ACADEMY BUILDING

Sometime after 1840 the minister approached some of our prominent men, suggesting that higher education than that provided by the Town should be considered. A committee of prominent citizens was formed to consider this, and by 1844 the school called THE SOUTH WILBRAHAM EDUCATION SOCIETY was in session. We feel that whatever quarters they used became too small for their growing enrollment and by 1850 decided to erect a building just for a school.

These men purchased shares in this endeavor and the building was constructed between 1850-1852 as we have a copy of the prospectus that was sent out in 1852 giving courses, tuition and boarding facilities available. This building is Greek Revival in architecture and a good example of same.

Evart's History of Connecticut Valley (1879) says: "Hampden Academy has acquired a favorable reputation among schools of the day. Established in 1844 by private subscription to supply higher education, early teachers were Messrs. Brooks, Howe, Marsh, Warner, Bliss and Alonzo B. Newell, the last teacher."

Holland's History of Western Massachusetts says: "South Wilbraham (Hampden) has for several years sustained by individual contributions a school of Academical merit."

Copeland's History of Hampden County (1890) says: "Soon after 1840 a number of public spirited citizens perfected a plan to establish a school of higher learning than attained under the Town system—thus the Academy was founded."

The Academy building seemed to be the gathering place for everything that was going on in the Town. We have old receipts from concerts, square dances, Jubilee Singers, and even one from a Kickapoo Indian Meeting (?). In 1874 Father Lynch used the hall for Catholic Services.

In 1899 the Town considered buying the building, but nothing was done about it. In 1911 the Town spent $578.63 to refurbish the building, which they did not own at the time. It was purchased by auction in 1934.

In 1913 the Center School burned and classes were held in this building.

In 1917-1918 during World War I the Red Cross Meetings were held here by the townspeople.

From 1920 to 1932 the Hampden Public Library was housed here with Hazel Burleigh as Librarian.

All Town Meetings were held here (rent $30 per year) until the present Town House was given to the Town (1932) by the late Miss Elizabeth Sessions.

Since that time it has been used for meetings of the P.T.A., Young Men's Club, V.F.W., Civil Defense, Boy Scouts, etc.

This building is our heritage and deserves to be restored.

MARGARET M. HELBERG
FRANCES STOCKTON JONES
ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMPDEN

AND OF THE
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 1968
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INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

Population of Hampden, January 1, 1965
(Official State Census)—3,211

Estimated Population of Hampden, December 31, 1968
3,450

Senators in U.S. Senate
Edward W. Brooke
Edward Kennedy

Address: United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510

Representative in Congress
Edward P. Boland

Address: U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515

State Senator
Philip A. Quinn
Address: State House, Boston, Mass. 02133
or
Spencer, Mass. 01562

Representative in General Court
Alexander Lolas
Address: State House, Boston, Mass. 02133
or
Upper Hampden Road, Monson, Mass. 01057

Annual Town Meeting
First Monday in March

Annual Election of Officers of Hampden
Second Monday in March

Business Hours of Town Officers and Committees, unless otherwise announced:

Town Clerk Wednesdays, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Tel. 566-3214
Town Treasurer Thursdays, 1 to 5 P.M.
Fridays, 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Tel. 566-3214
Collector of Taxes Mondays, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Thursdays, 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Tel. 566-3214
Board of Assessors Meets second Tuesday of each month at 8 P.M. Clerk in office every Monday,
9 A.M. to 5 P.M., and Friday, 2 to 5 P.M. Tel. 566-3214
Board of Selectmen Meets every Wednesday at 8 P.M. Secretary in office every Monday,
Tuesday and Thursday, 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.;
every Wednesday and Friday, 9 A.M. to 12 Noon.
Tel. 566-3713
Planning Board Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 P.M.
Tel. 566-3214
School Committee
First and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 P.M.
Tel. 566-8814
Regional School Committee
Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 P.M.
Tel. 596-6161

Hours of Hampden Free Public Library
Monday 12:30 P.M. to 5 P.M. and 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.
Wednesday 12:30 P.M. to 5 P.M. and 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.
Saturday 1:30 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Summer Hours of Library
Monday and Wednesday 2 to 5 P.M. and 7 to 9 P.M.
Saturday 2 to 5 P.M.

