



ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

2009



HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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IN MEMORIAM



Louis Sicbaldi
School Building Committee
Conservation Commission

Earle Harris
Friend and Benefactor to the Town

Robert Kirk
Fire Department

Peg Therrien
Library Trustee



BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES AND COMMITTEES

Building Inspector	6 to 8	Tuesday evenings	566-2151 ext. 107
Board of Assessors	9 to 2	Monday & Wednesday	566-2151 ext. 106
Board of Health	8 to 2	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 102
Board of Selectmen	9 to 3	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 100
Conservation Comm.	1 to 3	Wednesday	566-2151 ext. 110
	11 to 1	Friday	
Housing Authority	8 to 3	Tuesday & Thursday	566-8157
	8 to 12	Friday	
Highway Department	7 to 3:30	Monday thru Friday	566-8842
Library	1 to 8	Tuesday	566-3047
	10 to 5	Wednesday	
	1 to 8	Thursday	
	10 to 2	Saturday	
Park and Rec	12 to 3	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 108
Planning Board	8 to 12	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 109
Ridgeline/Hillside	8 to 12	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 109
Tax Collector	9 to 3	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 104
Treasurer	5 to 7	Monday evenings	566-2151 ext. 105
	9 to 1	Wednesday by appt.	
Town Clerk	9 to 3	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 103

TOWN OFFICES

EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS	MEETINGS
advisory@hampden.org		3 rd Monday 6 pm**
assessors@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 106	2 nd & 4 th Monday*
cemetery@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 111	
coa@hampden.org	566-5588	2 nd Tuesday 8:30 am
conservation@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 110	3 rd Wednesday 7 pm
hamphous@verizon.net (Hampden Housing Authority)	566-8157	3 rd Thursday 8:15 am
health@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 102	Monday 6:30 pm
highway@hampden.org	566-8842	
inspector@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 107	Tuesday 6pm - 8 pm
parks@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 108	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday
planning@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 109	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday 7
police@hampden.org	566-8011	
selectmen@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 100	Monday 6:30 pm
treasurer@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 105	Tuesday 5 pm – 7 pm
townclerk@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 103	

Town of Hampden Website: www.hampden.org

Historical Commission	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 7 pm
Library Trustees	3 rd Saturday 8 am
Memorial Park	April 1 – October 31

DEP's updated Title 5 Website: www.mass.gov/dep/brp/wwwhome.htm

*or by appointment

**or as necessary during budget process

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS – 2009

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

Vincent J. Villamaino, Chairman	2010
John D. Flynn, BOH Chair	2011
Richard R. Green	2012

Administrative Assistant to
Board of Selectmen
Pamela Courtney

Coordinator for Board of Health
Jane Budynkiewicz

MODERATOR

Robert L. Howarth	2010
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TOWN CLERK

Eva Wiseman	2010
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TOWN TREASURER

Tracy Sicbaldi	2010
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Eva Wiseman	2010
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Norman Charest, Chair	2012
Stanley Witkop	2010
Robert Makuch	2011

Assistant to the Assessors
Dawn Barnes

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGION

SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Scott Chapman	2010
Lisa Morace	2011

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN LIBRARY

Ray Andree, Chair	2012
Kathleen Hutchison	2010
Beth Burger	2011

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

George Stone, Vice Chair	2010
Kathleen Flynn	2011
Jacqueline Weissbach	2012
Lucretia Hembt	2013
Benjamin Bump-State Appointed	

CONSTABLES

George K. Stone, Jr.	2010
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	2010
Charles Wood	2010

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Richard Hatch, Chairman	2010
Ed Norman	2011
John Wilkinson	2012

PLANNING BOARD

Cornelius Flynn, Chair	2014
Joseph Kruzel	2010
Joseph A. (Charlie) Dolben	2011
John Matthews	2012
Robert Howarth	2013

Judith M. Jackson, Assoc.	2010
Deborah House, Clerk	2010

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Rick Kapinos, Chair	2011
Robert G. White, Jr.	2012
Mark A. Goossens	2010
Martin McQuade	2011

Deborah House, Clerk	2010
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APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2009

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Clifford Bombard 2010
Judy Mikkola, Asst. to Accountant 2010

DOG OFFICERS

Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control 2010

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Mike Gorski 2010

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Shelly Sears 2010

SUPT OF INSECT/PEST CONTROL

Dana Pixley 2010

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Lorri McCool 2010

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Arthur A. Booth 2010

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER

John Comerford 2010

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Dana Pixley 2010

TREE WARDEN

Dana Pixley 2010

FENCE VIEWERS

John H. Field 2010
William H. Patric 2010

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Lance Trevallion 2010

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Gary Courtney 2010
Robert Lague, Alt. 2010

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Dennis Chaffee, Sr. 2010
Bernie Sears, Alt. 2010

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Timm Marini, Chair 2010
Doug Boyd 2011
Carol Fitzgerald 2010
Jeff Smith 2010
Jamie Collins 2010

