

Town of Hampden  
Annual Town Report  
2004



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## IN MEMORIAM

Bernice Clark  
Poet Laureate

Linda Gaudette  
Member, Council on Aging

James Ingraham  
Member, Fire Department

Nancy Joy  
Police Dispatcher

Richard Moriarty  
School Building Committee

Walter Johnson  
Council on Aging, Building Committee

## **INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS**

### **POPULATION OF HAMPDEN**

<b>Federal Census</b>	<b>1/1/01</b>	<b>5,189</b>
<b>State Census</b>	<b>1/1/85</b>	<b>4,762</b>
<b>Town Census</b>	<b>1/1/04</b>	<b>5,189</b>

### **GEOGRAPHIC AREA**

**19.64 square miles**

### **COUNTY**

**Hampden County**

### **TAX RATE**

**\$17.44 for Fiscal 2004**

### **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**Last Monday in April at 7:00pm**

### **ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**First Monday in May, 8am-8pm**

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#### **GOVERNOR**

Mitt Romney  
Office of the Governor  
Boston, MA 02133  
Phone: 617-727-9173

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#### **CONGRESSMAN**

Richard E. Neal  
437 Cannon House Office Bldg  
Washington, DC 20515  
Phone: 202-225-5601

**OR**

#### **U.S SENATORS**

Edward M. Kennedy  
U.S. Senate  
Russell Senate Office Bldg. Room 315  
Washington, DC 20510  
Phone: 202-224-4543

District Office  
Federal Building, Room 309  
1550 Main Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Phone: 413-785-0325

**OR**

2400 JFK Building, Room 409  
Boston, MA 02203  
Phone: 617-565-3170

#### **STATE SENATOR**

Brian P. Lees, Hampden District  
State House, Room 308  
Boston, MA 02133  
Phone: 617-722-1291

**OR**

John F. Kerry  
U.S. Senate  
Russell Senate Bldg. Room 421  
Washington, DC 20510

District Office: 527 Main Street  
Indian Orchard, MA 01151  
Phone: 413-543-2167

**OR**

145 State Street, Room 504  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Phone: 413-785-4610

#### **REPRESENTATIVE**

Mary S. Rogeness,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Hampden District  
State House, Room 237  
Boston, MA 02133  
Phone: 617-722-2800  
Residence: 22 Warren Terrace,  
Longmeadow, MA 01106  
Phone: 413-567-5480



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

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

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

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:30pm each month

**TOWN CLERK – Eva Wiseman**

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

**TOWN TREASURER–Tracy Scibaldi**

Office Hours: By Appointment  
Phone: 566-2401

**TAX COLLECTOR – Eva Wiseman**

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

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

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

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00pm  
Phone: 566-2206

**PLANNING BOARD**

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

**WATER COMMISSION COMMITTEE**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month

**HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM**

**REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
Phone: 596-3884

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

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

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

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

**HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs each month, 8:15am at  
Centennial Commons  
Phone: 566-8157

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

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

**HAMPDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month  
Phone: 566-3047

**HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday –Wednesday 12am-7:00pm  
Thursday 12am-6:00pm  
Saturday 10am-3:00pm  
CLOSED ON Saturdays during August

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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

**TRANSFER STATION**

Saturday, 8am-4pm, Tuesday, 1pm-4pm  
Recycling, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday

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

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:30pm  
Applications available from Town Clerk

**PARK COMMISSION**

Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7pm  
Office Hours: Call 566-4950  
Memorial Park Hours: 8am-9pm, Apr1-Oct31

**VETERAN'S SERVICES- Robert Mathison**

Phone: 267-4140  
200 Main Street, Monson

**RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE**

Meet as posted

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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

**HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Meet as posted

## **ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS – 2004**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH**

Mark R. Barba, Chairman	2005
James D. Smith, Chairman, Health	2006
Duane E. Mosier	2007

Administrative Assistant to Board of Selectmen Pamela Courtney	2005
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Coordinator for Board of Health Beth Perkins	
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### **MODERATOR**

Richard Patullo	2005
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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, Chairperson	2005
Mary Lou Majkut, Assessor	2006
Stanley Witkop, Assessor	2007

Assistant to the Assessors Ann Murphy	
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### **HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

Scott Chapman	2006
Maryanne Morris	2005

### **TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN LIBRARY**

Elaine Kingsbury, Chairman	2006
Kathleen Hutchison	2007
Beth E. Burger	2005

### **HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

William G. Joy, Chairman	2006
Miles Hapgood, Vice Chairman	2007
Aline Burt	2005
Thomas Howells	2005
Cecilia Melville	2008
Benjamin Bump-State Appointed	

### **CONSTABLES**

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

### **CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

Henry Dunwoody, Chairman	2007
Judith Hatch	2006
David Quill	2005

### **PLANNING BOARD**

John D. Flynn, Chairman	2009
Joseph A. Dolben, Vice Chair	2008
Joseph Kruzel	2005
Robert Majkut	2007
Melissa Reeves	2006

Jane Budynkiewicz, Clerk	
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### **PARK COMMISSIONERS**

Christopher MacDonald, Chair	2005
Glennice Flynn	2005
Tina Albano	2006
Michael D'Agostino	2007
Laurence Forrest	2006

Jay Fenlason, Director	
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## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2004

### TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Clifford Bombard 2005  
Pat Smith, Asst. to Accountant 2005

### DOG OFFICERS

Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control 2005

### FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Peter Hatch 2005

### INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Shelly Sears 2005

### SUPT OF INSECT/PEST CONTROL

Dana Pixley 2005

### BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Lorri McCool 2005  
Glenn Riddle, Alternate 2005

### VETERANS GRAVE OFFICER

Arthur Booth 2005

### VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Robert Mathison 2005

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Douglas W. Mellis 2005

### SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Dana Pixley 2005

### TREE WARDEN

Dana Pixley 2005

### FENCE VIEWERS

William H. Patric 2005  
John H. Field 2005

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mark Feeney 2005  
Lance Trevallion, Alt. 2005

### ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Robert Lague 2005  
Gary Courtney, Alt. 2005

### PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Michael Ford 2005  
Mark Feeney, Alt. 2005

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Beth DeSousa, Chair 2005  
Michael Crowley 2005  
Peter Nossal 2005  
Elizabeth DeSousa 2005  
Richard Fadus 2005  
Tim Marini 2005  
Ellen Moriarty, Clerk

### BOARD OF APPEALS

Richard Patullo, Chair 2005  
Mary Cesan, Vice Chair 2007  
Kenneth Lefebvre 2005  
L. Jed Berliner 2006  
Richard Jones 2007  
Francis Kotomski, Clerk 2004

### BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES

David Scott 2005  
Richard Jones 2005  
Cheryl Cudnick 2005

### HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

James McEwan, Chairman 2005  
Patricia Regan-Loiko 2005  
Jerry Lezniak 2005  
Judith Moriarty 2005  
Carol Gauthier 2005  
Hermine Weston 2005

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2004

### TOWN COUNSEL

David J. Martel

2005

### PARKING CLERK

Eva Wiseman

2005

### RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

John D. Flynn, Chairman

2005

Robin Warner

2005

Jim Moriarty

2005

Richard Desanti

2005

Candice Keddy

2005

Richard Patullo

2005

Tom Poulin

2005

### BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER

Mike Shea, Chairman

2005

George Bouchard

2007

Michael Framarin, Oper.

2005

Richard Jalbert

2007

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Connie Witt, Chairman

2006

Chrissy Cesan

2007

Melissa Lail-Trecker

2006

Noreen Couture

2004

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Michael Gerrard, Chairman

2005

Sheila Thompson, Co-Chair

2004

Bonnie Geromini

2007

Richard Gouvan

2005

Camilla Desmarais

2005

Phil Grant

2007

Pat Cote

2005

Charlie Schmitt

2007

Candice Keddy

2005

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Dana Pixley, Superintendent

2005

Patrick Markham

2005

Robert Richards

2005

Albert Rosati

2005

Matthew Frederick

2005

John Ouellette

2005

### CONSERVATION, ASSOC MEMBERS

Joseph Savoie

2004

Scott Rumpalik

2005

Cynthia Connors

2005

### BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Arthur A. Booth, Jr

2005

Elizabeth M. Wells

2005

Janet M. Redin

2005

Eva Wiseman

### COUNCIL ON AGING

Brian MacLeod, Chairman

2005

Rita Vail, Vice Chair

2005

Denise Fiedler

2005

Virginia Schneider, Secretary

2007

Shirley Gouvan

2006

Patricia Clark

2007

Ruth Haley

2005

Albert L. Ouimet

2006

Arlene Fisher

2005

John J. Shay, Hampden Rep to GSSS

2005

George Fournier, Water Op.

2005

### STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Joe Kruzel, Chair

2005

Neil Flynn

2005

Dana Pixley

2005

Mike Gerrard

2005

Jean Hall

2005

Bruce Libby

2005

Karl Sternberg

2005

Duane Mosier

2005

## **APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2004**

### **COUNCIL OF AGING DIRECTOR**

Rebecca Moriarty 2005

### **CABLE COMMITTEE**

Philip Grant 2005

David Lalonde 2005

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Ronald Kidd 2004

Donald Collins 2005

William Gouzounis 2005

Richard Ayers 2006

Thomas Argenio 2006

### **ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**

Patricia Smith 2005

### **ASSISTANT TREASURER**

Patricia Smith 2005

### **PVPC COMMISSIONER**

Melissa Reeves 2005

Robert Majkut, Alternate 2005

### **PVTA REPRESENTATIVE**

Doreen Fadus 2005

### **ADA COORDINATOR**

Rebecca Moriarty 2005



## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2004

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF**

Douglas W. Mellis 2005

### **SERGEANTS**

Jeff Farnsworth 2005

Joseph Henry 2005

### **POLICE OFFICERS**

Scott Trombly 2005

Michael J. Cooney 2005

William Joy 2005

Todd Ely 2005

John DiMaio 2005

Carl Mazzaferro 2005

Tawrin Seega 2005

### **DISPATCHERS (full time)**

Laurie Ryder 2005

Radcliff Kenison 2005

### **RESERVE OFFICERS**

Michael Masse 2005

Gregory Skop 2005

Stephen Hill 2005

Jason Sutherland 2005

Robert Robinson 2005

Christopher Pandolfi 2005

Michael Lynch 2005

James McCoy 2005

Josh Dufresne 2005

Brett Purchas 2005

Thomas Cortis 2005

Radcliffe Kenison 2005

Gary Courtney 2005

Mark Galarneau 2005

Christopher Eck 2005

Dominick Corsetti 2005

John Turcotte 2005

### **DISPATCHERS (part-time)**

Christopher Pandolfi 2005

Brett Purchas 2005

Robert Robinson 2005

Kimberly Rasbeck 2005

Mark Galarneau 2005

Josh Dufresne 2005

Michael Masse 2005

Thomas Cortis 2005

John Turcotte 2005

Christopher Eck 2005

Kayse Rosati 2005

Jason Sutherland 2005

Jason Mancuso 2005

Michael Lynch 2005

Todd MacKecknie 2005

Tim Lord 2005

Michael Lynch 2005

### **POLICE MATRON**

Laurie Ryder 2005

### **SECRETARY TO POLICE DEPT.**

Kathy Zanetti 2005

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2004

### VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Peter Hatch, Chief	2005
Michael Gorski, Assist Chief	2005
Charles Beaver, Deputy Chief	2005
Tim Evans, Captain	2005
Michael Hatch, Lieutenant	2005
Michael Sicbaldi, Secretary/Treasurer	2005

Jason Broom	2005
William Brown	2005
James Burns, Jr.	2005
James Burns, Sr.	2005
Donald Dickinson	2005
Joseph Grant	2005
Richard Harris	2005
Lawrence Hatch	2005
Richard Hatch	2005
Harold House	2005
Daniel Isham	2005
Albert Jones	2005
Rick Kelly	2005
William Levakis	2005
Matthew Loveling	2005
Henry Managre	2005
David Markham	2005
Michael Maserati	2005
Arthur McCarthy	2005
Jason McCarthy	2005
Andrew Netherwood	2005
William Patric	2005
Edward Poulin	2005
Thomas Poulin	2005
Joshua Ross	2005
Scott Rumprik	2005
Gregory Sears	2005
Thomas Smith	2005
David Sutcliffe	2005
Richard Thayer	2005
Frederick Warren	2005

**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**

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Noreen Couture, Historical Commission, Community Preservation Commission  
Judy Jackson, Planning Board Clerk  
Judith Moriarty, Cultural Council  
John DiMaio, Police Department  
Tawrin Seega, Police Department  
Ronald Kidd, Personnel Committee  
Amy West, Police Department  
Aline "Tiny" Burt, Housing Authority  
Jason Sutherland, Police Department, Reserve Officer  
Stephen Hill, Police Department, Reserve Officer  
Frank Kotomski, Board of Appeals  
James McCoy, Police Department, Reserve Officer  
Bonnie Geromini, Conservation Commission  
Camilla Desmarais, Conservation Commission  
Richard Gouvan, Conservation Commission  
Joseph Savoie, Conservation Commission  
Mike Gerrard, Conservation Commission  
Robyn Janczolewicz, Library  
Samantha Bearse, Library  
Rick Fadus, Advisory Board  
Kathy Pessolano, Advisory Board  
Larry Moriarty, Town House Custodian



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

**Building Permits- Mark Feeney- 566-2204**

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

**Electrical Permits- Robert Laque- 566-8472**

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

**Plumbing Permits- Michael Ford- 566-5578**

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

**Gas Permits- Michael Ford- 566-5578**

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

**Solar Permit**

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

**Call back Fees**

Call back fees for building, electrical, plumbing, and fire inspections	\$20
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**Fire Permits- Peter Hatch- 566-3314**

Smoke Detector Inspection (new house)	\$25
Smoke Detector Inspection (real estate transfer)	\$25
Oil burner Inspection	\$25

Blasting Permit (Fire Chief)	\$20
Renewal of Smokeless powder (Fire Chief)	\$25
LP Gas Storage Permit (Fire Chief)	\$25
Underground storage tank installation (Fire Chief)	\$20
Underground storage tank removal (Fire Chief)	\$75
Tank and burner Inspection	\$25
Mobile fuel oil delivery vehicle	\$25

### **Board of Selectmen- 566-2151**

#### Liquor Licenses-

- Restaurant- All Alcoholic \$900\*
- Veteran's Club- All Alcoholic \$300\*
- Package Store- All Alcoholic \$1050\*
- Package Store- Wine & Malt \$525\*

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

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

### **Board of Health- 566-2152**

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

## **TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING STATION**

Cross Road, Hampden, MA 01036

### **HOURS OF OPERATION:**

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

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

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

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

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

### **HOUSEHOLD TRASH**

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

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

The bags are sold in packages of 10.

**16 Gallon bags= \$10.00**

**33 Gallon bags= \$20.00**

Massachusetts prohibits the disposal of the following items:

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

**Be sure to keep these items out of your trash.**



## **What are considered hazardous items?**

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

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

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

## **Recycling Information**

*Recycling – It’s easier than you think!*

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

*Your efforts are making a difference!*

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

## RECYCLING GUIDE

### MIXED PAPER:

*\*All paper and cardboard must be clean & dry\**

- Junk Mail, including window envelopes
  - Newspaper & Inserts
  - Magazines & Catalogs
  - Paper Bags
  - Paperbacks & Phone Books, Remove Covers
  - Computer Paper, White and Colored office paper
  - Cardboard, flattened
  - Cereal Boxes, Shoe Boxes, etc., Remove Plastic liners
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- 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

Maximum Wt. per item: 25-lbs.

### YARD WASTE:

- Leaves
- Grass
  - NO branches

## **MORE RECYCLING TIPS**

### **Clothing:**

Goodwill, Salvation Army and Big Brothers/Big Sisters 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 semi-conductors) 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.

## 2004 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Cases applied for and heard in 2004 included the following:

- 2004 – 1 Special Permit granted for a wireless communication facility.
- 2004 – 2 Variance granted from the required front setback due to wetlands and topography.
- 2004 – 3 Special Permit granted to allow co-location on a wireless communication facility.
- 2004 – 4 Special Permit granted to allow removal of excess material to allow proper grading at school renovation.
- 2004 – 5 Variance to provide relief from front setback to allow addition to existing dwelling – withdrawn.
- 2004 – 6 Special permit request to place antennas at the top of transmission tower withdrawn.
- 2004 – 7 Variance to allow construction of a driveway – withdrawn as it could in fact comply.
- 2004 – 8 Special Permit/Variance to gain relief from the minimum 100' setback needed under 7.2.4 – withdrawn due to wetland issues in question.
- 2004 – 9 Special Permit Renewal granted – to remove earth for agricultural land improvement.
- 2004 – 10 Variance granted to allow construction of a dwelling on an R-6 lot containing wetland and topography issues.

MEMBERS: Richard E. Patullo, Chair

M. Chris Cesan, Vice-Chair

L. Jed Berliner, Clerk

Richard Jones (appointed in September)

Kenneth E. Lefebvre

Francis Kotompski resigned in August as he was moving to Florida.

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: David R. Scott

Cheryl M. Cudnik

Submitted by: Judith M. Jackson, Secretary



## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

With each new year brings new legislation that needs to be implemented. Fiscal year 2005 brought Interim Year Adjustments. This is the first year that the Board of Assessors was required to review property sales in a non-revaluation year to make sure that our assessments and recent sales were within acceptable ratio ranges put forth by the Department of Revenue. We found that the assessment to sales ratio was well below the acceptable level. The average residential assessment was increased approximately 18%. This came as no surprise to residents when they compared their assessment to sale prices of homes similar to theirs that had sold recently. In reviewing the commercial properties the market remained unchanged since our last full revaluation.

The Board of Assessors also advocated for new guidelines for Statutory Exemptions for Senior's (70 and older). The dollar amount of tax relief was increased as was the minimum income and asset guidelines. This board realized that more and more seniors were struggling to make ends meet on fixed incomes so when our Legislators modified the current regulations though a local acceptance option, we brought this article to Town meeting floor and was approved overwhelming.

New legislation or current legislation that has been amended brings additional work to each municipal office. This office is no exception as we have new guidelines for excise abatements, Veteran's Statutory Exemptions, Senior Exemptions, Community Preservation Surcharge exemptions and the additional task of Interim Year Adjustments, just to name a few. With a staff of one and limited hours we take pride to meet all requirements and deadlines. We have dedicated regular blocks of times to be able to provide the best customer service we can. We also have hours reserved to be able to complete all necessary state and local reports, processing abatements and exemptions, updating our database and mapping. We want to thank the patience of all our residents who may have been greeted by our answering machine or a closed door. We are working hard to serve you, the taxpayer, in person and behind the scenes. This Board would not be able to achieve all that was accomplished this past year without our assistant, Ann Murphy. It never ceases to amaze this three-member board Ann's dedication to the town residents and co-workers. She is constantly educating herself to better serve the town through seminars, workshops and networking with other municipalities assessing departments.

On a final note the Board would like to thank all town officials and townhouse staff who assist this office throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

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



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

of

FISCAL 2005

HAMPDEN

City/Town/District

**I. TAX RATE SUMMARY**

Ia. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)	\$ 8,900,473.18
Ib. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	<u>1,857,447.87</u>
Ic. Tax levy (Ia minus Ib)	<u>\$ 7,043,025.31</u>
Id. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies	

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA-5)	(c) IC above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class (from LA-5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (d) x (e) / 1000
Residential	93.4778%	6,583,665.11	421,489,230	15.62	6,583,661.77
Exempt					
Open Space	0.0000%	0.00	0		
Commercial	3.6872%	259,690.43	16,625,597	15.62	259,691.83
Exempt					
Industrial	0.3616%	25,467.58	1,630,410	15.62	25,467.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	97.5266%		439,745,237		6,868,820.60
Personal	2.4734%	174,202.19	11,152,670	15.62	174,204.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	100.0000%		450,897,907		7,043,025.31

Board of Assessors of

**HAMPDEN**

City or Town

Date

Tel. No.

**Do Not Write Below This Line --- For Department of Revenue Use Only**

Reviewed By

Date

Approved:

Director of Accounts

Date

## II. Amounts to be raised

IIa. Appropriations (col. (b) through col. (e) from Page 4)		\$ 8,575,583.00
IIb. Other amounts to be raised		
1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes		
2. Debt and interest charges not included on page 4	14,966.00	
3. Final court judgments		
4. Total overlay deficits of prior years		
5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)	6,735.00	
6. Revenue deficits		
7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E		
8. Authorized deferral of teachers' pay		
9. Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44 Sec. 31D	50,174.78	
10. Other (specify on separate letter)	187,998.07	
TOTAL IIb (Total lines 1 through 10)		259,873.85
IIc. State and county cherry sheet charge (C.S. 1-EC)		12,926.00
IId. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)		52,090.33
Ile. Total amount to be raised (Total IIa through IId)		\$ 8,900,473.18

## III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

IIIa. Estimated receipts - State		
1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	\$ 571,750.00	
2. Cherry sheet overestimates (C.S. 1-EC Part E col. 3)		571,750.00
TOTAL IIIa		
IIIb. Estimated receipts - Local		
1. Local receipts not allocated (Page 3, col. (b), Line 23)	864,157.00	
2. Offset receipts (See Schedule A-1)	0.00	
3. Enterprise funds (See Schedule A-2)	0.00	
4. Community preservation funds (See Schedule A-4)	174,491.87	
TOTAL IIIb		1,038,648.87
IIIc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes		
1. Free cash (Page 4, col. (c))	0.00	
2. Other available funds (Page 4, col. (d) )	0.00	
TOTAL IIIc		0.00
IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate		
1. a. Free cash...appropriated on or before June 30, 2004		
b. Free cash...appropriated on or after July 1, 2004	77,049.00	
2. Municipal light source		
3. Teachers' pay deferral		
4. Other source : stab fund	170,000.00	
TOTAL IIId		247,049.00
IIIe. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (Total IIIa through IIId)		\$ 1,857,447.87

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

a. Total amount to be raised (from Ile)		\$ 8,900,473.18
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	\$ 1,857,447.87	
c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)	\$ 7,043,025.31	
d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)		\$ 8,900,473.18

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED \*

	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2004	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2005
→ 1. Motor vehicle excise	\$ 585,751.00	\$ 590,000.00
→ 2. Other excise		
→ 3. Penalties and interest on taxes and excises	22,277.00	22,277.00
→ 4. Payments in lieu of taxes		
5. Charges for Services - water		
6. Charges for Services - sewer		
7. Charges for Services - hospital		
8. Charges for Services - trash disposal	90,000.00	100,000.00
9. Other charges for services		
10. Fees	31,949.00	31,949.00
11. Rentals	5,000.00	5,000.00
12. Departmental revenue - Schools		
13. Departmental revenue - Libraries		
14. Departmental revenue - Cemeteries		
15. Departmental revenue - Recreation		
16. Other departmental revenue		
17. Licenses and permits	7,683.00	7,683.00
18. Special assessments		
→ 19. Fines and forfeits	29,334.00	29,334.00
→ 20. Investment income	10,638.00	10,638.00
→ 21. Miscellaneous recurring (please specify)		
22. Miscellaneous non-recurring (please specify)		67,276.00
23. TOTALS	\$ 782,632.00	\$ 864,157.00

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 2005 tax rate recapitulation form by the City/Town/District Clerk and hereby acknowledge that such entries correctly reflect the appropriations made and the sources from which such appropriations are to be met.

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Date Accountant/Auditor Tel. No.

\* Do not include receipts in columns (a) or (b) that were voted by the City/Town/District Council or Town Meeting as offset receipts on Schedule A-1, enterprise funds on Schedule A-2, or revolving funds on Schedule A-3. Written documentation must be submitted to support increases / decreases of estimated receipts to actual receipts.

→ Written documentation must be submitted to support increases/decreases of FY2004 estimated receipts to FY2005 estimated receipts to be used in calculating the municipal revenue growth factor.



APPROPRIATIONS							AUTHORIZATIONS	
City/Town Council or Town Meeting Dates	FY*	(a) Total Appropriations Of Each Meeting	(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 or Enterprise Funds, See A-2 Community Preservation See A-4	(f) *** Revolving Funds See A-3	(g) Borrowing Authorization (Other)
04/26/04	2005	8,508,230.00	8,488,230.00			20,000.00	61,750.00	
10/25/04	2005	67,353.00	67,353.00					
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Totals		8,575,583.00	8,555,583.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00		
		Must Equal Cols. (b) thru (e)						

Tel. No.

