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IN MEMORIAM

FRANCES C. MALCUIT
Volunteer Senior Meals Program
Scantic Seniors Citizens Club

ERNESTINE JOHNSON
Librarian
Garden Club
Hampden Historical Society

CHARLOTTE E. MILLER
Teacher & Librarian/Hampden Schools

BARBARA KING HATCH
Hampden Grange

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Board of Selectmen
Board of Assessors
Tax Collector

HELEN C. ENSLIN
Principal, Green Meadows School
Hampden Grange
Hampden Historical Society

LAURA P. GREEN
Clerk, Board of Assessors
Scantic Valley Riders Founder

PATRICIA WILCOX
Hampden Garden Club
Hampden Historical Society
INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN

Federal Census 1/1/91 4,709
State Census 1/1/85 4,762
Town Census 1/1/95 4,978

19.64 square miles

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Hampden County

COUNTY

TAX RATE

$16.56 for Fiscal Year 1996

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Last Monday in April at 8:00 pm

ANNUAL ELECTION TOWN OFFICERS

First Monday in May, 8:00 am-8:00pm

GOVERNOR

Richard E. Neal
437 Cannon House Office Building
Washington DC 20515
Phone: 202-225-5601

OR

District Office:
Federal Building, Room 309
1550 Main Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Phone: 413-785-0325

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Edward M. Kennedy
U.S. Senate
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Phone: 202-224-4543

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Phone: 617-565-3170

GOVERNOR

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Office of the Governor
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-727-3600

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John F. Kerry
U.S. Senate
Russell Senate Bldg. Room 421
Washington DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-2742

OR

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

STATE SENATOR

Brian Lees, Hampden District
State House, Room 308
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-722-1291

OR

District Office: 10 Parker Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151
Phone: 413-543-2167

REPRESENTATIVE

Mary Rogeness, 2nd Hampden District
State House, Room 237
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-722-2305

OR

Residence: 22 Warren Ter, Longmeadow
Phone: 413-567-5480
INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS
BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES & COMMITTEES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm
Meet every Monday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2151, 566-2152

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month
7:30pm

TOWN CLERK - Rita A. Vail
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm
Phone: 566-3214

TOWN TREASURER - Donna Easton-Vicalvi
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm
Phone: 566-2401

TAX COLLECTOR - Rita A. Vail
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm
Phone: 566-2206

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-2:30pm
Meet 2nd Tuesday 7:30pm to 9:00pm
Phone: 566-3223

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meet 2nd Monday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2206

PLANNING BOARD
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2403
566-8591 for appointment

RIDGE LINE & HILL SIDE COMMITTEE
Meet 2nd Wednesday each month at 7:00pm

PARK COMMISSION
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursday at 7:30pm
Park Hours 8am-9pm, Apr. 1-Oct. 31
Pool Hours July 1-Labor Day, 10am-6pm

BOARD OF APPEALS
Meet 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm
Applications available from Town Clerk

VETERANS' SERVICES -- Marilyn Bolaske
Office: 200 Main Street, Monson
Phone: 267-4140

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL
Meet as posted.

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Meet 2nd Tuesday at TWB
Meet 4th Tuesday at Minnechaug
Phone: 596-3884

CEMETARY COMMISSION
Meet 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July
& October at 7:30pm
Phone: 566-3304, 3357, 8556

COUNCIL ON AGING
Office Hours: Mon-Friday, 8:30am-4:00pm
Meet 2nd Tuesday of month at 9:00am
Phone: 566-5588 office
566-2157 transportation

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY
Meet 3rd Wednesday each month,
8:15am at Centennial Commons
Phone: 566-8157

BUILDING INSPECTOR
Office Hours: Every Wed 4pm-6pm
Phone: 566-2204

HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Meet 3rd Wednesday each month
Phone: 566-3047

HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS
Monday: 11:00am -- 8:00 pm
Tuesday: 11:00am -- 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 11:00am -- 8:00 pm
Thursday: 11:00am -- 5:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00am -- 3:00 pm

Library CLOSED Saturdays from June 15th thru September 15th

SANITARY LANDFILL HOURS
Saturday: 7:00am -- 5:00pm
RECYCLE: 2nd & 4th Sat each Month

LAUGHING BROOK HOURS
Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00am -- 5:00pm
Phone: 566-8034, 566-8035
ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS -- 1995