BOARD OF APPEALS

M. Chris Cesan, Chair 2010
Richard Jones, (ret.) 2010
Kenneth E. Lefebvre 2011
L. Jed Berliner 2010
Richard E. Patullo 2011
Cheryl Cudnik 2010

Mark R. Barba, Alternate 2010
David R. Scott, Alternate 2010
Judith M. Jackson, Clerk 2010

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Rick Rubin, Chair 2010
Glennice Flynn, Sec. 2010
Elizabeth Howarth, Treas. 2010
Patricia Ehlers 2010
Catherine Mahoney 2010

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2009

TOWN COUNSEL

David J. Martel

2010

PARKING CLERK

Eva Wiseman

2010

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

John Matthews

2010

Richard Patullo

2010

Bonnie Geromini

2010

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER

Ed Hatch

2011

George Bouchard

2010

Richard Jalbert

2012

Michael Framarin, Oper.

2010

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Phil Grant

2010

Pat Cote

2010

Bonnie Geromini

2010

Jeff Liquori, Chair

2010

Judy McKinley Brewer

2010

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Connie Witt, Chair

2010

Chrissy Cesan

2010

Sally Bryce

2010

Tom Foster

2010

Al Perusse

2010

Judy Mikkola

2010

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Dana Pixley, Super.

2010

Robert Richards

2010

John Ouellette

2010

Lauren Comstock

2010

Matthew Frederick

2010

COUNCIL ON AGING

Brian MacLeod, Chair

2011

Patricia Clark, Vice Chair

2010

Rita Vail

2011

Raymond Crowley

2010

Virginia Schneider

2010

Deanna Vermette

2011

Mary Malinski, Secretary

2010

Al Ouimet

2010

Karen Leger

2010

Kathleen Foster

2010

BOARD OF REGISTRAR

Arthur A. Booth, Jr

2010

Richard Patullo

2010

Janet M. Redin

2010

Eva Wiseman, Clerk

2010

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Rebecca Moriarty

2010

John J. Shay, Hampden Rep
To GSSI

2010

Michael Framarin, Water Op.

2010

STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Joe Kruzel, Chair

2010

Dana Pixley

2010

Duane Mosier

2010

Jean Hall

2010

Bruce Libby

2010

Karl Sternberg

2010

Denise Fiedler

2010

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2009

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Donald Collins, Chair	2010
William Gouzounis	2010
Richard Ayers	2010
Thomas Argenio	2010
Carol Fitzgerald	2010

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Doug Boyd	2010
John M. Flynn	2010
Dorothy Kibbe	2010
Cornelius Flynn, Planning Board Rep.	
Phillip Grant, Conservation Comm. Rep.	
Ben Bump, Housing Auth. Rep.	
Connie Witt, Historical Comm. Rep.	
Harold House, Park & Recreation Rep.	

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Sheila Slate	2010
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ASSISTANT TREASURER

Richard Patullo	2010
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PVPC COMMISSIONER

Robert Howarth	2010
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PVTA REPRESENTATIVE

Doreen Fadus	2010 (retired from position)
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ADA COORDINATOR

Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	2010
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APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2009

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF

Jeff Farnsworth 2010

SERGEANTS

Joseph Henry 2010

William Joy, Jr. 2010

POLICE OFFICERS

Scott Trombly 2010

Michael Cooney 2010

Todd Ely 2010

Brett Purchas 2010

Tawrin Seega 2010

Jason B. Roath 2010

William E. Jacques 2010

RESERVE OFFICERS

Robert Robinson 2010

Christopher Eck 2010

Mark Galarneau 2010

Radcliffe Kenison 2010

Daniel Devine 2010

John Michael Mikkola 2010

David Houle 2010

Michael Lynch 2010

David Goodrich 2010

Timothy Gerry 2010

Brent Noyes 2010

Michael Meaney 2010

DISPATCHERS (full time)

Radcliffe Kenison 2010

Laurie Ryder 2010

Philip Lord 2010

Julie Zimmerman 2010

DISPATCHERS (part time)

Robert Lauer 2010

Timothy J. Andre 2010

POLICE MATRON

Laurie Ryder 2010

Julie Zimmerman 2010

SECRETARY POLICE DEPT.

Kathy Zanetti 2010

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2009

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Gorski, Chief	2010	
David Markham, 2 nd Deputy Chief	2010	
Charles Beaver, 1 st Deputy Chief	2010	
Tim Evans	2010	
Scott Rumpalik, 1 st Captain	2010	
Jason McCarthy, 2 nd Captain	2010	
Andrew Netherwood, <i>Secretary</i>	2010	
Nick Begin	2010	
Jim Burns	2010	
Pat Farrow	2010	(Promoted to Lt. 1/10/10)
Joseph Grant	2010	
Richard Harris	2010	
Lawrence Hatch	2010	
Richard Hatch, Sr.	2010	
Peter Hatch	2010	
Michael Hatch	2010	
Harold House	2010	
Albert Jones	2010	
Rick Kelly	2010	
Joy LeBlanc	2010	
Matthew Loveling	2010	
Henry Managre	2010	
Bryan Markham	2010	(Promoted to Lt. 3/15/10)
Michael Maserati	2010	
Arthur McCarthy	2010	
William Patric	2010	
Edward Poulin	2010	
Thomas Poulin	2010	
Joshua Ross	2010	
Michael Sicbaldi	2010	
David Sutcliffe	2010	
Frederick Warren	2010	
John Lambert	2010	
Evan Rugani	2010	
Nick Sanderson	2010	
Fred Warren	2010	
David Lemoine	2010	
Sean McCafferty	Appointed 1/20/10	
Matt Lambert	Appointed 2/08/10	