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

2004

### Building Permits and Inspections

Dwelling	10
Addition	31
Alteration	21
Garage	7
Barn	4
Shed	8
Swimming Pool	11
Stove	3
Demolition	1
Sign	3
Deck	4
Porch	1
Tower/Antenna	2
Temporary Trailer	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107</b>

### Total Permits & Inspections

Building	107
Electrical	108
Plumbing/Gas	87

Respectfully submitted:

Mark J. Feeney  
Building Commissioner

## BOARD OF HEALTH

	2002*	2003*	2004*
Annual Flu Clinic	240	201	280
Pneumonia	0	0	17
Lyme Disease	12	3	9
Bacteriosis	0	0	2
Annual Rabies Clinic	50	50	47
Percolation Tests	73	33	66
Septic Systems – Installed/Repaired	62	49	68
Well Permits	30	10	13
Septage Haulers Permits Issued	4	4	4
Disposal Works Installers Licenses Issued	19	19	16
Food Service Establishment Permits Issued	22	29	29
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1	1
Health / Nuisance Complaints	8	5	11
No. of gallons of Hazardous Household Waste Collected		420	495

\*(Numbers based on calendar year)

The Transfer Station is being used by approximately 860 households. It saw 454 tons of solid waste and 213 tons of recyclable material through this past year. Early this year, the Board of Selectmen/Health voted to join about 90 other municipalities in western Massachusetts to take all recyclables to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Springfield. Starting April 1, 2005, the Town will now be eligible to receive revenue for all the recycled materials (mixed paper, household glass, plastic containers and cans) received at the transfer station. For more information on how to use the transfer station, please refer to the Transfer Station Information section of this Town Report.

In line with the pursuit of protecting our environment, we are looking forward to the ability to recycle materials such as mercury-bearing bulbs, thermometers, rechargeable batteries and other materials that are otherwise considered hazardous and not accepted as trash or recycling. We will keep you posted as these new programs evolve.

On April 3, 2004, we held our annual Rabies Clinic at the Highway Department Town Garage, where 47 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 11, we participated in the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Day that was held at Minnechaug Regional High School. During this event, 495 gallons of hazardous waste from our Town were disposed of properly. Please contact the Board of Health office for more information on what materials are accepted during the event. **The next Hazardous Household Waste Collection Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2005.** So walk around your garage and cellar and start identifying the hazardous materials for disposal. Early planning always helps.

Due to the nationwide initial flu vaccine shortage and its subsequent availability, the Board held a total of 4 flu clinics during the months of November to January. Two hundred individuals were vaccinated for influenza and 17 for pneumonia. Many thanks to the Senior Center Director, Becky Moriarty, and her staff, for managing the registration and hosting the events. A huge thank you to Judy Hatch and Bea Moriarty, nurse volunteers, whose constant willingness to help allowed us to conduct all of the necessary clinics.



Beginning this year, the Board voted to make well water testing for coliform bacteria not just a once a year event but a year-round possibility. Sterile sample bottles may be picked up from the BOH office with instructions on how to properly draw a water sample. Residents will then have to take their sample to ConTest laboratory in East Longmeadow for testing (directions to the lab will be provided). The cost of the water test for coliform bacteria is \$25.00\*\*, which should be paid directly to the lab. ConTest will mail the results directly to the residents.

This year too, emergency response planning became an important role of this board. So far, we have compiled a list of nurses who wish to volunteer their services in the event of a community emergency. Together with the Town of Wilbraham, a mock mass inoculation drill was planned last November, but due to the initial flu vaccine shortage, the drill was cancelled. There is so much more work to be done before we can say that we are ready to deal with a big community emergency. With the reduced hours and the considerable scope of this function, we can only try our best.

We encourage you to visit our website, [www.hampden.org](http://www.hampden.org), to access forms required for percolation testing, disposal works construction application, title v information and links, transfer station information, upcoming events, etc.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth M. Perkins, Coordinator  
James D. Smith, Chairman

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

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Registered voters on Jan. 1, 2004 – 3335, December 31, 2004 - 3623

### Voter attendance during 2004:

Presidential Primary, March 2, 2004	360
Republican Party Caucus, March 25, 2004	18
Democratic Party Caucus, March 26, 2004	45
Annual Town Meeting, April 26, 2004 -	172
Annual Town Election, 3, 2004 -	1471
Reconvened Town Meeting May 17, 2004 -	72
State Primary, September 14, 2004	97
Special Town Meeting, October 27, 2004 -	66
Presidential Election, November 2, 2004 -	2848

### 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	Bonnie Howell
Dorothy Hill	Dorothy Kibbe	Carol Fitzgerald
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	Montura Moriarty	Janet Redin
Robert Wells		Elizabeth Wells
Carolyn Whipple		Eva Wiseman, Clerk

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This past year (2004) was filled with many changes and challenges to the town. We saw the completion of the Green Meadows renovations/expansion in the fall. Many thanks go out to the people that gave so much to see this project completed on time and under budget. We also unfortunately saw the passing of Rick Moriarty, who was such a driving force in this project.

In May a general override vote failed to aid the FY2005 budget. This resulted in many town departments facing continued decreases in hours and staffing to assist the residents. Hampden did receive a one time revenue boost from the state of \$67,000.00 in the fall. If this had not happened many cuts would have been necessary at the fall special town meeting to balance FY05's budget.

Hampden sadly saw the loss of one its more prominent landmarks. The Laughing Brook Wildlife Sanctuary was destroyed by fire in September. We were all distressed by the circumstances surrounding this event and the loss to all.

The privately owned cell tower at the Transfer Station inches towards completion. The tower is now in place and we all anxiously await a carrier to sign on to bring it into service.

This past year also saw many new faces to Town government. We want to thank all the volunteer members of the many boards and commissions that give so much of their time to the town to help make Hampden what it is.

The town is always in need of energetic and motivated people to serve. For information on appointed positions please contact the Selectmen's office at 566-2151. For elected positions contact one the town's political parties or the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark R. Barba, Chairman  
James D. Smith  
Duane E. Mosier



## **CHARTER: CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **Section 1:**

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

### **Section 2:**

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

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

### **Section 3:**

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

### **Section 4:**

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

### **Section 5:**

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

## CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Established 2001

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

Dept	Description	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Town House	Parking lot reconstruction	79,000				
	Town House Flat Roof					20,000
	Telephone system					
	Computer system server					
COA	Elderly Transportation (van)			45,000		=>
	Generator				20,000	
	Automatic Door Opener		(donated)	6,000		
	Room partition	(donated)	19,000			
Fire	Fire Truck				175,000	
	Fire truck (2001 replaced)	212,000				
Library	Expansion		28,000			
Highway	Projected Road paving & drainage: 2,986,236 over ten years (Feb/2005)				293,129	293,129
	Road Paving	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
	Bridge Maint at Mill & Chapin Rd	350,000 350,000		=> =>	== ==	
	Drainage Replace Fernwood Rd		30,000	=>	==	
	Drainage Replace Hickory & Walnut	35,000		=>	==	
	Drainage Maint Carmody Rd	18,000				
	Drainage Maint TWB	18,000				
	Replace Dump truck due to accident		86,500			
	Salt shed roof (replace)			16,000	==	
	Garage repairs				15,000	
	New Equipment (backhoe/loader)	75,000				
	Equipment Replacement (Dumptruck 1 ton w/ plow)		40,000	=>	==	
	Pickup truck replacement					27,000
	Dump body replacement					15,000
	Sander replacement					9,500
Police	Computer System (lease)			23,000		
	Weapons	12,500				
School	TWB-short term (1-4 yrs)			266,901	==	
	TWB gym floor			45,000		
	TWB-mid term (4-6 yrs)				509,000	
	TWB long term (6+ yrs)					115,000
	TWB Fire Alarm & Intercom	47,000				
	Green Meadows School renovation		9,975,000			

=> indicates "moved out to future year"



<b>Local Government Debt</b>				<b>Payment</b>	<b>Schedule</b>		
		Balance 6/30/2005	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008
Principle 11/01/2002	1,345,000	464,200		260,000	250,000	195,000	
Interest				21,150	13,350	5,000	
Highway truck 6/02/2003	86,400	71,400		15,000	71,400		
MRHS debt: to FY2010		902,260	59,397	56,173	53,072		
Green Meadows renovation	9,975,000						
Interest on bans for GMS			13,000	120,515	295,000		
Green Meadows bond							
<b>proposed</b>							
Library	2,500,000						

Respectfully submitted:

Doug Boyd  
 Duane Mosier  
 Peter Nossal  
 Kathy Pessolano  
 Tracy Scibaldi, Ex-Officio  
 Cliff Bombard, Ex-Officio



## CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

Hank Dunwoody was reelected for a three year term. He has been very busy laying out the new section in Old Cemetery, trimming back the overgrowth along the edges of the cemeteries, and doing many odd jobs to maintain and improve them.

There were 22 burials this year and several lots were sold. We would like to remind you that you are responsible for installing permanent markers at the corners of your lot. We voted to buy back graves in Prospect Hill Cemetery at \$25 each even though the lots were originally sold for \$1. All graves in both cemeteries will continue to be \$100 each.

This year's project was to extend and pave the road into Old Cemetery by 210 feet. The loam from this area was brought to Prospect Hill Cemetery and will be spread this spring when weather permits. The water barrels will be returned to each cemetery when there is no longer a chance of them freezing.

Renate Oliver designed a beautiful layout for the memorial garden which will be in the rotary where the flag pole is in Old Cemetery. There will be a rock for plaques, a scatter area, benches, and an area for people to plant annual flowers.

As a community project for their history class, students from Minnechaug did an exploratory dig to find buried head stones. The Adopt-A-Plot committee continued cleaning and repairing head stones. The Historical Society held a delightful and educational Walk in the Dark on Halloween.

The commissioners hold quarterly meetings on the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 pm in the Melville Room at the Town Hall. They can be reached at this time or by calling 566-2204 and leaving a message. They can also be reached at their home numbers listed below.

Respectfully submitted:

Hank Dunwoody 566-3357  
David Quill 566-3553  
Judy Hatch 566-3963

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Hampden adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2001. Although the law allows up to a 3% surcharge on property taxes (the first \$100,000 valuation on residential property being exempt), Hampden voted the minimum of a 1% surcharge for CPA funds. These local funds are augmented by up to 100% with State matching funds. Although we have received full matching funds for the past three years, it is likely the percentage state contribution will be reduced in the future as more communities adopt the CPA. The monies collected by this surcharge may only be used only 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 review 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 2004 (per the committee's recommendation and voter approval) the following proposals were approved:

OPEN SPACE	\$20,000 to the Hampden Land Trust
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	\$4,500 for continued gravestone restoration and repairs to the Old Cemetery.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	No commitments – 10% set aside for future use.

Applications for CPA Funds are available at the Town Offices or [cpa@hampden.org](mailto:cpa@hampden.org)

Respectfully submitted:

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



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This year you'll notice some new faces at the Hampden Conservation Commission. Joining Phil Grant are members Pat Cote, Candice Keddy, and Charlie Schmitt; associate members Cindy Connors and Scott Rumpalik. Technically, our purpose is to locally administer the provisions of the Town's Wetland Protection By-Laws and Massachusetts Wetland Protection and Rivers Protection Acts. Practically, we review development and alteration within environmentally sensitive areas and determine a reasoned course of action that balances the intentions of individual property owners with the general interests of the Town and State as they are defined in those documents.

We meet regularly the third Wednesday of each month and hold special meetings to ensure that each application receives timely response. Meetings are posted at the Town Hall and the Town web site; public hearings are additionally advertised and notice given to abutters by mail. We welcome any questions regarding our scope and procedure. You can contact us by phone, mail or by attending any of our meetings.

The Conservation Commission continues to encourage Town acquisition of open space for preservation, recreation and resident enjoyment. And we continue to support the volunteer efforts of those groups dedicated to that purpose; our resource materials are available to everyone.

We appreciated the assistance of the Selectmen in reconstituting our Commission and the work of all previous board members for their stewardship of our Town's natural resources. We look forward to working closely with other Town departments to sustain those efforts and are determined to continue this Commission's service to the residents of Hampden.

Respectfully submitted:

Charlie Schmitt, Chairman  
Phil Grant  
Pat Cote  
Candice Keddy  
Cindy Connors  
Scott Rumpalik



## **HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Hampden Council on Aging has been established to identify the needs of the senior population in Hampden and to meet those needs through the implementation of new and existing services, programs and community support. The Council on Aging and senior center provides, but is not limited to the following:

- ❖ Geriatric Care Management
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Monthly newsletter and outreach
- ❖ Insurance Counseling
- ❖ Prescription Assistance
- ❖ Fuel assistance
- ❖ Caregiver support
- ❖ Recreation/hobbies/arts/crafts/games
- ❖ Health and Education
- ❖ Tax Assistance
- ❖ Monthly health screenings
- ❖ Daily congregate meals
- ❖ Home delivered meals
- ❖ Lock box program
- ❖ Entertainment/Social Club

As always, we welcome suggestions and new ideas as we continue to expand our services.

The Monday through Friday meal program, better known as the “lunch bunch” continues to be our core program here at the Senior Center. Janis DeGrandpre, our mealsite manager, does a fantastic job managing this program, which includes the coordination of all kitchen volunteers and volunteer meals on wheels drivers. Participants who come to the senior center for the lunch program not only enjoy the food, but appreciate the time they have to socialize with their friends.

Mary Lyon Nursing Home continues to prepare meals on holidays and weekends for the people in town who receive home delivered meals. Thank you to the staff at Mary Lyon for continuing this fantastic program and for the numerous volunteers, including the Hampden Police Department, who deliver weekend and holiday meals.

The Center is grateful for the support that is received from the Friends of the Hampden Seniors. In 2004 the Friends were generous enough to provide an automatic door opening system for the front door of the senior center. This door allows easier access for those people who are in a wheelchair or use a walker or cane. The Friends were also generous in funding the re painting of the lines in the parking lot. We are always grateful to the Friends for their constant support.

Due to lack of Town funding we have had to explore other options to make possible the mailing of our monthly newsletter, The Scribe. Thanks to the Friends of Hampden Seniors, the Scantic Senior Citizens Club and numerous private donors who have generously given towards the costs of postage, we were able to continue this publication. We would also like to thank the Lions Club for their support and donation of paper for the Scribe. We could not send out this vital newsletter without this kind of support.

## HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING P2

We would not be able to fully function without the help of the numerous volunteers who give so freely of their time on a daily basis. Over 130 volunteers help out each year at the senior center and we appreciate each and every one of them.

This past July we said a fond farewell to Aline "Tiny" Burt who was reassigned to the East Longmeadow Senior Center due to restructuring within the senior aide program. Tiny worked with the Hampden Senior Center for many years and we were very sad to see her go. We look forward to having her back with us as a volunteer sometime next year. We were pleased to welcome two new senior aides to the Hampden Senior Center, Margaret "Midge" Copson and Regina "Reggie" Rivenburgh.

The Council on Aging Board was saddened by the loss of a board member and friend, Linda Gaudette. Linda was very involved with programs and activities here at the senior center and was enthusiastic about her position on the COA Board. Linda will be missed here at the senior center.

We encourage anyone who has not visited the Hampden Senior Center to stop in at any time for a visit and a tour. Please read the Scantic Scribe to find out what programs, services and activities are happening here at the Center on a regular basis.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

Rita Vail  
Arlene Fisher  
Shirley Gouvan  
Virginia Schneider

### **Council on Aging Staff:**

*Admin. Clerks:* Helena Nossal & Doreen Rauch

*Activities Coord/Meal Site Mgr:* Janis DeGrandpre

*Custodian:* Rudie Voight

*Outreach Coord:* Tedi-Ann Busha

*Senior Aides:* Margaret Copson & Regina Rivenburgh

*Senior Resource Officer:* Gary Courtney

*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.



## HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL 2004

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 \$2,000.00. This was the same amount we received for 2003-2004. The council has recently made decisions regarding the re-granting of these monies. Projects and activities that have been awarded grants for 2005 include:

- ❖ A Music Matters program for grades 2 and 4
- ❖ A Stories & Songs From Around The Word program at Thornton Burgess Middle School
- ❖ Support to the Hampden Public Library Summer Reading Program
- ❖ Support to the Hampden Senior Center, Music of Seniors Concert
- ❖ Support to Theatre Guild of Hampden for Guys and Dolls show

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

Respectfully submitted:

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



## **REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

In 2004 the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 101 calls. The breakdown is as follows:

- 14 house and building
- 16 electrical
- 34 false alarms
- 16 burnt food
- 7 motor vehicle accidents
- 3 chimney fires
- 7 brush fires
- 1 carbon monoxide
- 2 mutual aid

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

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

Respectfully submitted:

Chief Peter Hatch  
Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

## **REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

The Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 7 brush and forest fires in 2004. Burning season begins January 15, 2005 and extends through May 1, 2005. Permits are issued on a daily basis, weather permitting. To obtain one, call 566-3314 after 9:00 a.m. Burning hours are from 10:00 a.m. and must be extinguished by 4:00 p.m. No permits will be issued after 12:00 p.m. All fire 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 are prohibited.

Respectively submitted:

Forest Fire Warden

## **REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

In the year 2004, the Highway Department again completed many maintenance projects such as street sweeping, patching, cleaning ditches, and trimming roads of brush, along with the repair and maintenance of our equipment. Some smaller projects were done as well, with local funds. They are listed later in this report. Normally, larger projects are funded with Chapter 90 Agreements through the Massachusetts Highway Department. However, this year the state did not release our local aid until it was too late in the season to be used on road construction. This financial aid will be used in 2005. Fortunately, there was a considerable amount of work that the department was able to perform associated with the Green Meadows School renovations. A breakdown of the projects we completed at the school is as follows:

We dug out and graveled in an area in the rear of the school to provide for the paving of a sidewalk. Gravel material along the side of the school was removed and loam was placed so grass could be planted. We also placed material in preparation for final loaming and seeding, behind the school. This raised the entire area about three feet. Surplus fill was moved from the sides of the school, as well as from the stockpile at the transfer station, for use in this area. This provided for a level surface area for the children to play on. All ten septic and electrical structures behind the school were raised, set to grade, and cemented in place. Wood chips were hauled from a stockpile at the transfer station to the area of the waterline and leveled. This provided an additional 2-feet of cover along the waterline to prevent the possibility of freezing. We connected drainage to an existing basin in the driveway of the school and extended a drain line to the west side of the front parking lot, where we built a catch basin to correct a water problem. We installed a 6-inch perforated pipe with stone (sub-drainage) northerly along the driveway to intercept all ground water. A catch basin and 36 feet of pipe were installed in front of the school. Lastly, a grove of trees was cleaned out and trimmed up, before the ground was mulched to improve appearance and visibility.

A variety of other projects were addressed this past year as well. A drainage line was installed on Echo Valley Dr. to prevent icing there in the winter. Catch basins that collapsed were re-built on Scantic Road, Wilbraham Road, Main Street and South Road. A new basin with drainage was built on Chapin Road. Drainage was both repaired and installed on South Road, near the pipeline, to correct an icing problem there. An existing drain line was extended on Colony Drive to restore its ability to function properly. Main Street was shimmed from Somers Road east, to improve the road surface and allow water to drain into basins properly. All traffic markings in town were re-painted. We also painted markings to locate catch basins in minor flooding or heavy snow events. The cul-de-sac at the end of Colony Drive was modified to improve plowing operations. A new loading ramp was constructed at the highway department to be used in loading sanders this winter.



## **REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT P2**

As you may recall, the issue of catch basin cleaning was finally resolved. All the basins in town were completely cleaned and the material was hauled to Springfield for disposal. This was allowed under a permit issued by DEP. The basin cleaning program has become very expensive, but is essential for environmental protection and compliance.

There were a total of 18 winter storms in 2004. As always, the committed members of the Highway Department worked long hours to clear the roads and make them safe for traffic. The members of the Highway Department are; Patrick Markham, Robert Richards, Albert Rosati, Matthew Frederick and John Ouellette. Relief drivers who often assist us include: Harold House, Ron Neilsen and Jason Walbridge. I would like to thank them all 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 review issues at the local level and are mandated to alert state and federal agencies to local preservation issues.

This year we have been working on a no match grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) to identify the Town's historic resources. Christopher Skelly, Director of Local Government Programs at MHC has made 3 field visits to Hampden. To date we have identified and photographed over 450 properties of historic value. The photos, along with a brief description and history, will be available both on CD and hard copy in the Hampden Free Public Library and local schools for use by residents and scholars. The MHC - based on our local commission's findings - will prepare a preservation plan for the Town.

The ADOPT-A-PLOT program continued this year with several activities in Old Cemetery listed below.

- A shallow archeological dig at Old Cemetery to search for fallen tombstones was conducted under the leadership of John Pretola, retired archaeologist at the Springfield Science Museum. MRHS advanced placement students from Mary Lou Brewer's history classes participated in the dig.
- Jon Appell conserved and/or restored over 25 gravestones using CPA monies.
- Joe Grant repaired a small part of the holding tomb also with CPA monies.
- Mark Ogoley volunteered both his time and equipment to regrade the area around the holding tomb.
- A Halloween walking tour of Old Cemetery, spearheaded by Chrissy Cesan, with costumed interpreters portraying deceased Hampdenites proved to be a popular attraction and another tour is being planned. Bill Meuse wrote an informative booklet for the tour. Ed and Trish Loiko collected monetary donations at their annual Pumpkin Party for the ADOPT-A-PLOT program.
- With our exhibit entitled "Crime, Controversy and Comedy in Hampden's Cemeteries" we "bury" a two-year series of exhibits on our cemeteries. We would like to thank Ellen Bump for letting us use the Library's display case.
- The ADOPT-A-PLOT program won the coveted Oakley Award given by the Association for Gravestone Studies, an international organization, for our efforts in Old Cemetery.

Two members of our commission attended a workshop on preparing building inventory forms. MHC and the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission sponsored the daylong event.

We would like to thank the many Town boards, departments and their employees and volunteers who assist and encourage us in our work.

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION P2**

Historical Commission member Noreen Couture resigned this year after accepting the position of Postmaster of South Dennis, MA. We will miss her dedication to the commission, her thought provoking questions and her wonderful sense of humor.

We are increasingly troubled by the number of serviceable older homes that are being demolished in order to build new ones. Over a two-year period, 4 houses on Allen Street alone have met this fate.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Chapin Witt, Chairman  
Melissa Lail – Trecker, Publicity  
Chrissy Cesan, Archaeology Coordinator



## **HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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

The Housing Authority Board consists of five members. Four are elected by the Town's election process, and one is appointed by the Governor. The four elected members are as follows: William Joy, Miles Hapgood, Thomas Howells, and Cecilia Melville. The governor's appointee is Benjamin Bump. The Housing Authority employs three staff members. Our Executive Director is Christine Evans, Maintenance Manager, Frank Hull, and Site Manager, Carole Robert.

It is the mission and responsibility of the Hampden Housing Authority under Massachusetts 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 - \$510.00, 2 bedrooms - \$582.00. 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 Monday, from 8:30 – 11:30, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 – 3:00 and Friday mornings from 8:00 – 12:00 noon. We are closed on Wednesdays.

Respectfully,

Christine Evans, Executive Director



## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY

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

If there was a theme for fiscal year 2004, it was "service to children." Because of the renovations to the Green Meadows School Media Center, an average of 120 students came weekly to our library and were treated to a story and then allowed to borrow books. Additionally, our weekly story time program for children ages 3 ½ to 5 saw regular attendance of 13 per program and the weekly toddler time averaged 15 toddlers with caregivers. A total of 329 children's programs were offered with attendance of 7,928.

It was also a busy year for the middle school students. During the 2003-2004 school year, our Center for Success, a homework center for middle school students, had attendance of 1,285, an increase of 230% over last school year. The center was used for a variety of purposes including homework, group projects, and research. The center was equipped with 3 computers, which were in constant use. In order to purchase another computer, a raffle was held during the summer with prizes donated by the Rauscher family in memory of their daughter, Devon. Thanks to a matching donation we were able to add a fourth computer for the 2004-05 school year. The table to expand the computer workstation was purchased through a generous and unexpected gift from the Hampden Lions Club.

Summer was another busy time with the summer reading program, "Explore Other Worlds @ Your Library. One hundred and sixty-two children from preschool to entering grade 5 participated with 142 reaching their reading goals. We also had 57 children entering grades 6 through 9 who participated with 46 reaching their goal. Certificates, raffle prizes from local businesses and a paperback book were awarded to all the children. A \$1,500 literacy grant from Wal-Mart made this summer especially exciting. Weekly live performances were available for the younger children and a variety of programs and workshops were held for the middle school children. These were made possible by contributions from the Hampden Cultural Council, Monson Savings Bank, and the Friends of the Library. An added bonus was a grant from the Boston Science Museum who brought an exciting show to the children. We would like to thank Jan Kibbe and Karl Martini who donated their talents to conduct workshops for the middle school children. All participants in the summer programs were rewarded with a free skating party provided by Interskate 91. Finally, there were 12 students in the babysitting class, supported annually by the Hampden Lions Club.

The entire summer program would not be possible without the support of our local businesses: Monson Savings Bank, Country Bank for Savings, MA Regional Library System, Village Food Mart, Fenway Golf, Friendly's, Blockbuster, Dave's Soda and Pet Shop, Fazio's, U.S. Academy of Martial Arts, Rediker Software, A W Brown Pet/Garden Store, RockCats Baseball, Eastfield Mall, and Radio/Disney Hood.

