingent on the passage of a referendum question pursuant to G.L. c.59, Section 21C(k), or otherwise, to fund 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, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The Board of Selectmen is proposing a \$1.5 million bond for various road projects. It will require a Yes vote at the Town Meeting and a Yes vote at the Town Election to pass.

Article 16. TOWN HOUSE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the replacement of the generator in the Town House, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *Estimated cost is \$46,000*

Article 17. TOWN HOUSE REPAIRS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund repairs at the Town House, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *Further work on the Town House is needed to repair water damage, as well as window repair work on the second floor. Projected cost to be approximately \$30,000.*

Article 18. STORMWATER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the second 5-year plan of the Stormwater Phase II runoff compliance plan with any associated costs for the Town of Hampden, as required by the EPA and DEP, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *The cost estimate for the State mandated program is \$23,500.*

Article 19. GENERAL BYLAW - STORMWATER

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town General Bylaws by adding the following section to Chapter XIV, attached as Exhibit A, "Chapter XIV (A): Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management" or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *As described in the exhibits attached.*

Article 20. CONSERVATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/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.

Explanation: *This article is self explanatory*

Article 21. LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID

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.

Explanation: *Town Meeting approval is required to permit the Library Trustees to accept State Aid for the Library use.*

Article 22. ASSESSORS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Overlay Reserve Account or available funds, a sum of money to the Assessor's Stabilization Fund to meet all Department of Revenue mandated programs.

Explanation: *In 2006, the Town established a Stabilization Account specifically for the Assessors revaluation and field list expenditures.*

Article 23. ASSESSOR

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.

Explanation: \$12,000 is needed to complete the required Full List and Measure of all properties in Hampden.

Article 24. DARE PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the DARE program at Thornton W. Burgess School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Estimated cost \$6,000-8,000

Article 25. ZONING BYLAW – RIDGELINE/HILLSIDE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws, attached as Exhibit B, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: As described in the exhibits attached.

Article 28. GENERAL BYLAW - RIGHT TO FARM

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town General Bylaws, by adding the following, attached as Exhibit C, Chapter XV - Right to Farm, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: As described in the exhibits attached.

Article 29. ZONING BYLAW

To see if the Town will amend the existing Hampden Zoning Bylaw, Section 7.15 Flexible Residential Open Space Development (FROSD) Bylaw, attached as Exhibit D, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: As described in the exhibits attached.

Article 30. RESERVE FUND

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.

Explanation: Under State law, the Town is allowed to maintain a Reserve Fund to meet "unforeseen and extraordinary" costs that arise during the year. The Selectmen and Finance Committee must approve transfers from the Reserve Fund.

Article 31. STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This article would appropriate money into the Stabilization Fund to help meet the town's reserve targets.

Article 32. REDUCING TAX RATE

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 2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The article is self explanatory.

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, 2007 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
To choose for the term of two years the following:	1 Planning Board member
To choose for the term of three years the following:	1 Selectmen 1 Town Clerk 1 Tax Collector 1 Treasurer 1 Assessor 1 Library Trustee 1 Cemetery Commissioner 1 Park Commissioner 3 Constables
To choose for the term of five years the following:	1 Planning Board member
Also, to choose all other necessary Town Officers.	
Also to vote the following ballot question:	

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?

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 _____ 2007.

Duane E. Mosier, Chairman

John D. Flynn

Richard R. Green

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 30, 2007 at 7:00 pm in all five places as designated by the Town of Hampden.

Arthur Booth
Constable, Town of Hampden

EXHIBIT A

CHAPTER XIV (A) Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

1. Purpose

- A. The purpose of this bylaw is to better manage land development in order to protect, maintain, and enhance the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Hampden by establishing minimum requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts associated with stormwater runoff.
- B. The proper management of stormwater runoff will meet the following objectives:
 1. Reduce the adverse water quality impacts of stormwater discharges to rivers, lakes, reservoirs and streams in order to attain federal water quality standards;
 2. Prevent the discharge of pollutants, including hazardous chemicals, into stormwater runoff;
 3. Minimize the volume and rate of stormwater which is discharged, to rivers, streams, reservoirs, and lakes that flows from any site during and following development;
 4. Prevent erosion and sedimentation from land development, and reduce stream channel erosion caused by increased runoff;
 5. Provide for the recharge of groundwater aquifers and maintain the base flow of streams;
 6. Provide stormwater facilities that are attractive, maintain the natural integrity of the environment, and are designed to protect public safety;
 7. Maintain or reduce pre-development runoff characteristics after development to the extent feasible;
 8. Minimize damage to public and private property from flooding;
 9. Ensure that these management controls are properly maintained.

2. Authority

The Board of Selectman, its employees or agents are designated to enforce this bylaw. The Board of Selectman shall delegate Town agencies to administer, implement and enforce this bylaw. These agencies shall be herein referred to as "Designated Agent" by powers delegated in writing by the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions describe the meaning of the terms used in this Ordinance:

Authorized Enforcement Agency: The Board of Selectmen, its employees or agents designated to enforce this ordinance.

"Adverse impact" means any deleterious effect on waters or wetlands, including their quality, quantity, surface area, species composition, aesthetics or usefulness for human or natural uses which are or may potentially be harmful or injurious to human health, welfare, safety or property, to biological productivity, diversity, or stability or which unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of life or property, including outdoor recreation.

"Best Management Practices (BMP)" are structural or biological devices that temporarily store or treat urban stormwater runoff to reduce flooding, remove pollutants, and provide other

amenities. They can also be non-structural practices that reduce pollutants at their source. BMPs are described in a stormwater design manual, Stormwater Management, Volume Two: Stormwater Technical Handbook (March, 1997, Mass. Department of Environmental Protection, as updated or amended. An unofficial copy can be obtained at <http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/laws/swmpolv2.pdf>).

"Construction activity" is disturbance of the ground by removal of vegetative surface cover or topsoil, grading, excavation, clearing or filling.

"Design storm" is a rainfall event of specified size and return frequency that is used to calculate the runoff volume and peak discharge rate to a BMP.

"Detention" is the temporary storage of storm runoff in a BMP, which is used to control the" peak discharge rates, and which provides gravity settling of pollutants.

"Disturbance" is any land clearing, grading, bulldozing, digging or similar activities.

"Drainage area" means that area contributing runoff to a single point measured in a horizontal plane, which is enclosed by a ridgeline.

"Drywell" is similar to an infiltration trench but smaller with inflow from a pipe; commonly covered with soil and used for drainage areas of less than 1 acre such as roadside inlets and rooftops runoff.

"Easement" means a grant or reservation by the owner of land for the use of such land by others for a specific purpose or purposes, and which must be included in the conveyance of land affected by such easement.

"Flow attenuation" means prolonging the flow time of runoff to reduce the peak discharge.

"Hydrology model" may include one of the following:

- TR-20, a watershed hydrology model developed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service act that is used to route a design storm hydrograph through a pond;
- TR 55, or Technical Release 55, "Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds" is a publication developed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service to calculate stormwater runoff and an aid in designing detention basins;
- Hydrocad.

"Impervious surfaces" are areas, such as pavement or rooftops, which prevent the infiltration of water into the soil.

"Infiltration" is the downward movement of water from the surface to the subsoil.

"Infiltration trench"" is a stormwater management excavation filled with aggregate which removes both soluble and particulate pollutants. Trenches are not intended to trap coarse sediments.

"Outfall" is the terminus of a storm drain or other stormwater structure where the contents are released.

"Peak discharge" is the maximum instantaneous rate of flow during a storm, usually in reference to a specific design storm event

"Permeable soils" are soil materials with a sufficiently rapid infiltration rate so as to greatly reduce or eliminate surface and stormwater runoff. These soils are generally classified as NRCS hydrologic soil types A and B.

