

# ANNUAL TOWN REPORT HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS 2013



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Front Cover Photograph: Michael Gorski  
Hampden Fire Chief



# In Memoriam

Thomas Balser  
Transfer Station

Kathleen Flynn  
Housing Authority  
Friends of the Seniors  
Senior Center Volunteer

A. Carlton Johnson  
Academy Hall Restoration  
Hampden Development Committee  
Recreation and Conservation

Kenneth E. Lefebvre  
Zoning Board of Appeals

Charles Melville, Jr.  
Elementary School Building Committee

Pauline Philpott  
Old Mother West Wind





## IN RECOGNITION



Of their years of service to the Town of Hampden, the Board of Selectmen wishes to acknowledge their appreciation to the following individuals:

George K. Stone, Jr.  
Town Constable

Rita A. Vail  
Council on Aging Board Member

Jay S. Ray  
Park and Recreation Commissioner

Charles Woods  
Town Constable

Kathleen Flynn  
Hampden Housing Authority Board Member  
Friends of the Hampden Seniors  
Volunteer for Hampden Senior Center

Judy Jackson  
Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk

Kenneth Lefebvre  
Zoning Board of Appeals

Richard Hatch  
Cemetery Commissioner

Richard Joseph  
Park and Recreation Commissioner

Karen Leger  
Council on Aging Board Member

Joseph Henry  
Police Sergeant

Dianne Regnier  
Library Director





Ellen Henry  
Children's Librarian

Dawn Barnes  
Assistant Assessor

John C. Martin  
Reserve Officer

Deb House  
Associate Planning Board Member

## **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**

\$17.45 for Fiscal 2013

### **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Last Monday in April at 7:00pm

### **ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

First Monday in May, 7am-8pm

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#### **GOVERNOR**

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

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#### **CONGRESSMAN**

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

**OR**

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

Edward J. Markey  
U.S. Senate  
218 Russell Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510  
Phone: 202-224-2742

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**

Elizabeth Warren  
U.S. Senate  
317 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510  
Phone: 202-224-4543

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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

3<sup>RD</sup> 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  
Meet as needed

**PARK AND RECREATION**

Office Hours: M-Thurs. 8:30-1:30  
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 OFFICES

EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS	MEETINGS
<a href="mailto:advisory@hampden.org">advisory@hampden.org</a>		3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 6 pm*
<a href="mailto:appeals@hampden.org">appeals@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 109	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues as needed
<a href="mailto:assessors@hampden.org">assessors@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 106	as posted**
<a href="mailto:cemetery@hampden.org">cemetery@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 111	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue 3pm, April-Dec
<a href="mailto:coa@hampden.org">coa@hampden.org</a>	566-5588	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 9:00 am
<a href="mailto:conservation@hampden.org">conservation@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 110	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7 pm
<a href="mailto:hamphous@verizon.net">hamphous@verizon.net</a> (Hampden Housing Authority)	566-8157	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 8:15 am
<a href="mailto:health@hampden.org">health@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 102	Monday 6:30 pm
<a href="mailto:highway@hampden.org">highway@hampden.org</a>	566-8842	
<a href="mailto:inspector@hampden.org">inspector@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 107	Tuesday 6pm - 8 pm
<a href="mailto:parks@hampden.org">parks@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 108	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:30
<a href="mailto:planning@hampden.org">planning@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 109	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7
<a href="mailto:police@hampden.org">police@hampden.org</a>	566-8011	
<a href="mailto:selectmen@hampden.org">selectmen@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 100	Monday 6:30 pm
<a href="mailto:treasurer@hampden.org">treasurer@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 105	
<a href="mailto:townclerk@hampden.org">townclerk@hampden.org</a>	566-2151 ext. 103	

Town of Hampden Website: [www.hampden.org](http://www.hampden.org)

Historical Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7 pm
Library Trustees	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat 9 am
Memorial Park	April 1 – October 31
HWRSD School Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7 pm
DEP's updated Title 5 Website: <a href="http://www.mass.gov/dep/brp/wwwhome.htm">www.mass.gov/dep/brp/wwwhome.htm</a>	

