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Front Cover Photograph: Nancy Trevallion

The Library's Summer Readers

IN MEMORIAM



Ed Harris
Caretaker of Academy Hall

Al Perusse
Historical Commission

Thomas Poulin
Retired Fire Chief

Margaret "Peg" Rochford
Town Librarian
Election Worker



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

John H. Field
Fence Viewer

Kathleen Foster
Council on Aging

Tom Foster
Historical Commission

Richard Harris
Volunteer Fire Fighter

Lawrence Hatch
Former Fire Chief
Volunteer Fire Fighter

Richard Hatch
Former Fire Chief
Volunteer Fire Fighter

Deborah House
Park and Recreation Clerk

Rick Kapinos
Park and Recreation

Jeff Liquori
Conservation Commission

William Patric
Volunteer Fire Fighter

Jacqueline Weissbach
Hampden Housing Authority

INFORMATION AND BUSINESS HOURS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN

Federal Census 1/1/01 5,189
State Census 1/1/85 4,762
Town Census 1/1/10 5,139

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

19.64 square miles

COUNTY

Hampden County

TAX RATE

\$15.84 for Fiscal 2011

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Last Monday in April at 7:00pm

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

First Monday in May, 7am-8pm

GOVERNOR

Deval Patrick
Office of the Governor
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-727-9173

CONGRESSMAN

Richard E. Neal
2208 Rayburn House Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515
Phone: 202-225-5601

OR

U.S SENATORS

John F. Kerry
U.S. Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-4543

District Office
Federal Building
300 State St. Suite 200
Springfield, MA 01103
Phone: 413-785-0325

OR

1550 State Street, Suite 304
Springfield, MA 01103
Phone: 413-785-4610

STATE SENATOR

Gale Candaras, Hampden District
State House, Room 213B
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-722-1291

OR

Scott P. Brown
U.S. Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

District Office: 17 Main Street
Wilbraham, MA 01095
Phone: 413-599-4785

OR

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

REPRESENTATIVE

Brian M. Ashe
2nd Hampden District
State House, Room 540
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-722-2425

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS
BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext.100

BOARD OF HEALTH

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8am-2pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 102

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3RD Monday 6pm, or as necessary
during budget process

TOWN CLERK – Eva Wiseman

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9am-3pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 103

TOWN TREASURER–Richard Patullo

Office Hours: Tues-Thurs, 10am-2pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 105

TAX COLLECTOR – Eva Wiseman

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9am-3pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 104

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Office Hours: Mon & Wed, 9am-2:00pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 106

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Office Hours: Mon 10-1, Wed 10-1
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 110

PLANNING BOARD

Office Hours: M-Thurs 9am-1pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 109

WATER COMMISSION COMMITTEE

Meet first Thursday of month

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Phone: 596-3884

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Phone: 566-2151 ext. 111

COUNCIL ON AGING

Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9:00am
3:00pm
Phone: 566-5588

HAMPDEN HOUSING

AUTHORITY

Centennial Commons
Phone: 566-8157

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office Hours: Every Tues 6-8 pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 107

HAMPDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Phone: 566-3047

HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
HOURS

Tuesday, 10-5 pm, Wednesday,
10 am - 5 pm
Thursday, 1-8 pm, Saturday,
10 am – 2 pm

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

TRANSFER STATION

Saturday, 8am-4pm, Tuesday, 1-4pm
Recycling: Same Hours
Phone: 566-2035

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS
BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF APPEALS

Applications available from Town Clerk

PARK COMMISSION

Office Hours: M-Thurs. 9-1:00pm

Call 566-2151 ext. 108

VETERAN'S SERVICES- John Comerford

Municipal Offices of Town

Monson, MA 01057

Phone: 267-4140

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

Phone: 566-2151 ext. 109

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Phone: 566-8327

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meet as posted

STORMWATER COMMISSION

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Board of Selectmen	9 to 3	Monday thru Thursday
Board of Health	8 to 2	Monday thru Thursday
Board of Assessors	9 to 2	Monday and Wednesday
Building Inspector	6 to 8	Tuesday evenings
Conservation Commission	1 to 3	Wednesday
	11 to 1	Friday
Highway Department	7 to 3:30	Monday thru Friday
Library	10 to 5	Tuesday
	10 to 5	Wednesday
	1 to 8	Thursday
	10 to 2	Saturday
Park and Rec	9 to 1	Monday thru Thursday
Planning Board	9 to 1	Monday thru Thursday
Ridgeline/Hillside	9 to 1	Monday thru Thursday
Senior Center	9 to 3	Monday thru Friday
Tax Collector	9 to 3	Monday thru Thursday
Town Clerk	9 to 3	Monday thru Thursday
Treasurer	10 to 2	Tuesday thru Thursday

BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES AND COMMITTEES

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
Building Inspector	6 to 8	Tuesday evenings	566-2151 ext. 107
Conservation Comm.	10 to 1	Monday	566-2151 ext. 110
	10 to 1	Wednesday	
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	10 to 5	Tuesday	566-3047
	10 to 5	Wednesday	
	1 to 8	Thursday	
	10 to 2	Saturday	
Park and Rec	9 to 1	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 108
Planning Board	9 to 1	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 109
Ridgeline/Hillside	9 to 1	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 109
Senior Center	9 to 3	Monday thru Friday	566-5588
Tax Collector	9 to 3	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 104
Town Clerk	9 to 3	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 103
Treasurer	10 to 2	Tues, Wed, Thurs.	566-2151 ext. 105

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS – 2011

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

Richard R. Green, Chairman 2012
Vincent J. Villamaino, BOH Chair 2013
John D. Flynn 2014

Administrative Assistant to
Board of Selectmen
Pamela Courtney

Coordinator for Board of Health
Jane Budynkiewicz

MODERATOR

Robert L. Howarth 2011

TOWN CLERK

Eva Wiseman 2013

TOWN TREASURER

Richard Patullo 2013

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Eva Wiseman 2013

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Norman Charest, Chair 2012
Stanley Witkop 2013
Robert Makuch 2014

Assistant Assessor
Dawn Barnes

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGION

SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Scott Chapman 2012
Lisa Morace 2014

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN LIBRARY

Kathleen Hutchison 2013
Beth E. Burger 2014
Kirsten H. Lipkens 2012

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

George Stone, Vice Chair 2015
Kathleen Flynn 2016
Jacqueline Weissbach 2013
Lucretia Hembt 2014
Benjamin Bump-State Appointed 2011

CONSTABLES

George K. Stone, Jr. 2013
Arthur A. Booth, Jr. 2013
Charles Wood 2013

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Richard Hatch, Chairman 2013
Edward L. Loiko 2014
John Wilkinson 2012

PLANNING BOARD

Cornelius Flynn, Chair 2014
Joseph Kruzel 2015
Joseph A. (Charlie) Dolben 2016
John Matthews 2012
Robert Howarth 2013

Judith M. Jackson, Assoc. 2011
Deborah House, Clerk

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Robert G. White, Jr. 2012
Martin S. McQuade 2011
Michael G. Cronin 2014
Jay S. Ray 2013
Frederick P. Frangie 2014

Cindi Connors, Clerk

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2011

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Clifford Bombard
Judy Mikkola, Asst. to Accountant

DOG OFFICER

Shelley Sears

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Michael Gorski

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Shelley Sears

SUPT OF INSECT/PEST CONTROL

Dana Pixley

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Lorri McCool

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Arthur A. Booth

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER

John Comerford

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Dana Pixley

TREE WARDEN

Dana Pixley

FENCE VIEWERS

John H. Field, Resigned
William H. Patric

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Lance Trevallion

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Gary Courtney

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Dennis Chaffee, Sr.
Bernie Sears, Alt.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Doug Boyd, Co-Chair
Carol Fitzgerald, Co-Chair
Jeff Smith
Jamie Collins
Rick Rubin

BOARD OF APPEALS

M. Chris Cesan, Chair
Kenneth E. Lefebvre
L. Jed Berliner
Richard E. Patullo
Cheryl Cudnik
Duane Mosier
Mark R. Barba, Alternate
David R. Scott, Alternate
Judith M. Jackson, Clerk

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Patricia Ehlers
Elizabeth Howarth, Treas
Catherine Mahoney
John Karalekas
Marianne Schwartz
Mindy Meeker
Patricia Pomeroy

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2011

TOWN COUNSEL

David J. Martel

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

John Matthews
Richard Patullo
Bonnie Geromini

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Phil Grant
Bonnie Geromini
Judy McKinley Brewer
Norma

COUNCIL ON AGING

Brian MacLeod, Chair
Patricia Clark, Vice Chair
Rita Vail
Raymond Crowley
Deanna Vermette
Al Ouimet
Karen Leger
Kathleen Foster

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Rebecca Moriarty
John J. Shay, Hampden Rep.
to GSSSI
Michael Framarin, Water Operator

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Doug Boyd
John M. Flynn
Dorothy Kibbe
Cornelius Flynn, Planning Board Rep.
Phillip Grant, Conservation Comm. Rep.
Hampden Housing Authority Rep.
Connie Witt, Historical Comm. Rep.
Park & Recreation Rep.

PARKING CLERK

Eva Wiseman

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER

Ed Hatch
George Bouchard
Richard Jalbert
Michael Framarin, Oper.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Connie Witt, Chair
M. Chris Cesan
Sally Bryce

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Dana Pixley, Superintendent
Robert Richards
John Ouellette
Lauren Comstock
Matthew Frederick

BOARD OF REGISTRAR

Arthur A. Booth, Jr
Richard Patullo
Janet M. Redin
Eva Wiseman, Clerk

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2011

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Sheila Slate

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Judy Mikkola

PVPC COMMISSIONER

Robert Howarth

PVTA REPRESENTATIVE

Edward L. Loiko

ADA COORDINATOR

Arthur A. Booth, Jr.

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2011

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF

Jeff Farnsworth

SERGEANTS

Joseph Henry
William Joy, Jr.
Michael Cooney

POLICE OFFICERS

Scott Trombly
Todd Ely
Brett Purchas
Tawrin Seega
Jason B. Roath
William E. Jacques

RESERVE OFFICERS

Robert Robinson
Christopher Eck
Mark Galarneau
Matthew Frydryk
David Goodrich
Alexander Sierra
Timothy J. Andre
James R. D'Amour
John O'Brien
Nathan T. Dentzau
Daniel C. Martin
John R. Wagner (appointed 5/11)

DISPATCHERS (full time)

Radcliffe Kenison
Laurie Ryder
Philip Lord
Julie Zimmerman

DISPATCHERS (part time)

Matthew Frydryk
Robert Lauer
Carolyn L. Jodoin
Kristen C. Jordan

POLICE MATRON

Laurie Ryder
Julie Zimmerman

SECRETARY POLICE DEPT.

Kathy Zanetti

APPOINTED FIRE FIGHTERS - 2011
HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

OFFICERS

Michael Gorski, Chief
David Markham, 1st Deputy Chief
Charles Beaver, 2nd Deputy Chief
Edward Poulin, 1st Captain
Scott Rumlík, 2nd Captain
Patrick Farrow, Lieutenant
Bryan Markham, Lieutenant

FIREFIGHTERS

Mark Barba
Nathan Dentzau
Timothy Evans
Joseph Grant
Michael Hatch
Peter Hatch
Harold House
Richard Kelly
Joy Leblanc
Matthew Loveling
Arthur McCarthy
Jason McCarthy
John Moriarty
Andrew Netherwood
Sharon Paquette
Evan Rugani
Andre Sample

PROVISIONAL FIREFIGHTERS

Joseph Romito-Carey
Michael Fedora
Trevor Howell
Derrick Merrill
Nick Sanderson
Matthew Sterling

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-certs/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 pen'nits, 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

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***

*"Plus a \$200 application fee to Commonwealth of Massachusetts- Alcoholic
Beverages Control Commission for new licenses. effective 7/1/03.*

Automatic Amusement License\$25 per machine

Weekday Entertainment Permit.....\$100

Sunday Entertainment Pennit:

•**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 Pennit.....\$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 \$15.00*; additional stickers within the same household: \$5.00.

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

HOUSEHOLD TRASH

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

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

The bags are sold in packages of 10.

16 Gallon bags= \$10.00

33 Gallon bags= \$20.00

Massachusetts prohibits the disposal of the following items:

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

Be sure to keep these items out of your trash.

What are considered hazardous items?

