

REQUESTED

BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR

2016

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Fiscal 2014 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2015 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2016 Requested
1.0 Accountant			
1.1 Salary	28,238	28,944	29,668
1.2 Clerical	167	300	300
1.3 Expenses (Audit)	12,535	5,000	14,000
1.4 Computer Upgrade			5,000
Total Accountant	40,940	34,244	48,968
2.0 Advisory Committee			
2.1 Clerical	1,086	4,300	4,300
2.2 Expenses	190	200	200
Total Advisory	1,276	4,500	4,500
3.0 Appeals, Board of			
3.1 Clerical	2,617	3,567	3,958
3.2 Expenses	181	200	200
Total Appeals	2,799	3,767	4,158
4.0 Assessors, Board of			
4.1 Salaries	14,580	14,880	14,880
4.2 Assistant Assessor	32,653	34,909	-
4.2.1 Principal Assessor	-	0	39,088
4.2 Clerical	11,099	11,349	12,053
4.3 Expenses	3,492	4,000	3,500
4.4 Data Processing	0	0	0
4.5 Software Support	7,250	6,825	7,025
4.6 Mapping Maintenance	1,800	1,500	1,650
4.7 Full List Measure	-		
4.8 Field Review	2,700	0	0
Total Assessors	73,574	73,463	78,196

5.0 Building Department Expenses			
5.1 Code and General Enforcement	2,000	2,000	2,000
5.2 Inspector and Expenses			45,910
Total Building Dept.	2,000	2,000	47,910
6.0 County Retirement	271,658	291,522	340,279
7.0 Insurance			
7.1 Property and Liability	88,494	94,000	94,000
7.2 Employee Benefits	198,454	210,000	210,000
7.3 Unemployment Compensation	480	2,000	2,000
7.4 Longevity	1,300	1,300	1,300
7.5 FICA	-		
Total Insurance	288,728	307,300	307,300
8.0 Law and Claims			
8.1 General	26,429	20,000	20,000
Total Law	26,429	20,000	20,000
9.0 Moderator			
9.1 Salary			100
9.2 Expenses	-	100	100
Total Moderator	-	100	100
10.0 Planning Board			
10.2 Clerical*	11,014	13,897	14,164
10.3 Expenses	1,025	1,100	1,100
10.4 Software support		-	-
Total Planning Board	12,039	14,997	15,264

* includes special permits & hearings

11.0 Registrars, Board of (Voters)

11.1 Salaries	800	800	800
11.2 Election Expenses	1,461	5,500	3,750
11.3 Street Lists	1,629	2,000	2,000
Total Registrars	3,890	8,300	6,550

12.0**Selectman**

12.1 Salaries	9,600	9,600	9,600
12.2 Administrative Asst.	39,921	40,906	41,929
12.3 Secretarial			
12.4 Expenses	1,357	2,000	2,000
12.5 Legal Advertising	1,216	1,600	1,600
12.6 Mapping Maintenance			
12.7 Temporary Help	474	500	1,800
Total Selectman	52,568	54,606	57,429

13.0**Tax Collector**

13.1 Salary	31,060	31,836	32,154
13.2 Clerical	12,295	12,588	17,131
13.3 Expenses	2,000	2,000	2,000
13.4 Computer Maintenance	2,525	3,500	3,500
13.5 Tax Title Work	1,922	2,500	2,500
13.6 Tax Title Admin.			
Total Tax Collector	49,802	52,424	57,285

14.0**Town Clerk**

14.1 Salary	31,060	31,836	32,154
14.2 Clerical	7,735	8,392	12,848
14.3 Expenses	981	1,000	1,000
14.4 Town Publications		100	100
Total Town Clerk	39,776	41,328	46,102

15.0**Town Report**

	3,290	3,000	3,000
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16.0	Treasurer		
	16.1 Salary	35,298	36,180
	16.2 Clerical	5,837	8,887
	16.3 Expenses	799	1,100
	16.4 Certifying Notes	0	0
	16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	1,671	0
	16.6 Tax Title Expense	10,938	11,500
	16.7 Payroll Service	6,495	6,500
	16.8 Bank Service Charges	0	100
	16.9 Tax Title Admin.	0	0
	16.10 Records Mgt	0	1,000
	Total Treasurer	61,039	66,394

17.0	Veterans' Benefits	18,280	20,000
18.0	Greater Springfield Senior Services	0	350
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		948,087	1,123,785