\*or as necessary during budget process

\*\*or by appointment

## **BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES AND COMMITTEES**

Board of Assessors	9 to 2	Monday/Tues/ Wed	566-2151 ext. 106
Board of Appeals	9 to 1	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 109
Board of Health	8 to 2	Monday thru Thursday	566-2151 ext. 102
Board of Selectmen	9 to 3:30	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 & Wednesday	566-8157
	8 to 12	Thursday	
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	8:30-1:30	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 – 2013**

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

John D. Flynn, Chair	2014
Norman Charest, BOH Chair	2014
Vincent J. Villamaino	2016

Administrative Assistant to  
Board of Selectmen  
Pamela Courtney

Coordinator for Board of Health  
Jane Budynkiewicz

### **MODERATOR**

Robert L. Howarth	2014
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### **TOWN CLERK**

Eva Wiseman	2016
Sheila Slate, Asst. TC	2014

### **TOWN TREASURER**

Richard Patullo	2016
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### **COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

Eva Wiseman	2016
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### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Robert C. Makuch	2014
Stanley Witkop	2016
Norman F. Charest	2015

Assistant Assessor  
Carolyn Reed 2014  
Dawn Barnes (resigned)

### **HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGION**

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

Lisa Morace	2014
Lena Buteau	2015

### **TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN LIBRARY**

Kathleen Hutchison	2016
Beth E. Burger	2014
Kirsten H. Lipkens	2015

### **HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

George Stone, Vice Chair	2015
Benjamin Bump	2016
Patricia Clark	2018
Lucretia Hembt	2014
Raymond M. Crowley	
State Appointed	

### **CONSTABLES**

Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	2016
Dennis L. Hackett, Sr.	2016
David J. Lussier	2016

### **CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

Edward L. Loiko	2014
John T. Wilkinson	2015
Mindy Meeker	2016

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Cornelius Flynn, Chair	2014
Robert L. Howarth	2018
Joseph A. (Charlie) Dolben	2016
John L. Matthews III	2017
James Quackenbush	2015
Richard R. Green, Alternate	
Joanne Fiore, Clerk	2014

### **PARK COMMISSIONERS**

Frederick P. Frangie	2014
Michael G. Cronin	2014
Martin S. McQuade	2015
Dave Paradis	2015
Terry M. Ford	2016

Cindi Connors, Administrative Asst.

## **APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2013**

### **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  
Eric Fosey, Alt.

### **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  
Mark Casey  
L. Jed Berliner  
Richard E. Patullo  
Cheryl Cudnik  
Duane Mosier  
Mark R. Barba, Alternate

Joanne Fiore, Clerk

### **CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Elizabeth Howarth, Chair  
Catherine Mahoney  
Patricia Pomeroy  
Mindy Meeker  
Diane Mackie  
Barbara Bennett  
Pamela Courtney

## **APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2013**

### **TOWN COUNSEL**

David J. Martel, Esq.

### **RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE**

John Matthews  
Richard Patullo  
Bonnie Geromini

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Phil Grant  
Bonnie Geromini  
Judy McKinley Brewer  
Theodore Zebert  
Norma Buckley, Clerk

### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Patricia Clark, Chair  
Deanna Vermette, Secretary  
Brian MacLeod  
Karen Leger  
Ray Crowley, Vice Chair  
Marq Culhane  
Joyce Turgeon

### **COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR**

Rebecca Moriarty, Executive Director  
John J. Shay, Hampden Rep to  
GSSSI  
Deanna Vermette, on Area Agency  
Agency Advisory Board

Michael Framarin, Water Operator

### **PARKING CLERK**

Eva Wiseman

### **BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER**

Ed Hatch	2015
George Bouchard	2014
Richard Jalbert	2013

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  
Janet M. Redin  
Richard Patullo

Eva Wiseman, Clerk



## **APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2013**

### **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Doug Boyd  
John M. Flynn  
Beth DeSousa  
Joseph Dolben, Planning Board Rep.  
Phillip Grant, Conservation Comm. Rep.  
George Stone, Hampden Housing Authority Rep.  
Connie Witt, Historical Comm. Rep.  
Fred Frangie, Park and Recreation Rep.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Donald Collins, Chair  
Carol Fitzgerald  
William Gouzounis  
Richard Ayers  
Thomas Argenio (resigned 2013)

### **ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**

Sheila Slate

### **ASSISTANT TREASURER**

Judy Mikkola

### **PVPC COMMISSIONER**

Robert Howarth

### **PVTA REPRESENTATIVE**

Edward L. Loiko

## **APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2013**

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF**

Jeff Farnsworth

### **SERGEANTS**

William Joy, Jr.

