

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS

2014



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Front Cover: Park and Recreation



In Memoriam

Wilbur J. Jenkins

Parks and Recreation Commissioner
Recreation Association of Hampden
Lions Club Citizen of the Year Award
Friends of the Hampden Seniors
Sports Announcer at Minnechaug High School
Hampden Memorial Day Sound Man

Elva Jenkins

Recreation Association of Hampden
Friends of the Hampden Seniors

Dorothy Fritts

Hampden Arts Guild

James Burns

Hampden Volunteer Firefighter

Robert Sullivan

Hampden School Board

Evelyn Schmidt

Advisory Committee

Helen McGettrick

Hampden School Teacher

Arline Ross

Friends of Hampden Seniors

William Patric

Hampden Volunteer Firefighter
Fence Viewer



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:



Joseph (Charlie) A. Dolben
Planning Board

Charles R. Beaver
Fire Department, Deputy Fire Chief, 25 year member

Cornelius Flynn
Planning Board

Albert L. Ouimet
Council on Aging Board

James K. Quackenbush
Planning Board

Marq Culhane
Council on Aging Board

Frederick P. Frangie
Parks and Recreation Commissioner

Mark Casey
Zoning Board of Appeals

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

\$18.98 for Fiscal 2014

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Last Monday in April at 7:00pm

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

First Monday in May, 7am-8pm

GOVERNOR

Charlie Baker
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

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

U.S. SENATORS

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

OR

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

STATE SENATOR

Eric P. Lesser, Hampden District
State House, Room 309
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-722-1291

OR

District Office: 60 Shaker Road
Longmeadow, MA 01056
Phone: 413-599-4785

Elizabeth Warren

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

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/Tues/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 Wednesday of month
6:00 pm

**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
advisory@hampden.org		3 rd Monday 6 pm*
appeals@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 109	4 th Tues as needed
assessors@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 106	as posted**
cemetery@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 111	2 nd Tue 3pm, April-Dec
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	

Town of Hampden Website: www.hampden.org

Historical Commission	1 st Tuesday 7 pm
Library Trustees	3 rd Sat 9 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/wwwhome.htm

*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 – 2014

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

John D. Flynn, Chair	2016
Norman Charest, BOH Chair	2015
Vincent J. Villamaino	2017

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
Judy Mikkola, Asst. Treasurer	2015

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Eva Wiseman	2016
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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

Carolyn Reed, Asst. Assessor	2015
MaryAnn Wilkinson, Asst.	2014

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGION

SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Lisa Morace	2017
Lena Buteau	2015

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN LIBRARY

Kathleen Hutchison	2016
Beth E. Burger	2017
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	2017
John T. Wilkinson	2015
Mindy Meeker	2016
Ann Daly, Asst.	2015

PLANNING BOARD

Cornelius Flynn, Chair (resigned)	
Joseph A. (Charlie) Dolben (resigned)	
John L. Matthews III	2017
Robert L. Howarth	2018
James Quackenbush (resigned)	
M. Paige Gore	2015
Richard R. Green, Alternate	2014

Joanne Fiore, Asst.	2014
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PARK COMMISSIONERS

Frederick P. Frangie	2014
Martin S. McQuade	2015
David Paradis	2015
Terry M. Ford	2016
David Turcotte	2017
Cindi Connors, Ad. Asst.	2015

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS 2014

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
Jane Budynkiewicz, Asst.

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
Cindy Conners, Asst.

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	2015
Catherine Mahoney	2015
Mindy Meeker	2017
Diane Mackie	2015
Barbara Bennett	2016
Pamela Courtney	2015

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2014

TOWN COUNSEL

David J. Martel, Esq.

PARKING CLERK

Eva Wiseman

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

John Matthews

Richard Patullo

Bonnie Geromini

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER

George Bouchard 2017

Richard Jalbert (resigned) 2016

Ed Hatch (resigned) 2015

Michael Framarin, Oper.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Phil Grant 2017

Bonnie Geromini 2017

Judy McKinley Brewer 2016

Theodore Zebert 2015

Timothy Hanley 2015

Norma Buckley, Clerk

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Connie Witt, Chair

M. Chris Cesan

Sally Bryce

COUNCIL ON AGING

Patricia Clark, Chair 2016

Deanna Vermette, Secretary 2016

Arthur Beaurgegard 2017

Deborah Mahoney 2017

Ray Crowley, Vice Chair 2015

Joyce Turgeon 2017

Edward Norman 2017

Nancy Willoughby 2017

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Dana Pixley, Superintendent

Robert Richards

John Ouellette

Lauren Comstock

Matthew Frederick

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Arthur A. Booth, Jr

Janet M. Redin

Richard Patullo

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Rebecca Moriarty, Executive Director