"Person" is any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business, organization, trust, estate, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof.

"Retention" is the holding of runoff in a basin without release except by means of evaporation, infiltration, or emergency bypass.

"Start of construction" is the first land-disturbing activity associated with a development, including land preparation such as: clearing, grading and filling; installation of streets and walkways; excavation for basements; footings, piers or foundations; erection of temporary forms; and installation of accessory buildings such as garages.

"Swale" is a natural depression or wide shallow ditch used to temporarily store, route, or filter runoff.

SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY

1. Applicability

Prior to the issuance of any site plan approval or development permit for any proposed development listed below, a stormwater management permit, or a waiver of the requirement for a stormwater management permit, must be approved by the applicable Special Permit Granting Authority. No person shall, on or after the effective date of the ordinance, initiate any land clearing, land grading, earth moving or development activities without first complying with this ordinance. The following uses and activities shall be required to submit drainage reports, plans, construction drawings, specifications and as-constructed information in conformance with the requirements of this ordinance:

- A. Multi-family residential developments involving four or more units;
- B. Any new commercial, industrial, and institutional structures under the same ownership, with at least 5,000 square feet of gross floor area, 10,000 square feet of impervious surface, or that require 10 or more parking spaces.
- C. Redevelopment or additions to existing commercial, industrial, and institutional uses which result in an additional impervious surface area or gross floor area of greater than 5,000 square feet, or which results in an increase of 10 or more parking spaces.
- D. Subdivisions and construction activities of any kind disturbing greater than 40,000 square feet.
- E. Development or redevelopment involving multiple separate activities in discontinuous locations or on different schedules if the activities are part of a larger common plan of development that all together disturbs one or more acres.

2. Exemptions

To prevent the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff, the stormwater performance standards in Section 6 must be met at new development sites. These standards apply to construction activities as described under Section 3.1. The following activities are exempt from the requirements for submittal and approval of a stormwater management plan under Section 4, but must comply with the stormwater performance standards in Section 6:

- A. Any agricultural activity which is consistent with an approved soil conservation plan prepared or approved by the Natural Resource Conservation Service;
- B. Any logging which is consistent with a timber management plan approved under the Forest Cutting Practices Act by Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management;
- C. Additions or modifications to existing single family structures;
- D. Developments that do not disturb more than 40,000 square feet of land, provided that they are not part of a larger common development plan;
- E. Repairs to any stormwater treatment system deemed necessary by the Designated Agent;
- F. Any emergency activity that is immediately necessary for the protection of life, property or the environment, as determined by the Highway Department; and
- G. Single family residential uses disturbing less than 40,000 square feet.

3. Stormwater Design Manual

A stormwater design manual, Stormwater Management, Volume Two: Stormwater Technical Handbook (March, 1997, Mass. Department of Environmental Protection, as updated or amended) is hereby incorporated by reference as part of this ordinance, and shall furnish additional policy, criteria and information including specifications and standards, for the proper implementation of the requirements of this ordinance.

This manual includes a list of acceptable stormwater treatment practices, including the specific design criteria for each stormwater practice. The manual may be updated and expanded from time to time, based on improvements in engineering, science, monitoring and local maintenance experience, at the discretion of the Hampden Designated Agent or Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Stormwater treatment practices that are designed and constructed in accordance with these design and sizing criteria will be presumed to meet the minimum water quality performance standards.

SECTION 4. PERMIT PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Permit Required

No land owner or land operator shall receive any of the building, grading, or other land development permits required for land disturbance activities, and no land owner shall commence land disturbance activities, without approval of a Stormwater Management Permit from the Designated Authority and meeting the requirements of this ordinance.

2. Application Requirements

Application for approval of a Stormwater Management Permit shall include the following:

- A. A stormwater management plan or an application for waiver shall be submitted to the Designated Agent for review and approval for any proposed development specified in Section 3.1. Three copies of the stormwater management plan shall be submitted, and clearly labeled, along with other documents required in this bylaw for site plan review.

The plan shall contain supporting computations, drawings, and sufficient information describing the manner, location, and type of measures in which stormwater runoff will be managed from the entire development. The plan shall serve as the basis for all subsequent construction.

- B. An erosion and sediment control plan, which shall contain sufficient information to describe the nature and purpose of the proposed development.
- C. A maintenance agreement
- D. A non-refundable permit review fee

The applicant may request, and the Designated Agent may grant, a waiver from any information requirements it judges to be unnecessary to the review of a particular plan

3. Procedures for Review and Approval of Stormwater Permits

- A. The procedures for review and approval of stormwater management permits shall be consistent with review procedures of Town Boards, as appropriate for the use.
- B. The Designated Agent shall refer copies of the stormwater management permits to the Town Engineer or designated representative for review, and shall consider any comments submitted by the Town Engineer or representative during the review period. Within 21 days of receipt of a complete application the Designated Agent shall complete a review and render a decision on the permit.

4. Criteria for Review of Stormwater Permits

In addition to other criteria used by the Designated Agent in making permit decisions, for the uses specified in this bylaw, the Agent must also find that the Stormwater Management Plan submitted with the permit application meets the following criteria:

- A. the Stormwater Management Plan and the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan are consistent with the Purposes and Objectives of this Bylaw in Section 1;
- B. the Stormwater Management Plan meets the Performance Standards described in Section 6;
- C. the Erosion and Sediment Control plan must meet the Design Requirements in Section 7.

5. Designated Agent Action

The Designated Agent's action, rendered in writing, shall consist of either:

- a. Approval of the Stormwater Management Permit Application based upon determination that the proposed plan meets the purposes in Section 1 and the standards in Section 6 and will adequately protect the water resources of the community and is in compliance with the requirements set forth in this by-law;
- b. Approval of the Stormwater Management Permit Application subject to any conditions, modifications or restrictions required by the Board which will ensure that

the project meets the purposes in Section 1 and the standards in Section 6 and adequately protects water resources, set forth in this by-law;

- c. Disapproval of the Stormwater Management Permit Application based upon a determination that the proposed plan, as submitted, does not meet the purposes in Section 1 and the standards in 6 or adequately protect water resources, as set forth in this by-law.

Failure of the Board to take final action upon an Application within the time specified above shall be deemed to be approval of said Application. Upon certification by the Town Clerk that the allowed time has passed without Board action, the Board must issue a Stormwater Management Permit.

6. Inspections

No plan will be approved without adequate provision for inspection of the property before development activity commences. The applicant shall arrange with the Designated Agent for scheduling the following inspections:

- A. Initial inspection: prior to approval of any plan
- B. Erosion Control Inspections: after site clearing, rough grading and final grading to ensure erosion control practices are in accord with the plan.
- C. Bury inspection: prior to backfilling of any underground drainage or stormwater conveyance structures;
- D. Final Inspection: when all work, including construction of stormwater management facilities and landscaping have been completed. Final inspection shall include a full inspection of all stormwater pipes installed provided by the applicant.

The Designated Agent shall inspect the work and either approve it or notify the applicant in writing in what respects there has been a failure to comply with the requirements of the approved plan. Any portion of the work which does not comply shall be promptly corrected by the applicant or the applicant will be subject to the bonding provisions of Section 9 or the penalty provisions of Section 10. The Town may conduct random inspections to ensure effective control of erosion and sedimentation during all phases of construction.

7. Right-of-Entry for Inspection

When any new drainage control facility is installed on private property, or when any new connection is made between private property and a public drainage control system, the filing of an application shall be deemed as the property owner's permission to the Designated Agent for the right to enter the property at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner for the purpose of the inspection. This includes the right to enter a property when it has a reasonable basis to believe that a violation of this ordinance is occurring or has occurred, and to enter when necessary for abatement of a public nuisance or correction of a violation of this ordinance.