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

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

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

Look for the Bulk Disposal Day, April 2009 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 2011:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Young</u>
Cattle: (Adult= 2 years + over)		
Dairy	0	1
Beef	12	17
Steers/Oxen	0	0
Goats (Adult= 1 year + over)	52	11
Sheep (Adult= 1 year + over)	10	4
Swine		
Breeders	1	0
Feeders	0	0
Llamas/Alpacas	12	0
Equines: Horse/Ponies	130	1
Donkeys/Mules	2	0
Poultry: Chickens	303	
Turkey	1	
Waterfowl	8	
Game birds	0	
Rabbits	49	

There were three cats quarantined due to wounds of unknown origin, and six dog bites to humans. There were two dog to dog attacks.

Respectfully submitted:

Shelley Sears
Animal Inspector

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Robert (Bob) Makuch on his recent re-election. This begins Bob's second term. Bob brings great work ethic, attention to detail, communication and management skills to the board and is a real asset to the community.

This year, 2011, was a revaluation year. This past year we saw about a ten million dollar reduction in the town value. This translated into about thirty-two additional cents to the tax rate. This was not unexpected as sale values have been dropping slightly. A revaluation year generates extra work for our office and closer review from the Department of Revenue.

The Gateway System is working very well. This is a system that helps with the submission of documents that are required so a tax rate can be approved by the state. This is a program that allows each department to enter their required information. The assessors are responsible for reviewing each document prior to formal submission. The Department of Revenue can also review the entered information and identify problems or inaccuracies before formal submission. This system helps speed up the process. This year our tax rate was set at \$18.67 per thousand. This is a single tax rate that applies to all classes of property in the town.

The Assessor's Office purchased some new computers and updated some software. This has been a big help. The computers allow us to work simultaneously on different tasks and the software upgrade really helped the speed and function of this program.

We got started with our GIS mapping project contracting with Cartographic Associates. The representative was very knowledgeable and helpful. This project when completed will allow access to the assessor's maps on-line. It will also allow other departments to submit their documents as overlays to our maps such as planning board, highway and conservation for example.

Our plans for 2012 include finishing the GIS project, implementing better internal data review processes and working with other departments with long term financial planning for the town.

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

	2009*	2010*	2011*
Annual Flu Clinic	175	121	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0
H1N1 Clinic	760	0	0
Lyme Disease	40	24	31
Annual Rabies Clinic	50	50	50
Percolation Tests	32	30	37
Septic Systems – Installed/Repaired	37	30	41
Well Permits	9	4	4
Septic Haulers Permits Issued	8	4	10
Disposal Works Installers Licenses Issued	15	15	35
Food Service Establishment Permits Issued	28	28	30
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1	1
Health / Nuisance Complaints	18	6	14
No. of gallons of Hazardous Household Waste Collected	345	300	405

*(Numbers based on calendar year)

The Transfer Station is being used by approximately 700 households. This past year 310 tons of solid waste and 189 tons of recyclable materials were processed. The Recycling Center is open the same hours as the Transfer Station in order to make it more convenient for all town residents to recycle.

The Town held Bulk Removal Days in April and October. Many residents took advantage of this service. Items were processed including: TV's, computer components and stereo equipment. Also taken in were: white good items (some containing CFC's) such as refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, stoves and dehumidifiers. Other recycled items were: car/lawn tractor batteries, metal furniture, lawn/garden tools, lawnmowers and car parts. In speaking with the residents who participated: "they were very pleased to have this service and asked to have it offered again".

We have a new addition to the transfer station, a clothing donation box from Hartsprings, Big Brother, Big Sister. We have not had any reports from the company as to total usage but are hopeful it will be a help to the community.

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

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 Carl Paulson. We also thank Highway Superintendent, Dana Pixley and the Highway Department for their continuous help in keeping the Transfer Station repaired, plowed, 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 2, 2011, we held our annual Rabies Clinic at the Highway Department Garage. This year 50 dogs/cats were vaccinated and licensed. We thank Dr. Penny Peck, Town Clerk, Eva Wiseman and the Girl Scouts for organizing this important event.

On September 10th, we participated in the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Day held at East Longmeadow Fire Station. During this event, 405 gallons of hazardous waste from our Town were disposed of properly. There were a total of five towns involved with a total of 5,760 gallons of waste disposed of. The next hazardous waste day will be held September 2012. Please contact our office for more information.

The Board of Health and the C.O.A. did not hold a flu clinic in November.

The Board of Health and Lorri McCool, Hampden Board of Health Agent, continue to work with the Hampden County Health Coalition (HCHC) in preparing our emergency response plans. The snow storm in October proved to test all the plans previously made. What a test! A shelter was opened in the Hampden Senior Center on October 1, 2011 at 10:30 am and continued to be opened until November 5, 2011 at 8:30 pm. With help from the Wilbraham Board of Selectmen, Wilbraham Fire Department, the Wilbraham MRC, Hampden Police and Fire we muddled through. It was a true test of the endurance of the Hampden residents. Almost everyone that walked through the doors of the Senior Center at a time of terrible conditions walked in with a smile and kind word helping others in the shelter. It just reminds us of what a wonderful town Hampden is and continues to be.

On April 30 and October 29, 2011 the Hampden Board of Health along with the Hampden Police Department held a National Drug Take Back Day. During the hours of 10 am until 2:00 pm the departments received approximately 80 pounds of drugs per day with a total of 116 pounds of drugs. The drugs had to be in pill form for we could not take syringes or liquids. It could be either prescription drugs or over the counter drugs that are expired.

The upcoming year will continue to focus on increasing the capacity, capability and level of preparedness for routine and emergency public health events. If interested in volunteering on this project please call the Board of Health.

Well water testing for Coli form bacteria is now available throughout the year. Sterile sample bottles may be picked up from the Board of Health with instructions on how to properly draw a water sample. Residents are responsible for taking their sample to the laboratory and for the associated testing cost. We will provide a list of testing facilities upon request.

We encourage you to visit our website, www.hampden.org. There you will be able to access forms required for percolation testing and disposal works construction. You will also find Title V, Transfer Station information as well as upcoming events.

On December 26, 2008 new Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations came into effect and along with the Board of Health govern the installation of Outdoor Solid Fuel Burning Appliances. Anyone who is contemplating the purchase of a unit is subject to these regulations and should contact our office for more information.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane M. Budynkiewicz, Board of Health Coordinator
Vincent J. Villamaino, Chair Board of Health
John D. Flynn
Richard R. Green

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Registered voters on Jan. 1, 2011 – 3524, December 31, 2011 - 3465
Voter attendance during 2011:

Annual Town Meeting, April 25, 2011	102
Annual Town Election, May 3, 2011	451
Special Town Meeting, October 24, 2011	54

Inspectors And Tellers

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This past year has been extremely active thanks to Mother Nature as was well as all of the projects that are both completed and ongoing. The June 1st tornado brushed the north side of the town causing significant damage to personal property in the Glendale and Ames road area. We were fortunate that there were no injuries. The residents of Ames Road demonstrated what it means to live in a “community” when they banded together and cleared their own street ahead of all other available efforts. To these folks we say thank you and well done! We contacted both FEMA AND MEMA immediately but were advised there would be no reimbursement to our community for the storm. We did reach out to both Polish National Credit Union and Monson Savings Bank who both came through with donations to help with cleanup. One week later a severe thunderstorm struck the area causing for us an even bigger cleanup project than the tornado, taxing our already stretched Tree Warden accounts. October 31 was the most significant storm in recent memory to strike Hampden. The cleanup and power outage caused us to declare a State of Emergency. We opened the Senior Center as a shelter and stretched all town employees and volunteers to the limit.

The Senior Center was open to all with no questions asked. We had people from Wilbraham, Longmeadow and Springfield stay with us for the week. Jane Budynkiewicz is to be recognized for her boundless energy, efforts and professionalism. She exhausted herself (along with her husband, Mike). It goes without saying Jane is a blessing to all of us. A special thanks to Joe Lawrence who was there for his fellow residents from the beginning till the end. The Town was in immediate contact with both FEMA and the Department of Revenue to work reimbursement and funding strategies to pay for cleanup. Dana Pixley and his crew are to be applauded for their clean up work both during and after the storm. Dana has also done an outstanding job filing and tracking reimbursement on behalf of the town. Lastly, in addition to all of this his management of the debris cleaning has saved Hampden hundreds of thousands of dollars. Discussion of this storm would be remiss without mention of the effort put forth by the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department who pitched right in with street clearing assistance.

The Fire Department will take delivery of their new truck just as the expansion to the Fire Station is completed. The new truck replaces two pieces of equipment that have served the town well through the last four decades. We as a town should be proud of our Volunteer Fire Department who serves willingly to protect our town. We appreciate them and they should know the value we place on the job they do.

The Police Department continues to see increased demand for service and has risen to the challenge. While so much of their work goes unheralded, it is important to remember their efforts. Jeff Farnsworth and his staff have proven themselves to be outstanding public servants. The Police Department has long since outgrown their space and is in desperate need of their own building. We have been researching grants and federal funding all to no avail so far. This is going to be a project that we may well have to pay for ourselves, but it is long overdue.

The last five years have seen the completion of our \$1.5 million dollar road improvement bond. While much has been done, there is still much to be done. Our bridges and subsurface structures are deteriorating and more money needs to be invested in order to preserve them. We are going to have to consider another road type bond or some type of comprehensive funding package to address the town’s need for capital improvements. This will need to be dovetailed into our current plan (as we have always tried to do) without causing a spike in the tax rate.

The elected and appointed officers as well as the support staff have worked extremely well together and have done an excellent job managing Hampden’s finances. The Stabilization Fund

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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continues with a balance of approximately eight hundred thousand dollars and town services have been somewhat restored to past levels. This has all been done without an override of Proposition 2 ½ or taxing to full levy capacity. We have all worked as hard as possible to keep taxes in line while still providing the level of service to which we have become accustomed.

We would like to thank Pamela Courtney, Administrative Assistant, Jane Budynkiewicz, Board of Health Coordinator, Rebecca Moriarty, Executive Director of Council on Aging, Jeff Farnsworth, Chief of Police, Michael Gorski, Fire Chief, Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent and Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent for their consummate professionalism and all they do for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER 2011

Building Permits Issued		Total Permits Issued	
Dwelling	1	Building	151
Addition / Alteration	99		
Commercial new	0	Electrical	108
Commercial addition or alteration	2		
Pool	7	Plumbing/Gas	126
Garages	2		
Outbuilding	13		
Woodstoves	16		
Signs	2		
Fire damage	2		
Demolition	7		
Total Building	151		

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 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

HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING

What a year it was for the Hampden Senior Center. We were able to open our doors for an extra hour every day, we brought back our monthly breakfast, introduced many new programs and we welcomed new staff members. We also saw the community of Hampden come together in October to transform the senior center into an emergency shelter. It was a busy, but great year.

In case you don't know, 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, Brown Bag Program, Prescription Assistance, Lock box program, Fuel Assistance, Administration of the Hampden Emergency Fuel Fund, Entertainment/Social Events, Health and Wellness, Tax Assistance, Recreation/hobbies/arts/crafts & games and the monthly Scantic Scribe newsletter. We continue to strive to identify the needs of the senior population in Hampden and try to best meet those needs with programs and services.

The Senior Center is currently open Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Lunch is served daily at 11:30 under the direction of meal site manager Christine Mansfield. Greater Springfield Senior Services continues to fund and cater the congregate meal site.

Lesley Mullaney and Marq Culhane served as our Activities Coordinators in 2011. We are so pleased to have these energetic, upbeat women on our staff. They both bring great new ideas to the senior center. We were also thrilled to welcome Doreen Rauch back to the senior center after almost 6 years away. Doreen is back with us as our Administrative Clerk and Scribe Editor in Chief, and we are thrilled.

Our Outreach office is busy all the time. Wendy Turer, Outreach Coordinator, helped over 275 people in 2011 with issues ranging from food stamps and fuel assistance to housing and home health care. Transportation continues to be an issue in Hampden, but more and more people are taking advantage of the volunteer driver system that Wendy created. Our drivers, Joe Lawrence, John Shay, Ray Crowley, Elaine Robbins, Deanna Vermette, Cliff Bombard, Jim Cabrini, Bob Moreau, Frank Watson and Sheila Thompson are invaluable to our program. Many thanks to these drivers who provided more than 600 rides and drove over 4,500 miles!

The staff at the senior center is always interested in your comments and suggestions, so please get in touch if you have program ideas or thoughts on new activities or events.

HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING P2

The Friends of Hampden Seniors continue to support the senior center by raising money at bake sales and delicious dinners. The Friends generously pay for the mailing of the Scantic Scribe each month. Friends support this year included billiards seating, Lock Boxes, support of the health fair, entertainment, landscaping, kitchen cleaning and more. This year the Friends and Lions Club did a fantastic job at putting together SHOWTIME, an event that brought all ages into the senior center for a weekend performance of music, dancing and fun! The Friends and the Lions worked tirelessly over the course of many months to plan this amazing production. The Friends continue to work hard to support the senior center and we appreciate all of their efforts.

Thank you Lions Club for continuing to pay for the paper used to print the Scribe. Without your generous annual donation we would not be able to produce the newsletter.

As in years past this report would not be complete without giving thanks to the over 90 volunteers who gave over 3700 hours of their time to the senior center in 2011. Volunteers not only provide their talents here at the senior center, but around town as well. Volunteers are helping in the office, the kitchen, the gardens, with activities & programs, decorating the building, collating the monthly newsletter, providing transportation and so many other programs too numerous to list. Thank you to all of the senior center volunteers!!

Older adults in Hampden are a precious resource needing encouragement, support and our appreciation. Thank you for your support of the Hampden Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rebecca C. Moriarty, Executive Director

Brian MacLeod, Chairman, Pat Clark, Vice Chair, Rita Vail, Secretary, Al Ouimet, Treasurer, Kathy Foster (resigned Oct 2010), Karen Leger, Ray Crowley, Marq Culhane, Deanna Vermette
Rep to GSSSI: John Shay

Council on Aging Staff:

Executive Director:	Rebecca C. Moriarty
Administrative Clerk:	Susan Nieske (through 4/2010), Doreen Rauch (6/2010-present)
Activities Coordinator:	Barbara Fitzgerald (through 11/2010), Lesley Mullaney & Marq Culhane
Outreach Coordinator:	Wendy Turer
Custodian:	Rudie Voight

Affiliations: National Council on Aging, Massachusetts Association of Council on Aging & Senior Center Directors, Western MA Association of Councils on Aging & Greater Springfield Senior Services

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Hampden Cultural Council members are honored to be a part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences annually. The Hampden Cultural Council (HCC) appreciates the support it receives from the state. The Hampden Cultural Council meets several times yearly to read and approve grants that will benefit our local community. Upon agreement, we distribute the available funds allocated to our town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Local groups or individuals who would like to request funds can obtain information and grant applications from Massachusetts Cultural Council Website <http://massculturalcouncil.org> or by contacting one of our members. It should be noted that the council gives preference to projects sponsored by town organizations or residents. Due to limited funds, most requests are partially funded. Applications for the fiscal year 2013 must be submitted to the Cultural Council, Hampden Town Hall, 625 Main Street, Hampden, MA 01036 by October 15, 2012.

The MCC granted the HCC the amount of \$3,870 for FY 2012 and this amount combined with unused funds of \$3,509 from FY 2011 allowed the HCC to make awards to support more projects for this fiscal year. On December 7, 2011, the council voted and approved the funding of the following nine grants:

- "Music Matters" - Field Trip to Springfield Symphony Orchestra –Green Meadows Elementary School
- "History Lives" - Field trip to Old Sturbridge Village-Green Meadows Elementary School
- Theatreworks: Freedom Train -Green Meadows Elementary School
- "Shakespeare's Greatest Hits"- Hampden Senior Center
- "Library Pen Pals Lecture Series" – Hampden Free Public Library
- Week of Young Child "Mother Drum" – Community Partnerships
- "To Life! Celebration in Story, Song and Music" – Farmer's Market
- "Georgia O'Keefe: How to Pastel Paint Flowers"- Hampden Art Guild
- "Main Street Hampden" mural - Hampden Cultural Council

We hope to see you, your friends or family at these future upcoming events.

The Cultural Council wishes to thank Kathleen Foster for her contributions to its work.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ehlers, Chair
Elizabeth Howarth, Treasurer
John Karalekas
Cathy Mahoney
Mindy Meeker
Patricia Pomeroy

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

District of Eastern Hampden County

The year 2011 (despite the June 1, 2011 Tornado) has been a good year for the Department of Veterans' Services.

The most important aspect of the many functions of this department is assisting veterans in financial need; even though the economy has not been vibrant, this office still has not seen a major uptick in veterans seeking assistance; emphasis on outreach for this department continues to be a strong point.

On the 10th anniversary of 9 /11, this office held a Memorial Service in remembrance of all those people we lost on the terrible day. The very first person invited to this memorial service was former president George W. Bush. Although unable to attend the service, Mr. Bush was kind enough to send a letter to be read to the overflow crowd that assembled in Monson on that bright sunny Sunday September 11, 2011. Mr. Bush's letter was read to the crowd by Mr. Rick Green Selectman for the town of Hampden.

Also in attendance were selectmen from the town of Monson, Holland and Wales. Other dignitaries (and speakers) included State Senator Stephen Brewer, State Representative Brian M. Ashe, Honorable John Gibbons US Marshall for Massachusetts and playing Our national Anthem on the Trumpet was Capt. Jerry Frey of The Hampden County Sheriffs Office. A soloist was sent to our service by The US Air Force Band of Liberty; this Air Force Sergeant did a wonderful rendition of Our National Anthem. A 21 gun salute was provided by The American Legion in Monson with participation from The American Legion in Palmer; the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hampden Ma also provided members for this solemn day. The day, although sad in its presentation turned out to be a strong reminder of just how fragile life is. The event was also covered by the local press.

Towards the end 2011, this District reached out to neighboring East Longmeadow with the idea of that town joining the existing district; those discussions are one going.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Comerford
Director Veterans' Services
District of Eastern Hampden County

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL

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work collectively and collaboratively. Only by creating a culture of collaboration and collective inquiry will the District's vision be realized.

4. 21st Century Teaching and Learning: In addition to providing learning environments that are rich with technology, we are committed to providing students with the skills and habits of mind they will need to be successful in college and in their careers. Increasingly, our classrooms will focus on the 4 C's of 21st century learning – communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. The new Minnechaug Regional High School, set to open in August, 2012, will stand as a beacon of the District's commitment to 21st century education.

Over the next two years the District will be systemically and systematically committed to these four goals. The plan will guide us strategically in terms of budget development, resource allocation, professional development, and personnel and curriculum decisions.

As Superintendent, and on behalf of the faculty, staff and students of the District, I extend my appreciation for the support we receive from the townspeople of Hampden and Wilbraham.

Curriculum

Timothy W. Connor, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District designs a rich and rigorous curriculum in order to develop the unique talents of each individual student. The curriculum renewal process is ongoing and ensures continuity and consistency in grades PreK-12. Access to high quality curriculum materials and resources is equitable across the seven schools that comprise the District. The level of technology integration across the curriculum has intensified with improvements in staffing, infrastructure, equipment, reliability, and professional development. A focus upon differentiated instruction and inclusive practices to meet the needs of individual learners provides all students with an appropriate level of challenge and support.

Below are some highlights from across the curriculum areas:

- The Responsive Classroom (elementary level) and Development Designs (middle school level) are implemented in every classroom in order to create learning environments where children thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.
- The District implements a research-based elementary reading and language arts program which incorporates the five components of literacy learning: vocabulary/oral language, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, and reading comprehension.
- Writing Across the Curriculum is a learning strategy implemented at every level in order to enhance the development of literacy, content knowledge, and thinking skills.
- The mathematics curriculum supports the development of conceptual understanding through communication, problem solving, making connections, and meaningful practice.
- The science program advances scientific reasoning as students investigate and solve complex problems using the appropriate tools. Standards-based science units are studied in the classroom and are enriched through regular science labs at the elementary level.
- The history, geography, civics, and economics concepts and skills are addressed through interactive units of study in each grade.

Wilbraham-Hampden Academic Trust provided funding for a school-wide study of the Quabbin Reservoir. All grades studied the history and building of the Quabbin Reservoir through various activities in Science, Social Studies, English Language Arts and Math, and the unit culminated with every grade visiting Quabbin Reservoir.

Green Meadows also began a rigorous accreditation process through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). This self-study process will continue throughout the next two years and will help improve instruction and guide our needs-based budgeting process.

The Hampden PTO and parent volunteers worked tirelessly to support Green Meadows through fundraising and daily help within the classrooms. The money generated from the fundraising was used to purchase equipment, defray the cost of field trips and host special assembly programs. Our School Council members met monthly and all teacher and parent representatives worked together to develop the School Improvement Plan and provide feedback on issues such as school climate and curriculum through our annual parent survey.

Green Meadows Elementary School continues to be a learning environment that provides a safe, caring and respectful climate so that all students can reach their potential.

Mile Tree Elementary School (Preschool - Grade 1)
Rosemary Brosnan, Principal

Mile Tree Elementary School opened its doors in 1963, was renovated in 2000, and is where Wilbraham's youngest students begin their educational journey in the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District. Mile Tree School had an enrollment of 351 Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade One students and a staff of over 50, including the principal, teachers, paraprofessionals, nurse, secretary, custodians, cafeteria staff and special services providers.

Mile Tree School develops the whole child by providing experiences for growth in all social, emotional, cognitive and physical areas. Providing a high quality educational experience for each student is truly the essence of Mile Tree.

Mile Tree School recently revised its mission statement to: *"The mission of Mile Tree School is to educate our children in a safe, supportive and nurturing environment by providing opportunities for social, emotional and cognitive growth while meeting the developmental needs of our early childhood community."* This statement will guide Mile Tree School's self-study work throughout the accreditation process by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) during the next two years.

With the new mission statement in mind, the Mile Tree School Council developed the School Improvement Plan. The Plan's goals ensure that our school is a place where all students achieve to the best of their abilities: 1) Implement an infrastructure of working together as a Professional Learning Community which results in continuous school improvement and 2) Foster student and staff safety and well-being.

The following reports from the various departments highlight just some of the many commendable educational activities at the high school.

The **English Department** offers rigorous, skills-based curriculum for freshmen and sophomores and a variety of rigorous courses for juniors and seniors in preparation for college and career. Our MCAS scores are exceptional with a passing rate of 99%. The department continues to involve the school community in arts and culture. Emeralds Literary Magazine 2010 won national awards including the “Gold” rating from Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) and “Excellent” rating by The National Council of Teachers of English by the Program that Recognizes Excellence in Literary Magazines (PRESLM). Our students continue to be honorably mentioned and awarded for writing on the local and national level.

The **Family and Consumer Science Department** continues to offer hands-on learning experiences for high school students enrolled in the Child Study and Preschool Management. The Minnechaug Child Development Center (Preschool) is open five mornings each week with 24 preschool students enrolled from Hampden and Wilbraham. The department also offered Child Growth and Development and Life Education classes.

The **Fine Arts Department** retained approximately 225 students in the music program this year and approximately 200 students in a variety of art classes. The band and choirs presented assemblies to the entire school body, performed evening concerts, and played a central role in graduation ceremonies. The marching band presented a half-time show at a Friday night home football game and marched in several local parades, including the Big E. More than twenty music students were selected by audition to the Western Massachusetts MMEA Senior District Festival, and several went on to audition for All-State. Several band students also took part in the Quabbin Valley Senior High Music Festival. The band and choir groups continue to be highly visible in our communities performing for the Wilbraham Senior Center, the Rotary Club, and at Memorial Day ceremonies. The Art Department had students accepted to Art All-State and represented in the Springfield Republican newspaper’s “Talented Teens in the Arts”. Several art and music students successfully completed AP exams in Music Theory and Applied Art and many chose to major in art or music in college. The guitar curriculum continues to grow and the History of Popular Music continues to be a successful Fine Arts offering for non-performers.

Foreign Language Department: With today’s emphasis on 21st century skills and a global work force, students are becoming more aware of the advantages of knowing a second language to accompany whatever career path they choose. Minnechaug students realize the importance of language learning and our student enrollment held steady in all three languages. Most of our students complete at least two years of their chosen language and many continue to study the languages through the higher levels. Teachers enrich the experiences of their students within their classes by offering a variety of activities: in French class, students used Skype to communicate with students in Senegal; and in Spanish classes, a group of Mexican students visiting Springfield College paid a visit to MRHS and spoke with students in small groups about the differences between life in Mexico and the US, thus providing our students the opportunity to practice their conversational skills. Teachers are always finding ways to incorporate culture into the curriculum and are creative in their methods and delivery of curriculum, including National

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REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In 2011, using the final portion of the 1.5M Bond voted in 2007 and Hampden's annual apportionment of Ch.90 funds from the State, three infrastructure improvement projects were completed. They were as follows: First, the three year project of relining a large culvert under Main Street, which carries the West Brook to the Scantic River was completed. This project had a total cost of about \$240,000. Second, Main Street was completely reconstructed from Somers Road to the area of the White Birch Apartments. Drainage structures were adjusted and repaired, the road surface was reclaimed and paved, all lawns were loamed and seeded and all driveways were adjusted and aprons paved. This project had a total cost of nearly \$338,000. Third, we continued again this year with the maintenance project of crack filling. This was completed on sections of several roads at cost of \$17,000.