For the adults, we again had the summer reading program and continued to offer two monthly book discussion groups, one meeting in the afternoon and the other in the evening. A new program was also started called "The Second Saturday Club" which meets on Saturday morning with programs on a variety of topics. One particularly popular one was about Native Americans in the Connecticut Valley.

Our local history collection has now been inventoried and an Index was created thanks to a Documentary Heritage Grant done in partnership with Wilbraham. The focus of this grant was the shared history of the two towns and the index and documents are available at the library.

The use of technology in the library continues to expand. The acquisition of a new server has made the circulation system run more efficiently. The three Internet workstations in the Main Library are in constant demand, resulting in a policy limiting time to 30 minutes. Further expansion of Internet services will be required.

There are many people and organizations to thank for our success. We are especially grateful to the ongoing support and generosity of the members of the Friends of the Hampden Public Library. They make it possible for us to provide children's programs, and purchase DVD's, videos, CDs and audio



books. Also, once again the Hampden Garden Club decorated the library with holiday decorations in December and we looked beautiful.

As always, we are very grateful for the volunteers who give so generously of their time. Special thanks go to Peg Therrien who gave many hours of her time covering books. Thanks also go to Shirley Gouvan, Judy Jackson, Barbara Ogonowski, April Downey, Florence Joubert, Mary Butova, Danielle Granger, Rachel Kuznicki and Dick Jalbert.

As always, our library staff has risen to the challenge and continues to provide quality service to the town: Ellen Bump, Director, Dianne Regnier, Children's Librarian, Christina Fairman, Young Adult Librarian, Cindy Rowley, Technical Services Librarian. We also welcomed 2 new employees: Margie Thomsen as library assistant and Allison Rief as page. Our thanks to Robyn Janczulewicz and Samantha Bearse who are pursuing other careers.

## **LIBRARY STATISTICS**

### **General Services FY 2004**

#### **Circulation**

Print Material - Adult	13,200	Volumes Added	1,181
Print Material - Juvenile	19,137	Volumes Discarded	1,874
Magazines	2,255	Total Collection	29,691
Non-print Material	12,318	Magazine Subscriptions	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,910</b>	Registered borrowers	4,457

### **Finances FY2004**

#### **RECEIPTS**

Municipal Appropriation	\$97,508
Revolving Account	1,536
State Aid	2,429
Monetary gifts, trusts, endowments	1,839

**TOTAL Receipts** **\$103,312**

#### **EXPENDITURES**

Wages	\$73,076
Books and Materials	23,611
Maintenance Agreements	2,922
Other Expenses	3,703

**TOTAL Expenditures** **\$103,312**

#### **CAPITAL INCOME**

Appropriated	\$ 1,600
Gifts	5,092
State Aid & Grants	3,563

**TOTAL Capital Income** **\$10,255**

#### **CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

Library Materials	\$ 159
Other operating	5,092
Server	1,600

**TOTAL Capital Expenditures** **\$6,851**

(Note: The status of the library's trust funds is listed in the "Report of the Town Accountant.")

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Burger, Trustee Chair  
Kathy Hutchison, Trustee  
Elaine Kingsbury, Trustee



## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

The Park and Recreation Department has completed another banner year providing the community with a variety of offerings. The board actively meets two times per month with minutes now being posted electronically. It is always a priority to keep the community well informed of any activity and/or event through school newsletters and postings on the community bulletin board.

Jay Fenlason joined by Susan Gorman, in their fourth year of running the Park and Rec Department, strive to offer various events such as bus trips to shows and shopping, a learn-to-ski program, yoga classes, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid and CPR classes, and trips to the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots throughout the year to best satisfy the needs of the community.

The sports programs have been continually growing with various improvements and adjustments made to better accommodate the needs of all those that participate. The Summer Activities Program experienced another fun filled five weeks providing children with many exciting adventures and teens with a rewarding employment experience. Movie nights, sponsored in conjunction with the Senior Center, and the Police Department, are periodically held, both indoors and out, and are well attended and enjoyed by many families.

The Fall Festival 2004 was held once again at TWB, chaired by Tina Albano and Glennice Flynn. The National Down Syndrome "Buddy Walk" was also held on the day of the Fall Festival, and was a huge success. This event was well attended by thousands of local residents who enjoyed terrific food, purchased wonderful crafts, participated in various activities or just simply joined the camaraderie of the day. A special "Thank you" goes to TWB for the use of the facility, all of the businesses, civic organizations and restaurants that participated. Additionally, a heartfelt "Thank you" goes out to all of the many volunteers who gave so unselfishly of their time to make the event successful.

The Commissioners would, as always, like to thank the wonderful staff from last year's summer camp program. The dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work shown by our town's young people ensured that the summer program was a continued success. We look forward to working with many of them again.

An additional "Thank you" goes to Dana Pixley and his Highway Department Staff for all their help. The highly efficient and tremendously well-organized staff at the Town Hall also deserves our thanks and appreciation.

All of our town sports programs are run in conjunction with the Recreation Association of Hampden (RAH). RAH's group of committed volunteers help to organize and monitor all of our sports programs. Their contributions are integral to the growth of youth sports in Hampden. We are grateful for their involvement.

Respectfully submitted: Chris McDonald, Chairman  
Tina Albano  
Michael D'Agostino  
Glennice Flynn  
Larry Forrest

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The committee met five times in 2004. During the year, the Employment Applications used by the town were reviewed and revised. In addition, the committee met to discuss and review some positions within the town with regard to reporting responsibilities, as well as applicable job descriptions.

The town Policy and Employment Guidelines for Hampden Employees was reviewed throughout the year, and changes were made where the committee felt they were appropriate.

The committee would like to thank Attorney Ronald Kidd, whose term was completed this year, for his advice, expertise and dedication to the committee.

Respectfully submitted:

Donald Collins, Chairman  
Thomas Argenio  
Richard Ayers  
William Gouzounis



## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

2004 was a year of increased activity by the Planning Board. There were 2 subdivisions before the Board as well as preliminary discussions of two Planned Unit Residential Developments ("PURDs"). In addition, the Board has assumed expanded responsibilities in the area of special permits as result of the 2003 Town Meeting.

The 23-lot Scantic Meadows subdivision on Somers Road met Subdivision Regulations and was approved. The 18-lot Shadow Wood subdivision on Bennett Road has been reviewed but is still pending. Both projects require Conservation Commission review and approval. In addition, the Board held preliminary discussions with developers who are considering two PURD projects in Town.

In addition to the subdivision project reviews, the Board received and approved special permit applications for 10 large lots with substandard frontage. In addition there are 7 large lots with substandard frontage contemplated in the two subdivisions discussed above. Many of the proposed lots abut each other. The use of these lots in multiples and within subdivisions has led to concern that the application of this provision is not consistent with its intent.

In addition to the special permits for large lots discussed above, the Board acted on several other special permit applications and site plan reviews. These special permits were primarily approvals of home occupation applications and common driveway applications.

The Town approved the addition of the position of Associate Member of the Board. The primary function of the position will be to enable the Board to maintain the super-majority requirements for special permit and subdivision decisions through the review and hearing process. It will improve the Board's ability to act within the time constraints required by the State. The position has been filled by Anthony Bongiorno.

2004 marked the retirement of the Board's Clerk, 30-year veteran Judy Jackson. Over these years, Judy's contributions were impressive, running the gamut from her extensive knowledge of State and Town zoning and subdivision law to her history both formal and informal of the Town's activities in this arena. Her knowledge and willingness to help both Town officials and individuals were exemplary of the term "public servant". Judy will be sorely missed. She has been replaced by Jane Budynkiewicz, who has been meeting the challenges of the job admirably. She is a welcome addition to the Board. And the Board would like to extend a special thank you to Mark Feeney who works with the Planning Board to make sure all Bylaws are met for each building applicant or permit that comes before the Town. He is also very helpful to the Board, identifying provisions in the Zoning Bylaw that need clarification; reports back from the



## **PLANNING BOARD P2**

“field” enable continuous improvement in the intent and application of the Bylaw. The Town is indeed fortunate to have individuals with the capabilities and dedication of Judy, Jane and Mark, who are willing to fill the many complex and demanding positions in Town.

Respectfully submitted:

John D. Flynn, Chairman  
Joseph Dolben  
Joseph Kruzel  
Robert Majkut  
Melissa Reeves

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

I take great pride in making this report for the Hampden Police Department's activities for 2004. There were many changes within the Hampden Police Department this past year.

The Department consists of ten full time officers, a Chief, two Sergeants and seven patrol officers. We have three full time and five part time civilian dispatchers. We also have a total of twelve reserve officers. Please remember in an emergency to dial 9-1-1, as we are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Due to manpower limitations I believe it is time for the Department to expand the number of full time officers from 10 to 12. We have come to rely heavily on the use of reserve officers to fill shifts for proper staffing. We have noticed difficulty in some cases to complete follow up investigations due to some of the shift staffing problems. The reserve officers have done a tremendous job working for this Department and continue to perform well. My concern is the limited amount of training that is allowed for reserve officers within the Commonwealth. I feel that the residents of Hampden deserve the best trained officer to assist them with their calls for service. Our in-service program through the police training academies has limited the number of courses available to reserve officers. Yes, we have all personnel trained yearly on firearms, CPR, First Responder and Defib, but we lack the ability to get these reserve officers refresher training on current law changes and other topics. We have had times, due to budget restraints, reserve officers working whole shifts as no full time officer was available or could be used due to contract language. I really feel this issue should be addressed. Unfortunately many other departments in Massachusetts that have used reserve and auxiliary officers in the past are starting to move to increase their full time personnel.

We saw members of our department move on to other job opportunities during these past twelve months. Officer John DiMaio left in late August and moved on to the Collier County Sheriffs Department in Florida after spending 5 years with the Hampden Police Department. Officer Tawrin Seega left in late October to pursue a career with the Massachusetts State Police, after spending the last three years with the Hampden Police. I wish these officers the best the future holds for them in their careers. We also have had a number of reserve officer and dispatchers also leave. Dispatcher Amy West left in mid summer due to family relocation. Reserve Officers Jason Sutherland left to become a Natick Police Officer, Stephen Hill returned to full time employment in the Springfield Police Department, James McCoy rejoined Springfield Police as well. Kimberly Rasbeck left to join the Rochester, NY police department.



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Recently we added new part time dispatchers, they are: Phil Lord, Tim Lord, Roath and Cheri Tanguay. The reserve officer ranks have been added too as well with Michael Corsetti being recently appointed.

On difficult note we had a situation that occurred this summer where one of our civilian dispatcher/reserve officers was charged with arson in connection with the burning of the

Laughing Brook facility on Main Street. My thoughts are with him that he receives the help he may need. The members of the Hampden Police and Fire Department conducted this investigation along with the State Fire Marshal's office in the superb fashion.

Sgt. Jeff Farnsworth, Officers Scott Trombly, William Joy Jr. and Carl Mazzaferro II continue their work as school resource officers in a part time fashion with the Thornton Burgess Middle School and Green Meadows. These positions are funded through a community policing grant the Department receives. Unfortunately we will lose our earmarked status with this Community Policing grant as the Office of Public Safety is seeking to eliminate earmarking and going to a new proposed policy wherein population and crime will effect what your Community Policing grant funding will be. I have looked into the possibility of seeking a federal grant for the position of school resource officer but this would require that the officer be available 75% of the time for the school. I would much rather continue using these four officers on a part time basis but the grant money would determine the bottom line decision.

Training continues to be important with myself and the members of the Hampden Police Department. I don't believe there can ever be enough training for our members. These training programs are to enhance the skills that the officer may already possess but also to help the officer and the Department provide services that we may currently be lacking in delivering the best police services we can to the residents of Hampden.

Officers John DeMaio and Carl Mazzaferro II attended a three day conference on community policing which was held at St. Anselms's College in NH. Officers Scott Trombly and John DeMaio attended a two day seminar on crime scene death investigation in Springfield, MA. All officers attended three days of In-Service training as required by the Commonwealth at the Agawam training facility. Officer Scott Trombly attended a crime scene school offered by the Mass State Police in New Braintree. Dispatcher Radcliffe "Racky" Kenison attended a one day dispatcher class on liability. One component of the Community Policing



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philosophy is the involvement of the community. We had scheduled this last fall a citizens police academy and unfortunately it was canceled as we had only one resident apply. The citizen's academy is eight to ten hour course designed to explain what the job of being a police officer in Hampden is about. I look forward to again trying to offer this course to the residents. We continue to be involved in the Eastern Hampden County Narcotics Task Force and have multiple officers involved in trying to remove drug activity from our community.

I would like to offer my sincere appreciation for the job that each and every one of the members of the Hampden Police Department performs on a daily basis. I believe the work they do is "**second to none**" and I appreciate the effort they put into the job.

I would like to recognize the tremendous job that the department's secretary Kathy Zanetti handles daily. She is a terrific asset for this department and her skills as bookkeeper, record keeper and just a friend are second to none. I appreciate the support from the Board of Selectmen, Fire Chief Peter Hatch, Highway Department, Dana Pixley, Council on Aging Becky Moriarty and Town Clerk Eva Wiseman, Town Accountant Cliff Bombard and their staff for a seamless operation process. Pam Courtney and Beth Perkins in the Selectman's office continue to do a great job as well.

Respectfully Submitted:

Douglas W. Mellis  
Chief of Police

## Report of the Police Department

I submit herewith, the Annual Report for the police department for the year ending, December 31, 2004.

During the year, the Police Department received 9,424 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
Medical Assist	208	Alarm Calls	359
Building/Residence Checked	1235	Suspicious Person/Automobile	278
Motor Vehicle Stop	1686	911 Abandoned/Hang-up/Silent	139
Breaking & Entering	36	Special Attention	243
Larceny	28	Assist Other Agencies	156
Recreational Vehicle Complaint	55	Vandalism	87
Annoying/Obscene Phone Calls	17	Summons/209A Served/Delivered	130
Missing Person	19	Motor Vehicles Accidents	111
Domestic Disturbance	50	Assist Citizen/Motorist	510
General Services	431		

During the year we had 540 total offenses committed, with 341 total arrests and 34 juvenile arrests. Offenses included in these numbers are 36 cases involving burglary or breaking and entering into a home; 28 cases of general larceny; 87 incidents of vandalism or malicious destruction of property; 30 cases of driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs; 27 narcotics violations and 28 emergency restraining orders were issued. Listed below are some of the other complaints filed.

### Offenses for 2004

Offense	Total	Offense	Total
Aggravated Assault	8	All other Offenses	64
Arson	4	Burglary/B&E	31
Counterfeit/Forgery	5	Disorderly Conduct	2
Drug Equipment	1	Drug Offenses	26
False Pretenses/Swindle	9	Intimidation	20
Liquor Law Violations	29	Malicious Damage	77
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	Oper Under Infl Liquor	30
Other Larceny	20	Pocket-Picking/Purse Snatch	1
Simple Assault	3	Stolen Property	3
Theft from Building	21	Traffic-Town By Laws	158
Trespass	6	Weapon Law Violation	2



## Police Department P2

We had 111 motor vehicle accidents this year. There were a total of 1,405 citations issued during the year with a total of \$58,640.00 in fines. Of the citations issued 36.3% were civil infractions, 33.9% were warnings and 7.9% resulted in criminal charges. The average speed limit in Hampden is 34 MPH; the average speed of vehicles that were issued citations was 49 MPH or 15 MPH over the speed limit.

### WARNING CITATIONS

Defective Equipment	22	Jr. Operator Violation	1
Fail to yield at intersection	1	Seat Belt Violation	11
License/Reg not in possession	12	Speeding Violation	261
Plate Missing	17	Stop Sign Violation	15
Marked Lanes Violation	6	Unregistered Motor Vehicle	15
No Inspection Sticker	41		

### CIVIL CITATIONS

Jr. Operator Violation	7	Seat Belt Violation	38
Fail to yield at intersection	3	Speeding Violation	254
License/Reg not in possession	7	Stop Sign Violation	7
Drinking Alcohol while Driving	5	Unregistered Motor Vehicle	22
Number Plate Missing	7	Vehicle Violations	12
No Inspection Sticker	85	Snowmobile/Rec Veh Violation	4

### CRIMINAL CITATIONS

Alcohol Violation	22	Snowmobile/Rec Veh Violation	23
License/Reg not in possession	37	Seat Belt Violation	5
No Inspection Sticker	18	Unlicensed Operation of M/V	64
Op. M/V with Revoked Lic/Reg	109	Unregistered Motor Vehicle	16
OUI	15	Vehicle Violations	8

During the year \$11,179.60 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits, photographs, unregistered vehicle, and various report fees.

## **REPORT OF THE RIDGELINE AND HILLSIDE COMMITTEE**

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

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

We thank Jim Moriarty and Tom Poulin for their years of service to the Board.

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:

John D. Flynn  
Richard Desanti  
Candice Keddy  
Richard Patullo  
Robin Warner



## SCANTIC VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

During 2004, the Scant Valley Water District (SCWD) pumped 570,620 gallons of water from two wells on the Massachusetts Audubon Society property, off Main Street in Hampden. There are current nine active services in the SVWD, providing potable water to eight homes and one Laughing Brook property. The SCWD is a registered Public Water System in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is regulated by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Water Supply. The 2004 DEP water sampling schedule for the SVWD was accomplished with twelve Coliform, two Nitrate compostive Synthetic Organic Compounds samples taken at various locations in the distribution system. All water quality sampling results consistently indicate very good quality drinking water, surpassing standards as set by the DEP.

The following significant events occurred during 2004: During January the rupture of a water line and the loss of approximately 60,000 gallons of water, due to no heat at the Laughing Brook Education Center, and during September the shut-off and disconnecting of the Education Center's water service prior to demolition of the burned out building.

Respectfully submitted:

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

## REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

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

The 2003-2004 school year was an important one for the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District. In the District's report, the administrative team members have detailed many activities, programs, and projects that were accomplished during the year. There is a tremendous amount of activity that takes place every day. As I review the reports, I am in awe of all that the staff accomplishes each school year.

As Superintendent, I would like to mention a few highlights. First, our students continue to perform well on national and state assessment tests. Whether it be the SAT or MCAS tests, we are proud of how well our students do. This year, for example, Minnechaug had the second highest percentage in Western Mass of students qualifying for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Program. This scholarship is based on MCAS scores and enables students to attend any Massachusetts state college or university tuition free.

Secondly, a comprehensive feasibility study regarding the future of Minnechaug Regional High School was completed. A hard-working committee co-chaired by John Lovejoy of Wilbraham and Doug Boyd of Hampden concluded after six months of study to recommend to the School Committee that they pursue the possibility of building a new facility that would address the District's needs for the future.

Third, we saw the newly refurbished and enlarged Green Meadows Elementary School come on line. This beautiful facility has given Hampden ample space for several years to come and truly has enhanced the school environment for students in PreK to Grade 4.

Fourth, we witnessed the emergence of a school support group called "Wilbraham Hampden Academic Trust (W.H.A.T.). This group of active townspeople held several fundraising activities, including a dinner dance, a spelling bee, and a golf tournament, to raise funds to support many special school activities. During the year they donated well over \$15,000 to support classroom projects not typically funded by the school budget.

Finally, there were a host of accomplishments beyond academics for many of our students, most notably two State Championships – Girls' High School Basketball and Boys' High School Volleyball. In addition, Minnechaug's "As Schools Match Wits Team" took first place, and college placements for the Class of 2004 were outstanding.

To coin a phrase from a popular old tune – "It was a very good year" here in the District.



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

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District has a rich and rigorous core curriculum, as evidenced by students' excellent accomplishments. The curriculum renewal process is ongoing and ensures continuity and consistency in grades PreK-12. The allocation of grant and local funds has allowed the District to establish equity in access to appropriate curriculum materials and resources in every classroom. All teachers use these resources 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. The School Committee approved a plan to improve staffing, infrastructure, equipment, reliability, and professional development so that all students have appropriate access to technology. Research reveals that technology makes learning more interactive, enjoyable, and customizable, and this improves students' attitudes toward the subject and their interest in learning. Our goal is to ensure that students maximize their learning while developing the technology competencies they need for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

One explicit student learning goal in HWRSD is to improve writing as a tool for developing thinking and for engaging students in learning. This PreK-12 shared focus area provides the opportunity for the entire District to work together as a unit toward one goal. Local and national evidence suggests the need to put writing in its proper focus. As stated in "The Neglected R: The Need for a Writing Revolution," a report by the National Commission on Writing (2003), "...facility with writing opens students up to the pleasure of exercising their minds in ways that grinding on facts, details, and information never will. More than a way of knowing, writing is an act of discovery." National Assessment of Education Progress findings indicate that most students have mastered writing basics, but few are able to create precise, engaging, and coherent prose. This information substantiates the need to make writing across the curriculum a focus area for professional and curriculum development.

Curriculum, instruction, and assessment must meet the educational needs of all students and result in steadily improving student achievement. Accomplishing this requires that:

- Effective short-term intervention or long-term support is provided to all students who need it.
- Consistent core materials are available in every classroom.
- Current research based instructional practices for diverse learners are implemented in every classroom.
- Systems that assist in the continuous monitoring of student progress toward meeting the state and local benchmarks are implemented.
- Systematic, long-term, intensive, professional development is provided with in-classroom support as needed.
- Instructional technology is fully supported and consistently utilized.



These needs guide the planning process and the allocation of resources in the District.

#### **HWRSD Academic Performance**

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

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

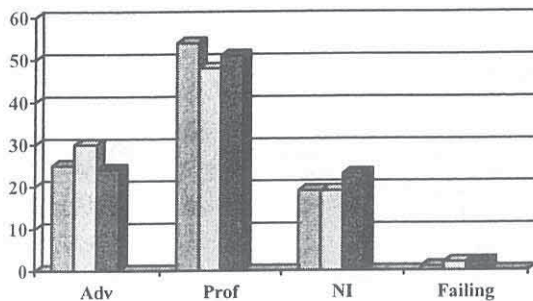
The chart below displays the percentage of HWRSD students who scored at the Advanced or Proficient level in 2002, 2003, and 2004. State results are provided as a frame of reference for comparison.

MCAS	<u>HWRSD Results:</u> Percent of Students Scoring <i>Advanced/Proficient</i>			<u>State Results:</u> Percent of Students Scoring <i>Advanced/Proficient</i>		
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
Grade 3 Reading	85%	87%	77%	67%	63%	63%
Grade 4 English Language Arts	71%	64%	75%	54%	55%	56%
Grade 4 Mathematics	50%	56%	58%	39%	40%	42%
Grade 5 Science & Engineering/Tech	N/A	70%	76%	N/A	51%	55%
Grade 6 Mathematics	62%	65%	59%	41%	42%	42%
Grade 7 English Language Arts	77%	77%	83%	64%	65%	68%
Grade 8 Mathematics	39%	56%	54%	34%	37%	39%
Grade 8 Science & Engineering/Tech	N/A	62%	51%	N/A	32%	33%
Grade 10 English Language Arts	78%	77%	75%	59%	61%	52%
Grade 10 Mathematics	66%	65%	70%	44%	51%	57%

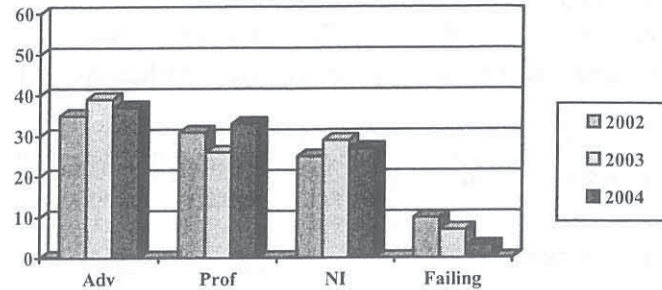
Members of the graduating class of Minnechaug are required to pass both the grade 10 English Language Arts and the grade 10 Mathematics MCAS tests as one condition for receiving a high school diploma. It is important to note that:

- ◆ The percentage of 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who scored at the Failing level in English Language Arts has decreased from 23% to 2% since spring of 2000.
- ◆ The percentage of 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who scored at the Failing level in Mathematics has decreased from 36% to 3% since spring of 2000.

The charts below show the degree of improvement in performance at the Advanced, Proficient, Needs Improvement, and Failing levels at grade 10 from 2002 to 2004.



Grade 10 English Language Arts



Grade 10 Mathematics

The state testing system has been evolving continuously for the last seven years. By 2006, the MCAS program will test all third through eighth grade children in reading and mathematics every year. This change is required by the "No Child Left Behind Act", which was signed by President Bush in January 2002. Other subjects will continue to be tested in the targeted grades.

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

#### SAT Accomplishments - Carolyn Lewis, MRHS Guidance Director

Verbal	2003-2004 Comparison of SAT Averages	Math
529	Minnechaug	550
518	Massachusetts	523
508	National	518

The graduates of the Class of 2004 at Minnechaug Regional High School represent a group of academically accomplished students. About 90% of this class was accepted at and attend post-secondary institutions of higher education. Of these students, 70% enrolled in four-year colleges and 20% attended public and private two-year colleges.