Hours of Town Dump
When Standard Time is in effect:
Tuesday and Thursday 1 to 6 P.M.
Saturday 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
When Daylight Saving Time is in effect:
Tuesday and Thursday 3 to 8 P.M.
Saturday 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Publications Available
Subdivision Control Laws ........................................ $1.50 each
Zoning By-Laws .................................................. 2.00 each
Map of Hampden .................................................. 1.00 each

The following may be obtained from Town Clerk:
Certified copy of birth ............................................ $1.00
Certified copy of death .......................................... 1.00
Certified copy of marriage ....................................... 1.00
Marriage license—resident ...................................... 2.00
Trade Name registration ......................................... 1.00
Street List ....................................................... 2.00

Telephones
Green Meadows Elementary School, North Road ........................ 566-3263
Superintendent of Schools, Thornton Burgess Intermediate School ........................ 566-8814
Junior High School, Thornton Burgess Intermediate School ......................... 566-3931
Highway Department, Main Street .................................. 566-8842
Library, Main Street ............................................... 566-3047
Minnechaug Regional High School, Wilbraham ....................................... 596-6161
Welfare Department, 191 Main Street, Monson ........................................ 267-3717
Veterans Service Department, 200 Main Street, Monson ............................... 267-9903

Church Directory
Federated Community Church, Main Street ........................................ 566-3711
Rev. Robert Van Gorder, Pastor ........................................ 566-3402
St. Mary's Church, Somers Road ........................................ 566-8843
Rev. Edmund Walsh, Pastor ............................................
ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS—1968

Moderator
GEORGE W. INGLE

Town Clerk
MARIE V. KROOK, 1971

Town Treasurer
GRACE L. KIBBE, 1971

Board of Selectmen
JOSEPH J. ZAHER, Chairman, 1969
JOHN M. FLYNN, 1970     PAUL D. HUNTER, 1971

Secretary to the Selectmen—RUTH W. WOODS

Assessors
EDWARD H. DAYTON, Chairman, 1970
GEORGE AUDREN, 1969     FRANK J. T. KIRK, 1971

Clerk to the Assessors—ALICE FULLER

School Committee
YORKE PHILLIPS, Chairman, 1969
JEANNETTE S. GREEN, 1969, resigned     JAMES E. KIRK, 1970
RENE BURQUE, appointed to fill vacancy until election of 1969
WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM, 1971

ROBERT SULLIVAN, 1971
Clerk to the School Committee—DOROTHY ROY

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee
ANDREW J. MULCAHY, JR., 1969

Trustees of the Hampden Free Public Library
MILDRED ATTLETON, Chairman, 1971
ELSIE W. THERRIEN, 1969     KENNETH WINETROUT, 1970

Collector of Taxes
DOROTHY S. FLYNN, 1971

Constables
PAUL A. BOUCHARD, 1971
MILES M. HAPGOOD, JR., 1971     MYRON F. STONE, 1971

Cemetery Commissioners
HOMER FULLER, Chairman, 1970
ERNESTINE F. JOHNSON, 1969     ARTHUR GERRISH, 1971

Planning Board
FRANCIS BUCKLEY, Chairman, 1971
GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, 1969     RICHARD H. BRECK, 1972, resigned
FREDERICK MAHER, 1970     DAVID S. SPENCER, appointed to fill vacancy until election of 1969

CARL F. LIBBY, 1973
Clerk to the Planning Board—JANE BISHOP
Tree Warden
HOMER FULLER

Park Commissioners
WILBUR J. JENKINS, Chairman, 1969
FLORENCE E. KIRK, 1969  DALTON E. PULPOTT, 1970
JANE M. JOHNSON, 1970  JAMES LAW, 1971

Clerk to the Park Commissioners—LUCILLE MCGUILL

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS—1968

Town Accountant
THEODORE L. BALLARD, 1971

Dog Officer
RICHARD A. HATCH

Forest Fire Warden
RICHARD J. BOYNTON

Inspector of Animals
HOMER FULLER

Inspector of Slaughtering
DONALD E. DICKINSON

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control
JAMES A. REARDON

Superintendent of Streets
HOMER FULLER

Veterans' Graves Officer
JOHN R. SCHMUCK

Board of Health Agent and Investigator
ROBERT H. SABBIDES

Agent for Veterans' Benefits
RICHARD N. BILLODEAU

Measurers of Wood, Bark and Charcoal
ROLLYN H. HATCH  AUSTIN K. HARRIS

Civil Defense Director
RENE G. BURQUE

Pound Keeper and Field Driver
HOMER FULLER

Fence Viewers
DONALD E. DICKINSON
WILLIAM H. PATRIC  WARREN W. DICKINSON

Dump Supervisor
WALTER J. LYONS

Welfare Agent
ALBERT R. DUPSHA

6
Town Counsel
ATTY. WILLIAM D. CANFIELD

Building Commissioner
GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT

Electrical Inspector
ALBERT W. MIREAULT

Plumbing Inspector
WILLIAM P. PATULLO

Board of Appeals
DALTON E. PHILPOTT, Chairman, 1971
RICHARD A. JALBERT, Vice Chairman, 1969
STANLEY W. WITKOP, Jr., 1969