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH:
Richard R. Green, Chairman 1996
John M. Flynn, Chairman Health 1997
Arthur A. Booth, Jr. 1998

Administrative Assistant to Board of Selectmen/Health
Katharine D. Ashe

Secretary to Board of Selectmen/Health
Doreen M. Rauch

MODERATOR
Richard Patullo 1996

TOWN CLERK
Rita A. Vail 1998

TOWN TREASURER
Donna Easton-Vicalvi 1998

COLLECTOR OF TAXES
Rita A. Vail 1998

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Richard A. Jalbert, Chair 1996
Henry P. Baush 1997
Stanley W. Witkop 1998

Clerk to Assessors
Diane Hildreth

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
Mary Ellen Glover 1997
Barbara MacKenzie 1996

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
Beth E. Burger, Chairman 1996
Elaine Kingsbury 1998
Kathleen Hutchinson 1997

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY
Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman, and State Appointee
Charles T. Schmitt 1999
William G. Joy 1996
Mildred E. (Betsy) Grant 1998
Aline Burt 2000

CONSTABLES
Paul A. Bouchard 1998
Miles M. Hapgood, Jr. 1998
George K. Stone, Jr. 1998

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
Robert F. Sazama, Jr. 1996
Henry W. Dunwoody 1998
Elizabeth Wells 1997

PLANNING BOARD
Joseph A. Dolben, Chairman 1998
John D. Flynn 1999
Mark Casey 1997
Joseph Kruzel 2000
Duane Mosier 1996

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Representative, Mark Casey

Clerk to Planning Board
Judith M. Jackson

PARK COMMISSIONERS
Mary Zarnorski, Chair 1998
David Kingsbury 1996
Glennce Flynn 1996
Sandra M. Rovelli 1997
Dennis Herchel 1997

Clerk to Park Commissioners
Lorraine Aloisio
APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1995

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Clifford Bombard 1998

DOG OFFICERS
Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control 1996

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Lawrence Hatch 1996

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
Robin Warner 1996

SUPT. OF INSECT PEST CONTROL
Dana Pixley 1996

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT
Donald G. Kipetz 1996

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER
Richard Wiencek 1996

VETERANS' BENEFITS AGENT
Marilyn Bolaske 1996

ACTING CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR
Richard R. Green 1996

SUPT. OF STREETS
Dana Pixley 1996

TREE WARDEN
Dana Pixley 1996

POUND KEEPER & FIELD DRIVER
Robin Warner 1996

FENCE VIEWERS
John H. Field, II 1996
William H. Patric 1996

TOWN COUNSEL
Bruce D. Clarkin 1996

PARKING CLERK
Rita A. Vail 1996

ASSISTANT TREASURER
Patricia Smith 1996

BUILDING INSPECTOR
Albert H. LaPlante 1996

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR
Robert Lague 1996

PLUMBING INSPECTOR
William P. Patullo 1996

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Richard P. Jones, Chairman 1996
James D. Smith, Vice Chairman 1996
Richard Moriarty 1997
Yorke P. Phillips 1997
Richard J. Fadus 1998
Evelyn Schmidt, Clerk

BOARD OF APPEALS
L. Jed Bertliner, Chairman 1997
Richard Patullo, Vice Chairman 1998
Helena L. Kullberg, Clerk 1996
Kenneth Lefebvre 1996
Dalton Philpott 1996
Judith Jackson, Clerk

BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES
David Scott 1996
Mary C. Cesan 1996

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL
Dorothy Fritts, Chairperson 1996
Marilyn Abbott 1997
Aline Burt 1996
Reginald Johnson 1997
Doris Ouimet 1997
Carol Smith 1997

INSURANCE COMMITTEE
John Bethel 1996
Robert L. Burger 1996
Samuel Hanmer 1996

RIDGE LINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE
Samuel Hamner, Chairman 1996
Jim Moriarty 1996
John D. Flynn 1996
Robin Warner 1996
### APPPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1995

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION
- Bonnie Geronini, Chairperson 1997
- William Wilson 1996
- Richard Gouvan 1996
- Camilla J. Desmarais 1996
- Jack Matthews 1998
- Wayne Meisner 1996
- Patricia Smith, Clerk

#### CONSERVATION, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
- Donald Dorn 1996

#### COUNCIL ON AGING
- William T. Olmstead, Chairman 1997
- Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman 1998
- Albert L. Ouiem, Treasurer 1997
- Dorothy Kibbe, Secretary 1996
- Larry Blake 1998
- Janice Gallivan 1996
- Betsy Grant 1997
- Harriet Hulse 1998
- Virginia Schneider 1998
- George Ingle, Hampden Rep to Board of Directors, Greater Springfield Senior Services Inc.

#### COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR
- Kathryn Henriques 1996

#### ELECTRIC COMMITTEE
- George K. Stone, Jr. 1996
- Richard Hatch 1996
- Guy Bartolucci 1996
- Raymond Shankel 1996

#### ENERGY COMMISSION
- George Audren 1997
- Walter Johnson 1998
- Brian McQuillian 1996
- Frank Krzanik 1997
- Toli Graham 1997
- Al Penusse 1998

#### COMPUTER STUDY COMMITTEE
- John D. Flynn 1996
- Richard Rediker 1996
- Jim Moriarty 1996

#### BOARD OF REGISTRARS
- Arthur A. Booth, Jr. 1997
- Elizabeth M. Wells 1998
- Janet M. Redin 1996
- Rita A. Vail, Clerk

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### CHIEF OF POLICE
- George K. Stone, Jr. 1996

#### SERGEANTS
- Mark Reisner 1996
- Donald Snow 1996

#### POLICE OFFICERS
- James Collins 1996
- Anna Joubert 1996
- Jeff W. Farnsworth 1996
- Michael J. Cooney 1996
- Scott Trombley 1996
- William Joy 1996

#### DISPATCHERS, full-time
- Linda J. Ely 1996
- Laure Ryder 1996
- Verna Carney 1996

#### DISPATCHERS, part-time
- Faith Gentile 1996
- Debra Martel 1996
- Radcliffe Kenison 1996
- John Dimaio 1996
- Carolyn Brennan 1996
- Lisa Corriveau 1996
- Tricia Ryder 1996

#### RESERVE OFFICERS
- Fred Lewenczuk 1996
- Todd Ely 1996
- Donna Vickery 1996
- Harlan Cross 1996
- Everett Walker 1996
- Ronald Corriveau 1996
- Laurie Ryder 1996
- David S. Bentera 1996
- Robert D. Robinson 1996
- Kenneth Andres 1996
- Louis Gordon 1996

#### POLICE MATRON
- Mary C. Cesan

#### SECRETARY/Clerk TO POLICE DEPT.
- Sandra Ely-Gregoire
### VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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<td>Irving Witkop</td>
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### Auxiliary Firemen

- Daniel J. Isham
- Todd Schneider
IN RECOGNITION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS

Richard Hatch-Conservation Commission
Mary Grassetti-Arts Lottery Council
Scott Southworth-Electrical Inspector
George Romano-Planning Board Committee
Diane Knecht, Arts Lottery Council
James A. Reardon-Fire Department/Insect Pest Control
Eileen T. Robitaille-Advisory Committee
Raymond A. Schmuck-Police Department
James Hughes- Arts Lottery Council
Harold Swift, Ill-Police Department
John Sullivan-Council on Aging
PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A BUILDING PERMIT

The following is an outline of the steps that must be taken in order to secure a building permit, including the necessary supplementary permits or approvals, as may be required. The Board of Selectmen hopes that this procedure will eliminate confusion which might otherwise arise. Specific questions or a more in-depth review of a particular department’s requirements may be discussed with each inspector.

1. **Application to Building Department:** Complete the building permit application and submit to the Building Inspector with 2 sets of site plans prepared by a professional engineer or Registered Land Surveyor, along with the application fee, in accordance with Zoning Bylaw 8.1.3. If you have questions, contact: Al Laplante: 566-2204

2. **Planning Board:** The application and plot plan will be submitted to the Planning Board. Petitioner will verify that this is a registered lot, with the proposed building meeting all zoning requirements (which may include application to the Ridgeline & Hillside Committee - Zoning Bylaw 7.12). Contact the clerk to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting: Judy Jackson: 566-8591 (Home Phone).

3. **Highway Department:** If the driveway requires the crossing of an open ditch, contact the Highway Superintendent for sizing and proper installation of the culvert. When any new driveway is installed (entering off of a paved roadway), the builder will be required to pave an apron from the edge of the pavement back to the front property line (usually 7-10 feet) at the driveway entrance. If you have questions, contact: Dana Pixley: 566-8842.