8. Application Review Fees

The fee for review of any land development application shall be based on the amount of land to be disturbed and site complexity. The fee structure shall be established by the Hampden Board of Selectman. All of the monetary contributions shall be credited to the General Fund, and shall be made prior to issuance of any building permit for development.

SECTION 5. THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN

1. Contents of the Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Plan

The application for a stormwater management permit shall consist of submittal of a stormwater management and erosion control plan, prepared by a professional engineer licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which meets the design requirements provided by this Ordinance. The plan shall include sufficient information to evaluate the environmental characteristics of the affected areas, the potential impacts of the proposed development on water resources; and the effectiveness and acceptability of measures proposed for managing stormwater runoff. The Plan must be designed to meet the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards as set forth in Section 6 of this ordinance and the DEP Stormwater Management Handbook Volumes I and II. The applicant shall certify on the drawings that all clearing, grading, drainage, construction, and development shall be conducted in strict accordance with the plan. The minimum information submitted for support of a stormwater management plan shall be as follows:

- A. A locus map,
- B. The existing zoning, and land use at the site,
- C. The proposed land use,
- D. The location(s) of existing and proposed easements,
- E. The location of existing and proposed utilities,
- F. The site's existing & proposed topography with contours at 2 foot intervals,
- G. The existing site hydrology,
- H. A description & delineation of existing stormwater conveyances, impoundments, and wetlands on or adjacent to the site or into which storm water flows.
- I. A delineation of 100-year flood plains, if applicable
- J. Estimated seasonal high groundwater elevation (November to April) in areas to be used for storm water retention, detention, or infiltration.
- K. The existing and proposed vegetation and ground surfaces with runoff coefficient for each,
- L. A drainage area map showing pre and post construction watershed boundaries, drainage area and storm water flow paths,
- M. A description and drawings of all components of the proposed drainage system including:
 - (1) locations, cross sections, and profiles of all brooks, streams, drainage swales and their method of stabilization,
 - (2) all measures for the detention, retention or infiltration of water,
 - (3) all measures for the protection of water quality,
 - (4) the structural details for all components of the proposed drainage systems and storm water management facilities,
 - (5) notes on drawings specifying materials to be used, construction specifications, and typicals, and
 - (6) expected hydrology with supporting calculations.
 - (7) proposed improvements including location of buildings or other structures, impervious surfaces, and drainage facilities, if applicable,
 - (8) a description of construction and waste materials expected to be stored on-site, and a description of controls to reduce pollutants from these materials including storage practices to minimize exposure of the materials to storm water, and spill prevention and response.
 - (9) timing, schedules, and sequence of development including clearing, stripping, rough grading, construction, final grading, and vegetative stabilization.
 - (10) a maintenance schedule for the period of construction.

SECTION 6. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

1. Minimum Control Requirements

Projects must meet the Standards of the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy. These Standards are:

- A. No new stormwater conveyances (e.g. outfalls) may discharge untreated stormwater directly to or cause erosion in wetlands or water of the Commonwealth.
- B. Stormwater management systems must be designed so that post-development peak discharge rates do not exceed pre-development peak discharge rates.
- C. Loss of annual recharge to groundwater should be minimized through the use of infiltration measures to the maximum extent practicable. The annual recharge from the post-development site should approximate the annual recharge rate from the pre-development or existing site conditions, based on soil types.
- D. For new development, stormwater management systems must be designed to remove 80% of the average annual load (post development conditions) of Total Suspended Solids (TSS). It is presumed that this standard is met when:
 - (1) Suitable nonstructural practices for source control and pollution prevention are implemented;
 - (2) Stormwater management best management practices (BMPs) are sized to capture the prescribed runoff volume; and
 - (3) Stormwater management BMPs are maintained as designed.
- E. Stormwater discharges from areas with higher potential pollutant loads require the use of specific stormwater management BMPs (see Stormwater Management Volume I: Stormwater Policy Handbook). The use of infiltration practices without pretreatment is prohibited.
- F. Stormwater discharges to critical areas must utilize certain stormwater management BMPs approved for critical areas (see Stormwater Management Volume I: Stormwater Policy Handbook). Critical areas are Outstanding Resource Waters (ORWs), swimming beaches, cold water fisheries and recharge areas for public water supplies.
- G. Redevelopment of previously developed sites must meet the Stormwater Management Standards to the maximum extent practicable. However, if it is not practicable to meet all the Standards, new (retrofitted or expanded) stormwater management systems must be designed to improve existing conditions.
- H. Erosion and sediment controls must be implemented to prevent impacts during disturbance and construction activities.
- I. All stormwater management systems must have an operation and maintenance plan to ensure that systems function as designed.

When the proposed discharge may have an impact upon a sensitive receptor, including streams or storm sewers, the Designated Agent may require an increase in these minimum requirements, based on existing stormwater system capacity.

2. Stormwater Management Measures

- A. Stormwater management measures shall be required to satisfy the minimum control requirements and shall be implemented in the following order of preference:**
 - 1. Infiltration, flow attenuation, and pollutant removal of runoff on-site to existing areas with grass, trees, and similar vegetation and through the use of open vegetated swales and natural depressions;
 - 2. Use of stormwater on-site to replace water used in industrial processes or for irrigation;
 - 3. Stormwater detention structures for the temporary storage of runoff which is designed so as not to create a permanent pool of water; and
 - 4. Stormwater retention structures for the permanent storage of runoff by means of a permanent pool of water.
 - 5. Retention and evaporation of stormwater on rooftops or in parking lots;
- B. Infiltration practices shall be utilized to reduce runoff volume increases. A combination of successive practices may be used to achieve the applicable minimum control requirements. Justification shall be provided by the applicant for rejecting each practice based on site conditions.**
- C. Best Management Practices shall be employed to minimize pollutants in stormwater runoff prior to discharge into a separate storm drainage system or water body.**
- D. All stormwater management facilities shall be designed to provide an emergency overflow system, and incorporate measures to provide a non-erosive velocity of flow along its length and at any outfall.**
- E. The designed release rate of any stormwater structure shall be modified if any increase in flooding or stream channel erosion would result at a downstream dam, highway, structure, or normal point of restricted stream flow.**

3. Specific Design Criteria

Additional policy, criteria, and information including specifications and design standards may be found in the Stormwater Design Manual.

A. Infiltration systems

- 1. Infiltration systems shall be equipped with clean stone and or filter fabric adjacent to the soil or other sediment removal mechanisms;**
- 2. Infiltration systems greater than 3 feet deep shall be located at least 10 feet from basement walls;**
- 3. Due to the potential for groundwater contamination from dry wells, they shall not be an acceptable method for management runoff containing pollutants;**
- 4. Infiltration systems designed to handle runoff from commercial or industrial impervious parking areas shall be a minimum of 100 feet from any drinking water supply well;**
- 5. Infiltration systems shall not be used as sediment control basins during construction unless specific plans are included to restore or improve the basin surface;**

6. Infiltration basins shall be constructed with a three foot minimum separation between the bottom of the structure and the seasonal high groundwater elevation, as determined by a certified soil evaluator; and
7. Provisions shall be made for safe overflow passage, in the event of a storm which exceeds the capacity of an infiltration system.

B. Retention and detention ponds shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the criteria of the Stormwater Management, Volume Two: Stormwater Technical Handbook (March, 1997, Mass. Department of Environmental Protection, as updated or amended).

C. The applicant shall give consideration in any plan to incorporating the use of natural topography and land cover such as natural swales, and depressions as they exist prior to development to the degree that they can accommodate the additional flow of water.