Many of these students are attending highly competitive colleges and universities including: Barnard College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Brown University, Bryn Mawr College, Bucknell University, Colby College, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, George Washington University, Harvard University, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Middlebury College, Northeastern University, Smith College, Stonehill College, United States Naval Academy, University of Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania (Wharton School of Business), and Vassar College.



### **Mile Tree Elementary School - Lynne Kimball, Principal**

Mile Tree School's faculty, students, and parents are focusing on this year's theme "Reaching Out To Others." Rarely a day goes by without some ongoing activities supporting this theme. Just to highlight a few:

- Mystery readers from throughout the community delight our students with surprise visits to read favorite books.
- Several interns from MRHS assist in classrooms and many area college students are completing their practicum teaching requirements at Mile Tree School.
- Our very active PTO has sponsored many interactive assemblies, math and science nights, "Anything Goes" nights, roller skating parties, holiday craft activities, Life Care Center visits, monthly guesstimate contests to support our Investigations Math program, Saturday pancake breakfast, family fun walks, and field trips at all grade levels.
- Over 480 pounds of food was donated to the Community Survival Center as part of the "Food for Kids from Kids" program
- Students collected \$1,000 in pennies for the Indian Pines Elementary School in Lakeworth, FL whose school was damaged by hurricanes

Mile Tree School Council developed a School Improvement Plan which focused on three goals:

1. To promote writing across the District.
2. To continue the National Association for the Education of Young Children Accreditation Process.
3. To create a safe, positive school climate to enhance students' social and emotional well-being.

Mile Tree School, parents, teachers, and children work together. Our teachers spend countless hours preparing their classrooms and lessons and networking with parents. Our paraprofessionals are always busy preparing materials and assisting children. Our secretaries update records and files, answer countless phone calls, and provide correspondence to keep everyone informed. Check out our building, which is always shiny and sparkling, compliments of our custodial staff. Our cafeteria staff has created new menus and presentations for students and staff. We welcome parent and guardian involvement and encourage them to have lunch with the children, volunteer in classrooms, and take part in all school events. We couldn't accomplish what we do without everyone being part of our theme, "Reaching Out To Others."

### **Green Meadows Elementary School - Deborah Thompson, Principal**

For Green Meadows Elementary School, 2004 was an exciting year! The building project that began nearly two years ago was essentially completed in December. Students, teachers and parents have enjoyed using the wonderful new areas of the school, and the town Recreation Department began using the new gym for basketball. It is a pleasure to see the community using the wonderful new facilities at Green Meadows!



Students have been enjoying the new Library/Media Center. The 24-station computer lab is available to all classes for large group instruction. In addition, the faculty has taken advantage of our 24 wireless laptop stations so that instruction and use of the Internet can be accomplished right in the classroom. The District's Library Coordinator did an excellent job setting up the new library. It is fully automated which allows books to be scanned for easy tracking. Students have learned how to use the computer-based card catalog for locating books on various topics. We would like to extend our thanks to the Hampden Free Public Library for their wonderful support during our renovations. Ellen Bump, Director, was instrumental in arranging a schedule for all Green Meadows classes to visit the library during construction. Classes will continue to go to the public library throughout the year to promote its use by our students.

Volunteerism and community service are important aspects of our school community. We are lucky to have such dedicated and committed volunteers who spend a great deal of time helping out within the school. They work in classrooms assisting teachers throughout the day, help with copying tasks and working with the nurse to provide fluoride treatments to our students. Our student body also learns the importance of community outreach with several community service projects. Early in the fall students and their families contributed canned goods to the Salvation Army. During the holidays students did acts of kindness that were then turned into toys for needy children by Hasbro Corporation. We also celebrate our sense of community by coming together several times throughout the year to celebrate special days and events at our school-wide assemblies.

The school theme for the last two years has been *Construction Now, Instruction Always*. The students at Green Meadows enjoyed the experience of watching the building being transformed into the wonderful facility it is today. Although the construction could sometimes make our days unpredictable, the real-life learning that the students experienced will be long remembered. We wish to thank the Hampden community for its support for the building project.

Memorial Elementary School - **Deborah Thompson, Principal** (through summer 2004)  
**Marguerite Myers-Killeen, Principal** (beginning fall 2004)

*From Principal Deborah Thompson:* In the spring of 2004, Memorial School students and teachers participated in a school-wide literacy project about the history of Quabbin Reservoir. The purpose of this unit was to expose all the students to the wonderful local history of Quabbin by tying it to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks of Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies. In addition, this unit fostered cross-grade level activities, school-wide events, and a sense of community.

Students in grades two and three read the book Letting Swift River Go by Jane Yolen, and the students in the upper grades read Someday by Jackie French Koller. Clif Read, head warden at Quabbin, visited Memorial School on several occasions to speak to all students about the history and science of watershed development in Massachusetts. In



March, Jackie French Koller spoke to all students about the process of becoming a writer and her motivation and research for writing Someday.

Our culminating event in June was that every grade level visited Quabbin Reservoir. Clif Read guided us around the Visitor Center and we hiked around the reservoir learning the history of Dana, Prescott, Enfield and Greenwich. It was a memorable experience for all!

*From Principal Marguerite Myers-Killeen:* At the end of July, 2004, I was proud to accept the position as the Principal of Memorial School. Although I was not able to fully assume leadership of my new school until October 1<sup>st</sup>, I immediately began working with Mrs. Thompson to learn all I could about the Memorial community. My first challenge at the beginning of October was to get to know the students, families and staff. To help in this endeavor, I spent time visiting all the classrooms, reading to the students, and joining them for lunch and recess. I continue to spend time with students as much as possible.

At the end of November, we introduced our school-wide community service project of collecting non-perishable food items for the Community Survival Center. In December at our "Giving Tree" assembly, we proudly presented our donation of 755 pounds of food to the director of this organization.

Also at the end of November, I introduced the new motto for Memorial School which is "*Never hurt anyone on the inside or the outside*" along with our school song which elaborates on these words, and we are trying our best to make these words a part of our every day lives.

My goals for the New Year are to further strengthen the sense of community which exists at Memorial School and to continue to make Memorial School a great place for our children to grow and learn!

### **Soule Road Elementary School - Rosemary Brosnan, Principal**

Soule Road School serves 378 students in grades Pre-K, two through six. Dedicated staff members collaborate to provide the highest quality educational experience for all of the Soule Road School students.

The mission of the Soule Road School community will be to provide the best possible education available to its students. With this in mind, the Soule Road School Council developed the School Improvement Plan. The plan's goals ensure that our education environment is a place where all students thrive and achieve to the best of their abilities. The goals are:

1. To promote writing across the curriculum.
2. To use technology to enhance the learning experience.



### 3. To promote social awareness

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

At Soule Road Elementary School, 2004 was a very exciting year for students. Some of the highlights from the past year were: In January, 23 students nominated by their classmates received the "Peaceful and Kind Student Awards" because they personified the qualities of courage and non-violence echoed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In February the staff presented the play "Sir Bookworm." Dr. Seuss' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated in March with a special assembly with Daisy the Pig and Farmer Minor. The PTO's second annual ***Souleto Festival 2004*** was held in May and highlighted student's artwork, photography, poetry, short stories, instrumental & dance performances and drama selections. "Retro Bill," the official D.A.R.E. Safety Buddy, visited the District's schools in September and spoke about child safety and self-esteem. In October the Soule Road and Thornton Burgess schools were recipients of a \$47,120 competitive grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety, which made it possible for Soule Road to continue to implement the Second Step program and to offer an after-school component, *Peers Making Peace*. Toward the end of the year, the PTO-funded mural project began with "Artist in Residence," Susan Boss, and Art teacher Carol Gauthier collaborating and incorporating student artwork depicting the two themes of community and seasons in the large mural. And finally, the Technology Committee sponsored their third annual raffle. Proceeds have enabled this committee to purchase computers, printers, Accelerated Math scanners, computer supplies and software programs for the classrooms and computer lab.

### **Stony Hill Elementary School - Rebecca S. DeSmith, Interim Principal**

Through implementation of its School Improvement Plan, Stony Hill has partnered with the local community to provide students with opportunities to see themselves as part of something bigger. One of the school's goals is to increase opportunities for students to learn from real life experiences within the school day. In 2004, students in grades two, three and four were part of Junior Achievement Program, where they learned basic tenets of business management, marketing and global economic issues appropriate to the grade level. Stony Hill has also partnered with Country Bank to initiate what has become a very successful banking program with over 100 students starting a savings program and enthusiastically bringing their passbooks to school to record their savings.

Also in keeping with providing students with insights into community life, Stony Hill sponsored Career Day with members of the community visiting the school and offering presentations on specific careers. Represented were members of the police and fire



departments, the medical field, human services, local businesses and town administrators. Our students learned about the contributions these people make to life in and around Wilbraham.

The sixth grade students again became “breakfast partners” as they worked alongside Stony Hill cafeteria workers and the Wilbraham Senior Center to provide a holiday breakfast to Senior Citizen guests. This program gave these students experience in leadership and service to the community.

Stony Hill continues to join with the District on the major initiative to increase writing skills across the curriculum. Every teacher has been trained at some level with the Collins Writing Program. Regular assessment of the implementation of the program helps maintain the focus of this important initiative and helps our students see the correlation between writing and learning in all subjects of the curriculum.

Our schools belong to our communities, and when community-school partnerships are encouraged and supported, they are sustained. Stony Hill is doing its part in making our school accessible to all who are stakeholders of education. We are proud of the learning taking place at Stony Hill and proud to share our goals with the community.

#### **Thornton W. Burgess Middle School - Noel Pixley, Principal**

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School’s School Improvement Plan focused on four strategic goals for the 2003-2004 school year. Improving academic growth in the areas of math and language arts continued to be a major focus. In addition, the school improvement goals continued to address the need to promote a safe school environment for staff and students, while improving the overall school climate. Preparing students for the MCAS, and the increasing challenges that they face as they progress through each grade level, continued to be a focus for all staff. We are pleased to report that due to the improvement in student performance demonstrated by our 2003 MCAS scores in English Language Arts and Mathematics, Thornton Burgess School students are among the top performers in Western Massachusetts in both categories. According to our 2003 mid-cycle AYP report, students are performing on target to above target in all areas. Teachers and administrators at Thornton Burgess School continued to be actively involved in various grade level study groups and became immersed in curriculum review, curriculum mapping and various other professional development activities.

For the third year in a row, the staff made the unanimous commitment to continue participation with the “Foundation for Excellent Schools” (FES). During the 2003-2004 school year, each grade level team established an FES initiative that created enriching opportunities for all of our students. These initiatives included: Grade 4 - a math fair for all students; Grade 5 - students prepared for the National Geographic Geography Bee; Grade 6 - students established a pen pal program with West Springfield Middle School. to strengthen writing skills; Grade 7 – students mentored 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in



Language Arts classes and students enrolled in the Critical Reading and Writing Skills classes participated in an "Early Awareness Day" at Westfield State College where they learned about college life and opportunities that will be available to them in the future; and Grade 8 - selected students were trained in leadership skills at American International College and a leadership club was established with goals formulated to improve the overall school climate. Many thanks to Springfield College, American International College, Smith College and Westfield State College, all of whom volunteered to be our FES partners.

Also during the 2003-2004 school year, the exterior of Thornton Burgess Middle School underwent significant changes. As outlined in the School Council's "beautification proposal," old trees were replaced with new plantings, and the stonewall structures at the front entrance of the building were downsized for safety considerations. A new school sign will be constructed at the entrance of the parking lot signifying the final phase of this project. Many thanks to the following people for donating either the time, resources or funding to make this beautification project a success: Hampden Highway Department, Billy Bond Excavating, Hampden Lions Club, Hampden Nurseries, Hampden PTO, and HWRSD Maintenance Dept.

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

### **Wilbraham Middle School - Barbara Lukis, Principal**

Wilbraham Middle School has had the involvement of many of our parents through the PTA and School Council. Our parent volunteers have aided our school in a variety of ways. We have had two groups of parents who gave up their weekend(s) to paint the cafeteria and the band room. Parents volunteered to help with our magazine drive. The profit from this drive enables the PTA to offer such programs as the Camfel Production on respect, which is one of our core values, and programs from the Boston Science Museum. Another parent volunteer donates her time to co-chair our Student Advisory Board whose purpose is to bring concerns to the administration from the students. Other volunteers gave talks during lunch on nutrition and the value of eating the right foods. The PTA organized a very successful Career Day with more than 30 volunteers sharing insight about their various jobs. During International Week the Foreign Language teachers worked with volunteers to organize a week of foods from different countries and some international students visited the school to share their culture.

Our students gave of their time and money to raise funds for Camp Sunshine, which provides a camp experience for children with cancer and their families. This year our students raised money for the troops by buying phone cards so that the men and women serving our country overseas would be able to talk to their loved ones. Our students also provided food to the Food Pantry during the holidays.



## **Minnechaug Regional High School - John K. Logan, Principal**

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. Family, school, citizenry, and business actively participate in student development. A comprehensive educational approach blends the traditional and the innovative in all areas, directing students toward the productive use of information in a technological age. The school environment fosters respect for the dignity and self-worth of each individual and encourages the development of values of honesty and integrity." The following reports from the various departments highlight just some of the commendable educational activities offered at the high school.

**English:** The department offers skills-based courses freshman and sophomore year and a broad range of courses for juniors and seniors. The junior and senior courses are designed to build on the skills taught the first two years. These courses include 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 on the exam. The MCAS scores are also exceptional with a passing rate of over 98%. Notable awards include the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement in Writing, a prestigious writing award from Scholastic Magazine and various awards for our literary magazine and newspaper

**Family and Consumer Sciences:** During the year interdepartmental activities took place with the Technology Department to provide baking demonstration videos for the town cable access channel and with the Foreign Language Department for a Mexican feast featuring cultural and language lessons. The Child Study classes continue to document direct contact hours for students seeking licensing by the Office of Child Care Services.

**Fine Arts:** Over 700 students were involved in MRHS Fine Arts Department courses during the school year. Six dedicated music and art teachers designed and instructed the 22 courses that make up the Fine Arts program. Art offered 11 courses that provided opportunities and experience in a myriad of art forms and techniques, and a number of students were honored with BOSTON GLOBE Scholastic Art Awards. Music courses were offered to nearly 400 music students in 11 courses. Minnechaug's three choirs had 120 participants, and the three bands grew to 180 strong. Intense fund-raising provided a financial base for marching band uniforms, culminating in a terrific concert starring music legend Gene Pitney. MRHS musicians were well represented at the Western District, Quabbin Valley, Plymouth State and All-State Music Festivals.

**Foreign Language:** All language department teachers, both from the middle schools and the high school, had an active year discussing first-year language course curriculums and the FLARE program. Latin students participated in a field trip to the Worcester Art Museum, French students visited the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, some French



students voluntarily took the National French exam, Latin students participated in the National Latin exam, and select Spanish students participated in the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association 2004 Essay Contest.

**History and Social Science:** This department was active throughout the year with its display case, guest speakers, and curriculum development. Teachers and students participated in programs dealing with the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, the Iraq War, Media Fest, the Phi Alpha Theta State Historical Conference, Model U.N., Model Congress, and Mock Law. The Senior Seminar class spent a Saturday working with archeologist Dr. John Patrollo and the Hampden Historical Society on an archeological dig at Old Cemetery. In addition, the department spent the year preparing to shift curriculum offerings to align with the new History and Social Science Frameworks.

**Mathematics:** The department continuously works to enhance curriculum and this year developed new curriculum time lines for several courses. Based on student need, the Carnegie Cognitive Tutor for Algebra 2 was purchased and successfully implemented. In order to improve MCAS scores at the intermediate level, this curriculum was also enhanced by the use of the Carnegie Cognitive Tutor. In addition, all new teachers were trained on the "Tutor" and are ready to assume responsibility for its use in their teaching. Accelerated Math was purchased and is now used as a supplement to our level one program for those students who may be experiencing difficulties with fundamental skills. The use of graphing calculators has increased as more teachers have been trained in its use as a teaching device. Special recognition was given to five students from the Math Department for their scores on the American High School Mathematics Competition. This was the first time in a number of years that MRHS students made it past the first level.

**Physical Education/Health:** The department continued to update curriculum guides and manuals, which are invaluable reference materials for new teachers. Two new activities were incorporated into the existing curriculum - orienteering and a walking for fitness unit. Guest speakers augmented classroom instruction in the areas of alcohol and substance abuse, tobacco, fire safety, human sexuality, and sportsmanship.

**Science:** For the first time the Science Department will offer AP Physics. The Science Olympiad Team placed first in Western Massachusetts and 8<sup>th</sup> in the State. The Environmental Team placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the State, and a Chemistry Olympiad Team was organized. Sabra Dickson's article entitled, "Using a Biology Portfolio," was published in the November/December issue of the "American Biology Teacher".

**Technical Education, Computers, and Business:** These three combined departments continue to present a diverse offering of technical, applied and fine art classes at many levels in several subject areas. Of particular interest in the past year: computer students in Nancy Dugre's class took first place at the Western New England College Programming Contest; two students in Richard Scott's graphic class won Honorable



Mention Awards for their stop-action video animations at a film festival and Diane Jeserski's Entrepreneurship class took 3<sup>rd</sup> place and an Honorary Mention in the annual Springfield Technical Community College's Business Plan Competition. New teacher Bob Melnik is exploring different ways to teach Engineering and Design and visited the Electrathon competition for a possible future entry by Minnechaug. Department Chairman Dan Balser, Nancy Dugre, and Richard Scott are spearheading the effort to bring Virtual Classrooms to Minnechaug through a joint effort with WNEC.

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

**Guidance Department:** The department continues to offer a variety of programs to serve students and their parents. Services include: Guidance brochure, "welcome" telephone call to 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, reception for transfer students, "Coffee with Counselors" morning, prep sessions and practice tests for SAT's, SAT 1, SAT II, ACT, PSAT, and A/P exams, which are administered at Minnechaug. The internship program for seniors continues to grow, and the Tech Prep program has expanded and provides excellent opportunities for students. The counselors meet with their students to assist in developing course schedules, making career and college choices, and dealing with personal issues. Counselors also work with students through the Developmental Guidance program.

**Student Activities:** Members of the 44 co-curricular student activity programs had another exceptional year. The As Schools Match Wits, Chess Club, FBLA, Technology Honor Society, Mock Law, Model UN, Science Olympiad, and SMOKE SIGNAL won group or individual first-place awards. Other teams excelling in championship play included the Environmental Team, Falcon Yearbook, Investment Club, Mathletes, Model Congress, One Act Plays, and more. The various groups donated thousands of hours of volunteer time and thousands of dollars to the greater community. The department also assisted six classes with their reunion planning. At the Evening of Recognition, 206 students were recognized for service, scholarship, and academics. In June, 271 seniors graduated, with most participating in the Prom, High Meadow Day, Graduation, and the Ultimate Party, which is hosted by a volunteer parent group. We thank the many community members and businesses that worked with our groups and contributed so much to our success!

**Media Center:** During the year the Media Center added a number of new titles to its



reference, non-fiction, and fiction resources, continuing the process of updating the print collection with materials that link to the curriculum. In addition, a new online research database was purchased, enabling students to have greater access to information both in school and at home. More than 950 classes visited the Media Center during the course of the school year and another 8,000 students came on an individual basis. More than \$500 was raised for books through the collection of empty printer cartridges for recycling.

### **Student Services Department - Thomas Philpott, Director**

Student Services comprises special education and related services such as speech therapy occupational therapy, physical therapy, assistive technology, and school adjustment counseling. Over 700 students with various disabilities benefit from these services that are designed to promote effective academic and social progress.

The Student Services Department is also responsible for the assessment of over 300 students each year to determine the existence of an educational disability, and if a disability is found, whether or not it inhibits the academic progression of the student in the general education program. If a student is found to have an educational disability, a continuum of service interventions is available to provide the student the most effective support possible in the least intrusive manner. These services range from consultation and monitoring to partial placement in a resource room to full time placement in a specialized District program or, in a small percentage of cases, placement in a collaborative or private school.

Federal and State grants have allowed the expansion of the assistive technology resources, creating an important link between the disabled student and his or her ability to access the general curriculum. These grants have also funded workshops and consultation services to District professional and paraprofessional staff in order to develop a better understanding of the impact educational disabilities have on a student's learning capability. A State grant has continued to support an Autism Specialist who is able to develop programming that will enhance our ability to work with such students within the District, thus reducing our dependence on costly out-of-district programs and consultants.

Central to the goal of ensuring that all students make appropriate academic and social progress is the close cooperation between regular education and special education administrators, teachers, and paraprofessionals. Regular education initiatives such as the Student/Teacher Assistance Team (S/TAT) and the District Curriculum Accommodation Plan (DCAP) are expanding the continuum of services the District is able to provide to students with diverse learning needs.



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

The nurses of the District continued to provide quality healthcare and health promotion during the school year with 14,678 students given first aid, 18,653 illness assessments completed, 14,970 student medications administered, and 5,627 parent phone calls and meetings accomplished. Overall, there were 49,619 student health clinic visits during the school year. The nurses also gave the Hepatitis B vaccine three-part series and flu shots to District employees, as requested.

Through a generous donation from Lori Russell and the Ed Russell Memorial Heart-Safe Fund, all schools in the District have an automated external defibrillator (AED) in their building. Gagliarducci Construction Company also donated an AED to the Athletic Department at Minnechaug. Thank you so much to these caring “angels.” Some faculty and staff in each school have been CPR/AED trained through the Wilbraham Fire Department, American Heart Association, and Joe Kellner. This will continue to be an on-going process.

The Department of Public Health again sponsored the Fluoride Mouthrinse Program. This year we increased our children served to all first and second graders in the District. Thank you again to the parent volunteers as we couldn’t do it without them.

We participated in the Massachusetts “Student Asthma Surveillance Summary” in Kindergarten through Grade 8. We found that 7.8% of our students in those grades report being treated for asthma compared to the estimated statewide average of 9.2%.

The Nurse Leader continued to work closely with the Community Health Network Area of Greater Springfield, the Mass. Department of Public Health, and Claudia Considine, RN, Wilbraham’s Public Health Nurse, on many issues including emergency preparedness.