With budgeted funds the majority of Mountain Road was shimmed and leveled and a section of South Road that had washed out was repaired. Normal maintenance projects continued as usual with several collapsed catch basins being repaired, patching of potholes was done, streets were swept and catch basins were cleaned. All traffic lines were repainted and some of the stop lines and crosswalks were also repainted. Maintenance and repairs were made to all of the department's equipment as needed.

Much of the Highway Department's work in 2011 was storm related. We had already had a significant snow cover on the ground, when an unforgettable storm took place on January 12th, 2011. On that date, two feet of snow fell in less than a 24-hour period and required several days of work with town equipment as well as outside contractors to keep the roads open. The June 1st tornado grazed about 2,000 feet of both Ames and Glendale Roads, which required weeks of tree removals to clear the town's tree belts. Following that, several severe thunderstorms with high winds destroyed dozens of large trees across the town. Lastly, we suffered the unusual October 29th snowstorm that dropped 14-inches of wet heavy snow and damaged the majority of trees in the region. Again, we were assisted by outside contractors and on several days had as many as 15 National Guard Troops work with us to clear impassable roads. Work continues today on removing dangerous hanging limbs throughout the town. All these storms took an enormous amount of time and effort to deal with.

There were 24 winter storms last season. In addition to the one mentioned above, many others required the members of the Highway Department to work long hours clearing the roads, making them safe for traffic. I would like to thank the department members; Robert Richards, John Ouellette, Lauren Comstock and Matthew Frederick, along with all the supplemental workers that are used on a regular basis for their service, support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley
Highway Superintendent

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

This year the commission has let the Town down to some extent. On the down side, we currently stand at three members and find it difficult to conduct business with such a small group. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Commission let us know. On the up side, we haven't spent a penny of the Town's money.

We are deeply saddened by the recent death of Bill Meuse who gave freely of his time and expertise as a nationally known professional historian to our Commission for over 13 years. He wrote many papers for us and his ability to keep over 250 years of Hampden's history in his head was remarkable and will not be forgotten. The Hampden Free Public Library will be publishing some of his writings on Hampden in the near future and we hope you will enjoy reading them. Thornton W. Burgess gave us fictional stories of Hampden's wildlife. William E. Meuse gave us true stories of Hampden's people. We will miss him.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Chapin Witt, Chairman

Sally Bryce

Chrissy Cesan

THE HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

The Housing Authority Board consists of five members. Four are elected, and one is appointed by the Governor. The four elected members of the Board are as follows: George Stone, Patricia Clark, Kathleen Flynn, and Lucretia Hembdt. The Governors appointed position is currently vacant. The Hampden Housing Authority employs four staff members. Executive Director is Christine Evans; Office Assistant, Lisa DiFranco, Maintenance Manager, Jim McQuillan, and Maintenance Assistant, John Piechota.

It is the mission and responsibility of the Hampden Housing Authority under Mass. General Law to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing at an affordable rent. Rentals are based on 30% of net income as determined by HUD guidelines. Maximum contract rents are adjusted by HUD annually and are currently set as follows: 1 bedroom - \$591; 2 bedrooms - \$674. All eligibility and occupancy standards are in keeping with the established guidelines and regulations set forth 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 again extend our sincerest thanks to the Town of Hampden's Highway, Police and Fire Departments for their continued cooperative efforts to ensure the safety of the residents of Centennial Commons.

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

Respectfully,

Christine Evans,
Executive Director/Secretary to the Board

ANNUAL REPORT 2011

THE HAMPDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better."

Sidney Sheldon
Author

2011 was an extraordinary year at the Hampden Public Library! In these challenging economic times, it is clear that the Library is more valuable and relevant to the children, adults and families of the Hampden community than ever before. Along with support from the residents of

Hampden, Library Trustees, Friends of the Hampden Public Library, and the State of Massachusetts, the staff has spent the year working passionately to pursue the mission of providing materials and services to satisfy the informational, entertainment and educational needs of our patrons and larger library community. This spirit of collaboration has been critical to our success throughout the year. Thank you to the many volunteers that contributed to the library in many ways throughout the year; giving generously of their time, talent and resources!



FISCAL YEAR 2011 CIRCULATION STATISTICS

Total Circulation for FY 2011	25,340
Interlibrary Loan Circulation:	
▪ Received from other libraries	3,053
▪ Provided to other libraries	5,347
Registered Borrowers	2,361

Programs and Resources for Everyone

This past year found the library offering many new programs and some old favorites as well! For our adult patrons, the library hosted movie screenings, Pages and Purls Adult Knitting Club, The Secrets to Getting Published workshop, Book Clubs, Summer Reading challenges, Extreme Couponing workshop and a new writer's group called Writers' Ink. The Library also provided e-reader support, as the demand for digital books has boomed! Always looking to provide the latest information about our newest materials and news from the publishing world, the Library began providing two new services to our patrons.

The BookPage - a monthly newspaper connecting patrons to great book reviews and author interviews is available free of charge to our patrons. Also, we offer an automatic email update called *Wowbrary*- which enable our patrons to receive messages as soon as our new materials are catalogued and ready for circulation!

We also continued to serve our youngest patrons each week by hosting an Infant & Toddler Time program, a Preschool Storytime and a Preschool Lunch Bunch program. Additionally, we continue to welcome our Middle School students to our Homework Club three days per week. We've enjoyed providing a quiet study area and opportunities for the students to meet for

group project work and report research. We also saw our Children's programming take off this year with the arrival of our new Children's Librarian! We began hosting programs such as Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad – offering our littlest patrons the opportunity to spend quality time reading (and snacking!) with Mom and Dad. We added several age specific Book Clubs called the Library Lions, Library Tigers and Library Cubs. Seasonally, the Library hosted a variety of kid friendly events such as the ever-popular Summer Reading Program, Ghostly Storytime Fun, Knifty Knitting, Holiday Holiday Show, Holiday Card Making Fun, visiting with Santa & Mrs. Claus and Exploring the Beautiful Art of Mehndi Henna Tattoos. It's been an exciting year for our youth!

Welcoming New Staff

This year the Library welcomed two new staff members, as we wished good luck to old friends pursuing new dreams! Our new Children's Librarian is Nancy Trevallion. Nancy came to us with a wealth of experience working with children. As a former Preschool Teacher and Director, Nancy is no stranger to the needs of our very youngest patrons and their caregivers! She hit the ground running as she greeted our summer readers and provided an amazing "One World, Many Stories" library experience! She has been

hard at work ever since sharing the world of children's literature and fun with all who visit the library.

We also welcomed Doria Porcello as our new Library Services Assistant. Doria is working diligently to provide assistance to all of the Library staff on a variety of tasks and projects. She brings incredible organizational skills and energy to our library, as she

Looking Ahead

As the economy continues to struggle, the Hampden Free Public Library will continue to operate as an essential resource for our residents. While providing information, entertainment and support for all patrons, the Library serves as an important cornerstone institution for the cultural and educational needs in the town. Next year, we

FISCAL YEAR 2011 OPERATING BUDGET

Total Operating Budget	\$98,291.00
Revolving Fund	~ \$1,000.00
Trust and Endowments	~ \$1,000.00
MEG (Mass Equalization Grant)	~ \$3,000.00
Appropriated Budget	<u>\$93,291.00</u>
Additional Appropriation at Town Meeting	\$0.00
Total Final Appropriated Budget	<u>\$93,291.00</u>

formerly owned and operated her own small business. Her customer service experience, countless school library volunteer hours, and love for her library have already proven to be a winning combination! We were so lucky to have Nancy and Doria join our library team!



plan to continue focusing on our mission to provide the community with excellent services and relevant collections. We are looking forward to growing our patron usage and sharing all that your public library has to offer!

Respectfully submitted by the Trustees of the Hampden Free Public Library:

Beth Burger, Kathy Hutchison, Chair and Kirsten Lipkens

PARKS AND RECREATION

Maintenance seemed to be the theme for Parks & Recreation for 2011.

The board was granted funding to commence the three part restoration project at Memorial Park. Although the board planned to have this completed in 2011, Mother Nature had other plans for all of us and the park was closed after the first snowfall. We are on target to have this major project completed in the upcoming year.

The board bid farewell to their Chairman, Rick Kapinos, as he decided not to seek re-election. We would like to thank Rick for his years of service. Michael Cronin was re-elected for another term, and the board welcomed newly elected member Fred Frangie. Jay Ray was appointed as the new chairman, and Robert White was re-appointed as Vice-Chairman. Kathy Korabowski became the new gym attendant as Gene Corbett moved south to enjoy his retirement.

The goal of Parks and Recreation is to offer a wide array of age and skill appropriate programs that will develop sportsmanship and skills in a positive, nurturing atmosphere. We thank our coaches and individual sports coordinators for the support and time they give to the youth of our town. Because of them, hundreds of Hampden children participated in our baseball, basketball, soccer and softball programs this year.

Our five week summer recreation program at Memorial Park opened with extended hours this season. Over 100 children attended, and many youth from town worked as counselors-in-training and counselors at the park, under the guidance of returning program director Sara Gay.

Although there has been a variety of challenges and costs, the spray park has continued to provide the town with a recreation area that has proven to be extremely popular.

The board would like to thank the Police Association for their support and their generous donation of new Spray Park Rules signs.

We could not sponsor the programs we do without the Recreation Association of Hampden. RAH's committed volunteers raise needed funds that are integral to the growth and stability of youth sports in Hampden, and we are thankful for their involvement.

If you'd like to get involved, please join us at our meetings, we welcome anyone with an interest in our youth sports programs and encourage your volunteerism.

In closing, we are pleased with where we've gone in 2011 and look forward to an even more successful year ahead.

Respectfully submitted:

Jay Ray, Chairman

Bob White, Vice Chairman

Michael Cronin

Marty McQuade

Fred Frangie

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee is appointed by the Board of Selectmen and consists of five active members as follows: Donald Collins, Chair, Thomas Argenio, Richard Ayers, Carol Fitzgerald and William Gouzounis, Secretary. The primary function of the Personnel Committee is to advise the Board of Selectmen on proper personnel practices within the Town. During the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 the Personnel Committee met at five publically posted meetings (February 7, 2011; March 14, 2011; May 23, 201; July 11, 2011 and September 19, 2011). Additionally, Committee members participated in direct presentations with the Board of Selectmen to report on activities and receive direction on two occasions (August 8, 2011; November 22, 2011).

The committee's principal activities during the period consisted of:

- Reviewed employee salary rates and provided recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for Fiscal Year 2012.
- Completed a comprehensive review of the Policy and Employment Guidelines Handbook and submitted recommendation updates.
- Developed a "Personnel Records Guidance" document and made specific recommendations on record keeping protocols.
- Reviewed and made a recommendation on the salary rate for two newly hired positions.

At the request of the Selectmen, the Personnel Committee activities for 2012 include:

- Finalize and issue the updated Policy and Employment Guidelines Handbook and provide for distribution to Town Managers and employees.
- Review the current employee salary rates as they relate to Fiscal Year 2013 and develop a timely recommendation for the review by the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted:

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

PLANNING BOARD

There were no new subdivision plans submitted to the Planning Board in 2011. The Board continued administering one active subdivision approved in 2004, Scantic Meadows.

The Board continues to adjust their meeting schedule to align with the demands of the town. As the demand goes up, the Board will adjust the schedule appropriately to meet the needs.

We welcome a new member since the last town report. James Quackenbush has joined the Board and has been an excellent addition. Welcome Jim.

The Planning Board is working with other boards in town to digitize zoning maps and have that data linked into the town purchased GIS system. We hope to be trained and active on this system by end of 2012.

The Ridgeline and Hillside committee continues to be administered admirably by John Matthews. The PVPC representative is Judge Robert Howarth, and the CPA representative is Charlie Dolben.

As always there are opportunities for interested citizens to get involved in Board related activities and sub-committees. Community input is always welcomed and encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

Cornelius Flynn, Chair
John Matthews, Vice Chair
Judge Robert Howarth
Joseph Dolben
James Quackenbush
Deb House, Associate Member

Joanne Fiore, Clerk



REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2011 was a year I think we are all happy to see end. Our community has gone through a very unique and memorable year to say the least. With the varied and unexpected events of the past year we were all kept very busy with a very wide range of tasks. The police department not only stayed very active with all the weather related issues, we had a very active year in our general police operations including a high profile case from last year. Members of the department spent a considerable amount of time in Superior Court testifying in the Girouard murder trial. The defense used a tactic that had only been used once prior in the United States, claiming it was caused by the defendant playing violent video games. The defendant was found guilty and the Hampden Police department received praise for the quality of the work done in the investigation.