D. The Designated Agent shall give preference to the use of swales in place of the traditional use of curbs and gutters based on a case by case review of stormwater management plans.

E. The applicant shall consider public safety in the design of any stormwater facilities. The banks of detention, retention, and infiltration basins shall be sloped at a gentle grade into the water as a safeguard against personal injury, to encourage the growth of vegetation and to allow the alternate flooding and exposure of areas along the shore. Basins shall have a 4:1 slope to a depth two feet below the control elevation. Side slopes must be stabilized and planted with vegetation to prevent erosion and provide pollutant removal. The banks of detention and retention areas shall be designed with sinuous rather than straight shorelines so that the length of the shoreline is maximized, thus offering more space for the growth of vegetation;

F. Where a stormwater management plan involves direction of some or all runoff off of the site, it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to obtain from adjacent property owners a easements or other necessary property interests concerning flowage of water. Approval of a stormwater management plan does not create or affect any such rights.

G. All applicants for projects which involve the storage or use of hazardous chemicals shall incorporate handling and storage "best management practices" that prevent such chemicals from contaminating runoff discharged from a site into infiltration systems, receiving water bodies or storm drains, and shall include a list of such chemicals in the application

H. Runoff from parking lots shall be treated by oil and water separators or other controls to remove oil and sediment;

I. The basic design criteria methodologies, and construction specifications, subject to the approval of the Town Engineer, shall be those generally found in the most current edition of the Stormwater Management, Volume Two: Stormwater Technical Handbook (March, 1997, Mass. Department of Environmental Protection, as updated or amended).

SECTION 7. DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN

1. The design requirements of the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan are:
 - A. Minimize total area of disturbance
 - B. Sequence activities to minimize simultaneous areas of disturbance.
 - C. Minimize peak rate of runoff in accordance with the MA DEP Stormwater Policy.
 - D. Minimize soil erosion and control sedimentation during construction. Prevention of erosion is preferred over sedimentation control.
 - E. Divert uncontaminated water around disturbed areas
 - F. Maximize groundwater recharge.
 - G. Install, and maintain all Erosion and Sediment Control measures in accordance with the manufacturers specifications and good engineering practices
 - H. Prevent off-site transport of sediment.
 - I. Protect and manage on and off-site material storage areas (overburden and stockpiles of dirt, borrow areas, or other areas used solely by the permitted project are considered a part of the project).
 - J. Comply with applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations including waste disposal, sanitary sewer or septic system regulations, and air quality requirements, including dust control
 - K. Prevent adverse impact from the proposed activities to habitats mapped by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program as Endangered, Threatened or of Special concern, Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Certified Vernal Pools, and Priority Habitats of Rare Species.
 - L. Institute interim and permanent stabilization measures. The measures shall be instituted on a disturbed area as soon as practicable but no more than 14 days after construction activity has temporarily or permanently ceased on that portion of the site.
 - M. Properly manage on-site construction and waste materials.
 - N. Prevent off-site vehicle tracking of sediments.

SECTION 8. MAINTENANCE

1. Operation, Maintenance and Inspection Agreement
 - A. Prior to issuance of any building permit for which stormwater management is required, the Designated Agent shall require the applicant or owner to execute an operation, maintenance and inspection agreement binding on all subsequent owners of land served by the private stormwater management facility. The agreement shall be designed to ensure that water quality standards are met in all seasons and throughout the life of the system. Such agreement shall provide for access to the facility at reasonable times for regular inspections by the Town or its authorized representative and for regular or special assessments of property owners to ensure that the facility is maintained in

proper working condition to meet design standards and any provision established. The agreement shall include:

- (1) The name(s) of the owner(s) for all components of the system.
- (2) Maintenance agreements that specify:
 - (a) The names and addresses of the person(s) responsible for operation and maintenance.
 - (b) The person(s) responsible for financing maintenance and emergency repairs.
 - (c) A detailed Maintenance Schedule for all drainage structures, including swales and ponds.
 - (d) A list of easements with the purpose and location of each.
 - (e) The signature(s) of the owner(s).
- (3) Stormwater management easements as necessary for:
 - (a) Access for facility inspections and maintenance.
 - (b) Preservation of stormwater runoff conveyance, infiltration, and detention areas and facilities, including flood routes for the 100-year storm event.
 - (c) Direct maintenance access by heavy equipment to structures requiring regular cleanout.
- (4) Stormwater management easement requirements:
 - (a) The purpose of each easement shall be specified in the maintenance agreement signed by the property owner.
 - (b) Stormwater management easements are required for all areas used for off-site stormwater control, unless a waiver is granted by the Town.
 - (c) Easements shall be recorded with the Registry of Deeds prior to issuance of a Certificate of Completion.
- (5) Changes to Operation and Maintenance Plans
 - (a) The owner(s) of the stormwater management system must notify the Designated Agent of changes in ownership or assignment of financial responsibility.
 - (b) The maintenance schedule in the Maintenance Agreement may be amended to achieve the purposes of this by-law by mutual agreement of the Designated Agent and the Responsible Parties. Amendments must be in writing and signed by all Responsible Parties. Responsible Parties must include owner(s), persons with financial responsibility, and persons with operational responsibility.

B. The agreement shall be recorded by the applicant and/or owner in the land records of the Registry of Deeds.

C. The agreement shall also provide that, if after notice by the Town Engineer to correct a violation requiring maintenance work, satisfactory corrections are not made by the owner(s) within thirty days, the Designated Agent may perform all necessary work to place the facility in proper working condition. The owner(s) of the facility shall be assessed the cost of the work and any penalties.

2. Maintenance Responsibility

A. The owner of the property on which work has been done pursuant to this Ordinance for private stormwater management facilities, or any other person or agent in control of such property, shall maintain in good condition and promptly repair and restore all grade surfaces, walls, drains, dams and structures, vegetation, erosion and sediment control measures and other protective devices. Such repairs or restoration and maintenance shall be in accordance with approved plans.

- B. A maintenance schedule shall be developed for the life of any stormwater management facility and shall state the maintenance to be completed, the time period for completion, and who shall be legally responsible to perform the maintenance. This maintenance schedule shall be printed on the stormwater management plan.
- C. The owner of the property on which work has been done pursuant to this Ordinance for private stormwater management facilities, or any other person or agent in control of such property, shall submit, by February 1st of each calendar year, an annual report to the Board of Selectman, detailing maintenance and inspection activities conducted in conjunction with the stormwater management facilities.

SECTION 9. PERFORMANCE BOND

The Designated Agent shall require from the developer a surety or cash bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or other means of security acceptable to the Designated Agent prior to the issuance of any building permit for the construction of a development requiring a stormwater management facility. The amount of the security shall not be less than the total estimated construction cost of the stormwater management facility. The bond so required in this section shall include provisions relative to forfeiture for failure to complete work specified in the approved stormwater management plan, compliance with all of the provisions of this Ordinance and other applicable laws and regulations, and any time limitations. The bond shall not be fully released without a final inspection of the completed work by the Town Engineer, submission of "As-built" plans, and certification of completion by the Designated Agent of the stormwater management facilities being in compliance with the approved plan and the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

1. Violations

Any development activity that has commenced or is conducted contrary to this Ordinance may be restrained by injunction or otherwise abated in a manner provided by law.

2. Notice of Violation

When the Designated Agent determines that an activity is not being carried out in accordance with the requirements of this Ordinance, it shall issue a written notice of violation to the owner of the property. The notice of violation shall contain:

- A. the name and address of the owner applicant;
- B. the address when available or the description of the building, structure, or land upon which the violation is occurring;
- C. a statement specifying the nature of the violation;
- D. a description of the remedial measures necessary to bring the development activity into compliance with this Ordinance and a time schedule for the completion of such remedial action;
- E. a statement of the penalty or penalties that shall or may be assessed against the person to whom the notice of violation is directed;
- F. a statement that the determination of violation may be appealed to the municipality by filing a written notice of appeal within fifteen (15) days of service of notice of violation.