Alternates
FREDERICK W. BERRY, 1970
GARFIELD TRACY, 1970

Clark to the Board of Appeals—JEAN SNOW

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee
WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM

Advisory Committee
WILLIAM T. OLMSTEAD, Chairman, 1970
RAYMOND A. BARKHUFF, 1969
ROBERT J. SICBALDI, 1969

Clerk to the Advisory Committee—JEAN SNOW

Voters Liable for Jury Duty for the Year
Beginning August 1, 1968

JOHN BACON
JOHN E. BETHEL
FRANCIS BLACK
DAVID E. BREHAUT
HAROLD M. BURDICK
ERNEST A. BYRON
COSMO R. CAMELIO
JOHN R. DENTON
ROBERT A. DESROCHES
WALTER ELLSWORTH
JOHN FERRANTI
ROBERT M. FORTUNE
WILLARD FLYNN
JOHN GAROFALO
HARTLEY GROUNDSFORD
JAMES INGRAHAM
PERLEY M. IRISH, Jr.
RICHARD J. KOERNER
JOSEPH LANDRY
ALBERT LABELLE

FRANCIS LATTERELL
FREDERIK MOORE
ALBERT J. REARDON
FRED WOLCOTT
VIRGINIA ALDOES
ELIZABETH ARDISON
ADA BOILKE
MARJORIE COOK
ELIZABETH CRONK
FLORENCE DAYTON
MILDRED FREY
ESTHER HOSIE
FRANCES HOWLETT
ELIZABETH PAULK
HARRIET SCHMUCK
MARGUERITE SIMKINS
MARY WILLARD
EVELYN ZAHER
ERNESTINE JOHNSON
Board of Registrars
MARIE V. KROOK
FAYE FLYNN, Chairman, 1970
LUCILLE DRAPEAU, 1969 VIRGINIA REED, 1971

Chief of Police
WILLIAM G. JOY

Patrolmen
ROBERT A. NEWTON
GEORGE K. STONE, JR.

Special Police Officers
PAUL A. BOUCHARD
KENNETH BURNIE
CHESTER CHAPIN
NICHOLAS GIANNETTI
MILES E. HAPGOOD, JR.
LAWRENCE HATCH
RICHARD HATCH
GORDON JOHNSON
JAMES KIRK
ROBERT LEONE

WALTER J. LYONS
JAMES OLEND
THOMAS POULIN
JAMES A. REARDON
MYRON STONE
LEE TAFT
ALFRED S. TAYLOR
GEORGE VERMETTE
RICHARD WIECZEK

Special Policewomen
JOYCE E. BETHEL
RUTH W. WOODS

School Crossing Guard
HAROLD CARROLL

Fire Chief
JAMES A. REARDON

School Survey and Site Committee
HILLARD CLARKSON, Chairman
RENE G. BURQUE
THOMAS W. MCGOWAN

DR. WILLIAM J. OSBORN
FREDERICK MAHER, JR.

Community Action Committee
GALRICH
KENNETH E. JOHNSON
ANDREW J. MULCAHY, JR.

JOHN C. KAYNOR
WINIFRED LOMBARD

Building Code Revision Survey Committee
GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, Chairman
WILLIAM P. PATTULLO
ALBERT W. MIREAULT
HAROLD F. HELBERG

ATTY. WILLIAM D. CANFIELD
ROBERT M. FORTUNE
CHARLES P. SHARPLES

CHARLES R. MELVILLE, Sr., ex-officio
Elementary School Building Committee
YORKE PHILLIPS, Chairman
ANDREA W. GRINDAL  JOHN GRINDLE
DONALD M. SAFFORD  CHARLES R. MELVILLE, JR.

Town House Remodeling Committee
ROLLYN H. HATCH, Chairman
JOHN M. FLYNN  ELSIE W. THERBIEN
GERALD A. HINCH  EDMUND M. SHARPLES

Conservation Commission
CARLOS CARRANZA, Chairman, 1971
Ada R. Bohlke, 1969, resigned
replaced by BETTY JOHNSON, 1969
RICHARD W. HOWLETT, 1970
Louis J. Sicibaldi, 1970, resigned
replaced by PATRICIA KNODE, 1970

Disposal Study Committee
DAVID S. SPENCER, Chairman
JOHN M. FLYNN  EMORY FORD

Insurance Committee
WILLIAM T. OLMSTEAD, Chairman
BERNICE BAKER  GERALD HINCH

Pest Control Committee
Sub-Committee of Board of Health
PAUL D. HUNTER, Chairman
RICHARD A. GOUVAN  FRANCIS ROCHFORD
GEORGE W. LAVALLEE  EDWARD J. HANNIFIN, JR.