GENERAL TOWN SERVICES

20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance	536	2,500
21.0	Cemetery Commission		
	21.1 Clerical	11,464	14,000
	21.2 Expenses	524	600
	21.3 Maintenance	12,855	18,000
	21.4 Computer Maintenance	450	550
	Total Cemetery Commission	25,292	33,150

22.0	Conservation Commission			
	22.1 Clerical	6,878	7,154	7,305
	22.2 Expenses	282	400	400
	Total Conservation Commission	<u>7,160</u>	<u>7,554</u>	<u>7,705</u>
23.0	Transfer Station			
	23.1 Operation	0	0	0
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing	17,770	25,000	25,000
	Total Transfer Station	<u>17,770</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
24.0	School Buildings Repairs	9,091	10,000	10,000
26.0	Library			
	26.1 Salaries			
	26.2 Expenses			
	26.3 Library Materials			
	Total Library	<u>113,685</u>	<u>119,167</u>	<u>121,775</u>
27.0	Town Events	1,317	1,200	1,200
29.0	Office Equipment			
	29.1 Acquisition	1,991	2,500	2,500
	29.2 Maintenance	6,871	7,000	7,300
	29.3 Supplies	3,393	3,000	3,000
	29.4 Postage	16,733	17,000	17,000
	Total Office Equipment	<u>28,987</u>	<u>29,500</u>	<u>29,800</u>

30.0	Parks and Recreation			
	30.1 Salaries	26,815	28,788	32,725
	30.2 Operating Expenses	4,750	4,025	4,200
	30.3 Capital Improvements	0	0	0
	30.4 Baseball	0	0	0
	30.5 Softball	0	0	0
	30.6 Girls Soccer	0	0	0
	30.7 Boys Soccer	0	0	0
	30.8 Basketball	0	0	0
	30.9 Director's Salary	0	0	0
	30.9 Spray park	8,495	9,495	10,000
	Total Parks and Recreation	40,060	42,308	46,925

32.0	Town House Maintenance			
	32.1 Custodial	17,150	19,000	19,000
	32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	8,457	8,500	9,500
	32.3 Heat and Utilities	37,543	43,000	45,000
	Total Town House Maintenance	63,150	70,500	73,500

34.0	Ambulance	0	0	0
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35.0	Gasoline			
	35.1 Fuel	64,990	65,000	65,000
	36.1 Gasoline Expenses	9,999	10,000	10,000
	Total Gasoline	74,989	75,000	75,000
36.0	Street Lighting	18,260	19,100	21,000

37.0 Council on Aging			
37.1 Director's Salary	39,438	42,987	44,066
37.2 Clerk	15,831	16,133	16,435
37.3 Expenses	1,988	2,500	3,000
37.4 Temporary Help	0	0	0
37.5 Outreach Coordinator	7,427	15,749	17,833
37.6 Receptionist	7,859	8,048	8,236
Total Council on Aging	72,542	85,417	89,570

38.0 Senior Center			
38.1 Custodial	10,588	10,850	11,119
38.2 Utilities	17,177	18,834	20,034
38.3 Building Maintenance	12,628	13,600	14,280
38.4 Grounds Maintenance	0	0	0
Total Senior Center	40,393	43,284	45,433

39.0 Historical Commission	0	250	250
Total General Town Services	513,232	560,660	582,808

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

40.0 Superintendent's Salary	79,882	82,216	84,684
41.0 Tree Warden			
41.1 Expenses	8,859	10,100	12,580
41.1.2 Salary		5,150	5,300
41.2 Tree Planting			
41.3 Insect Pest Control			

42.0	Public Grounds	37,242	38,165	39,222
43.0	Highway Maintenance	138,003	152,334	153,354
	43.1 Expenses			
	43.2 Paving		50,000	50,000
44.0	General Highway Expense	98,510	101,133	110,520
45.0	Snow and Ice Removal	186,156	80,000	80,000
46.0	Contract Services			
	46.0 Contract Services			
	46.1 Street Sweeping	37,400	42,800	52,160
	46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning			
47.0	Other Highway Accounts	14,000	14,000	18,000
	47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance			
	47.2 Highway Engineering			
	47.3 Equipment Acquisition			
48.0	Building Expenses	14,993	12,130	13,330
	48.1 Utilities			
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		615,045	588,028	619,150