The police department has seen a steady increase in calls for service again this year. We saw an increase in call volume of nearly 6% from 2008 to 2009 and that trend has continued in 2010, Police dispatch handled a total of 9691 calls, a 19% increase over the prior year. In those 2 years we have had an overall 25% increase in calls for service. We handled a total of 10153 calls for service in 2011 which is an increase of 4.2%. In four years we have had a cumulative increase in activity of 29.2%! We are now working toward the implementation of state mandated emergency medical dispatch and will have it in place for July 1, 2012. This will again increase the work load of the department.

The members of the police department continue to work diligently in meeting the needs of our community as is evident in our conviction rate in court and our general crime statistics that remain steady. What has become very evident is that our facility is no longer servicing our needs. We are operating out of a 900 square foot facility that can no longer house our needs or even store our equipment or records. We are hoping to begin the process of reviewing options for a new facility. If we prepare now and have a plan in place, I feel we will be able to look forward to be able to work a new facility into the town budget as local and national budgets improve. With a plan in place it will allow me to look for and apply for any grants that may become available. As you begin to hear about a new police facility, there are no plans to imminently construct one. We have identified a need and in the next year we will obtain as much information as possible regarding the most cost effective means to meet our community's public safety needs for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Hampden Police department that worked very hard this past year dealing with a very wide array of issues, from a tornado, to a bank robbery, a hurricane and a devastating October snow storm. I would also like to thank the Hampden Fire Department and Hampden Highway Department for their hard work and dedication this past year. They both were a great resource to the Police Department in helping to ensure a safe town for all of us.

Jeff W Farnsworth
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I SUBMIT HEREWITH, THE Annual Report for the police department for the year ending, December 31, 2011.

During the year, the Police Department received 10,153 calls for service. Most of the calls received by this department were for assistance, complaints and for reporting crimes or accidents. The following are some of the types of complaints received and investigated by this department.

Call Action Breakdown

Call Action	Total	Call Action	Total
Building Checks	1,450	Motor Vehicle Stops	1,002
General Services	440	Special Attention	3,193
Medical Assist	333	Suspicious Person/Auto	290
Animal Complaints	147	Alarm Calls	364
Assist Other Agencies	245	Hazardous Condition	118
Assist Citizen/Motorist	477	Disturbance General/Domestic	79
Assist other PD	71	Larceny	48

During the year we had 486 total offenses committed, with 139 total arrests and 3 juvenile arrests. Offenses included in these numbers are 24 cases involving Liquor Law Violations; 35 incidents of vandalism or malicious destruction of property; 16 cases of driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs; 186 Traffic, Town By-Law Offenses, and 38 breaking and entering burglary and 1 bank robbery. Listed below are some of the other complaints filed.

Offenses for 2011

Offense	Total	Offense	Total
Traffic Town By-Law Offense	186	Drunk/Disorderly Conduct	13
Larceny	28	Intimidation	10
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	38	Other Offenses	64
Driving Under the Influence	16	Liquor Law Violations	24
Theft From Building	16	Aggravated Assault	4
Drug/Narcotic Violations	4	Simple Assault	12
Weapons Law Violation	7	Rape	1

POLICE DEPARTMENT P2

We had 62 motor vehicle accidents this year. There were a total of 1,104 citations issued during the year with a total of \$29,445.00 in fines. The town has received \$11,870.00 from the Registry of Motor Vehicles, which represents the town's share of fines on tickets written. Of the citations issued 24.8% were civil infractions, 55% were warnings and 4% resulted in criminal charges. The average speed limit in Hampden is 33 MPH; the average speed of vehicles that were issued citations was 48 MPH or 15 MPH over the speed limit.

WARNING CITATIONS			
Speeding	274	Inspection Violation	101
Failure to Yield	5	Driving without License	6
Equipment Violation	49	Plate Violation	35
License not in Possession	13	Registration Violation	21
Marked Lanes Violation	17	Stop Sign Violation	29

CIVIL CITATIONS			
Speeding	113	Inspection Violation	84
Marked Lanes Violation	8	Seat Belt Violation	6
Registration Violation	9	Equipment Violation	6
Stop Sign Violation	5	No License in possession	17
Plate Violation	3	Jr. Operator Violation	2

CRIMINAL CITATIONS			
Equipment/Plate Violation	7	Oper. After Suspended/Revoc	34
Speeding	5	Inspection Violation	9
OUI	6	Registration Violation	8
Alcohol Violations	11	Driving without License	15
Uninsured Vehicle	16	Open Container Violation	6

During the year \$8,962.75 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits, alarm fees and various report fees.

RIDGELINE AND HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

The Ridgeline & Hillside Committee is a subcommittee of the Planning Board. Its function is to act in an advisory role, perform site reviews for the applicant, and make recommendations to the Planning Board and Building Department. The Ridgeline & Hillside District includes steep slopes averaging 15% or greater for 200 feet, and any land at an elevation of 600 feet or more above sea level. Please see Section 6 of the Town of Hampden Zoning Bylaws for more details. The Zoning Bylaws can be found on the Town website at www.hampden.org.

If you have questions as to the applicability of the bylaw to your property, please see the Ridgeline and Hillside District overlay map located in the hallway of the lower level of the Town Hall or in the Building Department office. If your project falls within the Ridgeline & Hillside District, you must file an application for review of the project. The application can also be found on the Town's website.

Respectfully submitted,

John Matthews, Chairman

SCANTIC VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

During 2011, the Scantic Valley Water District (SVWD)) pumped 417,780 gallons of water from two wells on Massachusetts Audubon Society property, off Main Street in Hampden. There are nine (9) active water services in the SVWD, providing drinking water to eight homes and one Laughing Brook property. The SVWD is a registered community based Public Water System (PWS) in the Commonwealth and is regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Water Supply.

The 2011 DEP water sampling schedule for the SVWD was accomplished with twelve Coliform, one Nitrate, one Nitrite, one Inorganic Compound, one Perchlorate and one Volatile Organic Compounds samples taken at various locations in the distribution system. All water quality sampling results for 2011 indicate excellent water quality, meeting or exceeding standards set by the DEP. Documents filed with the DEP by this PWS for 2011, included the Annual Statistical Report, Consumer Confidence Report and Monitoring Waiver Application.

Other items of note included: On October 29, 2011 a freak ten inch snowstorm knocked out electrical power for five days and in December, 2011, the Scantic Valley Water District underwent a once every three year DEP Sanitary Survey Inspection of the water system.

The following items occurred at the pump house: the propane tank was filled, the four cylinder Ford motor that powers the standby generator had its annual oil & filter changed and once a month the 3,000 gallon underground pneumatic water tank was flushed and the master water meter read. The nine residential water service meters were read twice, once in June and then again in December.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Hatch
George Bouchard
Richard Jalbert
Michael Framarin, Licensed Water Operator

TAX COLLECTOR

To reduce the possibility of posting your payment to someone else's account and for the convenience of making online payments using your checking or credit card account, while having the opportunity to verify that the proper tax account is being credited, visit "hampden.org" and click on "taxes" in the upper right hand corner of the screen. Our Unipay Gold service offers a secure website that gives taxpayers the opportunity to set up an account for future use or to make individual payments as directed. Additionally, unlike most online banking payment services that mail checks issued through a third party, payments made through Unipay are credited for the date they are entered. That can be a real advantage when you want to get your payment in on time but you don't want to brave the storm that hits on the day that it's due.

The tax rate for fiscal year 2012 was set at \$16.87 per thousand dollars of assessed value, representing an increase of \$1.23 over fiscal year 2011's tax rate of \$15.64. There were a number of reasons for the rate increase, including lower property assessments, the debt for the new high school and school budget increase, the addition to the firehouse, and a number of others.

Every year I like to remind taxpayers that several exemptions are available to resident homeowners who may qualify for a reduction in their real estate tax. If you are over the age of 70 and you have limited income and assets, or you've been deemed legally blind, or you're a Veteran, check the exemption criteria used by the Assessors. If you qualify, these exemptions can certainly help to ease your tax burden. Additionally, in 2010 the Town approved the senior tax work-off program for resident real estate tax payers over 60. Participants are given the opportunity to reduce their tax obligation in exchange for work they do for the Town.

Calendar year tax collections for 2011:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax:	610,475.00
Personal Property Tax:	230,611.16
Real Estate Tax:	9,380,267.83
CPA:	53,716.59
Interest:	39,625.66
Fees:	15,458.05
Total	10,330,154.29

TOWN CLERK

Money remitted to the Treasurer in 2011:

Fish and Game	
State	3822.00
Town Fees	156.50
Dog Licenses	902.00
Certified Copies and Publications	1800.00
Trade Names and Marriages	580.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1769.07</u>
	9029.57 Total

Available in the Town Clerk's Office:

* Fishing & hunting licenses	prices vary
Dog licenses \$ <u>4.00</u> spay/neuter, <u>OR</u>	10.00
Marriage Licenses	15.00
Trade Name in Business (D/B/A)	20.00
Subdivision Control Law	7.00
Zoning By-Laws	10.00
Zoning Map	20.00
General By-laws	5.00
Certified Copies (vital records)	5.00
Street List	10.00
Voter's List	10.00
Voter's List on diskette	10.00
Voter Registration Card	5.00

* Because of changes made to the method of issuance, the Town Clerk's Office will no longer offer Massachusetts hunting or fishing licenses after December 31, 2011.

Vital Statistics recorded in Hampden:

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Births	28	29	23	27	23	29	30	21
Deaths	59	70	84	67	65	68	82	70
Marriages	12	11	14	15	16	14	18	13

MINUTES – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 4/25/11

Moderator Robert Howarth called the meeting to order at 7:04PM - Attendance 102

Article 1. TOWN REPORTS

The Town voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 2010, be accepted as printed.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 2. BUDGET

The Town voted that the sums of money shown in the column entitled "Fiscal 2012 Recommended Available Funds" 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 charges for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

		Fiscal 2012
		Recommendations
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
1	Accountant	
	1.1 Salary	26,878
	1.2 Clerical	150
	1.3 Expenses (Audit)	13,000
	Total Accountant	40,028
2	Advisory Committee	
	2.1 Clerical	4,175
	2.2 Expenses	200
	Total Advisory	4,375
3	Appeals, Board of	
	3.1 Clerical	3,245
	3.2 Expenses	200
	Total Appeals	3,445
4	Assessors, Board of	
	4.1 Salaries	14,224
	4.2 Clerical	30,163
	4.3 Expenses	3,500
	4.4 Data Processing	-
	4.5 Software Support	8,675
	4.6 Mapping Maintenance	2,000
	4.7 Full List Measure	
	4.8 Field Review	3,000
	Total Assessors	61,562
5	Building Department Expenses	
	5.1 Code and General Enforcement	2000
	5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	
	Total Building Dept.	2,000

6	County Retirement	218,985
7	Insurance	
	7.1 Property and Liability	78,000
	7.2 Employee Benefits	167,000
	7.3 Unemployment Compensation	2,000
	7.4 Longevity	1,300
	7.5 FICA	
	Total Insurance	248,300
8	Law and Claims	
	8.1 General	20,000
	Total Law	20,000
9	Moderator	
	9.1 Salary	
	9.2 Expenses	100
	Total Moderator	100
10	Planning Board	
	10.2 Clerical	9,700
	10.3 Expenses	500
	10.4 Software support	-
	Total Planning Board	10,200
11	Registrars, Board of (Voters)	
	11.1 Salaries	800
	11.2 Election Expenses	3,000
	11.3 Street Lists	2,000
	Total Registrars	5,800
12	Selectman	
	12.1 Salaries	9,600
	12.2 Administrative Asst.	37,698
	12.3 Secretarial	
	12.4 Expenses	1,600
	12.5 Legal Advertising	500
	12.6 Computer Study Committee	
	12.7 Temporary Help	500
	Total Selectman	49,898
13	Tax Collector	
	13.1 Salary	29,563
	13.2 Clerical	10,950
	13.3 Expenses	2,000
	13.4 Computer Maintenance	2,500
	13.5 Tax Title Work	2,500
	13.6 Tax Title Admin.	
	Total Tax Collector	47,513
14	Town Clerk	
	14.1 Salary	29,563
	14.2 Clerical	7,835
	14.3 Expenses	750
	14.4 Town Publications	100
	Total Town Clerk	38,248