Dam Study Committee
GENE RICH, Chairman
JOHN F. MORIARTY  WALTER L. BLACK
LOUIS SICIBALDI  MARILYN BLIZARD, Secretary

Town By-Law Revision Committee
GEORGE W. INGLE, Chairman
EPHEM GORDON  GORDON E. BUFFETT
WILLIAM D. CANFIELD  MARIE V. KROOK
EDWIN N. LOMBARO  FREDERICK W. BERRY
REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Projects, progress and problems under consideration by your Board of Selectmen in 1968 have encompassed all phases of Town business and all departments under our jurisdiction.

We wish to thank the people of Hampden for their patience and fortitude during the reconstruction of Main Street. We all realize the trouble that was caused by delay and the people of the Town of Hampden showed their worth when they bore the brunt of all the inconveniences. This project should be finished in 1969, with berms, seeding and sloping, guard rails and a final coat of surfacing applied. The next project to be undertaken under Chapter 90 Construction is Wilbraham Road. Chapter 90 Maintenance work was done on Allen Street, Glen- dale Road, North Monson and Stony Hill Roads; while Chapter 81 money was expended on all roads. We now have 64.5 miles of road falling into this category, since the acceptance of Allen Crest Drive, Greenleaf Drive, Oak Knoll Drive, Fernwood Drive, Raymond Drive, River Park Drive, Mohawk Drive and Walnut Road at the annual Town Meeting of 1968.

Purchases this year consisted of a multi-purpose fire truck, a 3/4 ton pickup truck and a 4 yard dump truck body, the latter two for use by the Highway Department. Contracts were awarded for the following after public advertisement for bids: dense mix, concrete sand, salt, paving, gasoline, bituminous concrete, dump fill. A separate gasoline account was set up, and the Highway Department, Police Department and Fire Department all draw from a central supply at the Town Garage.

As of July 1, the State took over the administration of all Welfare, thus removing that department from any Town supervision. From now on, the payments required from us will appear as a charge against the Town of Hampden made to the Board of Assessors from Boston. The abuses and the very liberal policy of the State Welfare Department have been pointed out by many newspapers and other public information media recently. The Massachusetts Selectmen’s Association is constantly endeavoring to have this investigated, which effort we support.

In an attempt to get better coverage in the Springfield Newspapers for Hampden and other neighboring towns, a meeting was held with newspaper officials by representatives from 7 surrounding towns, which meeting was arranged by your Board. Despite this joint attempt to improve the situation, very little has changed.

The Town House is now being remodeled with the Library to occupy the east side of the second floor, and new offices being made from vacated classrooms in the basement. It is hoped this will be completed shortly. This year several pieces of office equipment and some office machines have been purchased in an attempt to provide more modern tools for the Town Officials.

Meetings have been held with Department heads, and they have been asked to alert the Selectmen of any contemplated expenditures over $1,000 during the next 5 years.

Our program of street lighting calls for a light to be installed at each intersection, as well as a study being made of other areas where more lighting is needed. In some cases, the older incandescent lights are being replaced with mercury vapor lamps.

The Board of Health is planning to provide for the use of stickers on the automobiles of residents to identify those who have the right to the use of the Town Dump. Details will be found in the report of the Board of Health.

We are happy to report that our Town Report for 1967 was awarded 3rd place in our class, and award was made at the annual Selectmen’s Convention in October.
In addition to attending this convention, your Board attended two meetings of the Hampden County Selectmen's Association during 1968.

Many special committees have been at work this year, including the Old Town Hall Restoration Committee, Building Code Revision Committee, Disposal Study Committee, and By-Law Revision Committee. Their work is represented by reports contained in this Town Report, and in some cases there are articles in the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting of 1969 which reflects the results of their study during the year.

Two Special Town Meetings were held this year.

The following fees have been reported as received and turned over to the Town Treasurer:

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In conclusion, the Board of Selectmen feels that the cooperative spirit generated by the different departments has contributed greatly to facilitating numerous decisions that were made during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Zaher, Chairman
John M. Flynn
Paul D. Hunter

Board of Selectmen
ARTICLE 1—Voted to hear the Annual Reports of all the officers of the Town and any Committee whose duty it was to report at this meeting.