Eva Wiseman, Clerk

John J. Shay, Hampden Rep to
GSSSI

Deanna Vermette, on Area Agency
Advisory Board

Michael Framarin, Water Operator

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2014

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

COMMITTEE

Doug Boyd

Beth DeSousa

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 2017

Carol Fitzgerald 2018

William Gouzounis 2016

Richard Ayers 2015

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Sheila Slate

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Judy Mikkola

PVPC COMMISSIONER

Robert Howarth

PVTA REPRESENTATIVE

Edward L. Loiko

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2014

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF

Jeff Farnsworth

SERGEANTS

William Joy, Jr.
Michael Cooney
Tawrin Seega

DETECTIVE

Scott Trombly

POLICE OFFICERS

Todd Ely
Jason Roath
William Jacques
Thomas Yvon
Michael Meaney
Benjamin W. Tucker

DISPATCHERS (full time)

Radcliffe Kenison
Philip Lord
Julie Zimmerman
Robert Lauer

RESERVE OFFICERS

Robert Robinson
Mark Galarneau
Radcliffe Kenison
David Goodrich
Michael Lynch
James R. D'Amour
John O'Brien
John R. Wagner
Nichole N. Gura
Jeffrey Beattie
Michael Kane (Appt. 1/27/14)
Michael Gralinski (Appt. 3/24/14)

DISPATCHERS (part time)

Kelsey L. Green
Lori A. Hebert
Danielle Chatterton
Stephanie Cusson
(Appt. 11/3/14)

POLICE MATRON

Julie Zimmerman
Tracey A. Goss

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Kathy Zanetti

HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

OFFICERS

Michael Gorski, Chief
David Markham, 1st Deputy Chief
Edward Poulin, 2nd Deputy Chief
Patrick Farrow, 1st Captain
Scott Rumprik, 2nd Captain
Matthew Sterling, 1st Lieutenant
Mark Barba, 2nd Lieutenant
Timothy Evens, Fire Prevention Lieutenant

FIRE FIGHTERS

Joseph Romito-Carey
Michael Fedora
Michael Hatch
Peter Hatch
Richard Kelly
Joy Leblanc
Bryan Markham
Jason McCarthy
Derrick Merrill
John Moriarty
Andrew Netherwood
Sharon Paquette
Evan Rugani
Andrea Sample

PROVISIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS

Timothy Raimier
David St. Martin
Colin Rogers
Meaghan Rogers
Anthony Traniello
Connor Courtney

FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT

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: 8 am-4 pm

RECYCLING: Tues: 1-4 pm; Saturday: 8 am-4 pm

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 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 2015 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 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.

RIGID PLASTIC (NEWEST ADDITION)

- Plastic buckets *with* metal handles
- Plastic milk/soda crates
- Plastic laundry baskets
- Plastic lawn furniture
- Plastic landscape & microwave trays
- Plastic totes- any size (*with metal*)
- Plastic toys & playhouses
- Plastic pet carriers
- Plastic shelving
- Plastic closet organizers
- Plastic dish drainers
- Plastic flower pots (*no soil*)
- Plastic traffic signs
- Plastic recycling bins
- Empty plastic garbage cans (*any size*)
- PVC & PET blister pack
- 5 gallon plastic water bottles
- Automotive plastics:
 - Bumpers
 - Grills
 - Side-view mirrors
 - Head lights & Rear lights
 - Hub-caps, etc

MORE RECYCLING TIPS

Clothing:

Collection box at the Transfer Station, 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 2014:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Young</u>
Cattle: (Adult= 2 years + over)		
Dairy	2	1
Beef	15	15
Steers/Oxen	0	0
Goats (Adult= 1 year + over)	22	10
Sheep (Adult= 1 year + over)	9	5
Swine		
Breeders	2	2
Potbelly	2	2
Llamas/Alpacas	12	0
Equines: Horse/Ponies	143	0
Donkeys/Mules	4	3
Poultry: Chickens	451	
Turkey	3	
Waterfowl	36	
Gamebirds	5	
Guinea Hens	2	
Rabbits	19	

All of the following animals were quarantined: one cat bite to human, two dog bites to humans, one dog to dog attack, one cat with wounds of unknown origin, three cats due to wildlife exposure, and two dogs to wildlife exposure.