**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**

Judy Hatch, Cemetery Commissioner

Richard Jones, Zoning Board of Appeals

Shirley Gouvan, Council on Aging

Patrick Markham, Highway Department

Richard Patullo, Town Moderator 20 years

Larry Forrest, Park Commissioner

Mark Goossens, Park Commissioner

Harold House, Park Commissioner

Betty Wells, Board of Registrars

Peter Hatch, Fire Chief

Lynne Wallace, Community Preservation Commission

TOWN OF HAMPDEN PERMIT FEES

(FEES FOR PERMITS AFTER THE FACT ARE DOUBLED)

REVISED JULY 2009

Building Permits - Lance Trevallion - 566-2151 ext 250

Commercial/Industrial Building (\$250) min)	40-cents/sq ft
New House Additions	30-cents/sq ft
Alterations/Renovations	
Total Estimated Cost under \$5000	\$80
Total Estimated Cost over \$5000	\$120
Accessory Buildings/ Basements/ Decks/ Garage	20-cents/sq ft (\$40 minimum)
Windows/ Siding/ Roofing	\$40 each
Swimming Pool	\$40
Solid Fuel Stoves	\$40
Temporary Cert. of Occupancy- New Residence	\$50 per month
Sign	\$40
Demolition	\$40 per floor

Electrical Permits - Gary Courtney -566-2151 ext 251

Commercial/Industrial Building Additions, 3 inspections	\$180
New House, 3 inspections	\$120
Alterations/Rewiring Existing Structure, 2 inspections	\$80
additional inspections	\$40 per inspection
Change of Service/Temp Service, 1 inspection	\$40
Additions, 2 inspections	\$80
additional inspections	\$40 per inspection
In ground Swimming Pool, 2 inspections	\$80
Above ground Swimming Pool, 1 inspection	\$40
Appliances, 1 inspection	\$40

Plumbing Permits – Dennis Chaffee -566-2151 ext 252

Commercial/Industrial Building, 3 inspection	\$180
New House, 3 inspections	\$120
additional inspections	\$40 per inspection
Additions/ Renovations, 2 inspections	\$80
Additional inspections	\$40 per inspection
Hot Water Heater Gas or Electric, 1 inspection	\$40

Gas Permits – Dennis Chaffee - 566-2151 ext 252

All gas permits, 1 inspection	\$40
additional inspections	\$40 per inspection

Any additional inspection required by any inspector will be \$40 per inspection

Re-inspection Fees

Re-inspection fees for Building, Electrical, Plumbing, and Fire Inspections	\$40
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Fire Permits – Michael Gorski - 566-3314

Smoke Detector Inspection (New House)	\$60
Smoke Detector Inspector (Real Estate transfer)	\$60
Oil Burner Inspection	\$60
Blasting Permit- (Fire Chief)	\$60
Renewal of Smokeless powder (Fire Chief)	\$60
LP Gas Storage Permits (Fire Chief)	\$60
Tank and Burner Inspection	\$60
Mobil fuel oil delivery vehicle	\$60
Underground storage tank installation (Fire Chief)	\$60
Multiple Unit Housing Inspection	\$60
Underground storage tank removal (Fire Chief)	\$90
Fire Report	\$35

Board of Selectmen- 566-2151 ext 100

Liquor Licenses-

• Restaurant- All Alcoholic	\$900*
• Veteran's Club- All Alcoholic	\$300*
• Package Store- All Alcoholic	\$1050*
• Package Store- Wine & Malt	\$525*
<i>"Plus a \$200 application fee to Commonwealth of Massachusetts- Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission for new licenses. effective 7/10/03."</i>	
Automatic Amusement License	\$25 per machine
Weekday Entertainment Permit	\$100
Sunday Entertainment Permit:	
• Town fee	\$25 per category per year
• State fee:	
• Regular Hours (1 pm-12am)	
Y Per Sunday per category	\$10
Y Per year per category	\$85
• Special Hours (before 1 pm)	
Y Per Sunday per category	\$20
Y Per year per category	\$175
Common Victualler	\$20
Used Car License	\$25

Board of Health- 566-2151 ext 102

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
Septic Hauler Permit	\$50
Disposal Works Installer's License	\$50
Well Permit	\$25
Percolation Test	\$300
Disposal Works Construction Permit	\$200
- includes one revision (new or repair/replace any part of system)	
Each additional revision	\$50
Outdoor Wood-fired Boilers / Stoves	\$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: Tues: 1-4 pm; Saturday: 8am-4pm

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

The stickers are sold at the Board of Health office. First car sticker costs \$30 and \$15.00 for Senior Citizens; additional stickers within the same household are \$10.00 and \$5.00 for Senior Citizens.