4. **Conservation Commission:** Verify with this Board if you are near or part of your property is in or near the Wetlands Area. If you have questions contact the clerk. Pat Smith: 566-2206.

5. **Percolation Test:** Perc Season is March 1st thru May 1st. The Owner/Engineer arranges appointment for percolation with the Board of Health Agent and pays fee. Percolation test is valid for two (2) years from date of issue.

6. **Well Permit:** Well installer submits to the Board of Health a permit and plan of property with well, septic system and house shown, at the time of application and with the permit fee.

7. **Well Installation:** After the well is installed, the installer must file a Well Water Completion report with the Board of Health. Property owner must then have the water tested, with results sent to the Board of Health before a building permit will be issued.

8. **Septic Application:** Engineer must submit septic design application to the Board of Health, signed, stamped and with the fee paid. A septic permit which is approved shall expire three years from the date of issue unless construction of the approved system is begun before the expiration date.

9. **Septic Installation:** Septic Installer must be licensed by the Town of Hampden and must advise Board of Health before installation starts. Installation must be inspected by Board of Health Agent and Design Engineer before system is covered.

10. **Septic Compliance:** Engineer and installer must sign Certificate of Compliance after the final inspection.

11. **Building Department:** Building plans must be submitted for review by the Building Inspector. A building permit will not be issued until all prior steps have been successfully gone through. The permit is valid for three (3) years from date of issue. Construction work must begin within six months of receiving building permit, and work must be finished within three years. If you have questions contact: Al Laplante: 566-2204

12. **Electrical, Plumbing, Gas, Oil Burner, Smoke Detector, and Wood Stove Permits:** Requests for the above permits are to be submitted to the Building Department, with the necessary Building Permit fee. The applicant contacts the appropriate inspector with the inspection request. An Occupancy permit will be issued only after the Building Inspector checks with other inspectors to make sure all the above procedures have been completed, as well as insuring that the house number is permanently found on the property and easily readable from the street.

If you have questions, or if the Board of Selectmen may be of service, please contact us at the Town House, 566-2151. ALL FEES ARE PAYABLE TO THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUILDING PERMITS  Al LaPlante, tel. 566-2204, 525-2506
Application for Building Permit ................................................. $10.
Commercial/Industrial Building ($100 minimum) ......................... 10 cents/sq ft.
New House ($60 minimum) ...................................................... 10 cents/sq ft.
In the event of more than one unit per building, an additional fee of $4 per unit will be charged in addition to normal fee for new house.
Alterations/Additions/Accessory Buildings ($25 minimum) .............. 10 cents/sq ft.
Swimming Pool ........................................................................ $20.
Solid Fuel Stoves ..................................................................... $15.

ELECTRICAL PERMITS  Robert Lague, tel 566-8472
Commercial/Industrial Building and Additions ......................... $60.
New House .............................................................................. $40.
In the event of more than one unit per building, an additional fee of $4 per unit will be charged, in addition to normal fee for new house.
Alterations, Re-wiring Existing Structure .................................. $40.
Alterations, Change of Service, Temporary Service ...................... $20.
Additions - added rooms, breezeway, garage, etc ......................... $20.
Swimming Pool, Appliance ...................................................... $20.

PLUMBING PERMITS  Bill Patullo, tel. 566-8118
Commercial/Industrial Building ............................................... $75.
New House .............................................................................. $50.
An additional fee of $2 per fixture over 10 fixtures will be charged, in addition to the normal fee of $50 per building.
Additions - additional charges as above ..................................... $30.
Swimming Pool ........................................................................ $20.
any swimming pool with a permanent plumbing connection is subject to a permit fee.

GAS PERMITS  Bill Patullo, tel 566-8118
All Gas Permits ......................................................................... $20.
In the event of multiple occupancy or multi-unit dwellings, the charge will be $20 per meter up to five fixtures; above that, the fee will be $2 per fixture.

SOLAR PERMIT
Permits for solar installations will be based on the categories contained in the columns for Building, Electrical & Plumbing.