Respectfully submitted:

Shelley Sears
Animal Inspector

BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals heard (4) hearings in 2014 as indicated below:

- 2014 -1 A request to allow the addition of a garage on pre-existing, non-conforming lot. Applicant not able to meet the side setback due to the slope of property and location of septic system. Petition Granted.
- 2014-2 A request under Section 7.8 to remove surplus earth resulting from the construction of a new church. Petition Granted.
- 2014-3 A request to demolish a pre-existing, non-conforming building and build a new non-conforming building to relocate veterinary business. Petition Granted.
- 2014-4 A request under Section 7.14 for a Wireless Communications Facility. Petition Granted.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Jed Berliner, Chair
M. Chris Cesan
Richard E. Patullo
Cheryl Cudnik
Mark R. Barba

Alternate Members

Duane Mosier
Fred Lesniak
Ed Loiko

Joanne Fiore
Administrative Assistant

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS
TOWN OF HAMPDEN**

625 Main Street
Hampden, MA 01036

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



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

Annual Town Report 2014

The Board of Assessors would like to congratulate Bob Makuch who was elected to another 3 year term. Bob is a tremendous asset to our board and we welcome him back for his next term in office.

This board is a strong supporter of education and training. The board and its employees participated in available relevant classes in 2014. Our assistant assessor Carolyn Reed is on the verge of receiving her MAA assessor certification and Maryann Wilkinson is also continuing her education with an eye toward certification in the future. The board also participates in annual meetings and seminars. This education will give us a more comprehensive understanding of the process of assessing and current Department of Revenue requirements.

The board and our employees continue with improvements to office effectiveness and efficiency. In 2014 we initiated and completed a new filing system that makes it easier to locate all documents for a particular property at one location. This program was suggested and completed by Ms. Wilkinson. Our increased office hours have been well received. We are considering additional hours in the future.

The Board of Assessors coordinated with the Senior Center and plans to begin making our office personnel periodically available at the center to answer questions and explain process. We intend to develop and establish this program in 2015.

The board worked with the selectmen's office on the implementation of the senior work program. The board supports this program but cautions applicants that currently receive certain statutory exemptions that increased income from the program could jeopardize their exemption. The applicant should fully and thoroughly consider the possible impact of increased income against received benefit. Our office will be available for information with regard to this consideration.

We completed our triennial certification and we are continuing our cyclical home inspection program completing about 2/3 of the town so far. This is a nine year inspection whereby the town completes 1/9th of the town annually.

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

	2012*	2013*	2014*
Annual Flu Clinic	100	50	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0
H1N1 Clinic	0	0	0
Annual Rabies Clinic	50	50	27
Percolation Tests	38	32	47
Septic Systems – Installed/Repaired	42	45	51
Well Permits	7	9	7
Septic Haulers Permits Issued	10	10	8
Disposal Works Installers Licenses Issued	35	35	16
Food Service Establishment Permits Issued	29	29	20
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1	1
Health / Nuisance Complaints	14	12	11
Total No. of gallons of Hazardous Household Waste Collected from Hampden	408	270	80

*(Numbers based on calendar year)

The Transfer Station is being used by approximately 675 households. This past year 271 tons of solid waste and 167 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 November. 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.

New this year the Transfer Station is except Ridged Plastic. For a list of acceptable items visit the Transfer Station. Look for the mailbox in the recycling center for the newest and most valuable information on recycling. 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 5, 2014, we held our annual Rabies Clinic at the Highway Department Garage. This year approximately 27 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 13th, we participated in the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Day held at Minnechaug Regional High School. During this event, 80 gallons of hazardous waste from our Town was disposed of properly. There were six towns involved in this event with a total of 3,467 tons of waste disposed. The next hazardous waste day will be held September 2015. 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.

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.

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 80 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. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Budynkiewicz, Board of Health Coordinator
Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent

Norman Charest, Chair Board of Health

John D. Flynn

Vincent J. Villamaino

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Registered voters on Jan. 1, 2014 – 3657, December 31, 2014 - 3741
Voter attendance during 2014:

Annual Town Meeting, April 28, 2014	184
Annual Town Election, May 5, 2014	519
State Primary September 9, 2014	D - 410 R- 240
Special Town Meeting, October 27, 2014	50
State Election November 4, 2014	2213

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
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
Christopher McDonald
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

A consistent theme of the last few reports from our Board has been "Hampden faces challenges, but with the help of the community, we continue to strengthen and grow!"