ARTICLE 2—Voted to raise and appropriate necessary sums to cover budget for 1968 (some changes made in figures).

ARTICLE 3—Voted to raise and appropriate $500 to be added to the fund to defray expenses of Hampden's Centennial Celebration in 1978.

ARTICLE 4—Voted to transfer $2,000 from Highway Machinery Fund to purchase a 1½ ton pickup truck for Highway Department.

ARTICLE 5—Voted to transfer $1,700 from Highway Machinery Fund to purchase a 4 yard water level dump truck body for Highway Department.

ARTICLE 6—Voted to raise and appropriate $500 for the Dog Pound Construction and $500 for Dog Officer expenses.

ARTICLE 7—Voted to increase the limit on the proportion of cost and expenses of Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District to 12 cents per capita.

ARTICLE 8—Voted to raise and appropriate $3,000 for Chapter 90 Maintenance.

ARTICLE 9—Voted to raise and appropriate $3,150 in conjunction with State or County, or both, for widening and surfacing a portion of Main Street, under the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 34.

ARTICLE 10—Voted to raise and appropriate $3,075 for repair and maintenance of Town Roads under Chapter 81, Section 26.

ARTICLE 11—Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds $26,725 for State share of Chapter 81 and State and County share of Chapter 90 Highway programs.

ARTICLE 12—Voted to accept provisions of Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1967 and the grant to Town of Hampden in the amount of $4,568.46 for highway purposes.

ARTICLE 13—Voted to use the portion of State grant available in 1968 ($2,984.23) in conjunction with money already appropriated by the Town for relocation, widening and surfacing a portion of Main Street.

ARTICLE 14—Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds $29,000 for remodeling the Town House.

ARTICLE 15—Voted to transfer $7,735 from unappropriated available funds to be used in conjunction with other moneys available to purchase furnishings in connection with expansion of the Hampden Free Public Library.
ARTICLE 16—Voted to transfer from the Library Fund $2,345 for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.

ARTICLE 17—Voted to raise and appropriate $320 for use of Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 18—Article concerned amendment of Advisory Committee portion of Town By-laws, and was defeated.

ARTICLE 19—Article amended and voted to establish a Town By-Law Committee charged with the assembling, organizing and publishing of existing Town By-Laws, including the Acts under which Town departments function, and recommending revisions which, in its opinion, will expedite the conduct of Town business; such committee, to be established following the 1968 Town Elections, shall be comprised of seven members including the Moderator, Town Counsel, Town Clerk, two members appointed by the Selectmen, and two by the Advisory Committee. Also voted to raise and appropriate $50 for this purpose.

ARTICLE 20—Voted to accept the proposed amendments to the Zoning By-law and the Zoning District Map for the Town of Hampden as set forth by the Planning Board and Planning Board Subcommittee on Zoning, with three exceptions, which were covered in three subsequent articles.

ARTICLE 21—Voted unanimously to accept as part of the Zoning By-Law, "Minimum side lot lines of 35 ft. for R-4 District and 35 ft. for R-6 District."

ARTICLE 22—Voted to accept as Section 7.4 of the Zoning By-Law the proposal relative to swimming pools as set forth by the Planning Board and the Planning Board subcommittee on zoning.

ARTICLE 23—Voted unanimously to accept the following article as amended: "Section 6.1.1.10 of the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hampden: Pets (and accessory buildings) for the personal use of the residents of the premises, provided that no building for horses is located within 50 feet of any lot line or within 50 feet of any occupied dwelling on the premises or within 100 feet of any other occupied dwelling."

ARTICLES 24-39—Voted unanimously to accept gifts of land and the following streets: Allen Crest Drive, Greenleaf Drive, Oak Knoll Drive, Fernwood Drive, Raymond Drive, River Park Drive, Mohawk Drive, Walnut Road.

ARTICLE 40—Voted to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a 1968 multi-purpose fire truck, 300 gallon capacity, 4 wheel drive, for the Fire Department, and to transfer $12,000 from unappropriated available funds for this purpose.

ARTICLE 41—Article concerned authorizing Assessors to enter into contract for purchase of Assessors' maps—article defeated.

ARTICLE 42—Article amended and voted to raise and appropriate $7,000 to be used by the Planning Board to prepare a total Town Plan, said sum to be used only in conjunction with matching funds which may become available before the completion of the next Annual Town Meeting, through the Housing Act of 1954, Title VII, Section 701, as amended.
ARTICLE 43—Article concerned raising of $4,000 for detailed soil survey—rejected.