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 on September 18, 2010 to dispose of these items.

Look for the Bulk Disposal Day, April 24, 2010 at the Transfer Station – Call for an appointment.

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*
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- *NO light bulbs, window or auto glass, dishes, glasses, Pyrex, ceramics, or broken glass*
 - *NO paint or aerosol cans or other metal objects*
 - *NO plastic bags, containers over 2 gallons, motor oil jugs, chemical containers, Styrofoam flower pots or trays*

CLEAN METAL:

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

YARD WASTE:

- Leaves
- Grass
- *NO branches*

Maximum Wt. per item: 25-lbs.

MORE RECYCLING TIPS

Clothing:

Goodwill and Salvation Army take clothes, draperies, etc.

Books:

Donate to libraries. Some bookstores buy used books.

Wire Hangers:

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

Plastic Bags:

Recycled at some area supermarkets

Polystyrene "Peanuts":

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

Motor Oil and Paint Disposal

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

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

Empty Cans:

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

Partially Full Cans:

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

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

WHAT ABOUT TIRES, BATTERIES, OLD CELL PHONES?

Car tires:

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

Alkaline batteries can be thrown in the regular trash.

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

Old cell phones must be recycled. While the toxic materials (including arsenic in 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 **566-2151 ext. 102**
Mondays thru Thursdays, 8am—2pm.

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

As the Animal Inspector for the Town of Hampden, I would like to report the following for 2009:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Young</u>
Cattle: (Adult= 2 years + over)		
Dairy	0	0
Beef	22	18
Steers/Oxen	0	0
Goats (Adult= 1 year + over)	25	0
Sheep (Adult= 1 year + over)	13	0
Swine		
Breeders	0	0
Feeders	0	0
Llamas/Alpacas	11	0
Equines: Horse/Ponies	126	1
Donkeys/Mules	2	0
Poultry: Chickens	266	
Turkey	3	
Waterfowl	13	
Gamebirds	50	
Rabbits	40	

There were five domestic animals quarantined due to a wildlife encounter, and five dog bites to humans. There were two dog to dog attacks.

Respectfully submitted:

Shelley Sears
Animal Inspector

BOARD OF APPEALS

Cases applied for and heard in 2009 included the following:

- 2009 – 1 A Special Permit was granted under Zoning Bylaw Section 7.14 to allow the modification of an existing antenna facility located on an existing wireless communications tower.
- 2009 – 2 A variance under Zoning Bylaw Section Table 7.2 to build a small room and garage to be attached to the house granted a 24 foot side setback.
- 2009 – 3 An appeal to a decision of the Building Inspector who denied the reconstruction of a building on a ten acre lot with a side setback of less than the required 35 feet under Zoning Bylaw Table 7.23 was denied. A Special Permit was requested to allow a setback of less than 35 feet and was also denied.
- 2009 – 4 A variance from the standard regulation of Zoning Bylaw Table 7.2 was denied and a Special Permit to construct a second garage on a non-conforming lot with insufficient side yard setback was given allowing a 25 foot side yard setback from the boundary line. Relief of less than 25 feet could not be granted.
- 2009 – 5 A Special Permit under Zoning Section 7.8.3 was granted to allow a renewal of earth removal for land improvement.

At the annual administrative meeting held on August 25, 2009, Chris Cesan asked to be replaced as Chair. She was thanked for her successful term and Jed Berliner agreed to again chair the Board. Cesan will serve as Vice-Chair and Patullo was voted in as clerk.

The Board voted to appoint a loyal alternate, Cheryl Cudnik, to fill the slot on the board created by the 6/30/09 resignation of Richard Jones. A new member will be sought to fill the open alternate slot.

As there were no other applications submitted after August, 25, there were no more hearings held for the remainder of 2009.

Respectfully Submitted:

M. Chris Cesan, Chair (until 8/09)
Richard P. Jones, Vice-Chair
L. Jed Berliner, Chair (after 8/09)
Richard E. Patullo
Kenneth E. Lefebvre

Alternates:
Cheryl Cudnik
David R. Scott
Mark R. Barba

Judith M. Jackson, Secretary

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors has made a few improvements over the past year. A new software system has been added. VADAR has made system communication between the assessors, tax collector and town accountant more efficient and seamless. This system tracks real estate; personal properties, motor vehicle excise and C.P.A. surcharge assessments.

Assessors did an interim year adjustment of property values. This was done to stay within the guidelines of the Department of Revenue. Assessors will continue to review sale values to ensure a fair assessment.

This year begins year one of our scheduled full list and measure of the town. A full list and measure is required by the Department of Revenue and must be completed every nine years. We have planned to complete approximately 1/9th of the town each year over the next nine years. This helps spread the costs over that period of time. The town has planned for this in advance by putting money in the assessors stabilization account. This is the ten thousand dollars that is raised and appropriated each year for that account. We hope this ten thousand dollar amount will remain constant going forward for this project.