2014 proved to be no different. As the local economy continues to slowly rebound, we continue to look for ways to both improve the quality of life in Hampden, and lessen the impact of the ever increasing costs on us as taxpayers.

In 2014, we saw the approval of a new Hampden Police Station. We thank the citizens who volunteered their time and talents to work to design a new facility that will allow the Police Department to leave the 900 square foot space they've occupied for decades. This area will then be repurposed to allow for the other Town departments and our community groups to utilize it in the most efficient way possible.

The Planning Board approved a solar generation facility on private property on Somers Road. As part of that process, the Selectmen negotiated a Town Meeting approved tax schedule, as well as a one-time payment for the Town's participation as the Host Community. Also in 2014, we began the process of potentially siting an additional solar facility at the Transfer Station. These projects will increase revenues to the town, and will shift some of the expenses of running the Town off of the property taxes.

The Board traveled to Boston and appeared before the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to present our case for consideration as an affected community for the casino located in Springfield. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful for the initial funding however, we will be considered for the secondary distribution of the Mitigation Fund, which is determined after the opening of the casino.

In addition, this Board was invited to participate with the Regional School Committee and the Wilbraham Selectboard in an analysis of declining enrollment trends. We are working to determine how to best utilize our building inventory to provide the education level that our communities have always prided themselves on. This is an extremely complex issue, and we look forward to engaging with all stakeholders in Hampden to ascertain the solution that serves the Town, and most importantly our students, the best.

The board wishes to thank all of the elected and appointed officials with whom we serve. Through a true team approach, we remain committed to improving our quality of life in Hampden. The efforts of Dana Pixley, Jeff Farnsworth, Becky Moriarty, Lance Trevallion and Mike Gorski and their respective staffs have been invaluable. As always we would be nowhere without the assistance in our offices from Pamela Courtney and Jane Budynkiewicz. Most importantly we thank you, the voters for whom we are here to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER 2014

Building Permits Issued

Dwelling	3
Addition / Alteration	111
Commercial new	6
Commercial addition or alteration	4
Pool	5
Garages	4
Outbuilding	19
Woodstoves	9
Signs	2
Fire damage	2
Demolition	3
Duct Work	1
Total Building	169

Total Permits Issued

Building	169
Electrical	133
Plumbing/Gas	150

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

CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Commissioners have been active overseeing the maintenance of Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery. Arrangements were made for the excavation and refilling of graves at the time of interment.

Activities this year also included marking out several graves for the installation of monuments and the placement of corner markers on several lots. The Cemetery Commissioners' office is currently accepting bids for lawn maintenance at both cemeteries. 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 and were responsible for making the arrangements for internments, stonework, excavations and corner markers. Several lots were sold 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 gravesites 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 any time by calling (413) 566-2151, ext. 111 and leaving a message.

Respectfully submitted:

John Wilkinson, Chairman
Edward Loiko
Mindy Meeker
Ann Daly, Clerk

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Hampden adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2001. Although the law allows up to a 3% surcharge on property taxes (the first \$100,000 valuation on residential property being exempt), citizens of the Town voted the minimum of a 1% surcharge for CPA funds. In FY2014, the contribution of the taxpayers of the Town totaled \$58,227.00 and we received a matching contribution from the Commonwealth of \$29,622.00. The amount of the state match has rebounded from recent lows due to an additional funding mechanism passed by the legislature. The monies collected by this surcharge may only be used for Open Space, Historic Preservation, Affordable Housing and limited Recreational Use, all as voted by Town Meeting.

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

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

For FY15 (per the committee's recommendation and Town Meeting vote) the following proposals were approved:

HISTORIC PRESERVATION:	\$87,000 for rehabilitation of Town House
OPEN SPACE:	\$25,000 for pavilion at Memorial Park
	\$40,000 for replacement of playscape at Memorial Park
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE:	\$250 for an annual membership to the Community Preservation Coalition.