Michael Cooney

Tawrin Seega (Promotion 7/13)

### **POLICE OFFICERS**

Scott Trombly

Todd Ely

Jason Roath

William Jacques

Thomas Yvon (Appointed 3/15/13)

Michael Meaney (Appointed 7/11/13)

Benjamin W. Tucker (Appointed Student Officer 8/19/13)

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

Kelsey L. Green

Lori A. Hebert

Danielle Chatterton (Apt 11/2013)

### **POLICE MATRON**

Julie Zimmerman

Tracey A. Goss

Lori A. Hebert

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Kathy Zanetti

### **RESERVE OFFICERS**

Robert Robinson

Mark Galarneau

David Goodrich

James R. D'Amour

Michael Lynch

John O'Brien

John R. Wagner

Michelle Turner

Nichole N. Gura (Appointed 2/4/13)

Jeffrey Beattie (Appointed 12/16/13)

Daniel C. Martin (Resigned 12/13)

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

Radcliffe Kenison

Philip Lord

Julie Zimmerman

Robert Lauer

## HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Officers

Michael Gorski, Chief  
David Markham, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Chief  
Charles Beaver, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Chief  
Edward Poulin, 1<sup>st</sup> Captain  
Scott Rumprik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Captain  
Patrick Farrow, Lieutenant  
Timothy Evans, Acting Lieutenant

### Fire Fighters

Mark Barba  
Michael Fedora  
Michael Hatch  
Peter Hatch  
Richard Kelly  
Joy Leblanc  
Jason McCarthy  
Derrick Merrill  
John Moriarty  
Andrew Netherwood  
Sharon Paquette  
Evan Rugani  
Andre Sample  
Matthew Sterling

### Provisional Fire Fighters

Joseph Romito-Carey  
Christopher Peters  
Timothy Raimer  
Colin Rogers  
David St. Martin  
Anthony Traniello

### Fire Department Clerk

Jane Budynkiewicz



# TOWN OF HAMPDEN PERMIT FEES

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2013

## **Building Permits - Lance Trevallion - 566-2151 ext 250**

### **COMMERCIAL**

Commercial/Industrial Building/Structure- New .....	(Min. \$250.00)	\$6.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost
Commercial Alterations/Renovations .....		\$6.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost
Commercial Windows/ Siding/ Roofing/ Insulation.....		\$100.00 each
Commercial Mechanical Permits.....		\$100.00 each

### **RESIDENTIAL**

New House /Additions .....	(Min. \$150.00)..	\$6.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost
Basements/ Decks/ Garage.....	(Min. \$150.00)...	\$6.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost
Alterations/Renovations .....	(Min. \$150.00)...	\$6.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost
Accessory Buildings under 170 sq. ft. ....		\$50.00
Accessory Buildings over 170 sq. ft.....	(Min. \$100.00)...	\$6.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost
Windows/ Siding/ Roofing/Ductwork / Insulation.....		\$50 each
Swimming Pool Above Ground.....		\$50
Swimming Pools In Ground.....		\$100
Swimming Pool Demolition.....		\$50
Solid Fuel Stoves/Chimneys.....		\$50
Temporary Cert. of Occupancy- New Residence .....		\$50 per month
Sign .....		\$50
Demolition.....		\$100 per floor
Solar System Installation Residential.....		\$100.00

**\*Cost of construction** to keep fees equitable for all projects, permit fees will be based on \$6.00 per \$1000.00 of the contract amount – or by using the following for value of construction as a minimum:

#### Residential new construction:

Living space	\$100.00 per square foot
Basement/Garages/ Decks/Sheds	\$40.00 per square foot
Conversion of unfinished space to living space	\$60.00 per square foot
Commercial new construction	\$125.00 per square foot
Commercial Accessory buildings	\$60.00 per square foot

## **Electrical Permits - Gary Courtney -566-2151 ext 251**

Commercial/Industrial Building New, 3 inspections.....	\$200
Commercial Alterations/ Additions .....	\$60 per inspection
New House, 3 inspections .....	\$150
Residential Alterations/Additions, 2 inspections.....	\$100
Change of Service/Temp Service, 1 inspection .....	\$50
In ground Swimming Pool, 2 inspections .....	\$100
Above ground Swimming Pool, 1 inspection.....	\$50
Appliances, 1 inspection.....	\$50
Generator.....	\$50 per inspection