15	Town Report	3,500
16	Treasurer	
	16.1 Salary	33,597
	16.2 Clerical	8,252
	16.3 Expenses	1,100
	16.4 Certifying Notes	100
	16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	
	16.6 Tax Title Expense	1,000
	16.7 Payroll Service	6,000
	16.8 Bank Service Charges	100
	16.9 Tax Title Admin.	
	Total Treasurer	50,149
	* Includes \$7,500 normally paid via transfers	
17	Veterans' Benefits	30,000
18	Greater Springfield Senior Services	350
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		834,453
	GENERAL TOWN SERVICES	
	Academy Hall Maintenance	2,500
21	Cemetery Commission	
	21.1 Clerical	2,000
	21.2 Expenses	550
	21.3 Maintenance	10,065
	Total Cemetery Commission	12,615
22	Conservation Commission	
	22.1 Clerical	6,878
	22.2 Expenses	400
	Total Conservation Commission	7,278
23	Transfer Station	
	23.1 Operation	-
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing	19,900
	Total Transfer Station	19,900
24	School Buildings Repairs	5,000
26	Library	
	26.1 Salaries	
	26.2 Expenses	
	26.3 Library Materials	
	Total Library	93,291
27	Town Events	800
29	Office Equipment	
	29.1 Acquisition	2,500
	29.2 Maintenance	7,000
	29.3 Supplies	3,000
	29.4 Postage	15,000
	Total Office Equipment	27,500

30	Parks and Recreation	
	30.1 Salaries	15,331
	30.2 Operating Expenses	3,500
	30.3 Capital Improvements	
	30.4 Baseball	
	30.5 Softball	
	30.6 Girls Soccer	
	30.7 Boys Soccer	
	30.8 Basketball	
	30.9 Director's Salary	
	30.9 Spray park	8,000
	Total Parks and Recreation	26,831
32	Town House Maintenance	
	32.1 Custodial	19,000
	32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	8,500
	32.3 Heat and Utilities	42,000
	Total Town House Maintenance	69,500
34	Ambulance	0
35	Gasoline	55,000
36	Street Lighting	19,100
37	Council on Aging	
	37.1 Director's Salary	39,483
	37.2 Clerk	12,639
	37.3 Expenses	2,000
	37.4 Temporary Help	
	37.5 Outreach Coordinator	6,592
	Total Council on Aging	60,714
38	Senior Center	
	38.1 Custodial	8,919
	38.2 Utilities	17,500
	38.3 Building Maintenance	11,000
	38.4 Grounds Maintenance	
	Total Senior Center	37,419
39	Historical Commission	250
	Total General Town Services	437,698
	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	
40	Superintendent's Salary	74,516
41	Tree Warden	
	41.1 Expenses	8,700
	41.2 Tree Planting	
	41.3 Insect Pest Control	
42	Public Grounds	29,889
43	Highway Maintenance	118,077
	43.1 Expenses	
	43.2 Paving	
44	General Highway Expense	86,650
45	Snow and Ice Removal	60,000
46	Contract Services	
	46.0 Contract Services	
	46.1 Street Sweeping	37,400

	46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning	
47	Other Highway Accounts	
	47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance	14,000
	47.2 Highway Engineering	
	47.3 Equipment Acquisition	
48	Building Expenses	
	48.1 Utilities	11,000
	TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	440,232
	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	
50	Animal Inspection	
	50.1 Salary	2,047
	50.2 Expenses	240
	50.3 Rabies Management	
	50.4 Wildlife Control	2,500
	Total Animal Inspection	4,787
51	Emergency Management	6,000
51.5	Traffic Control	10,000
52	Dog Officer	
	52.1 Animal Control Account	12,000
	52.2 Dog Damage Fund	-
	Total Dog Officer	12,000
53	Fire Department	
	53.1 Fire Chief Salary	-
	53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1,493
	53.3 Operation	33,982
	53.4 Equipment	10,600
	53.5 Training Stipend*	33,000
	Total Fire Department	79,075
	* Approved in STM	
54	Forest Fires	1,490
55	Forest Fire Warden	-
56	Health, Board of	
	56.1 Salary	4,373
	56.2 Clerk Salary	20,922
	56.3 Expenses	1,000
	Total Board of Health	26,295
56.5	Water District	
	565.1 Operations	7,489
	565.2 Testing	2,300
	Total Water District	9,789
57	Police	
	57.1 Chief's Salary	75,223
	57.2 General Salaries	825,917
	57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	8,175
	57.4 General Expenses	51,578

	57.5 New Cruisers	32,000
	57.6 Training	22,243
	57.7 Equipment	5,000
	57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	70,180
	57.9 Additional Officer	
58	Other Police Accounts	
	58.1 Election and Town Meetings	820
	58.2 Towing Clerk	100
	58.3 WMLEC	500
59	Parking Clerk	
Total Police		1,091,736
TOTAL PROTECTION		1,241,172
SCHOOLS		
69	Regional School District	
	69.1 Assessment	6,460,240
	69.2 Teacher Deferral	
Total Regional School District		6,460,240
SUB TOTAL		9,413,795
70	Local Government Debt	
	70.1 Principal	
	70.2 Interest	
	70.3 School Debt	
	70.4 Green Meadow Bond	260,406
	70.5 Highway Truck	
	70.6 Fire Truck	36,000
	70.7 Infrastructure Roads	233,333
	70.8 Minnechaug BAN	355,787
Total Local Government Debt		885,526
GRAND TOTAL		10,299,321

Article 3. PREVIOUS BILLS

The Town voted to take no action on Article 3.

A Majority Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 4. REVOLVING FUNDS

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its various departments, to establish the revolving funds as listed in Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 , separate from the general fund and deposited with the Town Treasurer, for the town departments, sources of receipts, and purposes of payment as printed in Article 4 of the warrant, with the funds in the respective revolving funds not to exceed the following amounts for Fiscal Year 2012:

Board of Assessors:	\$ 2,500
Board of Health:	\$40,000
Building Department:	\$50,000
Library Trustees:	\$ 6,000
Council on Aging:	\$30,000
Tax Collector:	\$ 2,500

Fire Department:	\$10,000
Cemetery Commission	\$17,000

A Majority Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 5. REVOLVING FUNDS

The Town voted, with respect to each revolving fund established by the preceding vote, to receive from each of those boards, departments and offices having charge of a revolving fund a report showing the total amount of receipts and expenditures for each revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2010 and Fiscal Year 2011 through December 31, 2011 and also showing an amount of the increase, if any, in spending authority granted by the Selectmen and Advisory Committee with respect to such revolving funds during Fiscal Year 2010 and Fiscal Year 2011 through December 31, 2011.

A Majority Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 6. ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFER STATION

The Town voted to appropriate the following amounts for the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund:

\$23,000 for salaries

\$ 72,000 for expenses

\$ 95,000 Total

And that \$95,000 be raised as follows:

Transfer Station Revenue: \$80,000

Transfer Station Retained Earnings: \$15,000

A Majority Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 7. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town voted to accept the following recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee.

1 - \$3000 to the Library for the Local History Collection

2 - \$60,000 to the Housing Authority to replace breaker panels at the Senior Housing complex

3 - \$52,000 for restorations West Brook at Memorial Park

4 - \$250 to pay annual membership to the Community Preservation Coalition

A Majority Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 8. CONSERVATION FUND

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$1,000** for the Conservation Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted and approved at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase.

A Majority Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 9. HIGHWAY STATE AID

The Town voted to accept \$258,747 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, the General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.

A 2/3 Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 10. LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID

The Town voted that, in Fiscal Year 2012, if State Aid is received for the Library, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.

A Majority Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 11. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to the Assessor's Stabilization Fund to meet Department of Revenue mandated programs.

A Majority Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 12. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Town voted to transfer from the Assessor's Stabilization Fund \$9,500 for all FY2012 Revaluation Year services.

A 2/3 Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 13. TOWN GIS MAPPING

The town voted to transfer from General Stabilization funds \$9,000 to digitize town maps for GIS mapping.

A 2/3 Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 14. DARE PROGRAM

The Town voted to take no action on Article 14.

A Majority Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 15. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,469** to fund the School Resource Officer for FY11 at Minnechaug Regional High School.

A Majority Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 16. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$24,974** to purchase a new pick-up truck and plow for the highway department.

A Majority Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 17. FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$100,000** to make renovations and improvements to the Fire House.

A Majority Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 18. FIRE DEPARTMENT – PUMPER/TANKER

The town voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to make repairs and improvements to the 1991 International Truck.

A Majority Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 19. FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK

The town voted to raise and appropriate **\$360,000** to purchase a new fire engine to replace the 1972 Maxim and the 1974 Diamond Reo tanker and that to meet said appropriation the town treasurer is authorized to borrow said sum under General Laws Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 1/2).

A 2/3 Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 20. RESERVE FUND

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** for the Reserve Fund.

A Majority Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 21. STABILIZATION FUND

The Town voted to take no action on Article 21.

A 2/3 Vote declared by the Moderator

Article 22. REDUCING TAX RATE

The Town voted to transfer \$254,000 from the General Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal 2012.

A Majority Vote declared by the Moderator

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM

TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
THORNTON W. BURGESS SCHOOL OCTOBER 24, 2011
Moderator Robert Howarth called the meeting to order at 7:07:PM
Attendance 54

Article 1. TOWN HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

The Town voted to transfer \$3,000 from unappropriated available funds for Town House Improvements.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 2. POLICE CRUISER

The Town voted to transfer \$32,000 from unappropriated available funds for the purchase of a new police cruiser. (57.5)

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 3. TREASURER, RECORDS MANAGEMENT SERVICE CONSULTANT

The Town voted to transfer \$2,000 from unappropriated available funds for a records management service consultant.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 4. FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

The Town voted to transfer a sum not to exceed \$10,000 from unappropriated available funds for replacement of a portable power unit for the "Jaws of Life" rescue apparatus.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 5. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – TREE WARDEN EXPENSE

The Town voted to transfer \$20,000 from unappropriated available funds to fund the Tree Warden Account. (41.1)

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 6. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ROAD MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

The Town voted to transfer \$27,000 from unappropriated available funds to repair and maintain road machinery for the Highway Department. (47.1)

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 7. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT RADIOS

The Town voted to transfer \$4,500 from unappropriated available funds to replace six radio units for the Highway Department.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 8. RESERVE FUND

The Town voted to transfer \$20,000 from unappropriated available funds into the Reserve Fund.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 9. REDUCING TAX RATE

The Town voted to take no action.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 10. STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

The Town voted to transfer \$71,381 from unappropriated available funds into the Stabilization Account.

A 2/3 vote vote was declared by the Moderator

A motion to close the Meeting passed at 7:25PM
A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

TREASURER'S REPORT

As another year has raced by I am very pleased with what we have been able to do in the Treasurer's office. We have been able to streamline procedures using technology and process moneys faster allowing the town access to these funds sooner. The town's cash flow has been good allowing us to pay our bills with only minor internal borrowing. Our relationship with our banking partners remains excellent.

The Tax Title receivables for overdue property taxes are the lowest in memory as we continue to get our few abandoned parcels back on the tax rolls and work with those who have fallen behind to get back on course.

The town certainly endured its share of natural disasters last year. Trying to keep doing the routine business of the town and help the residents in their time of need, when we all were without resources we take for granted was a challenge. I am very impressed however with the extra effort from town employees and residents alike to overcome these challenges, and usually with good humor. Of course there is a financial cost to the dealing with these emergencies as well but I must say considering the huge mess we were left with the amount money spent on providing emergency service during the disasters and the cleanup afterward is remarkably low. I give credit again to our town employees and department heads for very prudent management. It would appear as of this writing that FEMA reimbursements will be more than half that cost, again thanks to careful control and documentation by affected departments.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Patullo

Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

In the year 2011, the Highway Department removed 54 trees that were dead or storm damaged. An additional 56 trees were removed with the assistance of a tree service and National Grid. The following lists show the types of trees and which streets they were removed from. A total of 26 stumps were ground down at various locations. These areas were cleaned, loamed and seeded by the Highway Department. The continued removal of poor town trees reduces exposure to personal injury, property damage, and power outages. It also improves the overall appearance of the town.

Tree Removals by Highway Dept.