3. Stop Work Orders

Persons receiving a notice of violations will be required to halt all construction activities. This "stop work order" will be in effect until the Designated Agent confirms that the

development activity is in compliance and the violation has been satisfactorily addressed. Failure to address a notice of violation in a timely manner can result in civil, criminal, or monetary penalties in accordance with the enforcement measures authorized in this Ordinance.

4. Criminal and Civil Penalties

Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance, valid regulation, or the terms or conditions in any permit or order prescribed or issued thereunder, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$300.00 for each day such violation occurs or continues or subject to a civil penalty, which may be assessed in an action brought on behalf of the Town in any court of competent jurisdiction.

5. Non-Criminal Disposition

As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the Town of Hampden may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in the Town of Hampden General Bylaws, Chapter XI. The Designated Agent shall be the enforcing entity. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense, applicable penalties to apply.

6. Restoration of Lands

Any violator may be required to restore land to its undisturbed condition. In the event that restoration is not undertaken within a reasonable time after notice, the Designated Agent may take necessary corrective action, the cost of which shall become a lien upon the property until paid.

7. Holds on Occupancy Permits

Occupation permits will not be granted until corrections to all stormwater practices have been made and accepted by the Designated Agent.

SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof.

EXHIBIT B

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
Amended 8/9/06, 11/22/06

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6.10 Ridgeline and Hillside Overlay District

6.101 Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the Town by:

1. Insuring that any development that takes place within the Ridgeline and Hillside District preserves and protects critical natural resource areas, minimizes visual impact of man-made features and enhances the economic values of the properties located therein;
2. Minimizing the removal of native vegetation, especially large timber, and regulating the excavation and alteration of land in order to minimize any danger of erosion, flooding or pollution of the ground or surface water supply (public or private) within the district or any adjacent low lying areas;
3. Insuring that all proposed development activities do not reduce property values within the district or adjacent to by unnecessarily detracting from the visual setting or obstructing significant views;
4. To protect historically existing physical features and the preservation and development of linkages from one open space area to another.

6.102 Overlay District

The Ridgeline and Hillside District is an overlay district; therefore the underlying zoning provisions for this area still apply. If there is any conflict between this bylaw and any other, the more restrictive shall apply.

6.103 District Delineation

1. ***The Ridgeline and Hillside Overlay District includes all land in the Town of Hampden as delineated on the map entitled "Ridgeline and Hillside Overlay District, Town of Hampden, Massachusetts" dated 1990 on file with the Town Clerk.***
2. The Ridgeline and Hillside District By-Law shall be applied to sensitive mountains or steep slope areas of scenic and natural resource value.
3. The Ridgeline and Hillside District is intended to include those mountain or upland areas which have one or more of the following characteristics:
 - a. Steep slopes averaging 15% or greater for 200 feet;
 - b. Unique landforms, including bedrock outcrops, till-covered hills, geological rarities, cliffs, or other unusual topographic features;
 - c. Any land at an elevation of 600 or more feet above sea level.

6.104 Uses

1. Permitted Uses

- a. Agricultural production, including but not limited to raising of crops, livestock, poultry, nurseries, orchards, hay;
- b. Recreational uses, provided there is minimal disruption of wildlife habitat;
- c. Maintenance and repair usual and necessary for continuance of an existing use;
- d. Conservation of water, plants, and wildlife, including the raising and management of wildlife;
- e. Uses permitted under M.G.L. Chapter 40a, Section 3 with limitations imposed therein.

6.105 Prohibited Uses

1. All uses not permitted in "Section 6.104-1 (Permitted Uses) or Section 6.106 (Work Permitted with Ridgeline and District Review) shall be deemed prohibited.
2. Clear cutting of trees and vegetation shall be prohibited.

6.106 Work Permitted with Ridgeline and Hillside District Review

1. The following uses shall be permitted, subject to Ridgeline and Hillside District Review of project site plans prior to the issuance of a building permit or Special Permit or approval of a definitive plan under the Massachusetts Subdivision Control Law:
 - a. Any construction or significant alteration of any dwelling or other structure, if any such action affects the exterior appearance. A significant alteration is defined as any alteration which increases the assessed value of 15%, or which adds to the height of a structure, or which substantially alters the visual profile of the property or structures thereon;
 - b. Any commercial or industrial use allowed by Special Permit in the underlying district;
 - c. Any subdivision which required approval under the Massachusetts Subdivision Control Law, M.G.L. Chapter 40;
 - d. The Board may waive any or all requirements of the Ridgeline and Hillside District Review for dwelling additions, and or accessory buildings of 400 square feet or less.
 - e. ***The removal, filling, excavation or alteration of earthen materials or the construction of an access road, if such action changes pre-existing drainage characteristics or sedimentation patterns, or alters the topographic or visual profile of the property.***
2. No work, including clearing or removal of vegetation, grading or construction, shall be undertaken in the Ridgeline and Hillside District, without prior review and approval by the Ridgeline and Hillside Review Board, except for:
 - a. Agricultural activities;
 - b. Work incidental to construction on the premises under a currently valid Building Permit;
 - c. Selective cutting of trees or vegetation for normal maintenance or noncommercial purposes on less than one half acre of land, provided that no additional cutting shall be done on the parcel, or on adjoining parcels in common ownership, for a period of two years;
 - d. Selective cutting of an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand board feet or fifty cords on any parcel of land at any one time, specified in a Forest Cutting Plan approved in accordance with the Massachusetts Forest Cutting Practices Act (M.G.L. Chapter 132, sections 40-46). ***Any areas excluded from the forest cutting plan must be delineated and identified as part of the Ridgeline and Hillside Application.***
 - e. ***Selection cutting***

6.107 Ridgeline and Hillside Development Standards

Buildings and landscaping are to be designed and located on the site to blend with the natural terrain and vegetation, and to preserve the scenic character of the site, conforming to the following standards:

1. Building Characteristics

- a. Building height shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet.
- b. Exposed foundation walls shall not exceed two (2) feet above the proposed finished grade.
- a. Building, alterations, additions, or structures should be placed downgrade of the ridgeline where possible ***and shall be located in a manner as not to break the view or exceed the elevation of the ridgeline as viewed from public vantage points.***
- b. Building materials ***Roof lines, foundations, and roof surfaces*** shall blend with the natural landscape as ***viewed from public vantage points.***

2. Landscaping

- a. Removal of native vegetation, especially large timber, shall be minimized and the replacement of vegetation and landscaping shall be generally compatible with the vegetation of the designated area.
- b. Trees may only be removed for location and construction of streets, driveways or structures. Selective clearing for views is permitted where the viewshed is obstructed by dense vegetation.
- c. Retaining walls, of natural materials only, may be used to create usable yard space in the side and rear yard.
- d. Landscaping and plantings shall be utilized to screen major buildings in open or prominent areas from significant views, both when installed and when mature.

3. Grading

Any grading or earth moving operation is to be planned and executed in such a manner that final contours appear to be consistent with the existing terrain, both on and adjacent to the site.