## **Plumbing Permits – Dennis Chaffee -566-2151 ext 252**

Commercial/Industrial Building New, 3 inspection .....	\$200
Commercial Additions/ Renovations.....	\$60 per inspection
New House, 3 inspections .....	\$150
Additions/ Renovations, 2 inspections.....	\$100
Hot Water Heater Gas or Electric, 1 inspection .....	\$50

## **Gas Permits – Dennis Chaffee - 566-2151 ext 252**

All gas permits, per inspection .....	\$50
Generator 2 inspections.....	\$100

Any additional inspections required by any inspector will be \$50 per inspection for residential and \$60 for commercial.

**FEES FOR PERMITS AFTER THE FACT ARE DOUBLED**

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN PERMIT FEES**  
**(FEES FOR PERMITS AFTER THE FACT ARE DOUBLED)**  
**REVISED April 1, 2013**

**Fire Permits- Michael Gorski- 566-3314**

Smoke Detector Inspection (new house)	\$60
Smoke Detector Inspection (real estate transfer)	\$60
Oil burner Inspection	\$60
Blasting Permit (Fire Chief)	\$60
Renewal of Smokeless powder (Fire Chief)	\$60
LP Gas Storage Permits (Fire Chief)	\$60
Oil Tank above ground storage tank	\$60
Mobile fuel oil delivery vehicle	\$60
Underground storage tank installation (Fire Chief)	\$60
Multiple Unit Housing Inspection	\$60
Underground storage tank removal (Fire Chief)	\$90
Storage Tank Removal	\$60
Fire Report	\$5

**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 7/10/03.*

Automatic Amusement License	\$25 per machine
Weekday Entertainment Permit	\$100
Sunday Entertainment Permit:	

\$25 per category per year

Common Victualler	\$20
Used Car License	\$100

**Board of Health- 566-2151 ext. 102**

Food Service Establishment Permits	\$50
Temporary Food Permits	\$15 per day
Milk & Cream License	\$10
Frozen Desserts Permit	\$10
General License	\$40
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 if over 65 \$20.00\*; additional stickers within the same household: \$10.00

First car sticker costs if under 65 \$40.00\*; additional stickers within the same household: \$20.00

**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= \$25.00**

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, Spring 2014 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
- 
- NO egg cartons, pizza boxes, or wrapping paper
  - NO take-out containers
  - NO soda or beer holders /cartons
  - NO waxed paper or waxed cardboard
  - NO Plastic Grocery Bags

## **CONTAINERS:**

***\*All containers must be rinsed to remove all residue.\****

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

## **CLEAN METAL:**

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

## **YARD WASTE:**

- Leaves
- Grass
- NO branches

**Maximum Wt. per item: 25-lbs.**

## **MORE RECYCLING TIPS**

### **Clothing:**

Goodwill and Salvation Army take clothes, draperies, etc.

### **Books:**

Donate to libraries. Some bookstores buy used books.

### **Wire Hangers:**

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

### **Plastic Bags:**

Recycled at some area supermarkets

### **Polystyrene "Peanuts":**

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

## **Motor Oil and Paint Disposal**

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

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

### **Empty Cans:**

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

### **Partially Full Cans:**

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

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



## **WHAT ABOUT TIRES, BATTERIES, OLD CELL PHONES?**

### **Car tires:**

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

**Alkaline batteries** can be thrown in the regular trash.

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

**Old cell phones** must be recycled. While the toxic materials (including arsenic in 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 2013:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Young</u>
Cattle: (Adult= 2 years + over)		
Dairy	2	0
Beef	18	9
Steers/Oxen	0	0
Goats (Adult= 1 year + over)	37	12
Sheep (Adult= 1 year + over)	13	8
Swine		
Breeders	0	0
Feeders	0	0
Llamas/Alpacas	12	0
Equines: Horse/Ponies	129	1
Donkeys/Mules	3	0
Poultry: Chickens	518	
Turkey	1	
Waterfowl	16	
Gamebirds	11	
Rabbits	9	

There was one cat and one dog quarantined due to wounds of unknown origin, and ten dog bites to humans and two cat bites to humans. There were three dogs quarantined due to wildlife exposure, there were two dog to dog attacks.