Allen St. 5 Spruce Ames Rd. 3 Ash 6 Maple Bennett Rd. 1 Maple Carmody Rd.	1 Maple E. Longmeadow 5 Maple Glendale Rd. 5 Maple 1 Oak 1 Elm Main St.	1 Spruce Meadowbrook 1 Maple North Rd. 1 Maple 7 Ash Oak Knoll Dr. 1 Oak	Rock-a-Dundee 4 maple Somers Rd. 5 Maple Stony Hill Rd. 1 Oak Wilbraham Rd. 5 Maple
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Tree Removals Requiring Assistance of a Tree Service

Allen St. 1 Oak 2 Ash 2 White Pine Ames Rd. 3 Maple Bennett Rd. 2 Oak Chapin Rd. 2 Yellow Pine 1 Maple Charles St.	1 White Pine E. Longmeadow 1 Oak Echo Valley Dr. 1 Maple Glendale Rd. 4 Maple 1 Oak Maple Grove Rd. 4 Popular Mill Rd. 2 Elm	Mountain Rd. 1 Maple 1 Spruce North Rd. 6 Ash 1 Maple 4 Hemlock Rock-a-Dundee 3 Maple Scantic Rd. 1 Maple Sessions Dr.	1 Maples Somers Rd. 1 Cherry 4 Maple South Rd. 2 Elm 1 Maple Wilbraham Rd. 2 Maple 1 Oak
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The above list of removals does not include the numerous trees removed or trimmed by the Highway Depart and utility companies which were damaged during this year's storms.

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

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley
Tree Warden

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2011, the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 128 calls. We report each call electronically to the National and Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System utilizing the following categories for calls and the breakdown is as follows:

3 – Special Incident Type

24- Service Calls

5 – Rescue/EMS

30 – Hazardous Condition No Fire

6 – Good Intent Call

28 – Fire

32 – False Alarm & False Call

Call volume was up by 19% in 2011 above that the previous year. This can be mainly attributed to the wild weather events that occurred in 2011. I am very proud to work with the dedicated volunteers of the Hampden Fire Department who not only responded but stayed on the “job” even though their own homes and properties were affected or threatened during the various wild weather events.

Three Hampden firefighters completed the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Firefighter certification program. This was a tremendous time commitment of over 240 hours of training, testing and skills evaluation. I am very proud of Lt. Bryan Markham, FF John Moriarty and FF Sharon Paquette.

All Hampden firefighters have a rigorous training schedule to develop and maintain skills to protect and promote public safety. Additionally 13 firefighters are also training to become Emergency Medical Technicians. The 140 hour course is being funded by a federal grant; the course will be completed in June.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter can find information as well as an application on the fire department page of the Town website.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Gorski
Fire Chief
Hampden Fire Department

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.

The budget preparation process for the Town of Hampden is always interesting. Revenue projections are just that, projections. As in prior years, we are faced with uncertainty about state and local aid and are challenged by increased costs for fuel, utilities, and employee benefits. The final state figures for the Town and the School District are not available until well after our need to make decisions at Town Meeting. The Advisory Committee seeks to balance the needs of the town departments and its residents with the realities of managing a small town in this fiscal environment.

The opinions of residents provide valuable input to the Advisory Committee and are always considered in our final recommendations on the budget and other warrant articles. The various department requests will be discussed at our Public Hearing regarding the fiscal year 2013 budget and warrant articles to be held on April 16, 2012.

The residents are the appropriating body for the town and are able to exercise that authority at the annual Town Meeting. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting on April 30, 2012. It is the residents that make the final decisions.

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas Boyd, co-chair
Jamie Collins
Carol Fitzgerald, co-chair
Rick Rubin
Jeff Smith

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Expended
Funds

Fiscal 2012
Appropriated
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Fiscal 2013
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Recommendations

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1.0	Accountant				
1.1	Salary		26,878	27,550	27,550
1.2	Clerical		150	250	250
1.3	Expenses (Audit)		13,000	4,500	4,500
	Total Accountant	-	40,028	32,300	32,300
2.0	Advisory Committee				
2.1	Clerical		4,175	4,300	4,300
2.2	Expenses		200	200	200
	Total Advisory	-	4,375	4,500	4,500
3.0	Appeals, Board of				
3.1	Clerical		3,245	3,245	3,245
3.2	Expenses		200	200	200
	Total Appeals	-	3,445	3,445	3,445
4.0	Assessors, Board of				
4.1	Salaries		14,224	14,224	14,224
4.2	Assistant Assessor		30,163	31,307	31,307
4.2	Clerical			10,797	10,797
4.3	Expenses		3,500	3,000	3,000
4.4	Data Processing		-	-	-
4.5	Software Support		8,675	7,225	7,225
4.6	Mapping Maintenance		2,000	1,500	1,500
4.7	Full List Measure				
4.8	Field Review		3,000	3,200	3,200
	Total Assessors	-	61,562	71,253	71,253

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5.0	Building Department Expenses				
	5.1 Code and General Enforcement		2,000	2,000	2,000
	5.2 Commissioner and Expenses				
	Total Building Dept.	<hr/> -	<hr/> 2,000	<hr/> 2,000	<hr/> 2,000
6.0	County Retirement	-	218,985	260,294	260,294
7.0	Insurance				
	7.1 Property and Liability		78,000	81,000	81,000
	7.2 Employee Benefits		167,000	167,000	167,000
	7.3 Unemployment Compensation		2,000	2,000	2,000
	7.4 Longevity		1,300	1,300	1,300
	7.5 FICA	-			
	Total Insurance	<hr/> -	<hr/> 248,300	<hr/> 251,300	<hr/> 251,300
8.0	Law and Claims				
	8.1 General		20,000	20,000	20,000
	Total Law	<hr/> -	<hr/> 20,000	<hr/> 20,000	<hr/> 20,000
9.0	Moderator				
	9.1 Salary				
	9.2 Expenses	-	100	100	100
	Total Moderator	<hr/> -	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100
10.0	Planning Board				
	10.2 Clerical		9,700	11,000	11,000
	10.3 Expenses		500	1,000	1,000
	10.4 Software support		-	-	-
	Total Planning Board	<hr/> -	<hr/> 10,200	<hr/> 12,000	<hr/> 12,000

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	Fiscal 2011 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2012 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2013 Requested	Fiscal 2013 Draft Recommendations
11.0 Registrars, Board of (Voters)				
11.1 Salaries		800	800	800
11.2 Election Expenses		3,000	5,000	5,000
11.3 Street Lists		2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Registrars	-	5,800	7,800	7,800
12.0 Selectman				
12.1 Salaries		9,600	9,600	9,600
12.2 Administrative Asst.		37,698	38,890	38,890
12.3 Secretarial				
12.4 Expenses		1,600	1,600	1,600
12.5 Legal Advertising		500	1,000	1,000
12.6 Computer Study Committee				
12.7 Temporary Help		500	500	500
Total Selectman	-	49,898	51,590	51,590
13.0 Tax Collector				
13.1 Salary		29,563	30,302	30,302
13.2 Clerical		10,950	11,306	11,306
13.3 Expenses		2,000	2,000	2,000
13.4 Computer Maintenance		2,500	3,500	3,500
13.5 Tax Title Work		2,500	2,500	2,500
13.6 Tax Title Admin.				
Total Tax Collector	-	47,513	49,608	49,608

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14.0	Town Clerk				
	14.1 Salary		29,563	30,302	30,302
	14.2 Clerical		7,835	8,090	8,090
	14.3 Expenses		750	1,000	1,000
	14.4 Town Publications		100	100	100
	Total Town Clerk	-	38,248	39,492	39,492
15.0	Town Report	-	3,500	3,000	3,000
16.0	Treasurer				
	16.1 Salary		33,597	34,437	34,437
	16.2 Clerical		8,252	8,458	8,458
	16.3 Expenses		1,100	1,100	1,100
	16.4 Certifying Notes		100	100	100
	16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)				
	16.6 Tax Title Expense		1,000	1,000	1,000
	16.7 Payroll Service		6,000	6,000	6,000
	16.8 Bank Service Charges		100	100	100
	16.9 Tax Title Admin.				
	Total Treasurer	-	50,149	51,195	51,195
	* Includes \$7,500 normally paid via transfers				
17.0	Veterans' Benefits	-	25,000	30,000	30,000
18.0	Greater Springfield Senior Services	- -	350	350	350
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		-	829,453	890,227	890,227

9/26/2012 15:01		Fiscal 2011 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2012 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2013 Requested	Fiscal 2013 Draft Recommendations
GENERAL TOWN SERVICES					
20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance	-	2,500	2,500	2,500
21.0	Cemetery Commission				
	21.1 Clerical		2,000	4,000	4,000
	21.2 Expenses		550	550	550
	21.3 Maintenance		10,065	15,000	12,500
	Total Cemetery Commission	-	12,615	19,550	17,050
22.0	Conservation Commission				
	22.1 Clerical		6,878	6,878	6,878
	22.2 Expenses		400	400	400
	Total Conservation Commission	-	7,278	7,278	7,278
23.0	Transfer Station				
	23.1 Operation		-	-	-
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing		19,900	20,000	20,000
	Total Transfer Station	-	19,900	20,000	20,000
24.0	School Buildings Repairs	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
26.0	Library				
	26.1 Salaries				
	26.2 Expenses				
	26.3 Library Materials				
	Total Library		93,291	103,867	103,867
27.0	Town Events		800	1,000	1,000

9/26/2012 15:01		Fiscal 2011 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2012 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2013 Requested	Fiscal 2013 Draft Recommendations
29.0	Office Equipment				
	29.1 Acquisition		2,500	2,500	2,500
	29.2 Maintenance		7,000	7,000	7,000
	29.3 Supplies		3,000	2,000	2,000
	29.4 Postage		15,000	17,000	17,000
	Total Office Equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>27,500</u>	<u>28,500</u>	<u>28,500</u>
30.0	Parks and Recreation				
	30.1 Salaries		15,331	18,266	18,266
	30.2 Operating Expenses		3,500	3,750	3,750
	30.3 Capital Improvements				
	30.4 Baseball				
	30.5 Softball				
	30.6 Girls Soccer				
	30.7 Boys Soccer				
	30.8 Basketball				
	30.9 Director's Salary				
	30.9 Spray park		8,000	9,495	9,495
	Total Parks and Recreation	<u>-</u>	<u>26,831</u>	<u>31,511</u>	<u>31,511</u>
32.0	Town House Maintenance				
	32.1 Custodial	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000
	32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	9,854	8,500	8,500	8,500
	32.3 Heat and Utilities	41,925	42,000	42,000	42,000
	Total Town House Maintenance	<u>70,779</u>	<u>69,500</u>	<u>69,500</u>	<u>69,500</u>

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34.0	Ambulance		0	0	0
35.0	Gasoline	46,235	55,000	55,000	55,000
36.0	Street Lighting	18,071	19,100	19,100	19,100
37.0	Council on Aging				
	37.1 Director's Salary	30,416	39,483	40,470	40,470
	37.2 Clerk	9,644	12,639	15,122	15,122
	37.3 Expenses	997	2,000	2,000	2,000
	37.4 Temporary Help				
	37.5 Outreach Coordinator	2,304	6,592	6,970	6,970
	Total Council on Aging	43,361	60,714	64,562	64,562
38.0	Senior Center				
	38.1 Custodial	8,496	8,919	9,142	9,142
	38.2 Utilities	16,299	17,500	18,375	18,375
	38.3 Building Maintenance	10,813	11,000	11,550	11,550
	38.4 Grounds Maintenance				
	Total Senior Center	35,608	37,419	39,067	39,067
39.0	Historical Commission	-	250	250	250
Total General Town Services		214,054	437,698	466,685	464,185

9/26/2012 15:01		Fiscal 2011 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2012 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2013 Requested	Fiscal 2013 Draft Recommendations
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT					
40.0	Superintendent's Salary	69,562	74,516	76,752	76,752
41.0	Tree Warden				
	41.1 Expenses	10,448	8,700	8,860	8,860
	41.2 Tree Planting				
	41.3 Insect Pest Control				
42.0	Public Grounds	24,962	29,889	30,704	30,704
43.0	Highway Maintenance	82,760	118,077	120,309	120,309
	43.1 Expenses				
	43.2 Paving				
44.0	General Highway Expense	90,790	86,650	88,112	88,112
45.0	Snow and Ice Removal	184,696	60,000	60,000	60,000
46.0	Contract Services				
	46.0 Contract Services				
	46.1 Street Sweeping	36,500	37,400	37,400	37,400
	46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning				
47.0	Other Highway Accounts				
	47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance	14,500	14,000	14,000	14,000
	47.2 Highway Engineering				
	47.3 Equipment Acquisition				
48.0	Building Expenses				
	48.1 Utilities	11,500	11,000	11,000	11,000
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		525,718	440,232	447,137	447,137