We would like to welcome Mayflower Valuation Ltd. as our new field review vendor. Mayflower representatives will be in the field completing this full list and measure mentioned above. Properties scheduled for review each year will be notified by public notice and/or mail.

A single tax rate was approved for both commercial and residential properties as it has been for many years. The rate was approved at \$15.84.

We would like to welcome back to the board Norman Charest who was recently re-elected to another three year term. Norm was the chairman last year and accepted the chairmanship again this year.

Respectfully submitted:

Norman Charest, Chairman
Stanley Witkop, Assessor
Robert Makuch, Assessor
Dawn Barnes, Assistant to the Board

**REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER
2009**

Building Permits Issued		Total Permits Issued	
Dwelling	4	Building	102
Addition / Alteration	54		
Commercial new	1	Electrical	89
Commercial addition or alteration	5		
Pool	6	Plumbing/Gas	87
Garages	2		
Outbuilding	11		
Woodstoves	15		
Signs	2		
Fire damage	0		
Demolition	2		
Total Building	102		

The Building Department would like to remind you that Building Permits are required for roofing, siding, replacement windows, wood or pellet stoves, accessory buildings, renovations to existing spaces and new construction.

The Town of Hampden has recently approved Regulations for Outdoor Wood-fired Boilers/Furnaces. Plumbing and electrical permits are required as part of the installation process as well as a permit from the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance Trevallion
Building Commissioner

BOARD OF HEALTH

	2007*	2008*	2009*
Annual Flu Clinic	185	142	175
Pneumonia	10	10	0
H1N1 Clinic	0	0	760
Lyme Disease	15	45	40
Annual Rabies Clinic	50	50	50
Percolation Tests	40	36	32
Septic Systems – Installed/Repaired	84	46	37
Well Permits	51	7	9
Septic Haulers Permits Issued	4	4	8
Disposal Works Installers Licenses Issued	10	12	15
Food Service Establishment Permits Issued	28	28	28
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1	1
Health / Nuisance Complaints	7	12	18
No. of gallons of Hazardous Household Waste Collected	500	600	345

*(Numbers based on calendar year)

The Transfer Station is being used by approximately 646 households, where 324.91 tons of solid waste and 209.04 tons of recyclable materials were processed. The recycling area opened for weekly recycling to make it more convenient for all town residents to recycle.

The Town held two Bulk Removal Days in April and October. The hours of operation were from 9:00am to 2:00pm and during these two periods nearly 50 residents took advantage of the drop-off. We recycled 121 items including electronic items such as TV's, computer monitors, computer CPU's and stereo equipment. We recycled white good items (some containing CFC's) such as refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, stoves and dehumidifiers. We recycled car/lawn tractor batteries. We recycled misc metal items such as furniture, household, lawn/garden tools, lawnmowers and car parts. In speaking with the residents who participated, they were very pleased to have this service offered again". The plan is to try and have two a year.

The Board of Health would like to thank the people that keep the transfer station running smoothly on a weekly basis, Tom Balser, Carroll Willey and Dan Anderson. A thank to the Highway Superintendent, Dana Pixley and the Highway Department for all their continuous help in keeping the transfer Station repaired, plowed and shoveled, mowed and looking beautiful. For more information on how to use the transfer station, please refer to the Transfer Station Information section of this Town Report.

On April 4, 2009, we held our annual Rabies Clinic at the Highway Department Town Garage, where 50 dogs/cats were vaccinated. Many thanks to Dr. Penny Peck for her time and to our Town Clerk, Eva Wiseman, for her help in issuing dog licenses, and to the Girl Scouts, who, once again, lent a hand in organizing this important annual event.

On September 12th, we participated in the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Day that was held at East Longmeadow Fire Department. During this event, 345 gallons of hazardous waste from our Town were disposed of properly. There were a total of five towns involved with a total of 3,655 gallons of waste disposed of. The event also took in 15 mercury fever thermometers for exchange. Please contact the Board of Health office for more information on what materials are accepted during the event. September 2009 is the next hazardous waste collection month.

The Board of Health and the C.O.A. held a flu clinic on November 6, 2008. Approximately, one hundred seventy five individuals were vaccinated for influenza. Many thanks to Rebecca

Moriarty for her many hours of tireless work along with the help of Susan Nieski, the Council on Aging volunteers, nurses Judy Hatch, Bea Moriarty, the student nurse from STCC and volunteers that helped make this event a successful one.

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

It was a hard year for our school children with the onset of the H1N1 virus. The towns of Hampden and Wilbraham ran two H1N1 flu clinics this year. The first clinic was for kindergarten children at which time 185 persons were inoculated. The second clinic was held for all the children in the two towns, first grade through a senior in high school. There were a total of 575 people inoculated at that clinic. There will be more clinics held as vaccine becomes available, watch the Hampden Wilbraham Times, the local public access channel and the websites for both towns for more information.

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

The Transfer Station underwent its annual Compliance Report in September and we are pleased to report that we received an excellent rating. Noted were our physical cleanliness and hard work of our attendants to keep things running smoothly and properly.