Respectfully submitted:

Shelley Sears  
Animal Inspector

## BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals heard nine (9) hearings in 2013 as indicated below:

- 2013 - 1      A request to allow the building of a one story garage on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot not able to meet the side setbacks.  
Decision: Petition Granted
- 2013 - 2      A request under Section 4.3.2 to add an addition to the side of home on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot not able to meet the side setbacks.  
Decision: Petition Granted
- 2013 - 3      A request under Section 7.2, Setback Requirements, and under Section 4.3.1, Non-Conforming Structures, to add an addition on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot not able to meet the side setbacks.  
Decision: Petition Granted
- 2013 - 4      A request under Section 7.2, Setback Requirements  
Decision: Petition Granted
- 2013 - 5      A request an extension of a Special Permit granted on September 27, 2011 to allow the removal of gravel  
Decision: Petition Granted with Conditions
- 2013 - 6      A request to remove surplus earth in order to construct three additional residential homes  
Decision: Petition Granted with Conditions
- 2013 - 7      An appeal from the Decision of the Building Inspector concerning Hampden Country Club  
Decision: Petition Withdrawn by Applicant
- 2013 - 8      An appeal of the Site Plan approval by the Planning Board  
Decision: Appeal Granted; Planning Board's grant of golf course's Site Plan Reversed
- 2013 - 9      An appeal from the Decision of the Building Inspector  
Decision: Appeal Denied; Building Inspector's decision to abide by Planning Board's golf course Site Plan approval affirmed.



**BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
TOWN OF HAMPDEN**

625 Main Street  
Hampden, MA 01036

Robert Makuch, Chairman  
Stanley Witkop, Assessor  
Norman Charest, Assessor



Carolyn Reed, Assistant Assessor  
Maryann Wilkinson, Clerk  
Phone: (413) 566-2151 ext.106  
Fax: (413) 566-3513

**Annual Town Report 2013**

The Board of Assessors takes this opportunity to bid farewell to Dawn Barnes, our assistant assessor for the last 6 years, who left Hampden for a similar position in another community. Dawn's wealth of knowledge, commitment to excellence and diligent work ethic will be missed.

With the departure of Dawn Barnes, the Board of Assessors has hired a new Assistant Assessor, Carolyn Reed. She brings a rather extensive resume of assessing related experience from her previous position as Assistant Assessor in another community and is considered a great addition to our Board.

We welcome Stanley Witkop back to the Board of Assessors. He was elected to his 15<sup>th</sup> term as an assessor. With his experience and vast knowledge of town history, he will continue to be an asset to this community.

The Board of Assessors completed an interim market adjustment of properties in 2013 as required by DOR guidelines. Many property values reflected adjustments based on market trends. The community as a whole recognized an increase in value of about \$440K, the first such increase in the last 4 years. We will continue to review sale values to ensure fair assessments.

The Board of Selectmen has adopted a single tax rate for FY2014. That relates to all categories of property being taxed at \$18.00 per thousand of value, an increase of \$0.55 from the previous year.

The increase in open office hours to a total of 15 per week ( 9-2, M, T, W ) has been received positively by our customers.

The GIS mapping project is on-line and fully accessible to the public. The town web-site is the vehicle for access.

Upcoming for FY2015 – it's a Triennial certification year. As opposed to annual interim reviews, this will generate extra effort for our staff and greater scrutiny from the Dept. of Revenue.

The Board would like to thank all town officials and townhouse staff members who assist our office throughout the year.



## BOARD OF HEALTH

	2011*	2012*	2013*
Annual Flu Clinic	0	100	50
Pneumonia	0	0	0
H1N1 Clinic	0	0	0
Annual Rabies Clinic	50	50	50
Percolation Tests	37	38	32
Septic Systems – Installed/Repaired	41	42	45
Well Permits	4	7	9
Septic Haulers Permits Issued	10	10	
Disposal Works Installers Licenses Issued	35	35	35
Food Service Establishment Permits Issued	30	29	29
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1	1
Health / Nuisance Complaints	14	12	14
No. of gallons of Hazardous Household Waste Collected	405	408	270

\*(Numbers based on calendar year)

The Transfer Station is being used by approximately 670 households. This past year 257 tons of solid waste and 143 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 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, Carroll Willey, Dennis Hackett 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 6, 2013, we held our annual Rabies Clinic at the Highway Department Garage. This year approximately 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 21st, we participated in the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Day held at East Longmeadow Fire Station. During this event, 270 gallons of hazardous waste from our Town were disposed of properly. There were a total of five towns involved with waste disposal. The next hazardous waste day will be held September 2014. Please contact our office for more information.