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

50.0	Animal Inspection			
	50.1 Salary	2,098	2,098	2,150
	50.2 Expenses	0	240	240
	50.3 Rabies Management	0	0	0
	50.4 Wildlife Control	0	2,500	2,500
Total Animal Inspection		2,098	4,838	4,890

51.0	Emergency Management	7,218	8,000	8,000
51.5	Traffic Control	3,230	10,000	10,000
52.0	Dog Officer			
	52.1 Animal Control Account	9,489	10,000	10,000
	52.2 Dog Damage Fund	360	700	700
	Total Dog Officer	9,849	10,700	10,700
53.0	Fire Department			
	53.1 Fire Chief Salary	0	0	0
	53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1,402	1,493	1,500
	53.3 Operation	37,682	33,982	36,182
	53.4 Equipment	13,768	14,500	16,500
	53.5 Training Stipend*	26,150	33,000	33,000
	53.6 Radio Service Agreement		540	4,480
	Total Fire Department	79,002	83,515	91,662
	* Approved in STM			
54.0	Forest Fires	1,433	1,800	1,800
55.0	Forest Fire Warden	0	0	0
56.0	Health, Board of			
	56.1 Salary	4,482	4,594	4,709
	56.2 Clerk Salary	25,545	26,267	26,919
	56.3 Expenses	0	1,000	1,000
	Total Board of Health	30,027	31,861	32,628
56.5	Water District			
	565.1 Operations	8,083	7,500	8,000
	565.2 Testing	1,034	2,000	2,000
	Total Water District	9,117	9,500	10,000

57.0 Police	57.1 Chief's Salary	78,263	79,828	81,424
	57.2 General Salaries	882,222	945,316	968,933
	57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	10,520	10,925	11,845
	57.4 General Expenses	59,792	62,582	63,682
	57.5 New Cruisers	32,805	36,000	36,000
	57.6 Training	25,850	26,263	26,615
	57.7 Equipment	14,500	5,000	5,000
	57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	79,607	65,159	66,708
	57.9 Building Maintenance & Exp			40,000
58.0 Other Police Accounts	58.1 Election and Town Meetings	925	2,360	1,138
	58.2 Towing Clerk	0	100	100
	58.3 WMLEC	500	750	750
59.0 Parking Clerk				
Total Police		1,184,984	1,234,283	1,302,195
TOTAL PROTECTION		1,326,957	1,394,497	1,471,875
SCHOOLS				
69.0 Regional School District	69.1 Assessment	6,717,297	6,934,749	7,158,179
	69.2 Teacher Deferral	0	0	0
	Total Regional School District	6,717,297	6,934,749	7,158,179
SUB TOTAL		10,120,618	10,475,102	10,955,797

70.0	Local Government Debt		
	70.1 Principal: Airparks		44,000
	70.2 Interest		
	70.3 School Debt		
	70.4 Green Meadow Bond		
	70.5 Highway Truck	234,000	226,800
	70.6 Fire Truck	50,000	50,000
	70.7 Infrastructure Roads	43,890	43,260
	70.8 Minnechaug BAN	400,000	400,000
		507,043	535,263
	Total Local Government Debt	1,234,933	1,299,323
	GRAND TOTAL	11,710,035	12,255,120

**HAMPDEN
TOWN
WARRANT
2016**

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Hampden

Town of Hampden

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

Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, Wilbraham Road, Hampden, on Monday, April 27, 2015 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. TOWN REPORTS

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

Article 2. BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums to cover same, and to raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3. PREVIOUS BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of Fiscal Year 2014 or previous years, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 4. REVOLVING FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

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

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

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

Building Department: Fees collected for issuance of building permits, inspection fees, including weights and measures to defray salaries and expenses of part-time employees of the Building Department and consultants. \$90,000

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

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

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

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

Cemetery Commission: Monies from charges collected to defray the costs for grave maintenance. \$24,000

Article 5. REVOLVING FUND REPORTS

To see if the Town will vote to receive from each of those boards, departments and officers having charge of a revolving fund a report showing the total amount of receipts and expenditures for each revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2014 and for Fiscal Year 2015 through December 31, 2014 and also showing the amount of any increase, if any, in spending authority granted by the Selectmen and the Advisory Committee with respect to such revolving fund during Fiscal Year 2014 and Fiscal Year 2015, to date, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 6. ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFER STATION

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from anticipated transfer station revenues and/or raise and appropriate from available funds for the purpose of funding the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 7. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2016 with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 8. CONSERVATION FUND