We encourage you to visit our website, www.hampden.org, to access information about upcoming H1N1 clinics, forms required for percolation testing, disposal works construction application, Title V information and links, Transfer Station information, upcoming events, etc.

On December 26, 2008 the new Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations came into effect. These regulations along with the Board of Health regulations govern the installation of Outdoor Solid Fuel Burning Appliances. Anyone who is contemplating the purchase of a unit is subject to the Board of Health Regulations and the DEP regulations and should contact the Board of Health office to be sure you are in compliance.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane M. Budynkiewicz, Board of Health Coordinator
John D. Flynn, Chair Board of Health

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

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Registered voters on Jan. 1, 2009 – 3700, December 31, 2009 - 3542
 Voter attendance during 2009:

Annual Town Meeting, April 27, 2009	209
Annual Town Election, May 4, 2009	181
Special Town Meeting, October 5, 2009	459
Special Town Election, October 20, 2009	1360
Special Town Meeting, November 9, 2009	54
Senatorial Primary Election, December 8, 2009	475
Democrat	320
Republican	155

Inspectors And Tellers

Republican	Democratic	Unenrolled
Beth Burger	Brenda Ahlberg	Mary Lou Black
Edith Casey	Ann Burian	Aline Burt
Andree Crowley	Mary Cesan	Catherine Herchel
Irene Cutting	Carol Collins	Diane Hildreth
Beryl Doten	Sophie Davenport	Deborah O'Brien
Gerald Doten	Kathleen Flynn	Doris Ouimet
Mary Dunklee	Sheila Flynn	Doreen Rauch
Barbara Dunwoody	Richard Gouvan	Donna Easton-Vicalvi
Kathleen Duquette	Shirley Gouvan	Lynn Zanolli
Beth Fatse	Sandra Gray	William Zanolli
Rebecca Gibb	Judith Jackson	
Mary Hamel	Dorothy Kibbe	
Dorothy Hill	Ronald Lech	
Joyce Libby	Gail Lefebvre	
David Kingsbury	Kathleen Rochford	
Elaine Kingsbury	Margaret Rochford	
Nancy Salerno	Evelyn Schmidt	
Philip Schneider, Jr	Rita Southworth	Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Wells		Board of Registrars
Robert Wells		Arthur Booth, Jr
Carolyn Whipple		Janet Redin
		Richard E Patullo
		Elizabeth Wells
		(resigned October 2009)
		Eva Wiseman, Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Uncertainty seems to be the watchword this year and for at least a few to come. A 29% cut to local aid for the current fiscal year made all of us aware of the state's worsening financial status. Fortunately, midterm cuts to local aid did not materialize as predicted; but with the continued economic downturn it seems likely these additional cuts will be made to local aid for the coming fiscal year. Local receipts are predicted to fall. This combined with other variables have caused the town to take an extremely conservative approach with our proposed budget. We are committed to being as frugal as possible with our spending as the construction bond for the high school approach.

As a result of the road improvement bond we were able to reconstruct and/or resurface 5.8 additional miles of road. The Town House and Fire Station continue to go through upgrades and maintenance to windows, HVAC, painting and electrical systems. These buildings have provided many years of valuable service and will continue to be relied on for many years to come. The board continues to evaluate the needs facing the community in the coming years. Upgrades and improvements to computer systems, communications and energy systems are being explored with all options considered. Energy use including the potential use by the town of solar and wind power are in preliminary review.

The town has come a long way in that all services have been restored to a large degree and we have approximately \$850,000 in our stabilization account. With all that has been done and the multitude of things to do we need to plan carefully for the use of these funds. It should be noted that this board understands full well that we work for you and are available at any time for the residents.

We wish to thank Dana Pixley, Jeff Farnsworth, Michael Gorski and Rebecca Moriarty and their staff for the quality work and high degree of effort they put in on all of our behalf's. Lastly, we extend a tip of the hat to Pamela Courtney and Jane Budynkiewicz who are the backbone of our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent J. Villamaino, Chairman
John D. Flynn
Richard R. Green

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Hampden adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2001. Although the law allows up to a 3% surcharge on property taxes (the first \$100,000 valuation on residential property being exempt), Hampden voted the minimum of a 1% surcharge for CPA funds. In FY09, the contribution of the taxpayers of the Town totaled \$50,977.05 and we received a matching contribution from the State of \$17,748.00. As expected, the amount of the state match declined due an increase in the number of communities participating in the program combined with the decline in amount of money raised through real estate transfer fees. It is anticipated the state match for FY10 will be reduced even further. The monies collected by this surcharge may only be used for Open Space, Historic Preservation, Affordable Housing and limited Recreational Use.

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

The Community Preservation Committee reviews and evaluates each request for CPA funds to assure that the criteria for each category are met. Only after the Committee has approved the application(s) for funds will a recommendation be made for the Town Meeting. The voters at Town Meeting make the final decision for appropriation of CPA funds.