FIRE PERMITS  Chief Larry Hatch, tel. 566-3314
Smoke Detector Inspection (New House) .................................. $15.
Smoke Detector Inspection (Real Estate Transfer) ....................... $15.
Oil burner inspection ............................................................... $15.
Blasting Permit Fire Chief ....................................................... $10.
Renewal of Smokeless Powder (Fire Chief) .............................. $5.
LP Gas Storage Permits (Fire Chief) ......................................... $15.
Underground Storage Tank Installation (Fire Chief) ................... $10.
Underground Storage Tank Removal (Fire Chief) ....................... $40.
Tank and Burner Inspection .................................................... $15.

CALL- BACK FEES
Call-back fees for Electrical, Plumbing, Building & Fire Inspectors ........................................ $15.

BOARD OF HEALTH  Donald Kipetz, tel. 566-2151
Well Permit .............................................................................. $20.
Percolation Test Permit .......................................................... $100.
Septic Tank Installation Permit (new or repair) ......................... $100.
includes one revision, each additional revision ........................... $50.
The Office of the Board of Selectmen traces its origin back to the early years of the Commonwealth. As there were no elected officials, town meetings would “select” individuals to carry out the wishes of the town meeting. Over time these “selectmen” or “townsmen” evolved into elected three to nine person boards. During the later half of the 1600’s and early 1700’s the office began to take shape through tradition and legislation passed by the general court. Their responsibilities included, but were not limited to town finance, school operation, care of the poor, public works and local defense. The years have brought many changes with the establishment of many other elected and appointed boards who over see operations previously directed by the Board of Selectmen.

As we enter the new millennium one thing remains exactly the same as it was in the seventeenth century. The Board of Selectmen exists for the sole purpose of carrying out the wishes of the voters.

The Board wishes to thank the many volunteers of the Adopt-A-Road Program, Hot Dog Social, Recycling Volunteers as well as all of the people who make events like Memorial Day and the Tree Lighting Ceremony possible.

We look forward to the coming year and encourage everyone to become involved when and where possible within the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Green
John M. Flynn
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.

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<td>Police Department permits, reports, etc.</td>
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<td>Fire Department smoke alarm inspections, oil burner permits, etc.</td>
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MILL POND RECLAMATION

Interest has been extremely high over the past twenty-five years for the reclamation of Mill Pond. In years past, Mill Pond had been a great source of recreation, such as fishing, boating, ice skating and other recreational activity for our town residents. In addition, the pond served as a water recovery area during times of flooding, reducing the potential for flood damage to homes located in the Scantic River watershed area.

The Town of Hampden took title to Mill Pond and the land adjacent to it to the south and across Mill Road to the North in the late seventies as part of our open space/conservation program. Unfortunately, over the years, the pond has silted in to the point it no longer serves its intended uses.

Grant monies have been made available from several sources which could, if agreed at Town Meeting, provide the necessary funds to clean the pond of silt through dredging and provide the necessary storage capacity for excess water during periods of flooding and abnormally high water. With reclamation the Town may once again enjoy the beauty and recreational use of a lost natural resource while at the same time resting assured that the threat of flooding has been reduced significantly.

The project, even with matching funds grant monies (estimated at $10,000), will require some sweat equity on the part of interested town residents. We request both your support at Town Meeting and your expression of interest to provide whatever help possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Author A. Booth Jr.
Richard R. Green
John M. Flynn
The Board of Health of the Town of Hampden is made up of the members of the Board of Selectmen who retain a professional on a part time basis. Mr. Don Kipetz has served in this capacity for some years. We thank him for his good efforts.

Your Board of Health has always maintained a pro-active position in the management of their responsibilities. Every year the general activity has taken the main part of our time. These activities fall into the following categories: food inspection, permits, reports both local and state, disposal system - new building and repairs, flu vaccines clinics, water tests and rabies clinics. We should stress that the clinics are well attended by the townspeople and we will try to expand these type of services.

Title V - Individual Sewerage Disposal Systems was dramatically modified by the DEP during this past year. The regulations substantially changed the requirements in several areas, primarily requiring testing of septic systems at the time of a home sale. The categories of requirements were quite stringent. These changes caused undue hardship for many of our residents, as well as people throughout the other towns in the state. Specifically your Board of Health put in an extreme amount of effort into the modification of these requirements and worked closely with our state representative as well as organizations in Boston. Based on this effort Title V regulations were better defined, making it more acceptable to the communities. In addition the legislature is to enact a tax credit as an incentive for homeowners to update systems even if they are acceptable under the general Title V requirements.