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

### **Adult Community Education and Recreation - Ned Doyle, Director**

The Adult Community Education and Recreation Program, “New Beginnings,” continues to provide the communities with diverse enrichment opportunities. In 2004, well over 2,000 participants enjoyed the program offerings and feedback was extremely positive. The 2004 “Summer Programs ‘R’ You,” serving the youth of the communities, was once again, the most popular program. However, the numerous spring and fall adult offerings were also well attended and afforded 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 of the HWRSD. The School Councils were:

### ***MILE TREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***

Lynne Kimball, Principal  
Amy Basile  
Patricia Boylan  
Beth Cebula  
Ginny McKeon  
Pam Pearson  
Martha Ross  
Denise Salerno

### ***GREEN MEADOWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***

T. Jeffrey Sullivan, Principal  
Kate Asher  
Pam Hayes  
Rick Moriarty  
Tina Murphy  
Heidi Schwendenmann  
Suzanne Simons  
Mary Ellen Shea  
Nancy Thompson

### ***MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***

Deborah Thompson, Principal  
Jeff Jones  
Susan Medeiros  
Pat O'Connor  
Kim Saso  
Gail Smead  
Sharon Tellier  
Lisa Vartanian  
Dennis Young

### ***SOULE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***

Rosemary Brosnan, Principal  
Susan Cary-Borysyk  
Andrew Cohen  
Meg Cyr  
Stephanie Harju  
Betty Howarth  
Cathy Mahoney  
Tom Moran  
Karen Rossi  
Missy Taft

### ***STONY HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***

Eleanor Fernands, Principal  
Judy Farrar  
Stacy Gilmour  
Mary Beth Laliberte  
Shawn Lawrence  
Nan O'Connor  
Mary Beth Laliberte  
Nan O'Connor

### ***THORNTON W. BURGESS MIDDLE SCHOOL***

Noel Pixley, Principal  
Mary Argenio  
Diane Baron  
Donna Benoit  
Marilyn Berrett  
Bonnie Howell  
Phyllis Hultstrom  
Wendi Obuchowski  
Andrea Tarczyński  
Catherine Zawrotny

### ***WILBRAHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL***

Barbara L. Lukis, Principal  
Carole Alderman

### ***MINNECHAUG REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL***

John K. Logan, Principal  
Patricia Casey



Christopher Eagan  
 Kevin Fogarty  
 Ellen Murphy-Mancini  
 Nikki Nadeau  
 Audra Quintin  
 Debra Vartanian

Elizabeth Contant  
 Patricia Gordon  
 Wilbur Jenkins  
 Clifton Johnson  
 Meredith Malysz  
 Gary Manuel  
 Patricia Pastoreck  
 Linda Pickreign  
 Sarah Petzold  
 Susan Raimer  
 Jane Robinson  
 Gregory Schmutte

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	
<i>Through May 2004</i>	<i>As of May 2004</i>
Mary Anne Morris, Chairperson	Peter T. Salerno, Chairperson
Peter T. Salerno, Vice Chairperson	Scott R. Chapman, Vice Chairperson
William Bickley, Jr.	William Bickley, Jr.
Scott R. Chapman	Marianne Desmond
Marianne Desmond	D. John McCarthy
Lois R. Megliola	Mary Anne Morris
Gilles Turcotte	Gilles Turcotte

**RETIREMENTS DURING THE 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR WERE:**

Susan M. Agnew, Wilbraham Middle School  
 Joan L. DeNucci, Stony Hill Elementary School  
 Eleanor F. Fernands, Stony Hill Elementary School  
 James E. Girotti, Minnechaug Regional High School  
 Martin A. Kibbe, Minnechaug Regional High School  
 Patricia A. Metzger, Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District  
 John S. Przybylowicz, Jr., Minnechaug Regional High School  
 Richard Scortino, Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District  
 Robert A. Silva, Minnechaug Regional High School  
 Richard A. Studeny, Wilbraham Middle School  
 Thomas J. Sullivan, Green Meadows Elementary School  
 Andrew J. Whalen, Minnechaug Regional High School

## FIVE-YEAR ENROLLMENT HISTORY

Grade	1999 – 2000			2000 – 2001			2001 - 2002			2002 - 2003			2003 - 2004		
	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T
K	50	144	194	63	193	256	61	180	241	59	179	238	58	161	219
P-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	67	177	244	59	176	235	65	210	275	65	192	257	65	180	245
2	57	175	232	66	179	245	62	189	251	71	201	272	62	191	253
3	91	213	304	64	185	249	63	184	247	58	197	255	66	202	268
4	72	204	276	96	217	313	64	195	259	68	184	252	71	209	280
5	72	240	312	75	210	285	95	229	324	64	205	269	61	200	261
6	82	213	295	80	244	324	80	216	296	93	232	325	68	205	273
7	84	216	300	88	221	309	76	251	327	83	217	300	66	219	286
8	64	217	281	88	219	307	88	227	315	79	251	330	95	232	326
9	89	245	334	60	192	252	87	243	330	96	233	329	81	257	338
10	73	209	282	77	200	277	66	222	288	88	240	328	86	254	340
11	63	190	253	82	231	313	72	218	290	59	207	266	79	224	303
12	69	182	251	68	229	313	79	208	287	79	218	297	81	222	303
Other			88			85			87			72			79
TOTAL	933	2625	3646	966	2696	3747	958	2772	3817	962	2756	3790	939	2756	3774

## **HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2004 DIRECTORY OF SCHOOLS**

### **Mile Tree Elementary School (Grades Pre K – 1)**

Lynne Kimball, Principal

625 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone (413) 596-6921

School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

### **Green Meadows Elementary School (Grades Pre K – 3)**

T. Jeffrey Sullivan, Principal (*retired*)/Deborah Thompson, Principal (*as of 8-30-04*)

38 North Road, Hampden, MA 01036 – Telephone (413) 566-3263

School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

### **Memorial Elementary School (Grades 2 – 6)**

Deborah Thompson, Principal/Marguerite Myers-Killeen, Principal (*as of 10-1-04*)

310 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone (413) 596-6821

School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

### **Soule Road Elementary School (Grades 2 – 6)**

Rosemary Brosnan, Principal

300 Soule Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone (413) 596-9311

School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.



**Stony Hill School (Grades 2 – 6)**

Eleanor Fernands, Principal/Rebecca DeSmith, Interim Principal (*as of 11-1-04*)

675 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone (413) 599-1950

School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

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

Noel Pixley, Principal

85 Wilbraham Road, Hampden, MA 01036 – Telephone (413) 566-8950

School Hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Wilbraham Middle School (Grades 7 – 8)**

Barbara Lukis, Principal

466 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone ((413)) 596-9061

School Hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Minnechaug Regional High School (Grades 9 –12)**

John K. Logan, Jr., Principal

612 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone (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 – Telephone (413) 596-3884

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **REPORT OF THE STORMWATER COMMITTEE**

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

The Committee submitted the first annual report to the Department of Environmental Protection Agency in May 2004. Since then, the Committee has continued to work on ongoing tasks such as monitoring the Catch Basin Cleaning Program, training of municipal employees with regard to illicit discharges, posting new educational displays, updating the Stormwater website and others.

New tasks to be undertaken include drafting an Illicit Discharge Bylaw, sending out a stormwater survey, reviewing and modifying construction runoff bylaws, post construction runoff bylaws, and updating building permit application as required.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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



## TAX COLLECTOR

The tax rate for fiscal 2005 has been set at \$15.62 per thousand dollars of assessed value. Although reassessments allowed for a drop from the fiscal 2004 rate of \$17.44 per thousand, property values were increased by an average of approximately 18%. The new rate was applied to the higher assessments resulting in a tax increase for most home owners. I'd like to urge any resident homeowners over the age of 70 to check the exemption criteria used by the Assessors. Some may find that they qualify and this exemption can certainly help to ease their tax burden.

Calendar year tax collections for 2004:

Real estate:	6,526,825.32
Community Preservation:	29,460.73
Personal Property:	217,290.55
Motor Vehicle:	678,860.49
Interest and charges:	34,657.55
Total:	7,487,094.64

Respectfully Submitted:

Eva A Wiseman, Tax Collector

## TOWN CLERK

The Town's website continues to provide a convenient and easy to navigate source for Town information. From bylaws to meeting notices to recreational and library activities, it has been beneficial not only to Town residents, but to those considering a move to our community as well. If you haven't visited Hampden on line yet, I suggest that you do. Just go to [hampden.org](http://hampden.org) for a look at what's going on.

Money collected in 2004 and remitted to the Treasurer follows:

Fish and Game		
State	4532.25	
Town Fees		198.65
Dog Licenses		996.00
Certified Copies and Publications		1440.00
Trade Names and Marriages		745.00
Miscellaneous		<u>3686.36</u>
		7066.01 Total

Available in the Town Clerk's Office

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

Vital Statistics recorded in Hampden:	2001	2002	2003	2004
Births	44	46	47	28
Deaths	73	78	79	59
Marriages	14	13	12	11

Respectfully submitted:

Eva Wiseman, Town Clerk



## MINUTES

Special Town Meeting October 25, 2004

Voters in attendance 66

Moderator Richard Patullo called the meeting to order at 7:40PM.

- Article 1      The Town voted by a declared majority to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Hampden Free Public Library to proceed with a feasibility study to examine the option of building a new library facility.
- Article 2      The Town voted by a declared majority to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Hampden Free Public Library to apply for, accept and expend any state grants, which may be available for the purposes of a feasibility study to examine the option of building a new library facility.
- Article 3      The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for Employee Benefits, 7.2 and \$10,000 for Street Sweeping, 45.0.
- Article 4      The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to raise and appropriate \$27,000 for the purchase of a new Police cruiser.
- Article 5      The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to raise and appropriate \$15,353 to the Reserve Fund.
- Article 6      The Town voted by a declared majority to take no action on Article 6.
- Article 7      The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$77,049 for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2005.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

## MINUTES– ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 4/26/04

Moderator Richard Patullo called the meeting to order at 7:09PM

Article 1                      The Town voted by majority that the Annual Reports, as contained in the  
REPORTS                      Annual Town Report for the year 2003 be accepted as printed.

Article 2                      A motion was made and seconded to amend Police Department budget  
BUDGET                      line item 57.2, Salaries, by increasing it by an additional \$8000.00 for the  
   hiring of another full time Dispatcher.  
   This motion carried by a majority vote.

The Town voted by majority that the sums of money shown in the column  
entitled Fiscal 2005 BUDGET Recommended of the Supplementary  
Report and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee 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 charge for the Fiscal year ending June  
30, 2005. Subject to a positive Proposition 2 ½ referendum vote.

**Fiscal 2005  
Revised  
Recommendations  
May 17, 2004**

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Accountant</b>	
	1.1 Salary	21,806
	1.2 Clerical	0
	1.3 Expenses	3,500
	<b>Total Accountant</b>	<b>25,306</b>
	*1 \$3500 Art. 2 STM	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Advisory Committee</b>	
	2.1 Clerical	2,800
	2.2 Expenses	200
	<b>Total Advisory</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Appeals, Board of</b>	
	3.1 Clerical	2,873
	3.2 Expenses	160
	<b>Total Appeals</b>	<b>3,033</b>



<b>4.0</b>	<b>Assessors, Board of</b>	
4.1	Salaries	12,512
4.6	Mapping Maintenance	900
4.7	Computer Maint. & Supp.	0
4.8	Field Review	2,000
	<b>Total Assessors</b>	<b>34,466</b>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Building Department Expenses</b>	
5.1	Code and General Enforcement	410
5.2	Commissioner and Expenses	0
	<b>Total Building Dept.</b>	<b>410</b>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>County Retirement</b>	<b>196,273</b>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Insurance/Employee Benefits</b>	
7.1	Property and Liability	77,857
7.2	Employee Benefits	156,671
7.3	Unemployment Compensation	2,000
7.4	Longevity	5,800
	<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>242,328</b>
	*2 \$8,000 Art.2 STM	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Law and Claims</b>	
8.1	General	20,000
	<b>Total Law</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	
9.1	Salary	0
9.2	Expenses	100
	<b>Total Moderator</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Planning Board</b>	
10.2	Clerical	8,155
10.3	Expenses	535
	<b>Total Planning Board</b>	<b>8,690</b>
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Registrars, Board of (Voters)</b>	
11.1	Salaries	761
11.2	Election Expenses	3,700
11.3	Street Lists	1,900
	<b>Total Registrars</b>	<b>6,361</b>
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Selectman</b>	
12.1	Salaries	9,100
12.2	Administrative Asst.	25,338

12.3 Secretarial	0
12.4 Expenses	1,600
12.5 Legal Advertising	400
12.6 Computer Study Committee	0
12.7 Temporary Help	0
Total Selectman	<u>36,438</u>
*3 Secretarial is now 56.2	

<b>13.0 Tax Collector</b>	
13.1 Salary	23,987
13.2 Clerical	7,282
13.3 Expenses	2,100
13.4 Computer Maintenance	4,175
13.5 Tax Title Work	250
13.6 Tax Title Admin.	0
<b>Total Tax Collector</b>	<u>37,794</u>

<b>14.0 Town Clerk</b>	
14.1 Salary	23,987
14.2 Clerical	4,723
14.3 Expenses	1,000
14.4 Town Publications	0
<b>Total Town Clerk</b>	<u>29,710</u>

<b>15.0 Town Report</b>	<b>3,000</b>
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<b>16.0 Treasurer</b>	
16.1 Salary	29,192
16.2 Clerical	7,008
16.3 Expenses	900
16.4 Certifying Notes	100
16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	2,500
16.6 Tax Title Expense	700
16.7 Payroll Service	5,500
16.8 Bank Service Charges	250
16.9 Tax Title Admin.	0
<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<u>46,150</u>

<b>17.0 Veterans' Benefits</b>	<b>8,246</b>
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<b>18.0 Greater Springfield Senior Services</b>	<b>467</b>
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<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>701,772</b>
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<b>GENERAL TOWN SERVICES</b>		
<b>21.0</b>	<b>Cemetery Commission</b>	
	21.1 Clerical	585
	21.2 Expenses	80
	21.3 Maintenance	0
	<b>Total Cemetery Commission</b>	<b>665</b>
<b>22.0</b>	<b>Conservation Commission</b>	
	22.1 Clerical	2,800
	22.2 Expenses	450
	<b>Total Conservation Commission</b>	<b>3,250</b>
<b>23.0</b>	<b>Transfer Station</b>	
	23.1 Operation	90,000
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing	14,400
	<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<b>104,400</b>
<b>24.0</b>	<b>School Buildings Repairs</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>25.0</b>	<b>Insect Pest Control</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>26.0</b>	<b>Library</b>	
	26.1 Salaries	
	26.2 Expenses	
	26.3 Books and Periodicals	
	<b>Total Library</b>	<b>102,670</b>
<b>27.0</b>	<b>Town Events</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>29.0</b>	<b>Office Equipment</b>	
	29.1 Acquisition	500
	29.2 Maintenance	7,000
	29.3 Supplies	5,000
	29.4 Postage	9,778
	<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>22,278</b>
<b>30.0</b>	<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	
	30.1 Salaries	500
	30.2 Operating Expenses	3,650
	30.3 Capital Improvements	0
	30.4 Baseball	0
	30.5 Softball	0
	30.6 Girls Soccer	0

	30.7 Boys Soccer	0
	30.8 Basketball	0
	30.9 Director's Salary	33,501
	<b>Total Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>37,651</b>
<b>31.0</b>	<b>Public Grounds</b>	<b>25,559</b>
<b>32.0</b>	<b>Town House Maintenance</b>	
	32.1 Custodial	16,585
	32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	6,000
	32.3 Heat and Utilities	29,600
	32.4 Payphone	0
	<b>Total Town House Maintenance</b>	<b>52,185</b>
<b>33.0</b>	<b>Tree Warden</b>	
	33.1 Expenses	500
	33.2 Planting Trees	0
	<b>Total Tree Warden</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>34.0</b>	<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>12,452</b>
<b>35.0</b>	<b>Gasoline</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>36.0</b>	<b>Street Lighting</b>	<b>15,100</b>
<b>37.0</b>	<b>Council on Aging</b>	
	37.1 Director's Salary	31,638
	37.2 Clerk	18,380
	37.3 Expenses	0
	37.4 Temporary Help	0
	<b>Total Council on Aging</b>	<b>50,018</b>
<b>38.0</b>	<b>Senior Center</b>	
	38.1 Custodial	8,854
	38.2 Utilities	10,139
	38.3 Building Maintenance	6,000
	38.4 Grounds Maintenance	0
	<b>Total Senior Center</b>	<b>24,993</b>
<b>39.0</b>	<b>Historical Commission</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Total General Town Services</b>		<b>479,721</b>

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

<b>40.0</b>	<b>Superintendent's Salary</b>	<b>58,868</b>
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41.1	Paving	0
42.0	Highway Maintenance	74,861
43.0	General Highway Expense	83,387
44.0	Snow and Ice Removal	37,224
45.0	Street Sweeping and Catch Basin Cleaning	23,000
46.0	Other Highway Accounts	
	46.1 Highway Engineering	0
	46.2 Road Machinery Maintenance	10,000
	46.3 Town Garage Maintenance	4,600

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<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>291,940</b>
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#### PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

50.0	Animal Inspection	
	50.1 Salary	1,853
	50.2 Expenses	240
	50.3 Rabies Management	0
	<b>Total Animal Inspection</b>	<b>2,093</b>
51.0	Civil Defense Supplies	10
52.0	Dog Officer	
	52.1 Animal Control Account	13,445
	52.2 Dog Damage Fund	300
	<b>Total Dog Officer</b>	<b>13,745</b>
	*4 \$5,173 Art.2 STM	
53.0	Fire Department	
	53.1 Fire Chief Salary	868
	53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1,000
	53.3 Operation	22,589
	<b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>24,457</b>
	*5 \$2,000 Art.5 STM	
54.0	Forest Fires	1,333
55.0	Forest Fire Warden	557

<b>56.0</b>	<b>Health, Board of</b>	
	56.1 Agent Salary	3,673
	56.2 Clerk Salary	17,760
	56.3 Expenses	3,000
	<b>Total Board of Health</b>	<b>24,433</b>

<b>565.5</b>	<b>Water District</b>	
	565.1 Operations	6,889
	565.2 Testing	2,900
	<b>Total Water District</b>	<b>9,789</b>

<b>57.0</b>	<b>Police</b>	
	57.1 Chief's Salary	63,038
	57.2 Salaries	671,188
	57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	12,291
	57.4 Other Expenses	35,500
	57.5 New Cruisers	0
	57.6 Training	19,500
	57.7 Equipment	5,616
	57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	74,960
	57.9 Additional Officer	0
	*6 \$22,000 Art.6 STM	

<b>58.0</b>	<b>Other Police Accounts</b>	
	58.1 Election and Town Meetings	2,100
	58.2 Towing Clerk	100
	58.3 WMLEC	250

<b>59.0</b>	<b>Parking Clerk</b>	0
	<b>Total Police</b>	<b>884,543</b>

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<b>TOTAL PROTECTION</b>	<b>960,960</b>
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## SCHOOLS

May 17, 2004

<b>69.0</b>	<b>Regional School District</b>	
	69.1 Assessment	5,539,683
	69.2 Teacher Deferral	7616
	<b>Total Regional School District</b>	<b>5,547,299</b>
	*7 \$33,164 Art.7 STM	

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<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>7,981,692</b>
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<b>70.0</b>	<b>Local Government Debt</b>	
70.1	Principal	290,000
70.2	Interest	29,850
70.3	School Debt	56,173
70.4	Green Meadow BAN	120,515
70.5	Highway Loader	0
	<b>Total Local Government Debt</b>	<b>496,538</b>

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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>8,478,230</b>
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Article 3 PREVIOUS BILLS	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to take no action on this article.
Article 4 STABILIZATION FUND	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to take no action on this article.
Article 5 REVOLVING ACCOUNT	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Assessors, as described in Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 6 REVOLVING ACCOUNT	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Health, as described in Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 7 REVOLVING ACCOUNT	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to establish a revolving fund through the Board of Selectmen, for the Building Department as described in Article 7 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 8 REVOLVING ACCOUNT LIBRARY	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to establish a revolving fund for the Library Trustees, as described in Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 9 REVOLVING ACCOUNT	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Health, as described in Article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 10 REVOLVING ACCOUNT	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Health as described in Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 11	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to establish a revolving fund for the

REVOLVING ACCOUNT	Council on Aging, as described in Article 11 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 12 HIGHWAYS STATE AID	The Town voted <u>unanimously</u> to accept any monies as made available through Chapter 90 funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.
Article 13 HIGHWAY DUMP TRUCK	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to take no action on this article.
Article 14 HIGHWAY	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to take no action on this article.
Article 15 CONSERVATION COMMISSION RESTRICTED FUND	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to approve the Conservation Commission's use and expenditure of fees received from the filing of Notices of Intent in order to defray its expenses as allowed under Section 54 of Chapter 287 of the Acts of 1989 amending Chapter 131, Section 40.
Article 16 CONSERVATION FUND	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to take no action on this article.
Article 17 GYM FLOOR	The Town voted <u>unanimously</u> to transfer from the Stabilization Fund \$45,000 to fund the replacement of the gym floor at Thornton W. Burgess School, subject to a positive Proposition 2 ½ referendum vote.
Article 18 LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> that in Fiscal Year 2005, if additional State aid for the Library is received, this money be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.
Article 19 NETWORK SERVER	A motion to raise and appropriate \$1600.00 for the purchase of a new network server for the Library, subject to a positive Proposition 2 ½ referendum vote <u>failed</u> .
Article 20 ASSESSOR	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to increase the income and asset requirements for real estate tax exemptions as described in Article 20 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 21 ZONING BYLAW	The Town voted by a <u>declared 2/3</u> vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as described in Article 21 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.



Article 22  
ZONING  
BYLAW

The Town voted unanimously to amend the Zoning Bylaw as described in Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Article 23  
ZONING  
BYLAW

The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as described in Article 23 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 24  
COMMUNITY  
PRESERVATION  
COMMITTEE

The Town voted by majority to accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Article 25  
COMMUNITY  
PRESERVATION  
COMMITTEE

The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.

Article 26  
RESERVE FUND

The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.

Article 27  
STABILIZATION  
FUND

The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.

Article 28  
REDUCING  
TAX RATE

The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.

A motion to adjourn and continue the Annual Town Meeting until May 17, 2004 at 7:00 pm. was made and seconded and passed by a majority vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50PM

Moderator Richard Patullo called the reconvened Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:01PM on May 17, 2004

A motion made for the reconsideration of Article 4 passed by a majority vote.

Article 4  
STABILIZATION  
FUND

The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to transfer \$ 170,000 from the Stabilization Fund, said funds to be made available in calculating the Fiscal year 2005 tax levy.

A motion made for the reconsideration of Article 2 passed by a majority vote.

Article 2  
BUDGET

The Town voted by a declared majority that the sums of money shown in the column entitled Fiscal 2005, Revised Recommendations dated May 17, 2004 of the report entitled Budget for Fiscal Year 2005 of the Advisory Committee 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 charge for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

A motion made for the reconsideration of Article 26 passed by a majority vote.

Article 26  
RESERVE FUND

The Town voted by a declared majority to raise and appropriate \$ 10,000 for the Reserve Fund.

A motion made to adjourn the meeting carried by a majority vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18PM



## TOWN OFFICES EMAILS/WEBSITES

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[health@hampden.org](mailto:health@hampden.org)

[chief@hampden.org](mailto:chief@hampden.org)

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[planning@hampden.org](mailto:planning@hampden.org)

[parks@hampden.org](mailto:parks@hampden.org)

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[highway@hampden.org](mailto:highway@hampden.org)

[coa@hampden.org](mailto:coa@hampden.org)

TOWN OF HAMPDEN website: [www.hampden.org](http://www.hampden.org)

DEP's Updated Title 5 Website: [www.mass.gov/dep/brp/wwwhome.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dep/brp/wwwhome.htm)

## **TREASURER REPORT**

After being newly elected in May 2004, my experience as the Town Treasurer has been both rewarding and challenging. I am in the process of exploring avenues to become more efficient with the use of our time, talents, and systems. This is an effort to improve our current method of services and meeting obligations that are delivered to the departments, employees, and vendors of the Town. I have been working with other Boards and we are currently reviewing all financial aspects of the Town.

I feel very fortunate to have been given this opportunity to utilize my banking expertise to help the Town's financial status.

Thank you to everyone who has given me their support and especially to Pat Smith, Assistant Treasurer, who has not only assisted me, but also guided me every step of the way.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracy L. Sicbaldi  
Town Treasurer





## BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS TREASURER'S QUARTERLY CASH REPORT

Town of Hampden, for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2004  
(City, Town, County, District)

## PART I: A. Cash and checks in office

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## B. Non-Interest Bearing Checking Accounts

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

## C. Interest Bearing Checking Accounts

Collat- eral'd Y or N	Comp. Bal. Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub-Total
	N	BWMass	General Fund	1.00%	149,596.40	
	N	Peoples Bank	Holding Account	1.55%	232,723.64	

## D. Liquid Investments

Collat- eral'd Y or N	Comp. Bal. Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub-Total
N		MMDT	Holding Account	1.15	4,577.93	
N		Bank of America	Holding Account	1.30%	5237.48	
N		Bank of America	Holding Account	1.31%	9.01	
N		Peoples Bank	CPA	1.31%	55,231.61	
N		BankNorth	Holding Account	1.31%	1,406.59	

Note: Attach additional sheets if needed.

### E. Term Investments

[illegible]

## F. Trust Funds

[illegible]

Part I Total: All Cash and Investments

\$ 864,490.14

**Note:** Attach additional sheets if needed.



## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

In the year 2004, the members of the Highway Department, with assistance from a local tree service, removed 75 trees that were dead, dying, diseased or storm damaged. Below, I have listed the streets where trees were taken down and cleaned up by the Highway Department. As you can see, there were no trees felled by a professional tree service this past year. That is not due to the lack of trees beyond our capability that are in need of removal, but rather the lack of funds to hire a professional tree service to do the work. A list of trees in need of removal by a tree service is being compiled for future funding. Continued maintenance of the trees within the town helps reduce our exposure to personal injury, power outages and in general improves the overall appearance of the town. The trees removed were as follows:

<u>Location</u> <u>Service</u>	<u>Completed by Highway Department</u>	<u>Assisted by Tree</u>
Allen Street	10	
Ames Road	4	
Bayberry	1	
Burleigh Road	1	
East Longmeadow Road	2	
Hickory Lane	1	
Glendale Road	10	
Mill Road	5	
North Road	4	
Scantic Rd.	1	
Sessions Drive	1	
Somers Road	1	
South Road	1	
Springhouse Road	1	
St. Germain	1	
Stony Hill Road	1	
Wilbraham Rd.	30	
Total Removals	75	0

## **REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN P2**

Several stumps were in need of grinding, but again no money was allotted for this service and a list of stump locations is being compiled.

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 2004 has been a year of many challenges for the Veterans Services Department. The departmental budget was very tight with a difficult economy. Local operating budgets have suffered as well.

This office has endeavored to take applications for veterans and provide financial benefits and assistance to veterans and their families in accordance with state regulations (108 CMR). This department has also seen increased activity with returning veterans from Iraq. This department has aggressively sought out these veterans and offered assistance they deserve.

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 we can.