ARTICLE 44—Voted to transfer $9,000 from the Overlay Reserve to Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 45—Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of $15,000 to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 46—Voted to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year 1967 or previous years, in the amount of $1,383.50 from 1968 appropriations.

ARTICLE 47—Voted to transfer $930.62 of the Dog Fund to the Library Account.

ARTICLE 48—Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ one traffic director for duty at school crossings for 135 days of the school year, and raise and appropriate $675 for compensation at the rate of $5 per day.

ARTICLE 49—Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with approval of Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1968 and January 1, 1969, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 44, Section 17.
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—June 17, 1968

ARTICLE 1—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the renovation of the heating system and other work in connection with Town House Remodeling.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 2—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of $15,000 for the purpose of preparing preliminary drawings for an elementary school, said transfer to be expended under the direction of the Elementary School Building Committee.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 3—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of $2,000 to a special fund to be used by the Planning Board to study selection of future sites for Town use.

Article withdrawn.

ARTICLE 4—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of $500 to be used in conjunction with money already appropriated, for the construction of a dog pound.

Article withdrawn.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—December 23, 1968

ARTICLE 1—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of $13,100 to be used in conjunction with monies already appropriated, for the widening and surfacing of a portion of Main Street.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 2—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the Police Department.

Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of $1,325 for the salary account of the Police Department ($1,114.50 is for past salaries due and $210 for salaries to end of fiscal year.)
SIR:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hampden for the period from December 17, 1965, the date of the previous examination, to January 31, 1968, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the records in the offices of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The books and accounts in the town accountant’s office were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were compared with the treasurer’s books and with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town, while the payments, as entered, were checked with the treasurer’s books and with the treasury warrants. The appropriations, transfers, and loan authorizations were checked with the town clerk’s records of financial votes passed by the town meetings and with the finance committee’s authorizations of transfers from the reserve fund.

The general and appropriation ledger accounts were analyzed and proved, the many necessary adjustments and corrections were made, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1967.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book additions were proved, and the recorded receipts were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were compared with the warrants authorizing the disbursement of funds. The cash balance on January 31, 1968 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements received from the banks of deposit, by verification of the certificates of deposit, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts transferred to the tax title account were checked with the collector’s books, the reported sales were compared with the treasurer’s recorded receipts, the tax titles foreclosed were verified, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed, reconciled with the town accountant’s ledger, and further checked with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the several trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees were examined and listed. The bequests and income were proved, and all transactions and balances were verified and compared with the town accountant’s ledger.

The records pertaining to funded debt, as well as temporary loans, were examined and checked. The loans issued were compared with the town treasurer’s recorded receipt, while the payments on account of maturing debt, temporary loans, and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and were checked with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The outstanding coupons on
January 31, 1968 were listed and reconciled with a statement received from the bank of deposit.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal and State taxes, the county retirement system, and group hospitalization and life insurance were examined. The deductions and payments to the proper agencies were verified, and the balances on hand were reconciled with the respective controls in the accountant’s ledger.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax and excise accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and reconciled with the assessors’ warrants. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were checked with the assessors’ record of abatements granted, the transfers to the tax title account were checked with the treasurer’s records, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant’s ledger, and the cash balance on January 31, 1968 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office.

For purposes of verifying the outstanding accounts, notices were mailed to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received therefrom indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The receipts of the town clerk from the issuance of dog and sporting licenses, as well as from gasoline renewal registrations, marriage intentions, recording fees, and miscellaneous charges, were verified and compared with the payments to the town treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game. The cash book entries were proved, and the cash balance on January 31, 1968 was verified by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The appropriations as voted by the town meetings were listed from the town clerk’s records, and were compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the computation of the tax rates for 1966 and 1967.

The surety bonds of the several town officials required by law to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of receipts of the selectmen, as well as of the police, public welfare, veterans’ services, school, and cemetery departments, and of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked. The payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer’s and the accountant’s books, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash on hand in the several departments was verified by actual count.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing reconciliations of the several cash accounts, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title, tax possession, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

For the cooperation extended by the several town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,
Assistant Chief of Bureau
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Most of the 1968 Highway money was spent for general maintenance of all roads, such as scraping, drainage, brush cutting, patching, resurfacing, etc. Chapter 81 money contributed largely to this work.