4. Prevention of Water Pollution and Flooding

- a. Storage and/or transmission of petroleum or other refined petroleum products is prohibited except within buildings which they will heat or in quantities of 50 gallons or less. Petroleum products stored within a building shall be placed on a diked or impermeable surface to prevent spills or leaks from reaching groundwater.
- b. All run-off from impervious surfaces shall be recharged on the site by being diverted to storm water infiltration basins covered with natural vegetation. Storm water infiltration basins must be designed to handle a 25-year storm. Dry wells shall be used only where other methods are infeasible, and shall be preceded by oil, grease, and sediment traps to facilitate removal of contamination. Any and all recharge areas shall be permanently maintained in full working order by the owner. ***Post development runoff shall not exceed pre-development levels.***

5. Prevention of Erosion and Sedimentation

- a. No area or areas totaling two (2) acres or more on any parcel or contiguous parcels in the same ownership shall have existing vegetation clear-stripped or be filled six (6) inches or more so as to destroy existing vegetation unless in conjunction with 1. agricultural activity or unless necessarily 2. work incidental to construction on the premises under a currently valid building permit or unless 3. work within streets which are either public or designated on an approved subdivision plan. stripped area or areas which are allowed by special permit shall remain through the winter without a or unless a special permit is approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals on the condition that run-off will be controlled, erosion avoided and either a constructed surface or cover vegetation will be provided not later than the first full spring season immediately following completion of the stripping operation. No temporary cover or winter rye or similar plant materials being provided for soil control, except in the case of agricultural activity where such temporary cover would be infeasible.
- b. Sediment and erosion control measures shall be employed to minimize such impacts during and after construction, in accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service "Guidelines for Soil and Water Conservation in Urbanizing Areas of Massachusetts."

6. Utilities

- a. Utilities shall be constructed and routed underground except in those situations where natural features prevent the underground siting or where safety considerations necessitate above ground construction and routing. The Review Board may waive this requirement.
- b. Above ground utilities shall be constructed and routed to minimize detrimental effects on the visual setting.

7. Site Planning

In the building of more than one structure, variable setbacks, multiple orientations, and other site planning techniques shall be incorporated in order to avoid the appearance of a solid line of development.

8. Accessory Structures

Construction of a tower, satellite dish, windmill, any type of antenna, or other installation shall not obstruct the view of a public way, or from a public way, or from an abutter's dwelling.

6.108 Regulatory Body

The Ridgeline and Hillside District Review Board is a sub-committee of the Planning Board members. In the absence of such a board, the Planning Board shall administer this Bylaw.

6.109 Procedures For Review by the Ridgeline and Hillside District Review Board

1. Prior to undertaking any work in the Ridgeline and Hillside District, including clearing and removal of vegetation, grading or construction, and prior to applying for a Building Permit, landowners must submit an application for Ridgeline and Hillside Review to the Ridgeline and Hillside Review Board. The Building Inspector shall not accept an application for a Building Permit without an attached Ridgeline and Hillside Review application, which has been reviewed by the Ridgeline and Hillside Review Board.
2. The Ridgeline and Hillside District Review Board shall review the application and return its recommendations in writing to the Building Inspector within thirty-five (35) days of the receipt of the application. If the application for Ridgeline and Hillside District Review is

associated with an application for a variance, special permit, or subdivision review, the Ridgeline and Hillside District Review Board shall immediately transmit their recommendations to the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals as appropriate.

3. If the Ridgeline and Hillside District Review Board does not submit its recommendations to the Building Inspector within thirty-five (35) days, such failure to act shall constitute approval of the application.
4. The Ridgeline and Hillside District Review Board's action shall be advisory to the Planning Board and shall consist of either:
 - a. A determination that the proposed project will constitute a suitable development and is in compliance with the criteria set forth in the Bylaw;
 - b. Approval subject to conditions, modifications, and restrictions as the Ridgeline and Hillside District Review Board may deem necessary.
5. The Building Inspector, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals shall, in making their permit granting decision, give due consideration to the Ridgeline and Hillside District Review Board's recommendations, and shall communicate all subsequent decisions to said Board.

6.1091 Ridgeline and Hillside District Review Applications

To facilitate siting and design of building sensitively related to the natural setting, applications for the Ridgeline and Hillside District Review of proposed development in the district must be accompanied by the following:

1. Plot Plan
2. View Points - Photographs of the development site taken from points along the street, together with a map indicating the distance between these points and the site.
3. Placement, height and physical characteristics of all existing and proposed buildings and structures located on the development site ***including building envelopes if so required.***
4. ***Vegetation – Existing and proposed vegetation, all proposed landscaping improvements including plans depicting the type, bulk, and height of trees and shrubs.***
5. ***Measures to be undertaken during and after construction to prevent erosion, sedimentation, flooding or water pollution.***
6. ***All applications are subject to site inspections; therefore all proposed buildings and driveways are to be staked.***
7. ***Any other information that is necessary for the proper consideration of the application.***

6.1092 Exceptions for Additions to Single Family Residences

Any addition, enlargement, extension, restoration of single family residences or construction of accessory buildings to any single family residences which have been actually and completely constructed prior to the adoption of Section 6.10 shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 6.10.

6.1093 Waiver of Compliance

It is recognized that there will be numerous instances of development within said district which do not conflict with any of the goals of this Bylaw and that a waiver should therefore be promptly and expeditiously granted by the Planning Board. Such waiver may be granted where the proposed development is not extensive enough or intrusive enough to justify intervention under this Bylaw, or where the land in question being developed is located in an area of the District which does not require the protection of this Bylaw because of topography or other considerations. It is expressly intended that said waivers may be partially or fully granted with a minimum of expense and delay to the applicant.

To simplify the procedure for determination in cases where an applicant believes he or she is entitled to a waiver as to some or all of the filing requirements, the applicant may submit to the Planning Board such information as the Board shall require in order to determine whether or not the provisions of the Bylaw require a detailed submission. If the Planning Board, after a review of the information presented by the Applicant, is satisfied that the provisions of this Bylaw do not require further action hereunder, a waiver shall be promptly issued.

6.1094 Definitions

Ridge, Prominent: A ridge location that is visible from a major arterial, secondary, or collector street, which is seen as a distinct edge against a backdrop of land.

Ridgeline: A line connecting the highest points along a ridge and separating drainage basins or small-scale drainage systems from one another.

Ridgeline Development: Development on the crest of a hill which has the potential to create a silhouette or other substantially adverse impact when viewed from a common public viewing area.

Hillside: Land having an average grade of 15% or greater for 200 feet.

Selection Cutting: The cutting of trees selected individually or in small groups while protecting those that are free of deformities and disease. Its purpose is to ensure that the forest contains trees of all ages. It also improves the health of the stand and releases space for young trees to grow.

Selective Cutting: A system of cutting in which trees, usually the largest, or small groups of such trees are removed for commercial production or to encourage reproduction under the remaining stand in the openings.

Clear Cutting: The cutting of all trees on a site.

6.1095 Severability

If any provision of this bylaw is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the bylaw shall not be affected thereby. The invalidity of any section or sections or parts of any section or sections of this bylaw shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Town's Zoning Bylaw.

EXHIBIT C

RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW

Draft 01/10/06, Revised 04/11/06, 9/12/06, 10/05/06

Section 1 Legislative Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter III, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section IA. We the citizens of the Town of Hampden restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, ("Home Rule Amendment").

This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Hampden by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This By-Law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

Section 2 Definitions

The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of agriculture, or accessory thereto.

The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil; dairying; production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities; growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations; raising of livestock including, but not limited to, horses, poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

"Farming" shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following: operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town; control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organism of plants and animals; application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides; conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm; processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer's market or farm stand including signage thereto; maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products; and on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

Section 3 Right To Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Hampden. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of

this By-law are intended to apply especially to those agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law.

Section 4 Posting of Right to Farm Bylaw

The Board of Selectmen shall post the right to farm declaration on town bulletin boards annually to run contiguous with the posting of the annual Town Meeting. Furthermore, the right to farm declaration will be included as part of the town bylaws which are posted on the Town of Hampden's Website: www.hampden.org.