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  
6/30/2004

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CPA SPEC REV	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST AGENCY	LONG TERM DEBT	MEMORANDUM ONLY
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and Equivalents	168,554	138,073	112,189	29,971	415,709		864,496
Accounts Receivable	145,343						145,343
Property Taxes	742						742
CPA	(9,604)						(9,604)
Pre-paid 2005 taxes	71,370						71,370
Excise Taxes	69,989						69,989
Tax Liens	30,717						30,717
Tax possessions	(29,410)						(29,410)
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles	100,000				-100000		
Due From /To Stabilization Fund						1,080,774	1,080,774
Amount to be Provided for Payment of Notes						1,080,774	2,224,417
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>547,701</b>	<b>138,073</b>	<b>112,189</b>	<b>29,971</b>	<b>415,709</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Warrants Payable	65,402	9,241					74,643
Employee Withholdings	33,110						33,110
Due To/From Other Governments	2,679						2,679
Deferred Revenue							
Property Taxes	107,071						107,071
Excise Taxes	71,370						71,370
Tax Liens	69,989						69,989
Tax Possessions	30,717						30,717
Tailings	4,113						4,113
Long Term notes Payable						1,080,774	1,080,774
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>384,451</b>	<b>9,241</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,080,774</b>	<b>1,474,466</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>							
Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	39,608						39,608
Reserved for Deficits(to be raised)	(58,556)						(58,556)
Reserved for Court Judgement	(11,697)						(11,697)
Designated Expenditures	15,000						338,283
Undesignated	178,895						442,313
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>163,250</b>	<b>128,832</b>	<b>112,189</b>	<b>29,971</b>	<b>263,418</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>749,951</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>547,701</b>	<b>138,073</b>	<b>112,189</b>	<b>29,971</b>	<b>415,709</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,224,417</b>

TOWN OF HAMPDEN  
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES  
FISCAL 2004  
THROUGH 6/30/04

	APPROPRIATIONS & CARRYOVERS	TRANSFERS IN(OUT)	TOTAL AVAILABLE	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE
ACCOUNTANT					
SALARY	20,656.00		20,656.00	20,588.62	67.38
EXPENSES	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00	-
ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	1,711.00		1,711.00	712.40	998.60
EXPENSES	200.00		200.00		200.00
APPEALS BOARD					
CLERICAL	1,868.00		1,868.00	1,868.00	-
EXPENSES	160.00		160.00	130.53	29.47
ASSESSORS					
SALARY	12,207.00		12,207.00	12,207.00	-
CLERICAL	11,368.00		11,368.00	11,348.75	19.25
EXPENSES	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,226.84	273.16
MAPPING MAINT	900.00	50.00 A	950.00	950.00	-
REVALUATION UPDATE	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00	-
FIELD REVIEW	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00	-
BUILDING DEPT					
CODE ENFORCEMENT	400.00		400.00		400.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	173,670.00		173,670.00	173,660.00	10.00
INSURANCE					
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY	67,538.00	530.00 A	68,068.00	68,068.00	-
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	141,519.00	3,510.78 A	145,029.78	145,029.78	-
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,000.00		2,000.00	13,696.75	(11,696.75) B
LONGEVITY	5,800.00		5,800.00	4,900.00	900.00
LAW AND CLAIMS	24,400.00		24,400.00	20,821.46	3,578.54
MODERATOR					
EXPENSES	100.00		100.00		100.00
PLANNING BOARD					
CLERICAL	5,304.00		5,304.00	5,303.30	0.70
EXPENSES	535.00		535.00	531.62	3.38
REGISTRARS					
SALARIES	742.00		742.00	742.00	-
ELECTION EXPENSES	1,100.00	1,250.35 A	2,350.35	2,142.82	207.53
STREET LISTS	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,900.00	-
SELECTMEN					
SALARIES	6,117.00		6,117.00	6,117.00	-
ADMINISTRATIVE ASS'T	26,755.00		26,755.00	22,947.24	3,807.76
CLERICAL	14,036.00	620.38 A	14,656.38	14,656.38	-
EXPENSES	1,600.00	16.33 A	1,616.33	1,616.33	-
LEGAL ADVERTISING	400.00		400.00	292.10	107.90
TAX COLLECTOR					
SALARY	23,402.00		23,402.00	23,402.00	-
CLERICAL	5,302.00		5,302.00	5,039.03	262.97
EXPENSES	2,100.00		2,100.00	1,988.56	111.44
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	4,175.00		4,175.00	4,169.00	6.00
TAX TITLE WORK	350.00		350.00		350.00



TOWN CLERK						
SALARY	23,402.00			23,402.00	23,402.00	-
CLERICAL	3,086.00			3,086.00	3,027.87	58.13
EXPENSES	1,000.00			1,000.00	880.44	119.56
TOWN REPORT	3,000.00	1,730.00	A	4,730.00	4,682.00	48.00
TREASURER						
SALARY	28,480.00			28,480.00	28,480.00	-
CLERICAL	6,837.00			6,837.00	6,837.00	-
EXPENSES	750.00			750.00	623.52	126.48
PAYROLL SERVICE	5,524.00	1,500.00	A	7,024.00	7,024.00	-
CERTIFYING NOTES	100.00			100.00	10.00	90.00
INTEREST(SHORT TERM)	2,500.00			2,500.00	4,469.95	(1,969.95) B
TAX TITLES	5,700.00			5,700.00	5,361.71	338.29
BANK CHARGES	250.00			250.00	40.00	210.00
VETERANS BENEFITS	7,125.00	1,400.00	A	8,525.00	8,490.06	34.94
GR SPFLD SENIOR CENTER	467.00			467.00	467.00	-
ACADEMY HALL MAINT	1,200.00	700.00	A	1,900.00	1,730.53	169.47
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS						
CLERICAL	585.00			585.00		585.00
EXPENSES	80.00			80.00		80.00
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE						
CLERICAL	1,241.00			1,241.00	815.28	425.72
EXPENSES	450.00			450.00	421.48	28.52
MONITORING AND TESTING	14,400.00			14,400.00	12,912.00	1,488.00
LIBRARY	97,508.00	1,600.00	A	99,108.00	99,108.00	-
TOWN EVENTS	800.00			800.00	630.62	169.38
OFFICE EQUIPMENT						
ACQUISITION	500.00			500.00	31.48	468.52
MAINTENANCE	7,000.00			7,000.00	5,411.38	1,588.62
SUPPLIES	5,000.00			5,000.00	921.88	4,078.12
POSTAGE	9,778.00			9,778.00	9,739.45	38.55
PARKS AND RECREATION						
SALARIES	6,300.00			6,300.00	6,296.51	3.49
EXPENSES	6,300.00			6,300.00	6,283.24	16.76
DIRECTOR'S SALARY	30,875.00			30,875.00	30,875.00	-
PUBLIC GROUNDS	31,098.00			31,098.00	31,098.00	-
TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE						
CUSTODIAL	16,434.00			16,434.00	10,736.69	5,697.31
MAINT & REPAIRS	6,000.00			6,000.00	5,389.93	610.07
UTILITIES	29,600.00			29,600.00	26,431.69	3,168.31
TREE WARDEN						
EXPENSES		225.00	A	225.00	225.00	-
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	12,329.00			12,329.00	12,328.92	0.08
GASOLINE	25,000.00			25,000.00	24,999.39	0.61

STREET LIGHTING	15,100.00		15,100.00	14,824.70	275.30
COUNCIL ON AGING					
DIRECTOR	29,076.00		29,076.00	29,076.00	-
CLERICAL	21,528.00		21,528.00	21,454.57	73.43
EXPENSES	1,822.00		1,822.00	1,782.63	39.37
SENIOR CENTER					
CUSTODIAL	8,164.00	2.69	8,166.69	8,166.69	-
UTILITIES	13,665.00		13,665.00	11,664.72	2,000.28
MAINTENANCE	5,000.00	1,500.00	6,500.00	6,227.17	272.83
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	200.00		200.00	162.07	37.93
HIGHWAYS					
SUPERINTENDENT	58,868.00		58,868.00	58,868.00	-
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	72,220.00		72,220.00	72,220.00	-
GENERAL HIGHWAYS	78,883.00		78,883.00	78,883.00	-
SNOW & ICE	37,224.00		37,224.00	87,398.78	(50,174.78) B
STREET SWEEPING	16,000.00		16,000.00	16,000.00	-
MACHINERY MAINT	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,997.44	2.56
TOWN GARAGE	4,600.00		4,600.00	4,600.00	-
ANIMAL INSPECTIONS					
SALARY	1,808.00		1,808.00	1,808.00	-
EXPENSES	240.00		240.00		240.00
CIVIL DEFENSE SUPPLIES	10.00		10.00		10.00
DOG OFFICER					
ANIMAL CONTROL	13,435.00		13,435.00	13,435.00	-
DOG DAMAGE FUND	300.00		300.00	45.00	255.00
FIRE DEPT					
CHIEF'S SALARY	847.00		847.00	847.00	-
CHIEF'S EXPENSES	1,000.00		1,000.00	636.58	363.42
OPERATIONS	22,038.00		22,038.00	22,038.00	-
FOREST FIRES					
WARDEN	557.00		557.00	557.00	-
EXPENSES	1,333.00	497.00 A	1,830.00	1,330.00	500.00
BOARD OF HEALTH					
SALARY	3,583.00		3,583.00	3,582.96	0.04
EXPENSES	3,000.00		3,000.00	1,333.07	1,666.93
POLICE					
CHIEF'S SALARY	61,500.00		61,500.00	61,500.00	-
OFFICER SALARIES	631,965.00	3,867.47	635,832.47	635,620.64	211.83
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	7,889.00		7,889.00	7,889.00	-
EXPENSES	33,466.00		33,466.00	33,424.08	41.92
TRAINING	17,929.00		17,929.00	17,929.00	-
CAREER INCENTIVE	74,500.00		74,500.00	74,500.00	-
WMLEC	250.00		250.00		250.00
ELECTIONS	871.00		871.00	871.00	-
TOWING	250.00		250.00	250.00	-
WATER DISTRICT					
OPERATION	5,322.00		5,322.00	2,367.77	2,954.23
TESTING	5,952.00		5,952.00	5,951.90	0.10
SCHOOL DISTRICT					
REGIONAL ASSESSMENT	5,309,652.00		5,309,652.00	5,309,652.00	-
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00		7,616.00	7,616.00	-



LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT SERVICE					
PRINCIPAL	292,570.00		292,570.00	292,570.00	-
INTEREST	29,850.00		29,850.00	29,850.00	-
SCHOOL DEBT	59,397.00		59,397.00	65,807.85	(6,410.85) B
CARRY OVER ACCOUNTS					
RESERVE FUND	20,000.00	(20,000.00)			
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 11/13/00					
#3 ROOF	11,566.85		11,566.85		11,566.85 C
#11 COMPUTERS	4,200.00		4,200.00	3,037.91	1,162.09 C
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/19/01					
#11 SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR	12,000.00		12,000.00		12,000.00 C
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 4/29/02					
#3 TOWN HOSE REPAIR	2,295.00		2,295.00		2,295.00 C
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/21/02					
#1 STORM DRAIN	13,049.83		13,049.83	2,598.37	10,451.46 C
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 4/28/03					
#2 NEW CRUISER	29,000.00		29,000.00	29,000.00	
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/28/03					
#16 HIGHWAY TRUCK	86,500.00		86,500.00	86,500.00	
#18 COPIER	3,800.00		3,800.00	3,345.50	454.50 C
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/27/03					
#5 FIRE TRUCK REPAIR	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,617.80	382.20 C
#4 CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	4,500.00	1,000.00	4,500.00	5,145.85	354.15 C
#3 STABILIZATION FUND	59,794.00		59,794.00	59,794.00	
ASSESSMENTS					
VETERAN'S SERVICE DIST	11,743.50		11,743.50	12,523.50	(780.00) B
POLLUTION CONTROL DIST	1,106.00		1,106.00	1,106.00	-
PV PLANNING DISTRICT	775.63		775.63	775.65	(0.02) B
REGISTRY SERVICES	2,260.00		2,260.00	2,260.00	-
PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT	10,368.00		10,368.00	10,368.00	-
COUNTY TAX	330.00		330.00	330.00	-
TOTALS	8,193,482.81		8,193,482.81	8,185,577.73	7,905.08

A) ADVISORY BOARD TRANSFERS

B) OVERDRAWN ACCOUNTS TO BE RAISED ON FY 2005 RECAP

C) CARRY OVER TO 2005 FOR EXPENDITURE

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN**  
**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**  
**6/30/04**

**GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT**

TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
SALARY	20,588.62
CLERICAL	3,500.00
ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
CLERICAL	712.40
APPEALS BOARD	
CLERICAL	1,868.00
EXPENSES	130.53
ASSESSORS	
SALARIES	12,207.00
CLERICAL	11,348.75
EXPENSES	1,226.84
REVALUATION UPDATE	3,500.00
MAPPING MAINTENANCE	950.00
FIELD REVIEW	1,200.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	173,660.00
INSURANCE	
PROPERTY & CASUALTY	68,068.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	145,029.78
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	13,696.75
LONGEVITY	4,900.00
LAW & CLAIMS	20,821.46
PLANNING BOARD	
CLERICAL	5,303.30
EXPENSES	531.62
ELECTIONS	
REGISTRARS	742.00
ELECTION EXPENSE	2,142.82
STREET LISTS	1,900.00
SELECTMEN	
SALARIES	6,117.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST'	22,947.24
CLERICAL	14,656.38
EXPENSES	1,616.33
LEGAL ADVERTISING	292.10



TAX COLLECTOR		
SALARY	23,402.00	
CLERICAL	5,039.03	
EXPENSES	1,988.56	
COMPUTER MAINT	4,169.00	
TOWN CLERK		
SALARY	23,402.00	
CLERICAL	3,027.87	
EXPENSES	880.44	
TOWN REPORT	4,682.00	
TREASURER		
SALARY	28,480.00	
CLERICAL	6,837.00	
EXPENSES	623.52	
CERTIFYING NOTES	10.00	
SHORT TERM INTEREST	4,469.95	
PAYROLL SERVICE	7,024.00	
BANK SERVICE FEES	40.00	
TAX TITLES	5,361.71	
VETERAN'S BENEFITS	8,490.06	
GREATER SPFLD SENIORS	467.00	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b>668,051.06</b>
<b>GENERAL TOWN SERVICES</b>		
ACADEMY HALL MAINT	1,730.53	
CONSERVATION		
CLERICAL	815.28	
EXPENSES	421.48	
MONITORING AND TESTING	12,912.00	
LIBRARY		
SALARIES	75,546.00	
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	18,048.00	
EXPENSES	5,514.00	
TOWN EVENTS	630.62	
OFFICE EQUIPMENT		
ACQUISITION	31.48	
MAINTENANCE	5,411.38	
SUPPLIES	921.88	
POSTAGE	9,739.45	
PARKS & RECREATION		
SALARIES	6,296.51	
EXPENSES	6,283.24	
DIRECTOR	30,875.00	

PUBLIC GROUNDS		
SALARIES	23,643.00	
EXPENSES	7,455.00	
TOWN HOUSE		
CUSTODIAN	10,736.69	
MAINTENANCE	5,389.93	
UTILITIES	26,431.69	
TREE WARDEN	225.00	
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	12,328.92	
GASOLINE	24,999.39	
STREET LIGHTING	14,824.70	
COUNCIL ON AGING		
DIRECTOR	29,076.00	
CLERICAL	21,454.57	
EXPENSES	1,782.63	
SENIOR CENTER		
CUSTODIAL	8,166.69	
UTILITIES	11,664.72	
MAINTENANCE	6,227.17	
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	162.07	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL TOWN SERVICES</b>		379,745.02
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>		
SUPERINTENDENT	58,868.00	
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE		
SALARIES	27,099.00	
EXPENSES	45,121.00	
GENERAL HIGHWAYS		
SALARIES	69,124.00	
EXPENSES	9,759.00	
SNOW & ICE		
SALARIES	39,378.08	
EXPENSES	48,020.70	
STREET SWEEPING	16,000.00	
ROAD MACHINERY MAINT	9,997.44	
TOWN GARAGE MAINTENANCE	4,600.00	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAYS</b>		327,967.22

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

ANIMAL INSPECTOR		
SALARY	1,808.00	
DOG OFFICER	13,480.00	
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
CHIEF SALARY	847.00	
CHIEF EXPENSES	636.58	
OPERATIONS	22,038.00	
FOREST FIRES		
WARDEN	1,330.00	
EXPENSES	557.00	
BOARD OF HEALTH		
SALARY	3,582.96	
EXPENSES	1,333.07	
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
CHIEF SALARY	61,500.00	
OFFICER SALARIES	635,620.64	
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	7,889.00	
EXPENSES	33,424.08	
TRAINING	17,929.00	
CAREER INCENTIVE	74,500.00	
LEAA MATCHING FUNDS	250.00	
ELECTION COVERAGE	871.00	
WATER DISTRICT		
OPERATIONS	2,367.77	
TESTING	5,951.90	
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		885,916.00
SCHOOLS		
REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	5,309,652.00	
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00	
TOTAL SCHOOLS		5,317,268.00
DEBT SERVICE		
LONG TERM DEBT PRINCIPAL	292,570.00	
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	29,850.00	
SCHOOL DEBT	65,807.85	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		388,227.85



TOWN OF HAMPDEN  
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES  
6/30/04

**TAXES AND EXCISES \*\***

REAL ESTATE

2004	6,290,433.88	
2003	131,947.48	
2002	1,523.13	
ROLL BACK TAX	7,375.63	
PRO-FORMA TAX	4,946.61	
		<u>6,436,226.73</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY

2004	210,051.96	
2003	657.07	
2002	716.30	
		<u>211,425.33</u>

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

2004	30,729.99	
2003	582.54	
2002	599.69	
		<u>31,912.22</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

2004	459,901.70	
2003	118,194.42	
2002	6,643.09	
2001	743.85	
2000& PRIOR	268.23	
		<u>585,751.29</u>

TAX LIENS AND COSTS

56,260.59

**TOTAL TAXES AND EXCISES**

7,321,576.16

**LOCAL REVENUES**

SELECTMEN	7,683.00
TAX COLLECTOR	18,410.00
TOWN CLERK	8,188.40
BOARD OF HEALTH	210.00
POLICE DEP'T	4,002.50
DISTRICT COURT	29,333.50
INVESTMENT INTEREST	10,638.32
SALE & USE TOWN PROPERTY	5,000.00
ALL OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	1,138.31
INTEREST ON TAXES	22,276.66

**TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE**

106,880.69

**ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES**

11/13/00 SPECIAL		
ART #11 COMPUTER	3,037.91	
10/21/02 SPECIAL		
ART#1 STORM DRAIN	2,598.37	
4/28/03 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING		
ART#2 CRUISER	29,000.00	
ART#6 HIGHWAY TRUCK	86,500.00	
ART#18 COPIER	3,345.50	
10/27/03 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING		
ART#4 CAPITAL ASSET AUDIT	5,145.85	
ART#5 FIRE TRUCK	1,617.80	
ART #3 STABILIZATION FUND	59,794.00	
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS</b>		<b>191,039.43</b>

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES****STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS**

VETERAN'S SERVICE DISTRICT	12,523.50	
POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT	1,106.00	
PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING	775.65	
REGISTRY SERVICES	2,260.00	
PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT	10,368.00	
COUNTY TAX	330.00	
<b>TOTAL STATE &amp; COUNTY ASSESSMENTS</b>		<b>27,363.15</b>

**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS****TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS****PAYABLES**

TEMPORARY NOTES	500,000.00	
COUNTY RETIREMENT	111,810.95	
GROUP INSURANCE	91,545.45	
UNION DUES	6,624.50	
FEES PAYABLE	13,072.90	
TAILINGS	2,051.79	
<b>TOTAL PAYABLES</b>		

**TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES**

CASH AND SAVINGS 6/30/04	168,553.63	
WARRANTS PAYABLE	(65,402.00)	
<b>VERIFYING BALANCE</b>	<b>9,045,433.92</b>	

**STATE REVENUES**

VETERAN'S REIMBURSE.	3,512.21	
EXEMPTS/ELDERLY-VETERANS	7,891.25	
LOTTERY AID	514,302.00	
QUINN BILL	35,845.62	

**TOTAL STATE REVENUES** 561,551.08

**TOTAL ALL REVENUES** 7,990,007.93

**PAYABLES**

TEMPORARY NOTES	500,000.00	
COUNTY RETIREMENT	123,219.11	
GROUP INSURANCE	99,162.79	
UNION DUES	6,530.69	
FEES PAYABLE	14,519.50	
HIGHWAY TRUCK BORROWING	86,400.00	
TAILINGS	2,316.65	

**TOTAL PAYABLES** 832,148.74

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** 8,822,156.67

CASH AND SAVINGS 7/1/03	271,173.89
WARRANTS PAYABLE	(47,896.64)

**VERIFYING BALANCE** 9,045,433.92

**\*\* NET OF REFUNDS**



**TOWN OF HAMPDEN**  
**STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES**  
6/30/04

	BALANCE FWD	COMMITMENTS	COLLECTIONS	ABATES ADJUSTS	TAX TITLES	REFUNDS	OPEN 6/30/2004	GENERAL LEDGER
<b>REAL ESTATE TAXES</b>								
LEVY OF 2004		6,456,667.60	6,291,162.81	31,860.55		728.93	134,373.17	134,373.17
LEVY OF 2004CPA		31,336.37	30,729.99				606.38	606.38
LEVY OF 2003	139,108.33		131,947.48				7,160.85	7,160.85
LEVY OF 2003 CPA	717.92		582.54				135.38	135.38
LEVY OF 2002	1,523.13		1,523.13				-	-
LEVY OF 2002 CPA	599.69		599.69				-	-
PRO-FORMA TAX		4,946.61	4,946.61				-	-
ROLL BACK TAXES		7,375.63	7,375.63				-	-
<b>TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES</b>	<b>141,949.07</b>	<b>6,500,326.21</b>	<b>6,468,867.88</b>	<b>31,860.55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>728.93</b>	<b>142,275.78</b>	<b>142,275.78</b>
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>								
LEVY OF 2004		214,393.86	210,051.96	1,852.04			2,489.86	2,489.86
LEVY OF 2003	2,096.82		715.91			58.94	1,439.85	1,439.85
LEVY OF 2002 & PRIOR	2,599.27		716.30	1,822.87			-	-
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>4,696.09</b>	<b>214,393.86</b>	<b>211,484.17</b>	<b>3,674.91</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58.94</b>	<b>3,929.71</b>	<b>3,929.71</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISES</b>								
LEVY OF 2004		524,727.31	461,861.71	10,601.06		1,960.01	54,224.55	54,224.55
LEVY OF 2003	49,794.28	87,477.78	127,058.23	9,511.88		8,863.71	9,565.66	9,565.66
LEVY OF 2002	10,328.28	1,773.23	7,259.05	845.34		615.96	4,613.08	4,613.08
LEVY OF 2001	3,057.08		743.85				2,313.23	2,313.23
LEVY OF 2000 & PRIOR	747.71		268.23				479.48	479.48
<b>TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES</b>	<b>63,927.35</b>	<b>613,978.32</b>	<b>597,191.07</b>	<b>20,958.28</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,439.68</b>	<b>71,196.00</b>	<b>71,196.00</b>
<b>TAX LIENS RECEIVABLE</b>	<b>88,122.96</b>	<b>29774.88</b>	<b>56,260.59</b>				<b>69,989.25</b>	<b>69,989.25</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL LEVIES</b>	<b>298,695.47</b>	<b>7,358,473.27</b>	<b>7,333,803.71</b>	<b>56,493.74</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,227.55</b>	<b>287,390.74</b>	<b>287,390.74</b>

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTES  
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN BOND INDEBTEDNESS  
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

DESCRIPTION	INTEREST RATE	YEAR ISSUED	MATURITY DATE	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	BALANCE JULY 1, 2003	PAID FY2004	BALANCE JUNE 30, 2004
OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT ALL PROJECTS	3.00%	2003	11/01/08		\$ 1,287,570	\$ 292,570	\$ 995,000

AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
FY2005	\$ 290,000	\$ 29,850	\$ 319,850
FY2006	\$ 260,000	\$ 21,150	\$ 281,150
FY2007	\$ 250,000	\$ 13,350	\$ 263,350
FY2008	\$ 195,000	\$ 5,850	\$ 200,850

TOWN OF HAMPDEN  
COMBINING STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TRUST FUNDS  
6/30/2004

	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>FUND BALANCES JULY 1, 2003</u>	<u>EXPENDABLE FUND BALANCES JUNE 30, 2004</u>	<u>NON-EXPENDABLE FUND BALANCES JUNE 30, 2004</u>
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	850.00	381.83		40,337.85	11,278.68	30,291.00
BUMSTEAD FUND		127.54		13,520.80	10,648.34	3,000.00
TOWN COMMONS FUND		19.52		2,069.47	2,088.99	
CONSERVATION FUND		37.80		4,007.67	4,045.47	
MCCRAY FUND		11.61		1,230.42	1,242.03	
LIBRARY FUNDS						
DAY FUND		18.53		1,014.10	532.63	500.00
NEWELL FUND		76.71		5,557.89	4,134.60	1,500.00
KINDERGARTEN FUND	4,939.12	201.02	3,060.89	20,966.33	23,045.58	
GEORGE BALLARD FUND		18.81		1,057.06	575.87	500.00
CHARLES BALLARD FUND		18.81		1,057.06	575.87	500.00
STODDARD FUND		164.47		12,040.20	12,204.67	
HOLT FUND		49.45		2,287.29	1,336.74	
FLYNN FUND		45.22		3,417.98	3,463.20	
ENSLIN FUND		42.57	642.85	3,404.58	2,804.30	1,000.00
FAYE FLYNN FUND		45.20		3,387.51	3,432.71	
DAN FLYNN FUND		35.23		2,976.58	3,011.81	
ROBERT BOHLKE TRUST FUND	15,000.00	129.49			129.49	15,000.00
DICKINSON FUND		66.42		4,473.42	4,539.84	
STABILIZATION FUND	319,588.00	1,442.84	259,794.00	213,090.82	274,327.66	
	<u>340,377.12</u>	<u>2,933.07</u>	<u>263,497.74</u>	<u>335,897.03</u>	<u>363,418.48</u>	<u>52,291.00</u>



# STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	EXCESS OVER(UNDER)	FUND BALANCE JULY 01, 2003	FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2004
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>					
CONTRACT # 246120	129,161.34	129,161.34	-		-
CONTRACT # 53C120	29,843.29	29,843.29	-		-
CONTRACT #246B		64,260.90			(64,260.90)
CONTRACT #4246123		14,000.00			(14,000.00)
<b>STATE &amp; FEDERAL GRANTS</b>					
COPS MORE	28,500.00	27,909.26	590.74	14,721.24	15,311.98
TRAFFIC GRANT	1,550.44	898.21	652.23	(1,723.13)	(1,070.90)
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,853.39	3,081.29	(1,227.90)	592.37	(635.53)
TASK FORCE	1,550.00	4,824.09	(3,274.09)	3,545.07	270.98
FAMILY INVOLVEMENT				103.81	103.81
BULLET PROOF VESTS	1,997.00	1,852.00	145.00	(5,405.93)	(5,260.93)
COUNCIL ON AGING GRANTS	12,854.12	13,949.50	(1,095.38)	1,854.68	759.30
LIBRARY GRANTS	5,642.34	6,270.89	(628.55)	25,924.20	25,295.65
ARTS LOTTERY GRANT	2,220.00	500.00	1,720.00	1,877.42	3,597.42
FIRE SERVICE SAFE GRANT	7,950.00	6,687.50	1,262.50	1,523.57	2,786.07
MANDATE REIMBURSMENT	273.00		273.00	133.63	406.63
<b>OTHER</b>					
SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR	1,581.80		1,581.80	39,184.39	40,766.19
ASSESSORS REVOLVING	293.50		293.50	1,360.05	1,653.55
COUNCIL ON AGING REVOLVING	10,609.49	20,218.05	(9,608.56)	14,020.34	4,411.78
CONSERVATION REVOLVING	1,852.50	7,472.33	(5,619.83)	10,198.70	4,578.87
HISTORICAL COMMISSION REVOLVING	25.00		25.00	135.00	160.00
LIBRARY REVOLVING	2,798.71	2,841.84	(43.13)	1,780.03	1,736.90
BOARD OF HEALTH REVOLVING	19,107.25	16,128.80	2,978.45	5,059.99	8,038.44
PARKS & RECREATION REVOLVING	92,489.33	84,184.24	8,305.09	24,309.42	32,614.51
TRANSFER STATION REVOLVING	101,017.64	75,037.90	25,979.74	1,524.31	27,504.05
BUILDING INSPECTOR REVOLVING	26,032.60	19,415.60	6,617.00	3,223.47	9,840.47
DARE GIFTS	244.38	2,815.47	(2,571.09)	4,035.63	1,464.54
POLICE OFF DUTY	38,159.15	34,995.21	3,163.94	6,605.82	9,769.76
RESTITUTION	7,480.76	2,876.00	4,604.76	5,042.70	9,647.46
ENGINEERING FEES	9,000.00	5,192.65	3,807.35	7,997.22	11,804.57
POLICE/FIRE GIFTS	8,344.00	7,600.75	743.25	793.49	1,536.74
	542,431.03	582,017.11	(39,586.08)	168,417.49	128,831.41

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS  
STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE  
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT  
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	EXCESS OVER(UNDER)	FUND BALANCE JULY 01, 2003	FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2004
	61,879	4,990	56,889	55,300	112,189
	<u>61,879</u>	<u>4,990</u>	<u>56,889</u>	<u>55,300</u>	<u>112,189</u>

RESERVED

1) SOURCES OF REVENUES

COMMONWEALTH 29,650  
TAX LEVY 31,912  
INTEREST 317

2) USES OF FUNDS  
CEMETERIES

4,990

## **REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

Once again, the budget for the Town of Hampden proves to be a challenge. As in prior years, we are faced with uncertainty about state aid; therefore, it is likely that Town Meeting will be recessed on April 25, 2005 as in 2004. Town meeting will then reconvene at a later date when we have firmer numbers from the state. This will be discussed at our public hearing on the 2006 budget and warrant articles, which is to be held April 11, 2005. The opinions of residents provide valuable input to the Advisory Board and are always considered in our final recommendations on the budget.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas Boyd  
Michael Crowley  
Elizabeth deSousa, Chair  
Timothy Marini  
Peter Nossal



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TOWN OF HAMPDEN  
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated May 17, 2004	Fiscal 2006 Requested
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
<b>1.0 Accountant</b>			
1.1 Salary	20,588.62	21,806	22,351
1.2 Clerical	0	0	0
1.3 Expenses	3,500.00	3,500	5,000
<b>Total Accountant</b>	<b>24,089</b>	<b>25,306</b>	<b>27,351</b>
<b>2.0 Advisory Committee</b>			
2.1 Clerical	712.40	2,800	3,680
2.2 Expenses	0	200	200
<b>Total Advisory</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,880</b>
<b>3.0 Appeals, Board of</b>			
3.1 Clerical	1,868.00	2,873	2,945
3.2 Expenses	130.53	160	200
<b>Total Appeals</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>3,145</b>
<b>4.0 Assessors, Board of</b>			
4.1 Salaries	12,207.00	12,512	12,815
4.2 Clerical	11,348.75	12,554	17,380
4.3 Expenses	1,226.84	2,500	2,500
4.4 Data Processing	-	0	0
4.5 Revaluation Update	3,500.00	4,000	5,000
4.6 Mapping Maintenance	950.00 *1	900	900
4.7 Computer Maint. & Supp.	0	0	0
4.8 Field Review	1,200.00	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Assessors</b>	<b>30,433</b>	<b>34,466</b>	<b>40,595</b>

\*1 Includes transfer of \$50 from Reserve Fund

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	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
<b>5.0 Building Department Expenses</b>			
5.1 Code and General Enforcement	400	410	420
5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	0	0	0
<b>Total Building Dept.</b>	<u>400</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>420</u>
<b>6.0 County Retirement</b>	<b>173,660.00</b>	<b>196,273</b>	<b>213,020</b>
<b>7.0 Insurance</b>			
7.1 Property and Liability	68,088.00 *2	67,538	82,000
7.2 Employee Benefits	145,029.78 *3	156,500 *4	191,413
7.3 Unemployment Compensation	13,696.75	2,000	2,000
7.4 Longevity	4,900.00	5,800	4,560
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<u>231,695</u>	<u>242,328</u>	<u>279,973</u>
*2 Includes transfer of \$530 from Reserve Fund			
*3 Includes transfer of \$3510.78 from Reserve Fund			
*4 STM Oct 2004, Article 3			
<b>8.0 Law and Claims</b>			
8.1 General	20,821.46	20,000	26,000
<b>Total Law</b>	<u>20,821</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>
<b>9.0 Moderator</b>			
9.1 Salary	0	0	0
9.2 Expenses	100	100	100
<b>Total Moderator</b>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
<b>10.0 Planning Board</b>			
10.2 Clerical	5,303.30	8,155	8,627
10.3 Expenses	531.62	535	535
<b>Total Planning Board</b>	<u>5,835</u>	<u>8,690</u>	<u>9,162</u>

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	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
<b>11.0 Registrars, Board of (Voters)</b>			
11.1 Salaries	742.00	761	780
11.2 Election Expenses	2,142.82 *5	3,700	1,100
11.3 Street Lists	1,900.00	1,900	1,900
<b>Total Registrars</b>	<b>4,785</b>	<b>6,361</b>	<b>3,780</b>
*5 Includes transfer of \$1,250.35 from Reserve Fund			
<b>12.0 Selectman</b>			
12.1 Salaries	6,117.00	9,100	9,327
12.2 Administrative Asst.	22,947.24	25,338	27,547
12.3 Secretarial	14,656.38 *6	0 *8	0
12.4 Expenses	1,616.33 *7	1,600	1,600
12.5 Legal Advertising	292.10	400	400
12.6 Computer Study Committee	0	0	0
12.7 Temporary Help	0	0	500
<b>Total Selectman</b>	<b>45,629</b>	<b>36,438</b>	<b>39,374</b>
*6 Includes transfer of \$620.38 from Reserve Fund			
*7 Includes transfer of \$16.33 from Reserve Fund			
*8 Secretarial is now 56.2			
<b>13.0 Tax Collector</b>			
13.1 Salary	23,402.00	23,987	23,987
13.2 Clerical	5,039.03	7,282	7,464
13.3 Expenses	1,988.56	2,100	2,100
13.4 Computer Maintenance	4,169.00	4,175	4,975
13.5 Tax Title Work	0	250	250
13.6 Tax Title Admin.	0	0	0
<b>Total Tax Collector</b>	<b>34,599</b>	<b>37,794</b>	<b>38,776</b>



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14.0	Town Clerk	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
	14.1 Salary	23,402.00	23,987	23,987
	14.2 Clerical	3,027.87	4,723	4,841
	14.3 Expenses	880.44	1,000	1,000
	14.4 Town Publications	0	0	0
	<b>Total Town Clerk</b>	<b>27,310</b>	<b>29,710</b>	<b>29,828</b>
15.0	Town Report	4,682.00 *9	3,000	3,000
	*9 Includes transfer of \$1,730 from Reserve Fund			
16.0	Treasurer	28,480.00	29,192	29,922
	16.1 Salary	6,837.00	7,008	7,183
	16.2 Clerical	623.52	900	900
	16.3 Expenses	7,024.00	100	100
	16.4 Certifying Notes	10.00	2,500	2,500
	16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	4,469.95	700	700
	16.6 Tax Title Expense	5,361.71 *10	5,500	7,100
	16.7 Payroll Service	40.00	250	250
	16.8 Bank Service Charges	0	0	0
	16.9 Tax Title Admin.	52,846	46,150	48,655
	<b>Total Treasurer</b>			
	*10 Includes \$1,500 transfer from Reserve Fund			
17.0	Veterans' Benefits	8,490.06 *11	8,246	9,500
	*11 Includes transfer of \$1,400 from Reserve Fund			
18.0	Greater Springfield Senior Services	467.00	467	467
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b>668,551</b>	<b>701,772</b>	<b>777,026</b>

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GENERAL TOWN SERVICES

		Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance *12 Includes transfer of \$700 from Reserve Fund	1,730.53 *12	2,000	2,500
21.0	<b>Cemetery Commission</b>			
	21.1 Clerical		585	585
	21.2 Expenses		80	80
	21.3 Maintenance		0	1860
	<b>Total Cemetery Commission</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>2525</u>
22.0	<b>Conservation Commission</b>			
	22.1 Clerical	815.28	2,800	6,000
	22.2 Expenses	421.48	450	1000
	<b>Total Conservation Commission</b>	<u>1,237</u>	<u>3,250</u>	<u>7,000</u>
23.0	<b>Transfer Station</b>			
	23.1 Operation	0	90,000	90,000
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing	12,912.00	14,400	14,400
	<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<u>12,912</u>	<u>104,400</u>	<u>104,400</u>
24.0	School Buildings Repairs	0	0	0
25.0	Insect Pest Control	0	0	0
26.0	<b>Library</b>			
	26.1 Salaries			
	26.2 Expenses			
	26.3 Books and Periodicals			
	<b>Total Library</b>			
	*13 Includes transfer of \$1,600 from Reserve Fund	99,108.00 *13	102,670	108,290
27.0	<b>Town Events</b>	630.62	800	800



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	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
<b>29.0 Office Equipment</b>			
29.1 Acquisition	31.48	500	500
29.2 Maintenance	5,411.38	7,000	7,000
29.3 Supplies	921.88	5,000	5,000
29.4 Postage	9,739.45	9,778	9,778
<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>16,104</b>	<b>22,278</b>	<b>22,278</b>
<b>30.0 Parks and Recreation</b>			
30.1 Salaries	6,296.51	500	5,120
30.2 Operating Expenses	6,283.24	3,650	6,530
30.3 Capital Improvements	0	0	0
30.4 Baseball	0	0	0
30.5 Softball	0	0	0
30.6 Girls Soccer	0	0	0
30.7 Boys Soccer	0	0	0
30.8 Basketball	0	0	0
30.9 Director's Salary	30,875.00	33,501	35,549
<b>Total Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>43,455</b>	<b>37,651</b>	<b>47,199</b>
<b>31.0 Public Grounds</b>	<b>31,098.00</b>	<b>25,559</b>	<b>30,178</b>
<b>32.0 Town House Maintenance</b>			
32.1 Custodial	10,736.69	16,585	16,585
32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	5,389.93	6,000	6,800
32.3 Heat and Utilities	26,431.69	29,600	37,300
<b>Total Town House Maintenance</b>	<b>42,558</b>	<b>52,185</b>	<b>60,685</b>



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	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
33.0 Tree Warden			
33.1 Expenses	225.00 *14	500	3,500
33.2 Planting Trees	0	0	0
Total Tree Warden	225	500	3,500
*14 Includes transfer of \$225 from Reserve Fund			
34.0 Ambulance	12,328.92	12,452	12,577
35.0 Gasoline	24,999.39	25,000	35,050
36.0 Street Lighting	14,824.70	15,100	17,176
37.0 Council on Aging			
37.1 Director's Salary	29,076.00	31,638	34,434
37.2 Clerk	21,454.57	18,380	24,111
37.3 Expenses	1,782.63	0	1,000
37.4 Temporary Help	0	0	0
Total Council on Aging	52,313	50,018	59,545
38.0 Senior Center			
38.1 Custodial	8,166.69 *15	8,854	9,589
38.2 Utilities	11,664.72 *16	10,139	12,139
38.3 Building Maintenance	6,227.17	6,000	8,000
38.4 Grounds Maintenance	0	0	0
Total Senior Center	26,059	24,993	29,728
*15 Includes transfer of \$2.69 by Advisory			
*16 Includes transfer of \$1,500 from Reserve Fund			
39.0 Historical Commission	162.07	200	200
Total General Town Services	379,745	479,721	543,631

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
40.0 Superintendent's Salary	58,868.00	58,868	61,514
41.1 Paving		0	0
42.0 Highway Maintenance	72,220.00	74,861	76,180
43.0 General Highway Expense	78,883.00	83,387	84,775
44.0 Snow and Ice Removal	87,398.78	37,224	37,224
45.0 Street Sweeping and Catch Basin Cleaning *17 STM Oct. 2004, Article 3	16,000.00	33,000 *17	34,500
46.0 Other Highway Accounts			
46.1 Highway Engineering		0	0
46.2 Road Machinery Maintenance	9,997.44	10,000	10,000
46.3 Town Garage Maintenance	4,600.00	4,600	4,600
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>327,967</b>	<b>301,940</b>	<b>308,793</b>

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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
50.0 Animal Inspection			
50.1 Salary	1,808.00	1,853	1,900
50.2 Expenses	0	240	240
50.3 Rabies Management	0	0	0
Total Animal Inspection	<u>1,808</u>	<u>2,093</u>	<u>2,140</u>
51.0 Civil Defense Supplies	0	10	10
52.0 Dog Officer			
52.1 Animal Control Account	13,435.00	13,445	13,915
52.2 Dog Damage Fund	45.00	300	300
Total Dog Officer	<u>13,480</u>	<u>13,745</u>	<u>14,215</u>
53.0 Fire Department			
53.1 Fire Chief Salary	847.00	868	890
53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	636.58	1,000	1,200
53.3 Operation	22,038.00	22,589	23,154
Total Fire Department	<u>23,522</u>	<u>24,457</u>	<u>25,244</u>
54.0 Forest Fires	1,330.00 *18	1,333	1,383
*18 Includes transfer of \$497 from Reserve Fund			
55.0 Forest Fire Warden	557.00	557	571
56.0 Health, Board of			
56.1 Salary	3,582.96	3,673	3,764
56.2 Clerk Salary	-	17,760	20,358
56.3 Expenses	1,333.07	3000	3000
Total Board of Health	<u>4,916</u>	<u>24,433</u>	<u>27,122</u>



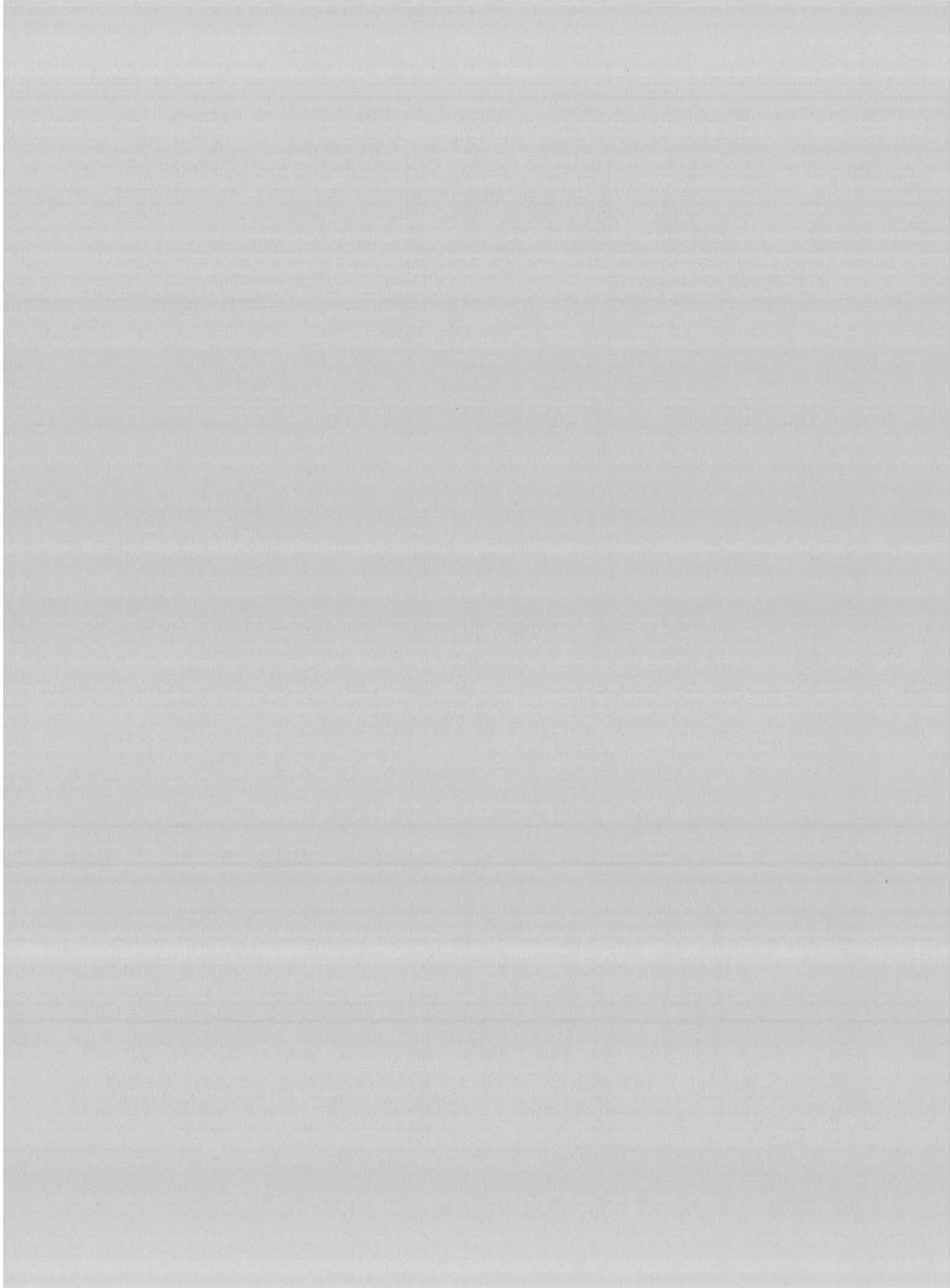
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	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
<b>565.5 Water District</b>			
565.1 Operations	2,367.77	6,889	6,889
565.2 Testing	5,951.90	2,900	2,900
<b>Total Water District</b>	<b>8,319.67</b>	<b>9,789</b>	<b>9,789</b>
<b>57.0 Police</b>			
57.1 Chief's Salary	61,500.00	63,038	63,038.00
57.2 General Salaries	635,620.64 *19	671,188	674,748.03
57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	7,889.00	12,291	15,082.00
57.4 General Expenses	33,424.08	35,500	36,625.00
57.5 New Cruisers	0	27,000 *20	0.00
57.6 Training	17,929.00	19,500	24,852.86
57.7 Equipment		5,616	6,828.36
57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	74,500.00	74,960	83,651.61
57.9 Additional Officer	0	0	0.00
*19 Includes transfer of \$3,867.47 from Reserve Fund			
*20 STM Oct 2004, Article 4			
<b>58.0 Other Police Accounts</b>			
58.1 Election and Town Meetings	871.00	2,100	910.00
58.2 Towing Clerk	250.00	100	100.00
58.3 WMLEC		250	250.00
<b>59.0 Parking Clerk</b>		0	
<b>Total Police</b>	<b>831,984</b>	<b>911,543</b>	<b>906,086</b>
<b>TOTAL PROTECTION</b>	<b>885,916</b>	<b>987,960</b>	<b>986,560</b>

DRAFT: 3/21/05

SCHOOLS

	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
69.0 Regional School District			
69.1 Assessment	5,309,652.00	5,539,683	5,881,172
69.2 Teacher Deferral	7,616.00	7,616	7,616
Total Regional School District	<u>5,317,268</u>	<u>5,547,299</u>	<u>5,888,788</u>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>7,579,447</b>	<b>8,018,692</b>	<b>8,504,798</b>
70.0 Local Government Debt			
70.1 Principal	292,570.00	290,000	250,000
70.2 Interest	29,850.00	29,850	13,350
70.3 School Debt	65,807.85	56,173	53,072
70.4 Green Meadow BAN		120,515	295,000
70.5 Highway Truck		0	71,400
Total Local Government Debt	<u>388,228</u>	<u>496,538</u>	<u>682,822</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>7,967,675</b>	<b>8,515,230</b>	<b>9,187,620</b>





**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 25, 2005 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

**REPORTS**

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

**BUDGET**

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums to cover same, and to raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.

**PREVIOUS  
BILLS**

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year FY-04 or previous years, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

**STABILIZATION**

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Stabilization Fund, said funds to be made available in calculating the Fiscal Year 2006 tax levy, or take any other action relative thereto.

**REVOLVING  
ACCOUNTS**

Article 5. 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 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.



REVOLVING  
FUNDS

Article 6. 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 \$21,000 for the fiscal year 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.

REVOLVING  
FUNDS

Article 7. 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 \$30,000 for the fiscal year 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.

REVOLVING  
FUNDS

Article 8. 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 purposes 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 part-time salaries, cost of repairs, supplies and for the purchase of books and materials, said fund not to exceed \$6,000 for the fiscal year 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.

REVOLVING  
FUNDS

Article 9. To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Health, to establish a revolving fund for the operation of the Transfer Station, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving proceeds from the sale of recyclable materials, 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 of the Board of Health, and costs of programs or equipment for operating or promoting recycling activities, said fund not to exceed \$10,000 for the fiscal year 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### REVOLVING FUNDS

Article 10. 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 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### HIGHWAYS STATE AID

Article 11. 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, General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### HIGHWAY NEW TRUCK

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the replacement of the one-ton dump truck with plow or take any other action relative thereto.

#### HIGHWAY

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money to fund the additional highway maintenance projects or take any other action relative thereto.

#### CONSERVATION FUND

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Conservation Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted upon and approved at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT PUMPER TRUCK

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase the replacement of a 1969 Dodge Mini-pumper fire truck with a 2005 fire truck or take any other action relative thereto.



TWB SCHOOL  
CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund capital improvements at the Thornton W. Burgess School, or take any other action relative thereto.

LIBRARY  
ADDITIONAL  
STATE AID

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote that in Fiscal Year 2005, 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.

LIBRARY

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of conducting a building feasibility study for a new or renovated library facility or take any other action relative thereto.

ASSESSOR

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to contract for the Triennial Certification of real and personal property, computer software upgrade, and for certification of values to the Department of Revenue, or take any other actions relative thereto.

COMMUNITY  
PRESERVATION  
COMMITTEE

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report and recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY  
PRESERVATION  
COMMITTEE

Article 21. To see if the Town will accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year's appropriation of \$20,000 for the purchase of Minnechaug Mountain as initially voted pursuant to Article 16 at the Special Town Meeting on October 21, 2002, or take any other action relative thereto.