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas Boyd, Chair (Member at Large)
Beth DeSouza (Member at large)
Phil Grant (Conservation Commission)
John Matthews (Planning Board)
George Stone (Housing Authority)
Connie Witt (Historical Commission)
Cindi Connors (Member at Large)
Dave Turcotte (Parks & Recreation)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is an appointed board consisting of residents who volunteer their time to promote stewardship of local conservation lands and to implement the Massachusetts' Wetland Protection Act and Regulations (MGL 131, Sec 40) and the Hampden Wetland By-laws and regulations. The conservation commission currently has six members.

The Commission meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Melville Room at the Town Hall. This year the Commission held twelve regular meetings, five special meetings as well as sixteen required site inspections. Meetings are posted on the Town Hall board and in the Springfield Republican. This year we reviewed eleven Requests for Determination, five Notices of Intent, two Extensions, and one Violation. The Conservation Commission also responded to concerns from town residents regarding possible wetland violations. Site visits have been completed on all reported concerns and appropriate action has been taken when needed.

Under the Massachusetts' Wetland Protection Act, Conservation Commissions have jurisdiction over the 100 foot buffer from any protected area under the Act. We also oversee the 200 foot river front area. It is strongly recommended to contact the commission concerning any work to be done in these areas. Paperwork, if needed, is available at the Town House. The clerk is available Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm.

We always welcome proactive people interested in preserving our Town's natural resources. If you have any questions regarding our scope and procedures, you can contact us by phone, mail or contacting the clerk during business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Geromini, Chair
Phil Grant
Judy McKinley Brewer
Ted Zebert
Tim Hanley
Andrew Netherwood
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 Karen Jones with help from amazing volunteers. Greater Springfield Senior Services continues to fund and cater the congregate meal site.

The senior center staff continues to go above and beyond in order to meet the needs of the older adults in this community. Sincere thanks to Doreen Rauch, Nan Hurlburt, Wendy Turer, Joyce Turgeon and Rudie Voight for another great year! The office staff would not be complete without dedicated afternoon volunteer receptionists: Carol Siano, Debbie Mahoney, Ceci Melville, Elaine Robbins, and Bobbi Grant.

Our activities calendar was packed last year as we celebrated holidays together, enjoyed monthly breakfasts, introduced a men's breakfast every other month, and had some fun night programs during our daylight savings time evening hours. We brought in many educational speakers, hosted the annual flu shot clinic, started a blood pressure clinic on a weekly basis and continued to offer our ongoing programs; exercise classes, jewelry, movies, art classes and more! We were also able to host two evidence based programs; Aging Mastery, a program geared to a healthier lifestyle sponsored by a grant from the MA Association of Councils on Aging and a Caregivers Support group sponsored by Greater Springfield Senior Services.

Most people know about the activities and programs that we offer at the senior center, but it's the behind the scenes programs and assistance that also need to be recognized. In 2014, 60 people were assisted with fuel assistance applications, 7 families were helped by the Hampden Emergency Fuel Fund, 50 people receive an ongoing monthly Brown Bag of groceries in conjunction with the Food Bank of Western MA, 25 people have a lock box on their house, roughly 70 home visits were made to homebound residents needing assistance, almost 50 received SHINE counseling, medical equipment was loaned to numerous individuals and wellness checks were made thanks to the Hampden Police Department

Teaming up with the community, the Stocking for Seniors program was again a success. With the help of the knitting and quilting groups, 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. The knitting group continues year after year to make hats and mittens and donate to Hampden schools as well as schools in Springfield for children in need. As another community outreach, a collection of personal needs items was taken for homeless veterans in Leeds.

HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING P2

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 homemade soup fundraiser! 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.

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 2014. 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

Council on Aging Board: Art Beauregard, Patricia Clark, Ray Crowley, Deborah Mahoney, Edward Norman, Deanna Vermette, and Nancy Willoughby

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board Member: Rebecca C. Moriarty

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. Applicants that are disapproved are notified in writing and given the required 15 days to ask for reconsideration. If there are no reconsiderations to be considered, the State Annual Report is completed and submitted to the MCC. Upon notification that the report has been approved, notification is sent to those applicants that the HCC has awarded monies to for this grant cycle. 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 2016 must be submitted to the Hampden Cultural Council, Hampden Town Hall, 625 Main Street, Hampden, MA 01036 by October 15, 2015.

The amount of \$4,300 has been awarded to the HCC from the MCC for FY15. The Hampden Cultural Council held its voting meeting on December 4, 2014 at which time funding was awarded to eight grant proposals. The following is a list of approved grants for the coming year.