Section 5 Resolution of Disputes

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Select Board. The Select Board shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance.

Section 6 Severability Clause

If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of Hampden hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

EXHIBIT D

ZONING BYLAW

7.15 Flexible Residential Open Space Development

7.15.1 FROSD Allowed By Special Permit Right

Flexible Residential Open Space Development (FROSD) in accordance with this bylaw shall be allowed by Special Permit right from the Planning Board in Residence Zones R-4 and R-6, except not in the Floodplain District and not in the Interim Wellhead Protection Area (IWPA) or Zone II areas for water supply wells in Hampden. Flexible residential open space development (FROSD) shall mean a residential development in which single family residences are clustered together, adjacent to permanently preserved open space, which shall, to the extent feasible, be located along public roads or on farmland. Any person creating five or more lots available for residential use in the R-4 or R-6 Districts, whether or not by subdivision, may apply for a special permit under this section Definitive FROSD Subdivision Plan approval under this section. FROSD shall be encouraged within the town.

7.15.2 Purposes

The purposes of flexible residential open space development are to:

1. Allow for greater flexibility and creativity in the design of residential subdivisions, provided that the overall density of the development is no greater than what is normally allowed in the district;
2. Encourage the permanent preservation of open space, agricultural lands and other natural resources and encourage a less sprawling form of development that consumes less open land;
3. Maintain the traditional New England rural character and land use pattern in which small villages contrast with open space and farmlands;
4. Facilitate the construction of streets, utilities and public services in a more economical and efficient manner;
5. Ensure that residential developments respect the natural features of the land, including wetlands, watercourses, forests, prime agricultural land, steep slopes, plants, wildlife, historic sites, scenic areas, and rural character;
6. Encourage development out of view from the road, and promote alternatives to strip residential development lining roadsides in the town.
7. Provide wildlife corridors connecting open spaces, needed by wildlife to ensure their survival.

7.15.3 Net Developable Area

1. The net developable area of a parcel for FROSD development shall be the total area of all lots shown to be developable under the Town of Hampden Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Bylaw, and shall be calculated by the following procedure:

- a. Percolation tests, in conformity with Title V, 310 CMR 15.00-15.99 as amended shall be conducted under the supervision of the Board of Health, for all lots in the total acreage of the property which would be developed in a standard subdivision layout. The area of those lots which is determined to be not suitable for on-site sewage disposal shall be subtracted from the developable area of the total parcel.
- b. Under the supervision of the Conservation Commission, the total acreage of all wetlands, in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, shall be identified and their area subtracted from the developable area of the total parcel.

7.15.4 Flexible Area in FROSD

1. Individual lot areas may be as small as the minimum lot sizes shown for FROSD in Table 1 of this section, provided that the average size for all FROSD lots created, including any land reserved as open space, shall be no smaller than the required average FROSD lot size, shown in Table 1 of this section.
2. The total number of building lots which can be created from any parcel shall be determined by dividing the net developable area (see Section 7.15.3) by the required average FROSD lot size shown in Table 1.
3. All land not used for building lots shall be placed in permanent open space in accordance with Section 7.15.3 of this bylaw, but not less than 40% of the total parcel net developable area.

7.15.5 Flexible Frontage in FROSD

1. The frontage of the parcel from which the lots of a FROSD are created (whether or not by subdivision) shall equal or exceed 60 feet for each lot created in the FROSD, as shown in the Table of FROSD Dimensional Requirements (Table 1 of this section). For example, to create a six-lot FROSD in the R-6 Zone, the parcel must have a minimum of 360 foot contiguous frontage along a public way. The minimum frontage for a tract on which a FROSD is proposed shall be a contiguous one-hundred (100) feet and provide safe access for a right-of-way of at least fifty (50) feet.
2. Provided that all other requirements of this bylaw are met, there shall be no frontage required for individual lots within a FROSD, with the exception described in Section 7.15.5-3 below. Each lot shall have adequate access on a public way or a common driveway which meets the standards in this Section.
3. To the extent feasible, all buildings shall be located out of view from any road, and protected open space shall be located adjacent to public ways. Any building lot which fronts on an existing public road shall have the frontage normally required in the zoning district, as noted in the Table 7.2, "Lot Area, Frontage, Set-back and Building Coverage".

7.15.6 Other Dimensional Requirements

1. All lots within a FROSD shall meet the front, rear and side yard requirements specified in Table 1 of this section.

2. All residential structures and accessory uses shall be set back from the boundaries of the development by a buffer strip of at least fifty (50) feet in width which shall include trees and shall be kept in a natural or landscaped condition.

7.15.7 Site Design Standards

1. Each structure shall be integrated into the existing landscape on the property so as to minimize its visual impact through use of vegetative and structural screening, landscaping, grading, and placement on or into the surface of the lot.
2. Lots shall be laid out and designed, to the greatest extent feasible, to preserve and protect historic and archaeological sites, farmland, wooded stream corridors, forested areas and large trees, scenic views particularly as seen from public roads, ridgelines and hilltops,
3. All buildings, roads and driveways shall be located away from soils which are most suitable for agriculture (based on U.S. Soil Natural Resources Conservation Service classifications for prime farmland soils and soils of state and local importance) to the maximum practical extent. This provision does not apply to the location of on-site septic disposal facilities which must be placed in soils meeting the Massachusetts Environmental Code.
4. All buildings, homes, and structures shall be located a minimum of 100 feet from agricultural land and shall be separated from agricultural uses by a 75-foot wide buffer strip of trees and fencing sufficient to minimize conflicts between farming operations and residences. If needed, this buffer area may be used for septic systems, as noted in Section 7.15.8-1.

7.15.8 Utility Requirements

1. On-site Sewage Disposal

The following standards shall apply to developments requiring on-site sewage disposal:

- a. The applicant shall submit a septic system design prepared by a certified engineer and approved by the Board of Health and a plan illustrating the location of water supply wells with the special permit FROSD application.
- b. All FROSD developments must meet the minimum state Environmental Code (Title V) requirements for minimum setbacks between private water supply wells and septic tanks or soil absorption systems (310 CMR 15.211). In order to meet Title V setback requirements, private water supply wells may be located on common open space, in accordance with the requirements in Section 7.15.8-2.
- c. All FROSD developments must meet the minimum state Environmental Code (Title V) requirements for nitrogen loading limitations (310 CMR 15.214-15.217). For FROSD developments with individual lot sizes less than 40,000 square feet, applicants must meet the following standards:
 - (1) Applicants must designate, on a plan, specific areas of common open space as "nitrogen credit land", based on the following equation: (40,000 square feet x number of lots) - total square feet in proposed FROSD lots = square feet of required nitrogen credit land in common open space
 - (2) Nitrogen credit land must meet DEP qualifications contained in "Guidelines for Title 5 Aggregation of Flows and Nitrogen Loading 310 CMR 15.16" including, but not limited, to the following qualifications:
 - Must be restricted to prohibit man-made sources of nitrogen, including sewage discharge, nitrogen-based fertilizer or raising and grazing of livestock;

- Must be restricted to prohibit artificially rendered imperviousness (i.e. paved streets, paved parking lots, buildings, structures, etc.);
- Not within a Velocity Zone or Regulatory Floodway identified by FEMA;
- Not under surface water;
- Not already being used as nitrogen credit land.

(3) All designated nitrogen credit land must be permanently restricted from further development under a "Grant of Title 5 Nitrogen Loading Restriction and Easement on Nitrogen Credit Land.

After approval of a Special Permit Definitive FROSD Subdivision Plan under this bylaw, applicants must apply to the Board of Health and the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for an aggregate determination of nitrogen loading under 310 CMR 15.216.