ZONING  
BYLAW

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw within Section 7.2.4, insert after

"There shall be a minimum 100 foot setback from any property line", the following:

"There shall be no more than two (2) substandard frontage lots created within any 320 feet of any frontage on any way"

And adding the following Section 7.2.4.3:



"The impact of creating more than one substandard frontage lots on adjoining land in separate ownership", so that it reads:

There shall be a minimum 100 foot setback from any property line. There shall be no more than two (2) substandard frontage lots created within any 320 feet of frontage on any way. The Planning Board, in making this decision on the Special Permit, must consider:

Protection of adjoining premises against any possible detrimental or offensive uses on the site, including unsightly or obnoxious appearance.

Convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site, and in relation to adjacent streets, property or improvements.

The impact of creating more than one substandard frontage lots on adjoining land in separate ownership.

## ZONING BYLAW

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to consider a special permit for a Planned Unit Residential Development in the location of 87 Stony Hill Road in conformance with the procedures specified in Hampden Zoning By-Laws Section 7.13, Section 7.7 and Section 10. The land in question is described as follows:

Three parcels of land situated on the westerly side of Stony Hill Road and the northerly side of Allen Street, in Hampden, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

### **Parcel 1**

Beginning at an iron pin in the northerly line of Allen Street at the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Barnes; thence

N31°-23'-16"E along land now or formerly of Barnes a distance of one hundred seventy four and 08/100 (174.08) feet to an iron pin; thence

N02°-10'-26"E along land now or formerly of Barnes and Western Mass. Electric Co. a distance of nine hundred eighty seven and 52/100 (987.52) feet to an iron pin; thence

N85°-38'-30"W along land now or formerly of Western Mass. Electric Co. a distance of two hundred ninety one and 95/100 (291.95) feet to a stone bound; thence

N04°-00'-00"E along land now or formerly of Western Mass. Electric Co. a distance of one thousand three hundred twenty six and 45/100 (1,326.45) feet to a stone bound; thence



S85°-27'-40"E along land now or formerly of Turnberg a distance of three hundred fifty five and 59/100 (355.59) feet to an iron pin; thence

S04°-10'-43"W along land now or formerly of Naughton, Southwood Association, Morini and Phaneuf a distance of one thousand three hundred twenty five and 36/100 (1,325.36) feet to a stone bound; thence

S81°-06'-30"E along land now or formerly of Phaneuf a distance of one hundred seventy eight and 41/100 (178.41) feet to an iron pin; thence

S03°-15'-53"W along land now or formerly of Ainsworth a distance of five hundred ninety four and 04/100 (594.04) feet to an iron pin; thence

N85°-37'-40"W along land now or formerly of Chapdelaine a distance of one hundred thirty seven and 80/100 (137.80) feet to an iron pin; thence

S04°-52'-17"W along land now or formerly of Chapdelaine a distance of one hundred ninety two and 23/100 (192.23) feet to an iron pin; thence

S02°-52'-47"W along land now or formerly of Chapdelaine a distance of one hundred ninety nine and 86/100 (199.86) feet to an iron pin; thence

S22°-25'-43"E along land now or formerly of Chapdelaine a distance of thirty two and 19/100 (32.19) feet to an iron pin; thence

S39°-27'-13"W along land now or formerly of Chapdelaine a distance of one hundred ninety four and 09/100 (194.09) feet to an iron pin; thence

N52°-15'-43"W along the northerly line of Allen Street a distance of seventy one and 92/100 (71.92) feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel contains fifteen (15) acres more or less.

#### *Parcel 2*

Beginning at an iron pin in the westerly line of Stony Hill Road at the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Garden; thence

N87°-47'-28"W along land now or formerly of Garden a distance of seven hundred nine and 40/100 (709.40) feet to an iron pin; thence

S02°-12'-32"W along land now or formerly of Garden a distance of two hundred and 00/100 (200.00) feet to an iron pin; thence

N87°-47'-28"W along land now or formerly of Southwood Association a distance of six hundred sixty nine and 92/100 (669.92) feet to an iron pin; thence



Northerly along land now or formerly of Kingston a distance of approximately four hundred sixty two (462) feet to a point; thence

Easterly along land now or formerly of Turnberg a distance of approximately one thousand three hundred fifty three (1,353) feet to a point; thence

Southerly along the westerly line of Stony Hill Road a distance of approximately two hundred sixty one (261) feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel contains eleven (11) acres more or less.

**Parcel 3**

Beginning at an iron pin on the westerly side of Stony Hill Road at the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Morini; thence

N88°-02'W along land now or formerly of Morini a distance of one thousand three hundred sixty nine and 6/10 (1369.6) feet to a point; thence

S05°W along land now or formerly of Kingston a distance of one hundred eighty (180) feet more or less to a point; thence

S80°-59'E along land now or formerly of Kingston and Ainsworth a distance of two hundred seventy seven and 70/100 (277.70) feet to a stone bound; thence

S88°-02'E along land now or formerly of Phelps and Watson a distance of five hundred fifty (550) feet more or less to a point; thence

S87°-44'E along land now or formerly of DelNegro and Larouche a distance of five hundred forty three and 55/100 (543.55) feet to a stone bound; thence

N04°-54'E along the westerly line of Stony Hill Road a distance of two hundred fourteen and 52/100 (214.52) feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel contains six and one-half (6.5) acres more or less.

**ZONING  
BYLAW**

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to consider a special permit for a Planned Unit Residential Development in the location of Mountain Road in conformance with the procedures specified in Hampden Zoning By-Laws section 7.13, Section 7.7 and Section 10. The land in question is described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situated on the westerly side of Mountain Road at the intersection with North Road, in Hampden, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:



Beginning at an iron pin located on the westerly side of Mountain Road approximately two hundred five (205) feet northerly of the intersection of the westerly line of Mountain Road with the westerly line of North Road; thence

N10°-14'-45"W along the westerly line of Mountain Road a distance of one hundred twenty seven and 21/100 (127.21) feet to an iron pin; thence

N85°-47'-15"W along land now or formerly of Curtis a distance of five hundred and 00/100 (500.00) feet to a point; thence

N13°-57'-06"E along land now or formerly of Curtis a distance of two hundred forty five and 62/100 (245.62) feet to a point; thence

N04°-12'-45"E along land now or formerly of Boynton a distance of one hundred sixty nine and 88/100 (169.88) feet to a point; thence

N86°-05'-00"W along land now or formerly of Robinson a distance of two thousand one hundred eighty five and 40/100 (2185.40) feet to a point; thence

S06°-18'-00"W along land now or formerly of Isham, Casey, Pittorino and Olivio a distance of nine hundred five and 26/100 (905.26) feet to a point; thence

S85°-30'-00"E along land of the Town of Hampden a distance of one thousand six hundred ninety four and 82/100 (1694.82) feet to a point; thence

N15°-09'-15"E along land now or formerly of Weston a distance of one hundred fifty and 00/100 (150.00) feet to a point; thence

S85°-30'-00"E along land now or formerly of Weston a distance of about four hundred five (405) feet to a point; thence

Northerly along land now or formerly of Sibilia a distance of about two hundred sixty seven (267) feet to a point; thence

S85°-30'-00"E along land now or formerly of Sibilia about five hundred fifty (550) feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel contains forty five and 30/100 (45.3) acres more or less.

**ZONING  
BYLAW**

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to re-zone a portion of a parcel of land located on the northerly side of North Monson Road owned by Theodore J. and Christine King. A portion of the parcel is currently zoned Business and the request is to change this zoning to Residential District R-6. The land in question is described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situated on the north side of North Monson Road in Hampden, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:



Beginning at an iron pin located on the northerly side of North Monson Road approximately two thousand two hundred (2200) feet easterly of the intersection of the easterly side of Glendale Road and the northerly side of North Monson Road; thence

N82°-10'-45"W along land now or formerly of Rebecca Wertelet a distance of six hundred twenty seven and 56/100 (627.56) feet to an iron pin; thence

N71°-45'-15"E in land of Theodore and Christine King a distance of approximately one thousand seven hundred fifty two (1752) feet to an old rail fence; thence

S09°-48'-00"W along land now or formerly of Balsere a distance of approximately three hundred twenty (320) feet to an iron pin; thence

S79°-53'-30"W along the north side of North Monson Road a distance of two hundred fifty four and 30/100 (254.30) feet to an iron pin; thence

S74°-00'-50"W along the north side of North Monson Road a distance of three hundred four and 70/100 (304.70) feet to an iron pin; thence

S66°-51'-20"W along the north side of North Monson Road a distance of four hundred eighty four and 17/100 (484.17) feet to the point of beginning.

This description is intending to encompass all of the business zoned land on the parcel owned by Theodore J. and Christine King having frontage on North Monson Road.

#### ZONING BYLAW

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw 7.6 by adding 7.622.f. to read as follows:

In the Commercial District, a single "ladder" sign shall be permitted at the entrance to the district, the purpose of which shall be to list the businesses occupying the space in the Commercial District. Each sign shall not exceed eighteen inches (18") in length and six inches (6") in height. Each sign shall be white background with black lettering.

#### GENERAL BYLAWS

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by striking the present Chapter VIII, Protection of Persons or Property, Section 5 and replacing it with the following:

No person, not licensed to do so, shall keep, store, or park more than one motor vehicle, as defined in the General Laws, which is required to be registered in order to be operated upon the ways of the Commonwealth, if said vehicle is unregistered, whether assembled or disassembled, on any premises within the Town, unless stored within an enclosed building, without a permit from the



Chief of Police. Such permit shall be applied for within 30 days of vehicle no longer being registered.

Only one unregistered vehicle may be permitted per address at any given time. Permit fee shall be established annually by the Board of Selectmen.

Violations of this Bylaw shall be punished as outlined in Chapter XI, Section 1 of Non-Criminal Disposition of Certain Violations.

This Bylaw shall not apply to vehicles used for farming purposes.

## GENERAL BYLAW

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a new General Bylaw, Chapter VIII, Protection of Persons or Property, Section 8, to read:

No person shall connect or cause to be connected a fire alarm system to a burglar alarm system whereby the triggering of the burglar alarm would cause the fire alarm system to place a call to the Fire Department.

If a person has for his home or business a burglar alarm system that results in a police call to the person's home or business, the person is liable for a fee of twenty five (\$25) dollars for each false alarm after the first three (3) false alarms in any calendar year.

For the purposes of a burglar alarm, a "false alarm" means the triggering of the alarm by any cause other than by a person whose presence on the premises the alarm system intended to report.

If a person has for his home or business a fire alarm system that results in a Fire Department call to the person's home or business the person is liable for a fee of twenty five (\$25) dollars for each "false alarm" after the first three (3) false alarms in any calendar year.

For the purposes of a fire alarm, a "false alarm" means the triggering of any alarm by any cause other than fire or smoke on the premises which requires the presence of the Fire Department.

All fire alarms shall have a disconnect feature which will automatically prevent an alarm from transmitting for more than fifteen (15) minutes.

GENERAL  
BYLAW

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend  
the Town General Bylaws by adding the following chapter:

***CHAPTER XIV STORMWATER MANAGEMENT***

**1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this chapter is to eliminate non-stormwater discharges to the Town of Hampden's Municipal Storm Drain System. Non-stormwater discharges contain contaminants and supply additional flows to the Town of Hampden's Storm Drain System. Non-stormwater discharges are major causes of:

- a. impairment of water quality and flow in lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, wetlands, and groundwater;
- b. contamination of drinking water supplies;
- c. alteration or destruction of aquatic and wildlife habitat; and
- c. flooding.

Regulation of illicit connections and discharges to the storm drain system is necessary for the protection of the Town of Hampden's, natural resources, municipal facilities, general health, safety, welfare, and the environment. The objectives of this section are:

- a. to prevent pollutants from entering the storm drain;
- b. to prohibit illicit connections and unauthorized discharges to the storm drain
- c. to remove all such illicit connections;
- d. to comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges; and
- e. to establish the legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this section through inspection, monitoring, and enforcement.

**2. DEFINITIONS**

These definitions and provisions shall apply to the "Discharges to the Municipal Drain System" By-Law.

**AUTHORIZED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY** - The Board of Selectman, its employees or agents designated to enforce this by-law.



**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP)** - An activity, procedure, restraint, or structural improvement that helps reduce the quantity or improve quality of stormwater runoff.

**CLEAN WATER ACT** - The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. section 1251 *et seq.*) and as it is amended from time to time.

**DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS** - The addition from any source of any pollutant or combination of pollutants into the storm drain or into waters of the United States or Commonwealth from any source.

**GROUNDWATER** - Water beneath the surface of the ground. Except where the water under the ground is the result of a perched water table.

**ILLICIT CONNECTION** - A surface or subsurface drain or conveyance, which allows an illicit discharge into the storm drain, including without limitation sewage, process wastewater, or wash water and any connections from indoor drains, sinks, or toilets, regardless of whether said connection was previously allowed, permitted, or approved before the effective date of this by-law.

**ILLICIT DISCHARGE** - Direct or indirect discharge to the storm drain that is not composed entirely of stormwater, except as exempted in Section 7. The term does not include a discharge in compliance with an NPDES Storm Water Discharge Permit or resulting from fire fighting activities exempted pursuant to Section 7, subsection d, part 1, of this by-law.

**IMPERVIOUS SURFACE** - Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious surface includes without limitation roads, paved parking lots, sidewalks, and rooftops.

**MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)** - The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Hampden.

**NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) STORM WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT** - A permit issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or jointly with the State of Massachusetts that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States or Commonwealth.

**NON-STORMWATER DISCHARGE** - Discharge to the storm drain not comprised entirely of stormwater.

**PERSON** - An individual, partnership, association, firm, company, trust, corporation, agency, authority, department or political subdivision of the



Commonwealth or the federal government, to the extent permitted by law, and any officer, employee, or agent of such person.

**POLLUTANT** - Any element or property of sewage, residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial waste, runoff, leachate, heated effluent, or other matter whether originating at a point or non-point source, that is or may be introduced into any storm drain system, waters of the United States, and/or Commonwealth. Pollutants shall include without limitation:

1. paints, varnishes, solvents;
2. oil, grease, antifreeze, other automotive fluids and/or products;
3. non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes;
4. refuse, garbage, litter, rubbish, yard wastes, or other discarded or abandoned objects, ordnances, accumulations and floatables;
5. pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers;
6. hazardous materials and wastes;
7. sewage;
8. dissolved and particulate metals;
9. metal objects or materials;
10. animal wastes;
11. rock, sand, salt, soils, or other products/materials that mobilize in surface water runoff;
12. and construction wastes and/or residues.

**PROCESS WASTEWATER** - Water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any material, intermediate product, finished product, or waste product.

**RECHARGE** - The process by which groundwater is replenished by precipitation through the percolation of runoff and surface water through the soil.

**STORMWATER** - Runoff from precipitation or snowmelt.

**TOXIC OR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL or WASTE** - Any material, which because of its quantity, concentration, chemical, corrosive, flammable, reactive, toxic, infectious or radioactive characteristics, either separately or in combination with any substance or substances, constitutes a present or potential threat to human health, safety, welfare or to the environment. Toxic or hazardous material including without limitation:

1. any synthetic organic chemical;



2. petroleum products;
3. heavy metals;
4. radioactive or infectious waste;
5. acid and alkali substances;
6. any substance defined as Toxic or Hazardous under G.L. Ch. 21C and Ch. 21E, and the regulations at 310 CMR 30.000 and 310 CMR 40.000;
7. and any substance listed as hazardous under 40 CFR 261.

**WATERCOURSE** - A natural or man-made channel through which water flows or a stream of water, including a river, brook or underground stream.

**WATERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH** - All waters within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, including, without limitation, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, springs, impoundments, estuaries, wetlands, coastal waters, and groundwater.

**WASTEWATER** - Any sanitary waste, sludge, or septic tank or cesspool overflow, and water that during manufacturing, cleaning or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, by-product or waste product.

### 3. **APPLICABILITY**

This section shall apply to flows entering the municipally owned and/or operated storm drainage system.

### 4. **AUTHORITY**

This by-law is adopted under the authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Home Rule statutes, and the regulations of the federal Clean Water Act 40 CFR 122.34.

### 5. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION**

The Board of Selectmen shall administer, implement and enforce this by-law. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Board of Selectmen to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this by-law.

### 6. **REGULATIONS**

The Board of Selectmen may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purpose of by-law. Failure by the Board of Selectmen to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this by-law.

### 7. **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

- a. **ILLICIT DISCHARGES** - No person shall dump, discharge, cause or allow to be discharged any pollutant or non-stormwater discharge into the storm drain system, into a watercourse, or into waters of the United States and/or Commonwealth.



- b. **ILLICIT CONNECTIONS** - No person shall construct, use, allow, maintain or continue any illicit connection to the municipal storm drain system, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under applicable law, regulation or custom at the time of connection.
- c. **OBSTRUCTION OF THE MUNICIPAL STORM DRAIN SYSTEM** - No person shall obstruct or interfere with the normal flow of stormwater into or out of the municipal storm drain system without prior approval from the Board of Selectmen.
- d. **EXEMPTIONS**
1. Discharge of flow resulting from fire fighting activities and Highway Department ice and snow control operations.
  2. The following non-stormwater discharges or flows are considered exempt provided that the source is not a significant contributor of pollution to the municipal storm drain system:
    - i. waterline flushing;
    - ii. flow from potable water sources;
    - iii. springs;
    - iv. natural flow from riparian habitats and wetlands;
    - v. diverted stream flow;
    - vi. rising groundwater;
    - viii. uncontaminated groundwater infiltrating as defined in 40 CFR 35.2005(20), or uncontaminated pumped groundwater; water from exterior foundation drains, footing drains (not including active groundwater dewatering systems), crawl space pumps, or air conditioning condensation;
    - ix. discharge from landscape irrigation or lawn watering;
    - x. water from individual residential car washing;
    - xi. discharge from dechlorinated swimming pool water (less than one ppm chlorine) provided the water is allowed to stand for one week prior to draining and the pool is drained in such a way as not to cause a nuisance;
    - xii. discharge from street sweeping;
    - xiii. dye testing, provided verbal notification is given to the Board of Selectmen prior to the time of the test;
    - xiv. non-stormwater discharge permitted under an NPDES permit, waiver, or waste discharge order administered under the authority of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, provided that the discharge is in full compliance with the requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and applicable laws and regulations;
    - xv. and discharge for which advanced written approval is received from the Board of Selectmen as necessary to protect public health, safety, welfare, and the environment.



## **8. EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM ACCESS**

The Board of Selectmen may suspend municipal storm drain system access to any person or property without prior written notice when such suspension is necessary to stop an actual or threatened discharge of pollutants that present imminent risk of harm to public health, safety, welfare or the environment. In the event any person fails to comply with an emergency suspension order, the Authorized Enforcement Agency may take all reasonable steps to prevent or minimize harm to the public, health, safety, welfare or the environment.

## **9. NOTIFICATION OF SPILLS**

Any spills or releases that require notification under local, state or federal law will be the responsibility of the person responsible for a facility or operation, or for an emergency response for a facility or operation (i.e., construction). In the event of a spill or release which may result in a discharge of pollutants or non-stormwater discharge to the municipal storm drain system, waters of the United States, and/or waters of the Commonwealth, the responsible parties, potentially responsible parties, or any person or persons managing a site or facility shall take all necessary steps to ensure containment, and remediate any municipal storm drains that have been impacted. However, if in the opinion of Board of Selectmen, there is an excessive amount of pollutants in the storm drain system, the Board of Selectmen can require remediation by the responsible party regardless of other state or federal regulations. If the discharge of prohibited materials is from a commercial or industrial facility, the facility owner or operator of the facility shall take all necessary steps to ensure containment, clean-up of the release, retain on-site a written record of the discharge, and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such records shall be retained for at least three years.

## **10. ENFORCEMENT**

The Board of Selectmen or an authorized agent of the Board of Selectmen shall enforce this by-law, regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.

**CIVIL RELIEF** - If a person violates the provisions of this by-law, regulations, permit, notice, or order issued thereunder, the Board of Selectmen may seek injunctive relief in a court of competent jurisdiction restraining the person from activities which would create further violations or compelling the person to perform abatement or remediation of the violation.

**ORDERS** - The Board of Selectmen or an authorized agent of the Board of Selectmen may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this by-law or the regulations thereunder, which may include:

- a. elimination of illicit connections or discharges to the MS4;
- b. performance of monitoring, analyses, and reporting;
- c. that unlawful discharges, practices, or operations shall cease and desist;
- d. and remediation of contamination in connection with discharges to the MS4



If the enforcing person determines that abatement or remediation of contaminations is required and is the responsibility of the property owner, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation must be completed. Said order shall further advise that, should the violator or property owner fail to abate or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the Town of Hampden may, at its option, undertake such work, and expenses times three thereof shall be charged to the violator. Within thirty (30) days after completing all measures necessary to abate the violation or to perform remediation, the violator and the property owner will be notified of the costs incurred by the Town of Hampden, including administrative costs. The violator or property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount or basis of costs with The Board of Selectmen within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or within thirty (30) days following a decision of the Board of Selectmen affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the costs shall become a special assessment against the property owner and shall constitute a lien on the owners property for the amount of said costs. Interest shall begin to accrue on any unpaid costs at the statutory rate provided in G.L. Ch. 59, section 57 after the thirty-first day at which the costs first become due.

**PENALTY** - Any person who violates any provision of this by-law, regulation, order or permit issued thereunder, shall be punished by a fine as set forth in Chapter XI "Non Criminal Disposition of Certain Violations" of the General by-laws of the Town of Hampden.

**ENTRY TO PERFORM DUTIES UNDER THIS BY-LAW** - To the extent permitted by state law, or if authorized by the owner or other party in control of the property, the Board of Selectmen, its agents, officers, and employees may enter upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under this by-law and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Board of Selectmen deems reasonably necessary

**APPEALS** - The decision or orders of the Board of Selectmen shall be final. Further relief shall be to a court of competent jurisdiction.

**REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE** - The remedies listed in this by-law are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law.

#### **11. SEVERABILITY**

The provisions this by-law are hereby declared to be severable. If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause, of this by-law or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of this by-law.



RECYCLING  
FACILITY

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to approve contract for ten years between and among the Town of Hampden, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and Recycle America Alliance, LLC for a term of up to twenty (20) years, or take any other action relative thereto.

RESERVE  
FUND

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

STABILIZATION  
FUND

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Overlay Reserve Fund to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

REDUCING  
TAX RATE

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2005, or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in elections of Town Officers to meet at the Hampden Town House, 625 Main Street, Hampden, on Monday the 2nd<sup>d</sup> day of May, 2005 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 three years the following:

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

To choose for the term of five years the following:

1 Planning Board member  
1 Housing Authority member

Also, to choose all other necessary Town Officers.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2005

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Mark. R. Barba, Chairman

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James D. Smith

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Duane E. Mosier

Board of Selectmen

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Constable for the Town of Hampden, have on this date posted copies of the warrant in all five places as designated by the Town of Hampden for the Town Meeting to be held on April 25, 2005 at 7:00 pm in all five places as designated by the Town of Hampden.

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April , 2005 Constable, Town of Hampden





## INFORMATION & EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

<b>Town Government</b>	
<b>POLICE</b> Department <b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>
Business Office	566-8011
<b>FIRE</b> Department <b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>
Business Office	566-3314
Selectmen	566-2151
Highway: Dana Pixley	566-8842
Library	566-3047
Council on Aging	566-5588
Dog Officer: Nick Dominic	781-1484
Veterans' Agent: Robert Mathison, 200 Main St., Monson	267-4140
Building Inspector: Mark Feeney	566-2204
Electrical Inspector: Robert Lague	566-8472
Plumbing Inspector: Michael Ford	566-5578
Board of Health Agent: Lorri McCool	566-2152
<b>Schools</b>	
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
<b>Churches</b>	
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Allen St.: Rev. Brian McLeod	566-5572
Federated Community Church, Main St	566-3711
Parsonage: Rev. Thomas D. Howells	566-3402
St. Mary's Church, Somers Rd.: Rev. Timothy Murphy	566-8843
<b>Utilities</b>	
Bay State Gas: Business Office	781-9200
Bay State Gas: Billing	781-9200 x 4
<b>GAS LEAK EMERGENCY</b>	<b>800-525-8222</b>
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
<b>Hospitals</b>	
<b>AMBULANCE: AMR - 24 hour service</b>	<b>533-3362</b>
Baystate Medical Center - Springfield	794-0000
Mercy Medical Center – Springfield	748-9000
Healthsouth Rehabilitation - Ludlow	589-7581
Wing Memorial Hospital - Palmer	283-7651
<b>U.S. Post Office, Main St.</b>	<b>566-3752</b>
<b>Poison Control Center</b>	<b>800-222-1212</b>
<b>Department of Social Services</b>	<b>205-0500</b>