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

Article 9. HIGHWAY STATE AID

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

Article 10. HIGHWAY DUMP TRUCK REPLACEMENT

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

Article 11. LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID

To see if the Town will vote that in Fiscal Year 2016, if State aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 12. ASSESSORS

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

Article 13. ASSESSORS

To see if the Town will transfer from the Assessor's Stabilization Fund a sum of money for the FY2016 Department of Revenue mandated programs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 14. ZONING BYLAWS – Banquet Facility

To see if the Town will vote to add to the Zoning Bylaw in Section 2, with appropriate numbering, the following definition of banquet facility: "An establishment whose principal business is the selling of ready-to-consume food to the customer for consumption either on or off premises. Banquet Facility may not have normal business hours", and further, to amend Section 4.0 (Retail and Service Uses) of the Table of Use Regulations by adding #4.32 Banquet Facility with the following Use Designations for Zoning Districts or take any other action relative thereto:

- R-6, R-4, MD – N (Use Prohibited)
- B, C, LI – SPB (Use Allowed by Special Permit by the Planning Board)
- FPW – N (Use Prohibited)
- GR – SPB-PA (Use Allowed by Special Permit with Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board)
- N-PER – N (Use Prohibited)
- WSP – See Notes A and C
- Standards and Conditions: See Note A and Definitions

Article 15. ZONING BYLAWS – Restaurant

To see if the town will vote to change in Section 2, definition 2.109, Restaurant from "an establishment whose principal business is the selling of ready-to-consume food to the customer for consumption either on or off premises to "an establishment whose principal business is the selling of ready-to-consume food to the customer for consumption either on or off premises with regular business hours", or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16. ZONING BYLAWS – Special Permits

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 10.72.3a by deleting from that Section "the requirement to send a copy of the application to the Zoning Board of Appeals" so that, as amended Section 10.72.3a would read as follows: "The SPGA/SPRA shall within ten (10) days of receiving a Special Permit/Site Plan Approval/Site Plan Review application, transmit one copy each to: the Building Inspector, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Highway Department, Historical Committee, Fire Department, Police Department, and Planning Board,

who shall review the application and submit their recommendations and comments to the SPGA/SPRA concerning", or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17. ZONING BYLAWS – Buffer Strip

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, definition of 2.16 Buffer Strip from: "A portion of land set aside to separate the remainder of other districts from residential districts. Buffer strips shall be landscaped or left natural as required by the Planning Board and may not be used for parking areas, circulation of traffic, or for accessory buildings" to:

"2.16 Buffer Strip - A portion of land set aside to separate the remainder of other districts from residential districts", or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18. ZONING BYLAWS – Golf Recreational District

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 6.72 of the Zoning Bylaw by deleting subsection 4(d) "Payment" which requires an application to be accompanied by a payment based on the amount of acreage covered by a preliminary or definitive plan, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19. ZONING BYLAWS – Illumination Standards of Signs

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 7.613(3) of the Zoning Bylaw by deleting the bracketed language shown below and by adding the new underlined language shown below:

"Illumination Standards: No sign shall incorporate, or be lighted by, flashing or blinking lights, or be designed to attract attention by a change in intensity or by repeated motion. Any illumination provided for signs shall be white light only [and shall be indirect illumination only]. The light source shall be shaded from view of the premises. The illumination of lighting shall meet the approval of the Planning Board in each application." or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20. ZONING BYLAWS – Add Veterinary Clinic and Veterinary Hospital:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaws of the town as follows or take any other actions relative thereto;

- 1) by adding the following definitions with appropriate numbering to Section 2 of the Zoning Bylaws:

"Veterinary Clinic: A facility for the treatment of injuries and illnesses of animals that operates with posted business hours and not open 24 hours/day; except for emergency situations."

"Veterinary Hospital: A facility for the treatment of injuries and illnesses of animals that operates 24 hours/day, seven days/week."

- 2) And to amend Section 3.0 (Agricultural Uses) of the Table of Use Regulations by adding "Principal Uses Veterinary Hospital and Veterinary Clinic" with the following Use Designations for Zoning Districts.