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	Fiscal 2011 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2012 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2013 Requested	Fiscal 2013 Draft Recommendations
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY				
50.0 Animal Inspection				
50.1 Salary	1,997	2,047	2,047	2,047
50.2 Expenses	80	240	240	240
50.3 Rabies Management				
50.4 Wildlife Control	1,200	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total Animal Inspection	3,277	4,787	4,787	4,787
 51.0 Emergency Management	 4,750	 6,000	 6,000	 6,000
 51.5 Traffic Control	 2,735	 10,000	 10,000	 10,000
 52.0 Dog Officer				
52.1 Animal Control Account	13,445	12,000	12,000	12,000
52.2 Dog Damage Fund	320	-	500	500
Total Dog Officer	13,765	12,000	12,500	12,500
 53.0 Fire Department				
53.1 Fire Chief Salary	1,015	-	-	-
53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1,170	1,493	1,493	1,493
53.3 Operation	25,821	33,982	33,982	33,982
53.4 Equipment		10,600	14,100	14,100
53.5 Training Stipend*		33,000	33,000	33,000
Total Fire Department	28,006	79,075	82,575	82,575
* Approved in STM				
 54.0 Forest Fires	 1,488	 1,490	 1,490	 1,490
 55.0 Forest Fire Warden	 600	 -	 -	 -
 56.0 Health, Board of				
56.1 Salary	4,162	4,373	4,373	4,373
56.2 Clerk Salary	20,048	20,922	21,554	21,554
56.3 Expenses	365	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Board of Health	24,575	26,295	26,927	26,927

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56.5	Water District				
	565.1 Operations	5,976	7,489	7,500	7,500
	565.2 Testing	1,455	2,300	2,000	2,000
	Total Water District	7,431	9,789	9,500	9,500
57.0	Police				
	57.1 Chief's Salary	70,906	75,223	78,000	78,000
	57.2 General Salaries	742,136	825,917	851,786	851,786
	57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	10,005	8,175	8,810	8,810
	57.4 General Expenses	49,164	51,578	56,700	56,700
	57.5 New Cruisers	24,245	32,000	32,500	32,500
	57.6 Training	19,427	22,243	23,045	23,045
	57.7 Equipment	5,276	5,000	5,535	5,535
	57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	64,751	70,180	77,602	77,602
	57.9 Additional Officer				
58.0	Other Police Accounts				
	58.1 Election and Town Meetings	1,000	820	2,276	2,276
	58.2 Towing Clerk	90	100	100	100
	58.3 WMLEC	500	500	500	500
59.0	Parking Clerk				
	Total Police	987,500	1,091,736	1,136,854	1,136,854
	TOTAL PROTECTION	1,074,127	1,241,172	1,290,633	1,290,633

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SCHOOLS					
69.0	Regional School District				
	69.1 Assessment	6,215,013	6,460,240	6,609,193	6,609,193
	69.2 Teacher Deferral	7,616	-		
	Total Regional School District	6,222,629	6,460,240	6,609,193	6,609,193
SUB TOTAL		8,036,528	9,408,795	9,703,875	9,701,375
70.0	Local Government Debt				
	70.1 Principal				
	70.2 Interest				
	70.3 School Debt	44,779	-		
	70.4 Green Meadow Bond	274,975	260,406	253,468	253,468
	70.5 Highway Truck	11,667			
	70.6 Fire Truck	37,094	36,000	-	-
	70.7 Infrastructure Roads	460,000	233,333	233,333	233,333
	70.8 Minnechaug BAN		355,787	441,554	441,554
	Total Local Government Debt	828,515	885,526	928,355	928,355
GRAND TOTAL		8,865,043	10,294,321	10,632,230	10,629,730

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Hampden

Town of Hampden

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

Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, Wilbraham Road, Hampden, on Monday, April 30, 2012 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. TOWN REPORTS

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

Article 2. BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums to cover same, and to raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3. PREVIOUS BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of Fiscal Year 2011 or previous years, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 4. REVOLVING FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

To see if the town will vote to establish the following revolving funds, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, separate from the general fund and deposited with the Town Treasurer for the Town departments, sources of receipts, purposes of payment and in the maximum amounts as set forth below, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Assessors: Fees collected to defray the costs of equipment and supplies connected with public documents. \$2,500

Board of Health: Fees collected for issuance of licenses, permits and inspections to defray salaries of part-time employees. \$40,000

Building Department: Fees collected for issuance of building permits, inspection fees, including weights and measures to defray salaries and expenses of part-time employees of the Building Department and consultants. \$50,000

Library Trustees: Fines collected for overdue, lost and/or damaged materials to defray the costs of repairs and supplies, to purchase books and library materials and to pay wages for part time employees. \$6,000

Council on Aging: Proceeds from classes, programs and other fees to defray the costs of classes, supplies and other necessary expenses. \$30,000

Tax Collector: Monies from charges collected to defray the costs of equipment and supplies connected to public documents. \$2,500

Fire Department: Monies from charges collected to defray operational/training expenses and the costs of the permitting and inspection program and to defray salaries of part-time employees. \$10,000

Cemetery Commission: Monies from charges collected to defray the costs for grave maintenance. \$20,000

Article 5. REVOLVING FUND REPORTS

To see if the Town will vote to receive from each of those boards, departments and officers having charge of a revolving fund a report showing the total amount of receipts and expenditures for each revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2011 and for Fiscal Year 2012 through December 31, 2011 and also showing the amount of any increase, if any, in spending authority granted by the Selectmen and the Advisory Committee with respect to such revolving fund during Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2012, to date, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 6. ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFER STATION

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from anticipated transfer station revenues and/or raise and appropriate from available funds for the purpose of funding the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2013, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 7. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2013 with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 8. CONSERVATION FUND

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

Article 9. HIGHWAY STATE AID

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

Article 10. LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID

To see if the Town will vote that in Fiscal Year 2013, 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.

Article 11. ASSESSORS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds to the Assessor's Stabilization fund to meet all Department of Revenue mandated programs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 12. ASSESSORS

To see if the Town will transfer from the Assessor's Stabilization Fund a sum of money for the FY2013 Revaluation Year services.

Article 13. DUMP TRUCK REPLACEMENT

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from the General Stabilization Fund and/or borrow a sum of money to replace the 1989 Mack dump truck, with sander and plow, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 14. DARE PROGRAM

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

Article 15. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the School Resource Officer for FY11 at Minnechaug Regional High School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16. POLICE DEPARTMENT STUDY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund a Spatial Needs Analysis for a new Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17. TOWN HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to repair or replace the chairlift in the town house, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18. TOWN HOUSE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

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

Article 19. WEST BROOK ACQUISITION

To see if the Town will vote to purchase the parcel known as West Brook for the sum of \$38,000, consisting of 22 acres, more or less, as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land, Mountain Road in Hampden by Paul Smith Land Surveyors", dated January 2, 2012 from the Minnechaug Land Trust, for conservation and passive recreation purposes, that said land will be conveyed under provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 8C, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission; and that certain conservation restrictions in favor of the Minnechaug Land Trust will be recorded and remain in place after conveyance to the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20. GENERAL BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaw, Chapter VIII Protection of Persons or Property, Section 6, Hunting, paragraph one, by adding "or the Police Department" following "Permission forms shall be obtained from the Hampden Town Clerk's office" and by striking "The Town Clerk shall receive and stamp all copies, one of which shall be forwarded to the Police Department by the Town Clerk, and the original copy must be retained by the hunter and must be carried while hunting.", after "The distribution of the permission form prior to hunting, trapping or discharging a firearm shall be as follows:", and replacing it with, "The Town Clerk shall receive and sign the original and all copies, one of which shall be forwarded to the Police Department by the Town Clerk. The original copy must be retained by the Town Clerk. A copy must be retained by the hunter and both his hunting license and the copy must be carried with him while hunting. A copy must be delivered by the hunter to the land owner and a copy must be conspicuously displayed in the windshield of the hunter's vehicle," before the last sentence at the end of the first paragraph, which reads "All permits shall be valid for not more than 2 years or a shorter period as indicated by the land owner.", or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21. GENERAL BYLAW

To see if the town will vote to amend the *General Bylaw Chapter X, Wetlands Protection* by adding a new *Section 17, Best Management Practices for Property Owner's Water*, It shall be unlawful in the Town of Hampden to install, construct or to maintain a hose, conduit, culvert, swale, or any mechanism for the purpose of, or having the effect of, draining or discharging water to an abutting neighbor's property. The normal flow of storm water over natural (turf, gravel, meadow) surfaces, flood plain overflow or other natural flooding are specifically exempt from the bylaw. Any property owner maintaining any such structure or device that becomes the subject of a complaint reported to any town office shall be inspected and if confirmed, cited by the Building Inspector. The owner shall be required to remove or remediate within 30 days. Failure to remove the device shall be subject to fines of \$100/day for each day it remains in place retroactive to the date of inspection by the Building Inspector. And by changing the current Section 17 to become Section 18 or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 22. RESERVE FUND

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

Article 23. GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND

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

Article 24 REDUCING TAX RATE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the General Stabilization Fund a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2013, 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 7th day of May, 2012 AD at seven o' clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the election officers of said Town for the following officers, to wit:

To choose for the term of one year the following:

1 Moderator
1 Housing Authority

To choose for the term of three years the following:

1 Selectman
1 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

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 19th day of April 2012.


Richard R. Green, Chairman


Vincent J. Villamaino


John D. Flynn

Board of Selectmen

I, Constable for the Town of Hampden, have on this date posted copies of the warrant for the Town Meeting to be held on April 30, 2012 at 7:00 pm in all five places as designated by the Town of Hampden.


Constable, Town of Hampden

4-19-2012
Date

TOWN OFFICES

EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS	MEETINGS
advisory@hampden.org		3 rd Monday 6 pm*
assessors@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 106	1 st & 3 rd Wed 10 am**
cemetery@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 111	
coa@hampden.org	566-5588	2 nd Tuesday 9:00 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 7:30
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	
townclerk@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 103	
htc@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 104	Tax Collector

Town of Hampden Website: www.hampden.org

Historical Commission	1 st Tuesday 7 pm
Library Trustees	3 rd Sat 8 am
Memorial Park	April 1 – October 31
HWRSD School Committee	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 7 pm

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

*or as necessary during budget process

**or by appointment

INFORMATION & EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Town Government	
POLICE Department EMERGENCY	911
Business Office	566-8011
FIRE Department EMERGENCY	911
Business Office	566-3314
Selectmen/Administrative Asst.: Pamela Courtney	566-2151 x100
Highway: Dana Pixley	566-8842
Library: Dianne Regnier	566-3047
Council on Aging: Becky Moriarty	566-5588
Dog Officer: Shelley Sears	566-8011
Veterans' Agent: John Comerford, 110 Main St., Monson	267-4140
Building Inspector: Lance Trevallion	566-2151 x250
Electrical Inspector: Gary Courtney	566-2151 x251
Plumbing Inspector: Dennis Chaffee	566-2151 x252
Board of Health Agent: Lorri McCool	566-2151 x102
Board of Health Coordinator: Jane Budynkiewicz	566-2151 x102
Schools	
Green Meadows Elementary School, North Road	566-3263
Thornton W. Burgess School, Wilbraham Rd.	566-8950
Principal's Office: Noel Pixley	566-3931
Minnechaug Regional High School, Main St., Wilbraham	596-9011
Superintendent's Office: M. Martin O'Shea	596-3884
Churches	
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Allen St.: Rev. Brian MacLeod	566-5572
Federated Community Church, Main St	566-3711
Parsonage: Rev. Thomas D. Howells	566-3402
St. Mary's Church, Somers Rd.: Rev. Timothy Murphy	566-8843
Utilities	
Bay State Gas: Business Office	781-9200
Bay State Gas: Billing	781-9200 x 4
GAS LEAK EMERGENCY	800-525-8222
Massachusetts Electric – Customer Service & Emergency	800-322-3223
Massachusetts Electric – Power Outage Only	800-465-1212
Verizon - Residential	800-870-9999
Verizon - Repair - 24 hour	800-446-8946
Charter Communications - Cable Company	888-557-1115
Hospitals	
AMBULANCE: AMR - 24 hour service	533-3362
Baystate Medical Center - Springfield	794-0000
Mercy Medical Center - Springfield	748-9000
Healthsouth Rehabilitation - Ludlow	589-7581
Wing Memorial Hospital - Palmer	283-7651
U.S. Post Office, Main St.	566-5393
Poison Control Center	800-222-1212
Department of Social Services	205-0500