The Board of Health and the C.O.A. did not hold a flu clinic in November however CVS came to the Senior Center and performed a flu clinic. Approximately 50 people received a flu shot.

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 and securing equipment. The Town was presented with a trailer for the storage of the emergency equipment we have acquired. In the case of a shelter opening or another disaster the trailer can be hooked up and moved to a location where the equipment will be unloaded as needed.

In April and October 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 75 pounds of drugs. The drugs had to be in pill form, we could not take syringes or liquids. They 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.

We encourage you to visit our website, [www.hampden.org](http://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 and 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  
Norman Charest, Chair Board of Health  
John D. Flynn  
Vincent Villamaino



## Board of Registrars

Registered voters on Jan. 1, 2013 – 3528, December 31, 2013 - 3657  
 Voter attendance during 2013:

Annual Town Meeting, April 29, 2013	94
Annual Town Election, April 30, 2013	554
Special Senate April 30, 2013	D - 274 R- 273
Special State June 25, 2013	1069
Special Town Meeting, October 28, 2013	79

### Inspectors And Tellers

#### Republican

Beth Burger  
 Edith Casey  
 Irene Cutting  
 Beryl Doten  
 Gerald Doten  
 Mary Dunklee  
 Barbara Dunwoody  
 Kathleen Duquette  
 Beth Fatse  
 Rebecca Gibb  
 Mary Hamel  
 Joyce Libby  
 David Kingsbury  
 Elaine Kingsbury  
 Nancy Salerno  
 Philip Schneider, Jr  
 Elizabeth Wells  
 Robert Wells  
 Carolyn Whipple

#### Democratic

Brenda Ahlberg  
 Ann Burian  
 Mary Cesan  
 Carol Collins  
 Sophie Davenport  
 Kathleen Flynn  
 Sheila Flynn  
 Sandra Gray  
 Judith Jackson  
 Dorothy Kibbe  
 Ronald Lech  
 Gail Lefebvre  
 Kathleen Rochford  
 Evelyn Schmidt  
 Rita Southworth

#### Unenrolled

Mary Lou Black  
 Aline Burt  
 Catherine Herchel  
 Deborah O'Brien  
 Doris Ouimet  
 Doreen Rauch  
 Donna Easton-Vicalvi  
 Lynn Zanolli

#### Election Officials

Michele LaVallee-Specht  
 Gerald Doten  
 Helen LaVallee  
 Kathleen Rochford

Respectfully submitted,

#### Board of Registrars

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

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This has been a year of changes for our Town and surrounding community. From the building of the new Minnechaug High School, to the continued investment in our roads and public structures, to the potential for a region-changing casino entertainment complex next door, Hampden has seen a flurry of activity. But through the changes we share common themes - we remain strong and committed to our town, we work to improve life in Hampden and to support our neighborhood's beliefs in each other!

First, we are grateful to our Town employees, many of whom are our neighbors and friends. The DPW continues to do yeomen's work in maintaining the high standards for which Hampden is known. The Police Department, as always, embodies community policing as their watch word. And our Volunteer Fire Department is an asset to us that we are proud of and for which we are extremely thankful!!

Second, our budget continues to see the stress of providing the services that we all have come to expect, while we acknowledge the financial pressures that all of us face. The Town has committed to a second phase of Infrastructure Improvements, built a new High School for our children and children's children, and is preparing to present a plan for a new Police Station. And as always, the burden continues to rest mainly on us, as Local Aid and School Funding from the state continue to lag behind the increasing expenses.

The Board continues to look for volunteers to help with the myriad of needs we face in the municipal government. From appointed boards, such as the Conservation Commission and Council on Aging, to ad hoc committees developed for needs analysis such as the Town Hall Building Committee and Energy Committee, there are many ways in which we can share our talents and strengths to improve all around us.