R-6, R-4, MD – N (Use Prohibited)

B, C, - P (Use Permitted)

LI, FPW, GR, N-PER – N (Use Prohibited)

WSP – See Notes A and C

Article 21. ZONING BYLAW Add Solar Section

To see if the Town will vote to add the following Definition 2.118 Solar Energy System(s) to Section 2 of the Zoning Bylaws; "add Solar Energy System(s) as use 6.25 with the Use Designations" as reflected below; and "add Section 7.16 Solar Energy System(s) Bylaw as reflected below", or take any other action relative thereto:

Definition for 2.118 Solar Energy Systems: Any solar collector or other solar energy device, including appurtenances, mounted on a building or on the ground, the primary purpose of which is to provide for the collection, storage, conversion and distribution of solar energy for space heating or cooling, water heating or generation of electricity; and to add to Section 6.0 (Accessory Uses) of the Table of Use Regulations 6.25 Solar Energy Systems the following:

Table of Use Regulations 6.25 Solar Energy System(s)

R-6, R-4, MD, B, C, LI, GR, N-PER

P – Permitted Use Zones

Standards and Conditions: See Notes A and C

Special Permit Required for Systems Larger than 3,501 sq. ft.

FPW, WSP

N – Use Prohibited

Zoning Bylaw for Section 7.16 Solar Energy System(s)

Solar Energy System(s) are permitted as an accessory use to the principal use subject to the following requirements. Solar Energy Systems with solar energy collector panels occupying a total footprint of more than 3,500 square feet of land area shall require special permit approval from the Planning Board and the Planning Board may impose conditions reasonably appropriate to improve site design, protect the public health, safety and welfare and/or otherwise serve the purpose of this section. For the purpose of this regulation, such footprint shall be measured as the total area of the vertical projection on the ground of all panels in the installation's most horizontal tilt position including all spaces between the panels.

The Solar Energy System(s) shall be designed for the primary purpose of supplying electrical or thermal power for the principal use and/or accessory use of the property on which the system is located, although this provision shall not prohibit a net metered solar energy system to be installed for the purpose of generating electricity on-site that is interconnected with the electric grid and which allows the on-site consumer to feed surplus electricity into the electrical grid with the approval of the local utility company. Solar Energy System may only be constructed or materially modified after the issuance of a building permit by the Building Inspector.

The Solar Energy System may be integrated into or attached to the principal structure and/or accessory building or mounted on the ground in accordance with the requirements of this bylaw and all other applicable building and electrical codes.

Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Systems shall conform to height regulations specified for the applicable principal or accessory building type in the underlying zoning district or to such other height as is determined by the Building Inspector to be essential for proper system operation provided that such height will not present any undue hardships on abutting properties. A

structural engineering report may be required by the Building Inspector documenting the structural integrity of the structure and its ability to support the proposed roof-mounted solar facility.

Ground-mounted Solar Energy Systems shall be considered structures which must comply with the following standards:

Ground-mounted Solar Energy Systems must comply with all minimum setback requirements for the Zoning District where it is to be installed except that the rear yard setback for such Systems can be reduced by one-half of the required setback in the Zones.

Ground-mounted Solar Energy Systems shall be installed as close to the ground as practicable and shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in height.

Ground-mounted Solar Energy Systems shall be designed and located to minimize adverse visual impacts on surrounding properties and, if necessary, the Building Inspector may require that the property owner make reasonable efforts to screen the system from the view of streets and abutting property.

Cessation of Use & Obsolescence: Upon Building Inspector's notice to Planning Board of cessation of Use of a Solar Energy System, said Solar Energy System shall be deemed in Decommission. At that time, said Solar Energy System shall be dismantled and removed from property, including but not limited to all unused parts thereof, accessory facilities and structures which have not been used shall be dismantled and removed at owner's expense.

Article 22. ZONING BYLAW Add Wind Energy Conversion System(s)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaws of the town by adding to Section 2 the following definition, with appropriate numbering, of Wind Energy Conversion System(s); and by adding Wind Energy Conversion System(s) as Section 6.26 in the Table of Uses "Accessory Uses" in Section 6.0, as shown below; and by adding Section 7.17 Wind Energy Conversion Systems, as shown below, or take any other action relative thereto.

Definition for 2.138 Wind Energy Conversion System(s)

Any wind energy collecting device or system, the primary purpose of which is to provide for the collection, conversion, storage and/or distribution of wind energy for generation of electricity, water pumping or operating mechanical devices.