Chapter 90 Maintenance Funds, which is an account made up by the Town, County and State, each contributing equally, was $9,000 last year. The roads this money was used on were: North Monson from Glendale Road Junction to the Monson Town Line, Glendale Road and North Monson Road Junction to Ames Road, and Stony Hill Road to Wilbraham Town Line. Allen Street was widened out to 24 feet and then a leveling course of Type I Bituminous mix was put on from the Hampden House to Stony Hill Road Junction. This coming year we hope to put the top course on.

The roads that were done with Chapter 81 money were: All of Stafford Road, Ames Road, Bennett Road, 1/4 mile from Walter Black's home northeast, all of Mountain Road, all of Carmody Road, four-tenths of a mile on Mill Road, four-tenths of a mile on Woodland Drive and part of Sessions Drive. These received a seal of MC 5 with a pea stone cover.

The major project of the year, of course, was the reconstruction of the west end of Main Street. We had many problems, but finally got the base course down before winter weather set in. At this point, I would like to thank the townspeople for their patience during that period of reconstruction. We hope, this coming year, to have the road completed, and side slopes graded and seeded. We also hope to have "flex-beam" guard rails installed on the south side of the road by the end of this year.

All of the town equipment when used under Chapter 90 construction, Chapter 90 maintenance, and Chapter 81, is reimbursed by the state on an hourly basis. This automatically goes into the Machinery Account which helps to purchase new equipment, such as the pickup truck and dump body. This coming year we plan to purchase a new truck chassis and a snow plow out of this account.

The Town's winter work has become a major problem. Added mileage and the bare pavement policy of every Highway Department means extra expenditures, hired equipment and chemicals.

The grounds care also takes considerable time. This department is responsible for the maintenance of the grounds of the Town House, Town Common, Old Town Hall, Fire Station, Green Meadows School, Thornton Burgess School, Recreation Field, Gerrish Park, the baseball diamonds, and the two cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER,
Superintendent of Streets

EXPLANATION OF HIGHWAY MONEY FOR 1969

For the benefit of the voters of Hampden, the following is an explanation of Chapter 81 and 90 Highway money; how it is obtained, allotted, and spent:

Chapter 81—These funds were established to assist small towns primarily on maintenance, and this fund may be used on any road. This fund was inaugurated by the Legislature and is based on road mileage ratio valuation.

At the present time, the State contributes $775 per mile of road and Hampden must raise $50 per mile each year. We have officially 44 miles of road.
Therefore, in 1969 Hampden must raise:

The State will contribute:

\[ 50 \times 44 \text{ miles} = 2,200 \text{ (Art. 8)} \]

\[ 275 \times 44 \text{ miles} = 12,100 \]

Total available for work under Chapter 81

\[ = 14,300 \]

This money may be used for drainage, scraping, patching, cutting brush, etc. and some is expended on each road in town during the course of the year.

**CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE**—This money is used for maintenance of the roads built or rebuilt with Chapter 90 Construction money, and is usually spent for resurfacing.

The State, County and Town each contribute one-third.

**In 1969 Hampden expects to receive from the State**

\[ \text{State share of Chapter 90 Maintenance} = 3,000 \]

\[ \text{from the County} = 3,000 \]

\[ \text{and must raise} = 3,000 \text{ (Art. 6)} \]

**thus making available a total of**

\[ 9,000 \]

**CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION**—This money is used to construct and reconstruct main roads, and particularly those roads which are connecting links between towns.

State funds for all Chapter 90 work are derived from gasoline tax, registration and operator license fees, fines, etc. and these funds are divided among 351 towns and cities in the Commonwealth.

The State contributes one-half the total allotted for each town, the County contributes one-fourth and the Town contributes one-fourth.

**In 1969 Hampden has been allotted from the State**

\[ \text{State share of Chapter 90 Construction} = 7,700 \]

\[ \text{from the County} = 3,850 \]

\[ \text{and must raise} = 3,850 \text{ (Art. 7)} \]

**This year we plan to use this**

\[ 15,400 \text{ mentioned above} \]

\[ + 2,284 \text{ (Article 10)} \]

\[ + 29 \text{ held over from 1968} \]

\[ + 10,000 \text{ (Article 11)} \]

**making a total of**

\[ 27,713 \]

\[ \text{to be used on the completion of Main Street project and if possible, to make a start on Wilbraham Road project.} \]

Since the State and County payments are not made to Hampden until much later in the year, we must transfer from available funds in our Treasury these State and County amounts; and this money is returned to our Treasury when received from the State and County.