For FY10 (per the committee's recommendation and Town Meeting vote) the following proposals were approved:

OPEN SPACE:	The second of two payments in the amount of \$30,000 to complete the purchase of a conservation restriction on approximately 45 acres on Pine Mountain off of Chapin Road (payable over 2 years)
HISTORIC PRESERVATION:	\$8,000 to fund repairs and restoration of the fence surrounding the Town Cemetery as requested by the Cemetery Commission.
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE:	\$250 for an annual membership to the Community Preservation Coalition.

Respectfully Submitted:
Douglas Boyd, Chair (Member at Large)
Dot Kibbe (Member at Large)
Bob White (Parks & Recreation)
Phil Grant (Conservation Commission)

Charlie Dolben (Planning Board)
Benjamin Bump (Housing Authority)
Connie Witt (Historical Commission)
John M. Flynn (Member at Large)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Who are the members and what is the role of the Conservation Commission? The Commission consists of residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen. They volunteer their time to promote stewardship of local conservation lands and to implement the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and Regulations and the Hampden Wetland By-laws. The Conservation Commission currently has five members with the appointment of Judy McKinley Brewer. If you would like to learn about the work of the Conservation Commission and are interested in becoming a member or an associate member, please speak to any of the Commission members as there is always a need for more people to be involved.

The Commission meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm. During the past year twelve regular meetings were held on three Notices of Intent and three Requests for Determinations. The Commission provided oversight on several proposals from previous years and also investigated concerns from town residents regarding possible wetland violations. Members are also assisting in updating the Open Space Plan which is scheduled to be completed in early 2010.

The Commission has acquired a GIS mapping system that provides overlays of the Town of Hampden showing wetlands, open space, vernal pools, and protected areas. The acquisition was made possible through conservation funds and Mass GIS. Mr. Phil Grant attended classes at Westfield State to learn about the program. Additions to this program are also available to other town departments.

Over two hundred acres in the care and custody of the Conservation Commission are open to the public for passive outdoor recreation. Minnechaug Mountain has several trails that are maintained by volunteers and the Minnechaug Mountain Trail Stewardship Committee. They are always looking for residents to "Adopt a Trail" to assist in the maintenance and preservation of these trails by working in conjunction with the committee by hiking and looking for obstacles such as overgrowth, litter and erosion. If you would be interested in helping with this, please contact Charlie Thompson at 566-3724.

The Commission looks forward to continue serving the residents of the Town of Hampden during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Liquori, Chairman
Pat Cote
Judy McKinley Brewer
Bonnie Geromini
Phil Grant
Judy Mikkola, Clerk

HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING

The Hampden Senior Center is thriving. Currently the building is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. and on Wednesdays from 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

The Hampden Senior Center exists to serve the senior population of Hampden by offering activities and support services. Services available include but are not limited to: Care Management, Monthly health screenings, Congregate Meals, Insurance Counseling, Transportation Assistance, Outreach and monthly newsletter, Brown Bag Program, Prescription Assistance, Lock box program, Fuel Assistance, Entertainment/Social Club, Health and Education, Tax Assistance, Recreation/hobbies/arts/crafts & games. We continue to strive to identify the needs of the senior population in Hampden and to try and best meet those needs with programs and services.

2009 brought staff changes to the senior center. In January we welcomed Susan Nieske into the Administrative Clerk position. She is an upbeat person and has a warm smile that welcomes everyone into the center on a daily basis. Sue comes to the senior center with a strong background and has a great attention to detail. She is also a talented artist and has shared her talent with many by providing an instructional class over the summer.

Late in the summer we had to say good bye to our dedicated outreach coordinator Sue LaMondia. Sue came to the senior center when the building was closed in 2005 and spent a year in the lower level of the town house. Sue was an extraordinary person and had an amazing work ethic. She made everyone feel welcome and was able to help a significant number of Hampden's older adults in the four years that she spent at the senior center.

Following Sue LaMondia's departure, we welcomed Wendy Turer as our new Outreach Coordinator. Wendy has a very calm demeanor and great personality which make her a perfect fit in this position. There is never a quiet day in the outreach office and Wendy has done a great job embracing the position as well as all of the older adults she has helped so far.

The Friends of Hampden Seniors continue to support the Senior Center by raising money at bake sales, dinners and the annual holiday gift table. The Friends generously pay for the mailing of the Scantic Scribe each month. The Friends paid for the new computerized sign in system at the front desk of the senior center this past year. This computerized system allows more accurate reports to be run for the state and also eliminates numerous hours of data entry for staff. The group also funded conference registration fees for Susan and Wendy to attend the annual MCOA conference at the Sturbridge Host Hotel as well as the repair of the freezer and much needed parking lot line painting. The Friends Group is a hard working group and their constant support and efforts to raise money for the senior center is very much appreciated.

HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING P2

The Lions Club continues to pay for the paper used to print the Scribe. Without this generous annual donation we would not be able to print the Scribe and have it in every household in Hampden. Thank you Lions Club for your support!

The Lunch Bunch continues to be a core service here at the senior center. Under the direction of Christine Mansfield meal site numbers continue to rise. People enjoy not only the food, but the fellowship with friends.