The board wishes to thank all of the elected and appointed officials with whom we serve. Through a true team approach we have achieved much and will do so much more. The efforts of Dana Pixley, Jeff Farnsworth, Becky Moriarty, Lance Trevallion and Mike Gorski and their respective staffs have been invaluable. We also appreciate the excellent work done by Pam Courtney in the Selectmen's office and Jane Budynkiewicz in the Board of Health office. Most importantly we thank you, the voters for whom we are here to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Flynn, Chairman  
Norman Charest  
Vincent J. Villamaino



# REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER 2013

## Building Permits Issued

Dwelling	7
Addition / Alteration	100
Commercial new	4
Commercial addition or alteration	2
Pool	9
Garages	2
Outbuilding	12
Woodstoves	19
Signs	0
Fire damage	0
Demolition	7
Duct Work	1
Total Building	163

## Total Permits Issued

Building	163
Electrical	121
Plumbing/Gas	174

The Building Department would like to remind you that Building Permits are required for roofing, siding, replacement windows, wood or pellet stoves, assessory 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

## **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

The Cemetery Commissioner's would like to welcome Ann Daly as the new Administrative Assistant to the office.

This past year Ann has worked diligently to bring all the cemetery information and maps up to date. There is still work to be done and with the help of the town and the Selectman's office approving the funds we will have a program that will provide all the information needed to know about a plot; all at the touch of a button.

Our current records which consist of paper maps and excel spread sheets will now all be digital, easily accessible and more importantly up to date.

We continue the process of reviewing the maps of both cemeteries showing the actual lot and the names of those interred. We are researching options that may be available to help defray costs of redrawing the maps. New lots will have to be added to our existing maps and also to our computer system.

Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery have been actively overseen by our commissioners this year who were responsible for making the arrangements for internments, stonework, excavations and corner markers. Several lots were sold in both Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery and space is still available. The new section in Old Cemetery will be sold as flat stone lots only.

Please remember that the maintenance of anything planted in the gravesite is the responsibility of the owner. Plantings that exceed the boundaries of the gravesite should be removed. Please dispose of any trash in the barrels provided at the cemeteries. These are country cemeteries; please do your part to maintain the beauty of these spots.

Commissioners may be contacted at anytime by calling 566-2151, extension 111 and leaving a message.

Respectfully submitted:

Cemetery Commissioners:  
Richard Hatch, John Wilkinson, Edward Loiko  
Ann Daly, Administrative Assistant

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Town of Hampden Conservation Commission currently sits with four full time members. We hold regularly scheduled meetings on the third Wednesday of every month and "special" meetings when required. Our purpose is to protect the resource areas and riverfront areas in town. The guidelines used are the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, the Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act and the Town of Hampden Wetland Protection By-laws and regulations.

This past year the commission held twelve regular meetings and five special meetings as well as required site inspections. Meetings are posted at the Town Hall board and in the Springfield Republican. We reviewed five filings for Request for Determinations and three Notices of Intent. We have the ability to hire outside consultants for peer reviews when necessary.

We always welcome proactive people interested in preserving our Town's natural resources and currently have positions available for new members. If you have any questions regarding our scope and procedures, you can contact us by phone, mail or by attending any of our meetings.

Respectively submitted for the commission,

Bonnie L. Geromini, Chairman

Phil Grant

Ted Zebert

Judy McKinley Brewer

Norma Buckley, Clerk



## HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING

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 (SHINE), Transportation Assistance, Outreach, Brown Bag Program, Prescription Plan Assistance, Lock box program, File of Life, 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.

In July, Joyce Turgeon joined the senior center staff as part time receptionist. Joyce has been a tremendous asset to the staff. She not only answers the phones every morning, but is assisting with data entry and other administrative tasks. We also appreciate the dedication of our afternoon volunteer receptionists: Carol Siano, Debbie Mahoney, Ceci Melville, Elaine Robbins, Bobbi Grant and substitutes Deanna Vermette and Janis DeGrandpre.

Nan Hurlburt started as our Activities Coordinator in January of 2013 and had a very successful year of programs and activities. Nan was able to expand not only our program schedule, but our hours of operation during daylight savings time. Taking advantage of more daylight hours, Nan and staff organized and ran numerous evening programs including a 50's sock hop and car show, country line dancing night, jazz band event and offered art classes and other programs and classes. From 2012 to 2013 we have seen an increase in our daily participation.