Thus we have Article 9 for this purpose, and the figure is arrived at as follows:

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<td>7,700</td>
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<td>3,850</td>
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**Total**

\[ 29,650 \]
REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF PROPERTY, AND TAXES, AS ASSESSED JANUARY 1, 1968

NUMBER OF PARCELS ASSESSED
Number of Bills on Personal Estate.......................... 196
Number of Bills on Real Estate............................. 1,668
Number of Bills on Farm Animal and Machinery Excise......... 7

VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL ESTATE
Stock in Trade.................................................. $ 27,100
Machinery......................................................... 39,875
Live Stock....................................................... 52,490
All Other Tangible Personal Property........................ -1,164,465
Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate........................ $ 1,283,930

VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE
Land exclusive of Buildings.................................. $ 2,109,860
Buildings exclusive of Land................................ 14,622,100
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate.......................... $16,731,960

TOTAL VALUATION OF ASSESSED ESTATE........................ $18,015,590

TAX RATE PER THOUSAND DOLLARS = $41.00

TAXES FOR STATE, COUNTY, AND TOWN PURPOSES, INCLUDING OVERLAY
On Personal Estate.............................................. 52,641.15
On Real Estate................................................ 686,011.14
Total Taxes Assessed.......................................... $738,652.29

NUMBER OF LIVE STOCK ASSESSED

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<th>Farm Animals Assessed</th>
<th>General</th>
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<td>Horses</td>
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<td>Cows</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td>31</td>
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<td>Sheep</td>
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<td>Fowl</td>
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<td>All Other: Ponies-42; Goats-1</td>
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<td>Number of Acres of Land Assessed</td>
<td>11,925</td>
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<td>Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed</td>
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Each building used as a dwelling counted as one without regard to the number of families housed.

1968 RECAPITULATION SHEET

| Total appropriation to be raised by taxation........ | $1,090,948.00 |
| Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds in 1968 | 126,334.85 |
| Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay in 1966 | 538.89 |
| Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay in 1967 | 1,215.01 |
| Other Amounts required to be raised | 20 |
| Pioneer Valley Regional Planning | 187.60 |
| District Veterans Service | 921.50 |
Offset to Cherry Estimated Receipts
- School Lunch Program: 4,166.38
- Free Public Libraries: 586.25
- County Tax: 12,975.34
- 1967 Underestimated of County Tax: 382.03
- State Recreation: 1,884.53
- 1967 Underestimated of State Recreation: 477.05
- Audit of Municipal Accounts: 134.77
- Motor Vehicle Tax Bills: 433.05
- State Assessment System: 128.44
- Overlay of current year: 16,489.68

Gross Amount to be Raised: $1,257,803.37

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

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<td>Agency Funds</td>
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<td>Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Licenses</td>
<td>99,000.00</td>
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<td>General Government</td>
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<td>Protection of Persons and Property</td>
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<td>School (Local Receipts of School Committee)</td>
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<td>Interests: On Taxes and Assessment</td>
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<td>Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise</td>
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<td>Building Permits</td>
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<td>Total Estimated Receipts</td>
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<td>Available Funds taken by Vote</td>
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<td>Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds</td>
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<td>Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Property</td>
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<td>Total on Personal Property</td>
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<td>Omitted Assessment</td>
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<td>Real Estate Value $28,435</td>
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<td>1966 Real Estate</td>
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<td>Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise</td>
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<td>Committed in 1968</td>
<td>$316.75</td>
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<td>Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Committed in 1968</td>
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<td>$6,578.55</td>
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Commissioner's Value of Vehicles

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<th>Value</th>
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<td>1967</td>
<td>$290,885.00</td>
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<td>1968</td>
<td>$1,811,500.00</td>
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Motor Vehicle Abatements Granted in 1968

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<td>1968</td>
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<td>$8,888.95</td>
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The Town owns the following real estate:  

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<th>Acres</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<td>6</td>
<td>$110.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cross Road (Dump)</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>$350.00</td>
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<td>Cross Road (Dump)</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>$530.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Baldwin Drive Lot 122</td>
<td>1.06</td>
<td>$850.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>North Road</td>
<td>½</td>
<td>$510.00</td>
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<td>Thresher Road</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>$390.00</td>
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<td>Wilbraham Road</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>$1,430.00</td>
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The Assessors meet the second Tuesday evening of each month in the Assessors' office at 8 o'clock. The clerk is on duty each Monday from 9 to 5 o'clock and Friday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. DAYTON, Chairman  
FRANK J. T. KIRK  
GEORGE A. AUDREN

BOARD OF ASSESSORS—Frank J. T. Kirk, Edward H. Dayton, Chairman.  
Absent when picture was taken—George A. Audren.