- d. It is required that septic systems be installed on individually-owned lots.

2. Water Supply

- a. In order to meet state requirements for separation distances between drinking water wells and septic systems, drinking water supply wells may be located in the common open space for a FROSD, provided that the provisions of Section 7.15.10 for a homeowner's association are met.

7.15.9 Common Open Space

1. Common Open Space Requirements

- a. A minimum of 40% of the total development parcel must be permanently protected as common open space. At least 70% of the common open space shall be retained in contiguous areas, unless approved by the Planning Board.
- b. Watercourses, lakes, ponds, wetlands and steep slopes over 25% may not be included in common open space calculations.

2. Land Protection Methods for Common Open Space

- a. All land not devoted to buildings, lots, roads and other development shall be permanently protected as common open space for recreation, conservation, forestry or agricultural uses which preserve the land in essentially its natural condition, by the following method:
 - (1) The land shall be owned by a homeowner's association, with a permanent conservation easement or deed restriction must be conveyed to the Town with Town approval or to a non-profit trust or conservation organization whose principal purpose is to conserve farmland or open space. At a minimum, such an easement or restriction shall require the use of management practices that ensure existing fields or pastures, if any, will be plowed or mowed at least once every year.
 - b. Further subdivision of common open land or its use other than recreation, conservation, forest or agriculture, except for easements for underground utilities or drinking water supply wells, shall be prohibited. Structures or buildings accessory to recreation, conservation, or agricultural use may be erected but shall not exceed five percent coverage of such common open space.

7.15.10 Homeowner's Association

- 1. A non-profit, homeowners association shall be established, requiring membership of each lot owner in the FROSD. The association shall be responsible for the permanent maintenance of

all common lands, common open space, recreational and thoroughfare facilities, except drinking water wells. If any drinking water well is located on common open space, the homeowners shall own the well and be responsible for any maintenance or related costs associated with their well. A homeowner's association agreement or covenant shall be submitted with the special permit application guaranteeing continuing maintenance of such common utilities, land and facilities, and assessing each lot a share of maintenance expenses. Such agreement shall be subject to the review and approval of Town Counsel and the Planning Board, and shall be recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds. Such agreements or covenants shall provide that in the event that the association fails to maintain the common open land in reasonable order and condition in accordance with the agreement, the town may, after notice to the association and public hearing, enter upon such land and maintain it in order to preserve taxable values of the properties within the development and to prevent the common land from becoming a public nuisance. The covenants shall also provide that the cost of such maintenance by the town shall be assessed equally against each of the properties within the development.

7.15.11 Special Permit and Subdivision Approval Procedures

1. Applicants for FROSD Special Permits shall follow the Special Permit procedures specified in Section 10 of the Hampden Subdivision Regulations Zoning Bylaw.
2. Relationship to Subdivision Control Preliminary Subdivision Plan
 - a. To promote better communication and avoid misunderstanding, applicants are encouraged to submit a Preliminary Subdivision Plan for review by the Planning Board prior to application for a Special Permit Definitive FROSD Subdivision Plan. Such Preliminary Plans shall comply with the Town's Subdivision Control regulations. The applicant is strongly encouraged to submit a FROSD preliminary subdivision plan.
 - b. Planning Board approval of a special permit for a FROSD shall not be deemed an approval under the Subdivision Control Law. Insofar as the development constitutes a subdivision, plans must be submitted, reviewed and approved in accordance with the Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board of the Town of Hampden. However, in order to facilitate processing, the Planning Board shall, insofar as practical under law, adopt regulations establishing procedures for submission and review of a combined Special Permit application and Definitive Subdivision Plan, including a combined public hearing.
 - c. Applicants are required to submit five (5) copies of a preliminary plan and a definitive plan for the entire tract to be considered for a FROSD, containing the information required under the Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board of the Town of Hampden.

3. Special Permit Application Contents

- a. The special permit application shall include all contents required in of the Hampden Zoning bylaw, as well as a description of all proposed dwelling units, amenities, and the proposed ownership and use of open space.

4. Environmental Impact Statement

The Planning Board may require the submittal of an environmental impact statement (EIS), in accordance with this bylaw, at the time that the special permit Definitive FROSD Subdivision Plan application is filed.

5. Reviewing agencies

The Planning Board shall submit copies of the special permit application and related documents to the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission and the Town Engineer for an advisory opinion in accordance With MGL C.40A, to the extent possible.

6. Additional Criteria for Evaluation of Special Permit FROSD Applications

In addition to the Special Permit criteria in Section 10 of the Hampden Zoning Bylaw, No special permit approval for FROSD shall be issued unless the application therefore complies substantially with the following additional criteria:

- a. The FROSD shall be consistent with the purposes stated in Section 10 of this bylaw.
- b. The FROSD shall create permanent open space. All land within the FROSD not in use, for building lots shall be protected as permanent open space.
- c. The portion of a parcel placed in open space shall, to the greatest extent possible, be that which is most valuable or productive as a natural resource, wildlife habitat, farmland, or forestry land.
- d. The FROSD shall result in the creation of less curb cuts or vehicular access points to a public way than would reasonably be expected to occur under Standard ANR or Subdivision Development.
- e. The FROSD shall result in no net increase in density of dwellings on the parcel over the density which could reasonably be expected to occur on the parcel under Standard ANR or Subdivision Development.
- f. The FROSD shall have no more impact on immediate abutters and the surrounding neighborhood than would a conventional subdivision plan.
- g. All dwellings shall, to the greatest extent possible, be located out of view from any road unless valuable natural resources or farmland located to the rear of the property render building in view of the road more desirable.

7. Special Permit Additional Conditions

The Planning Board may set forth conditions in its decision, including, but not limited to the following:

- a. Granting of a covenant or easement to ensure that existing fields or pastures will be plowed or mowed periodically with attention given to the requirements of existing animal and plant species.
- b. Granting of an easement providing and defining rights of public access.
- c. Measures to ensure the maintenance of scenic views and vistas.
- d. Specific approval of the uses allowed in designated open space and recreational areas, including the requirement that, before construction of any recreational structures such as tennis courts, swimming pools or accessory clubhouses, plans shall be submitted to the Planning Board for site plan approval. Recreational structures shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the total required common open space.
- e. Changes to site designs to better protect natural resources.

8. Terms of Special Permit FROSD Approval

Any Special Permit approval for FROSD shall state clearly the terms by which the development shall meet the above-listed criteria. The Special Permit approval grant

shall specify the number and location of dwellings and curb cuts.

Table 1:
Dimensional and Density Requirements
Flexible Residential/Open Space Development
Town of Hampden

1 All FROSD developments must meet minimum state Environmental Code (Title V) requirements, as described in Section 7.15.8.

2 Calculations for average lot areas shall include common open space, as described in Section 7.15.4.

3 The frontage of the parcel from which the lot of a FROSD is created shall equal or exceed at least 60 feet per developable lot created in the R-4 district and the R-6 district.

INFORMATION & EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Town Government	
POLICE Department EMERGENCY	911
Business Office	566-8011
FIRE Department EMERGENCY	911
Business Office	566-3314
Selectmen	566-2151
Highway: Dana Pixley	566-8842
Library	566-3047
Council on Aging: Becky Moriarty	566-5588
Dog Officer: Nick Dominic	781-1484
Veterans' Agent: Robert Mathison, 110 Main St., Monson	267-4140
Building Inspector: Lance Trevallion	566-2204
Electrical Inspector: Gary Courtney	566-2204
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 MacLeod	566-5572
Federated Community Church, Main St	566-3711
Parsonage: Rev. Thomas D. Howells	566-3402
St. Mary's Church, Somers Rd.: Rev. Timothy Murphy	566-8843
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