As always the senior center could not exist without volunteers. Over 80 people help in so many ways. Countless hours are put in on a daily basis by dedicated volunteers. Often times, the work is not done here in the building. Volunteers are out running errands for homebound older adults, driving people to medical appointments, making friendly visits and telephone calls, delivering medical equipment and more. Our "in house" volunteers are helping in the office, the kitchen, with activities and programs, decorating, the monthly newsletter, gardening and so many other programs too numerous to list. Thank you volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, please call the senior center.

Many new programs and activities are taking place at the senior center on a daily basis. We encourage you to join us. If you have an idea for new programs or events that you would like to see here, please let us know. We are interested in knowing what you think about what we do and what we offer.

Our seniors are precious resources who need encouragement and appreciation. Thank you for your support of our seniors and the Hampden Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rebecca C. Moriarty, Executive Director

Patricia Clark, Chairman

Brian MacLeod, Vice Chairman

Rita Vail, Secretary

Al Ouimet, Treasurer

Deanna Vermette

Council on Aging Staff

Executive Director:

Administrative Clerk:

Activities Coordinator:

Custodian:

Outreach Coordinator:

Rebecca C. Moriarty

Susan Nieske

Barbara Fitzgerald

Rudie Voight

Susan LaMondia/Wendy Turer

Kathy Foster

Karen Leger

Ray Crowley

Virginia Schneider

Rep. To GSSSI: John Shay

Affiliations: National Council on Aging, Mass Association of Council on Aging & Senior Center Directors, Western Mass Association of Council on Aging & Greater Springfield Senior Services.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Hampden Cultural Council is responsible for distributing funds allocated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Applications for funds are submitted to the local council in October of each year. The council then meets to consider those requests. The applicants who are rejected are given time to appeal 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 \$4300.00 plus \$2189.00 of unencumbered funds made this year's allocations one of the highest in the council's history. The council has recently made decisions regarding the re-granting of these monies. This year many of our grants have gone to new local school initiatives. Projects and activities that have been awarded grants for 2010 include:

- ❖ BuckExpeditions' Explorers Program -Thornton Burgess Middle School
- ❖ Music Matters Youth Concert Springfield Symphony Orchestra -Green Meadows Elementary School
- ❖ Support to The Big Hampden Arts Festival
- ❖ Concert by soprano Ruth Harcovitz, "Boston's Julie Andrews"-Hampden Senior Center
- ❖ Worcester Women's History Project-Hampden Historical Society

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,

Rick Rubin, Chair
Glennice Flynn, Secretary
Elizabeth Howarth, Treasurer
Patricia Ehlers
Cathy Mahoney

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2009, the Hampden Fire Department responded to 98 calls. The breakdown is as follows:

29	Automatic/Smoke Alarm
14	Carbon Monoxide Alarms
13	Burnt Food/Cooking Fire
7	House Related
6	Brush Fire
5	Illegal open burning
4	Motor Vehicle Accident
4	Car Fire
4	HazMat/Fluid Clean-up
3	Gas Leak
3	Pole/Transformer Fire
1	Fuel Storage Tank Fire
2	Structural (House) Fire
3	Mutual Aid (to adjoining towns)

Even though the first two categories accounted for 44% of our calls last year and many of these were false alarms 50% of the fire deaths that occur each year in the U.S. take place in the 5% of homes without smoke detectors. This is why residences in Massachusetts are required to have working smoke detectors. Homeowners can help reduce false alarms by replacing smoke detectors that are greater than 10 years old and following a maintenance plan to replace batteries and keep them clean. The owners manual and many internet sites will tell you how to do this.

The Hampden Fire Department wishes to express thanks to the Hampden Police and Highway Departments for their support and assistance throughout the year.

Any town resident, 18 years of age or older, interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter on the Hampden Fire Department is encouraged to please contact the department at 566-3314.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Gorski
Fire Chief
Hampden Fire Department

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 5 brush and forest fires last year.

Open Burning Season starts January 15 and ends May 1 and requires that a permit be obtained from the Fire Warden/Fire Chief.

- Permits are issued on a daily basis depending on fire safety and atmospheric health conditions. General regional conditions are considered in permitting, do not allow neighbors to be impacted by smoke due to specific localized conditions.
- Permits may be obtained by calling 566-3314 after 9AM.
- A valid permit allows burning to begin after 10 AM and requires full extinguishment by 4 PM.
- No permits will be issued after 12:00 PM.
- All fires must be attended by the individual issued the permit until completely extinguished.
- Open burning must be conducted at least 75 feet away from all buildings.
- Open burning permits are for brush, branches and tree limbs.
- Open burning regulations prohibit the burning of grass, hay, leaves, stumps, tires, trash and construction or demolition debris, etc.

Safety Considerations:

- Never use gasoline, kerosene or flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Have fire control tools on hand.
- Watch for changes in wind and be prepared to extinguish the fire.
- Don't delay a call for help, should the fire get out of control, by dialing 911.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Gorski
Forest Fire Warden