The outreach office continues to be under the coordination of Wendy Turer. The regionalized transportation system, The Two Town Trolley, provided over 4500 rides in the first full year of operation! Funded through grants, rider payments and generous donations, the trolley is proving to be a successful program. We are always looking for donations to support the van as it costs roughly \$45,000 per year to operate. Please let us know if you are able to make a donation to support this program.

Wendy also organized a special Thanksgiving Day dinner at the senior center in conjunction with the Lion's Club. Over 60 people, who may have otherwise been alone, enjoyed a home cooked Thanksgiving meal right here on Allen Street. Another successful program in 2013 was the Stocking for Seniors program. With the help of the knitting and quilting groups, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Green Meadows and individuals in the community, 100 stockings were made and filled with personal needs items and treats for the residents of Wingate at Hampden. The residents also received beautiful lap robes and quilts. Over 300 people sought out assistance from the outreach department in 2013.

## HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING P2

In 2013 we conducted a town wide needs assessment survey to find out what people want to see offered here at the senior center. Many of the responses were from people who are still working and would like more evening programs, support groups, educational programs, fitness classes, social clubs and more. We are working hard to meet the needs of everyone. Please let us know how we can better serve you.

The Friends of Hampden Seniors continue to support the senior center by raising money at delicious dinners, the annual craft sale and for the first time, a murder mystery night! The Friends generously pay for the mailing of the Scantic Scribe each month. Friends support this year included entertainment, supplies, support of the Two Town Trolley, scholarship funds and more. The Friends continue to work hard to support the senior center and we appreciate all of their efforts.

Thank you to the Hampden Lions Club for continuing to pay for the paper used to print the Scribe, for helping to organize the Thanksgiving dinner and for the generous donation following their wine tasting event.

As in years past this report would not be complete without giving thanks to the over 70 volunteers who gave over 4000 hours of their time to the senior center in 2013. 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

Ray Crowley, Chair, Deanna Vermette, Vice Chair, Al Ouimet, Treasurer, Brian MacLeod, Pat Clark, Marq Culhane

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board Member: Vacant

Rep to GSSSI: John Shay

Council on Aging Staff:

Executive Director:	Rebecca C. Moriarty
Administrative Clerk:	Doreen Rauch
Activities Coordinator:	Nan Hurlburt
Outreach Coordinator:	Wendy Turer
Receptionist:	Joyce Turgeon
Custodian:	Rudie Voight

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



## HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) was formed in 1990 through the merger of two previously separate agencies, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities and the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council. The MCC is funded by appropriations from the state Legislature and from the National Endowment for the Arts. The Hampden Cultural Council (HCC) receives its funds from the MCC. The mission of the MCC and its local councils across the state is "to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences, in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and to contribute to the economic vitality of our communities."

With this mission in mind the HCC, made up of locally appointed volunteers, meets to read, consider and approve submitted grants that meet the local standards. Rejected applicants are given time to appeal after which approved applicants are notified. The Hampden Cultural Council appreciates the support and guidance that it receives from the state.

Information regarding the request for funds and grant applications by local groups or individuals can be obtained from the Massachusetts Cultural Council Website <http://massculturalcouncil.org> or by contacting one of the council members. It should be noted that the council gives preference to projects sponsored by town organizations or residents. Due to our limited funds, most requests are partially funded. Applications for the fiscal year 2015 must be submitted to the Cultural Council, Hampden Town Hall, 625 Main Street, Hampden, MA 01036 by October 15, 2014.

The amount of \$4,250 was awarded to the HCC from the MCC for FY14. The Hampden Cultural Council held its voting meeting on December 7, 2013 at which time funding was awarded to seven grant proposals. The following is a list of approved grants for the coming year.

- Jerome Riley –Hampden Senior Center
- Freedom Train – Green Meadows School
- Music Matters Youth Concert At Springfield Symphony Hall--Green Meadows School
- Sturbridge Village – Green Meadows School
- Laughing Turtle and Field Day – All ages
- This Land is Your Land – Hampden Free Public Library
- Holiday Concert – all ages
- Books on Bikes – Hampden Free Public Library

The Hampden Cultural Council encourages members of our community to support and take part in programs funded by the HCC when possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Bennett  
Pamela Courtney  
Elizabeth Howarth, Chair  
Diane Mackie  
Cathy Mahoney  
Mindy Meeker  
Patricia Pomeroy