- Gruv-A Musical Performance Team from the 21st Army Band of the Massachusetts National Guard -Hampden Senior Center
- Field Trip to the Springfield Symphony Concert - Green Meadows School
- Theater Works Production of "The Lightning Thief" --Green Meadows School
- Sturbridge Village - Green Meadows School
- Scarlet Poppies: Pastel Paint Like Georgia O'Keeffe-Gregory Maichack
- Student Scholarships and Awards-Valley Photo Center, Inc.
- Recycled Rhythm Enrichment Program - Hampden Free Public Library
- Every Child Can Paint-Like a Hero!-Hampden Free Public Library

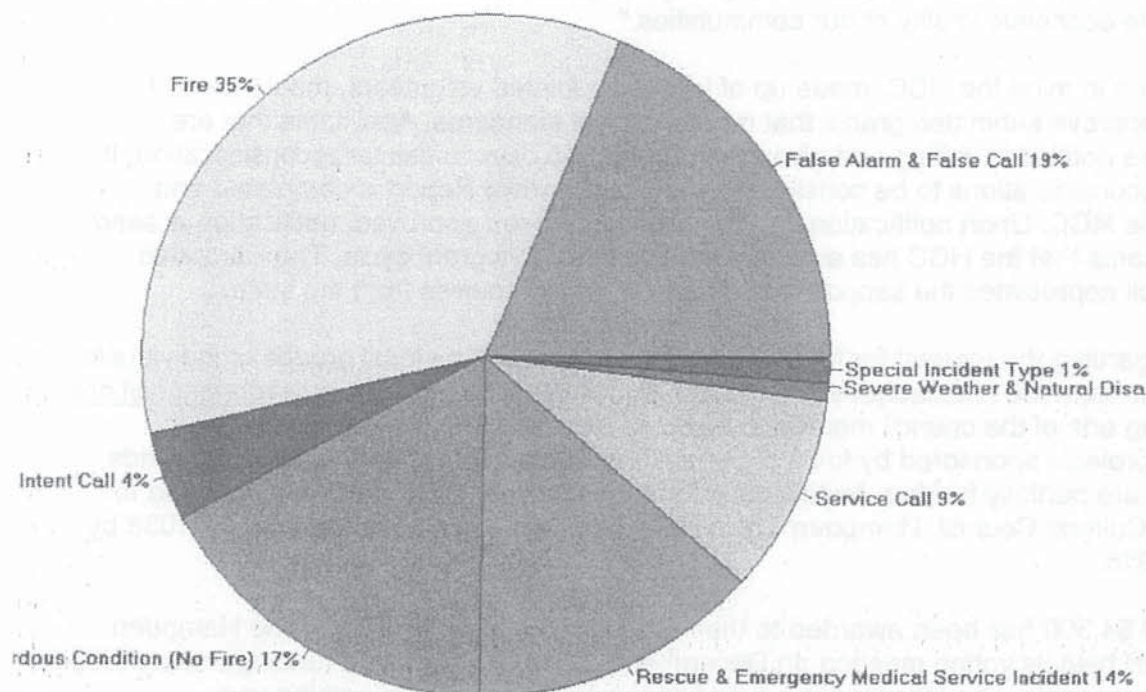
The Hampden Cultural Council thanks Patricia Pomeroy for her years of service to the council. The Hampden Cultural Council encourages members of our community to support and take part in programs funded by the HCC when possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bennett
Pamela Courtney
Elizabeth Howarth, Chair
Diane Mackie
Cathy Mahoney
Mindy Meeker

HAMPDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT 2014 REPORT

The Hampden Fire Department responded to 121 calls in calendar year 2014. Each call is reported electronically to the State and Federal government. The percentage of calls in each category is as follows:



Please note that 14% of the 2014 calls were Emergency Medical Responses. Under agreement with the Selectmen and the Hampden Police Department the Hampden Fire Department will respond to medical calls at the discretion of the Hampden Police Department. Generally, these responses occurred when AMR ambulance was going to be delayed in their response or the police department had multiple simultaneous calls. Hampden Fire Department EMT's respond to assess and stabilize a patient until AMR arrives and transports the patient.

Hampden Fire Department is a volunteer department and we are always looking for dedicated committed women and men to train to be firefighters. If you are interested in serving and are between the ages of 18 -65 and live within 1 mile of the Town line please see the town website or our website at hampdenfiredepartment.com for more information and an application.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gorski
Fire Chief