Table of Use Regulations 6.26 Wind Energy Conversion System(s)

R-6, R-4, MD, B, C, LI, FPW, GR, N-PER, WSP,
SPB-PA – Permitted Use Zones

Standards and Conditions: See Notes A and C

Zoning Bylaw for Section 7.17 Wind Energy Conversion System(s)

Wind energy conversion system for the on-site use of and/or credit distribution of excess electricity to an electric utility, designed pursuant to applicable Town, State and Federal codes, regulations and statutes. Height limitations shall not apply to wind energy conversion systems if such systems are in no way used for living purposes.

Cessation of Use & Obsolescence

Upon Building Inspector's notice to the Planning Board of Cessation of Use of a Wind Energy System, said Wind Energy System shall be deemed in Decommission. At that time, said Wind Energy System shall be dismantled and removed from property, including but not limited to, all unused parts thereof, accessory facilities and structures which have not been used shall be dismantled and removed at owner's expense.

Article 23. AUTHORIZE LEASE OF LAND FOR GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name of and on behalf of the Town, to execute a lease for 12+/- acres of land constituting the capped landfill and other land areas at the Transfer Station at Cross Road owned by the Town to a commercial solar developer for installation and operation of solar photovoltaic facilities for electric generation, for periods up to 30 years upon such other terms and conditions as determined by the Board of Selectmen; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an alternative energy power purchase and/or net metering credit purchase agreement in connection with such installation for a term or terms up to thirty years, on such other terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary or appropriate to administer and implement such agreements; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 24. AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT FOR GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MG c. 59, sec. 38H, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate an agreement for the taxation of real and personal property with a lessee/operator of the solar photovoltaic energy generating facility to be developed at the property described in the preceding article upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 25. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the School Resource Officer for FY15 at Minnechaug Regional High School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 26. FIRE HOUSE ROOF AND APPURTENANCES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to repair/replace the Fire House roof and appurtenances, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 27. MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY (MRF)

To see if the Town will vote to approve a contract for five years between and among the Town of Hampden, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and Recycle America Alliance, LLC for a term ending June 30, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 28. COMMON CORE STANDARDS

To see if the Town will vote to support the Federal government's Common Core standards initiative for K-12 education funded by your local tax dollars, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 29. POLICE STATION DELAY

To see if the Town will vote to postpone (or delay) its commitment to the construction of the Hampden Police Station, due to current discussions regarding possible changes to the Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 30. RESERVE FUND

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

Article 31. GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND

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

Article 32. REDUCING TAX RATE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the General Stabilization Fund a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in elections of Town Officers to meet at the Hampden Town House, 625 Main Street, Hampden, on Monday, May 4, 2015 AD at seven o' clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the election officers of said Town for the following officers, to wit:

To choose for the term of one year the following:

- 1 Moderator
- 1 Hampden Housing Authority
- 1 Planning Board member

To choose for the term of two years the following:

- 1 Park Commissioner

To choose for the term of three years the following:

- 1 Board of Selectmen
- 1 Board of Assessors
- 1 HWRSD School Committee member
- 1 Library Trustee
- 1 Cemetery Commissioner

- 2 Park Commissioners

To choose for the term of five years the following:

- 1 Hampden Housing Authority member
- 1 Planning Board member

Also, to choose all other necessary Town Officers.

Also to vote the following non-binding ballot questions submitted by citizen petitions:

- 1) Shall the Town of Hampden vote to support the federal government's Common Core Standards initiative for K-12 education funded by your local tax dollars?
- 2) Shall the Town of Hampden vote to postpone (or delay) its commitment to the construction of the Hampden Police Station, due to current discussions regarding possible changes to the Thornton W. Burgess Middle School?

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting and attested copy thereof at each of the five places designated by the Town. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this ____ day of _____, 2015.

John D. Flynn, Chairman

Norman Charest

Vincent J. Villamaino

Board of Selectmen

I, Constable for the Town of Hampden, have on this date posted copies of the warrant for the Town Meeting to be held on April 27, 2015 at 7:00 pm in all five places as designated by the Town of Hampden.

Constable, Town of Hampden

Date

1. The first part of the report is a general introduction to the project.

2. The second part of the report is a detailed description of the methodology used in the study.

3. The third part of the report is a presentation of the results of the study.

4. The fourth part of the report is a discussion of the results and their implications.

5. The fifth part of the report is a conclusion and a list of references.

6. The sixth part of the report is a list of appendices.

7. The seventh part of the report is a list of figures and tables.

8. The eighth part of the report is a list of abbreviations and acronyms.

9. The ninth part of the report is a list of symbols and units.

10. The tenth part of the report is a list of footnotes.

INFORMATION & EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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