Sanitary Landfill
Closure of the Hampden Sanitary Landfill was voted approximately two years ago. During the ensuing period a large amount of work had to be accomplished, pre-engineering, engineering approvals, reports to DEP and actual construction specifications and implementation.

At this juncture the landfill has been brought to specifications with the loam and seeding as the last part that remains to be completed.

The amount required from the town for financing of the landfill closure was reduced with revenues from Construction and Demolition material, which eliminated the purchasing of fill for contouring purposes. In addition, we have asked for bonding at the last town meeting and our project currently is well within the limits. We have applied for aid from the state, if available. If we are successful for this, then the amount actually utilized from local revenue would be reduced.

As a service within the sanitary landfill area, a transfer station has been developed and is in full operation. This facility is open 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Each Saturday and requires a bag fee.

The recycling area has been relocated to its permanent site, though the final driveway for the facility is not totally complete. Recycling has proven successful and as of February 1996 the facility will be operated on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Some grants have been received, in the form of containers, and we are currently in the midst of our third grant project. One very important part of the grant approval is based on the amount of recycling versus the amount deposited in the transfer station.

Volunteers are always needed to assist the recycling efforts. If you have any time, please contact our office. A general flier will be distributed shortly. It will provide a recap of hours, types of materials accepted and general recycling procedures. Additional items that might be accepted are always being reviewed and will be added as available. There will be a compost area available as well.

Bulk items’ disposal has been well received and again will occur on a early Spring and late Fall cycle. Notices of this service will be either be by newsletter or through the local newspapers.

The Board of Health would like to commend all of the townspeople on their effort and support with the programs that have been developed. We meet every Monday night and your constructive comments and assistance would be most appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
John M. Flynn
Richard R. Green
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.
### Annual Activities provided by the Board of Health

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### Recycled during 1995 under the volunteer program

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Board of Health Telephone Number: 566-2151

Board of Health Hours: 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

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<td>Hours are Saturday, 7AM to 5PM</td>
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HAMPDEN RECYCLES!!!!!!
2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month at Transfer Station, 8AM to 5PM.

Newspaper: Newsprint only, tie papers in bundles of approx. 6". No flyers, glossy circulars, magazines.

Cardboard: Corrugated, Cereal Boxes, Detergents, Etc. No Waxed Cardboard, (i.e. frozen food containers)

Aluminum: Soda & Beer Cans, Lawn Chairs (minus webbing), Storm Doors (minus glass and screens), Gutters, Foil Containers

Plastic Bottles: Soda, Milk, Orange Juice, Detergent, Fabric Softener, Shampoo, (only #2’s)

Steel Cans: Soups, Vegetable, Juices, Pet Foods, etc.

Glass Jars & Bottles: Redeemable Bottles (all colors)
Non-redeemable Bottles (green, brown, clear) remove paper & caps separate colors from clear

All containers must be washed so there is no residue left inside. NO containers that held hazardous material will be accepted.

Tires: All tires must have rims removed.
Car tire - $2.00 each
Truck tire - $4.00 each
Double charge for tire on rim.

Clean Metal: Pipes (up to 6ft.), file cabinets, lawnmower, (less fuel, oil, and tires)
$0.10/lb (estimated) - minimum $5.00

White Goods: $17.00 Large-such as chest-type freezer, large stoves, console TV, riding mower, etc.
$12.00 Regular-such as refrigerator, washing machine, dryer, air conditioner, TVs lawnmower (less fuel), stove.
$10.00 Small-such as small TV, apartment-size refrigerator, small lawnmower.

CASH ONLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NO HAZARDOUS ITEMS ARE ALLOWED.

DUMP STICKERS ARE REQUIRED.

In the event of inclement weather, a cancellation notice will be broadcast over radio stations WHYN, WMAS, WSBR, and on TV stations WGGB TV-40 (Cable #7) and WWLP TV-22 (Cable #6). A sign will also be posted at the entrance to the Transfer Station.
Annual Report of the Moderator 1995

Something was different at Town Meeting this year. For the first time since I have become Moderator there was a little slack in the budget. Not a lot mind you, but maybe a little discretionary money. Maybe this is a result of Regionalization of the schools, or is it a result of more aid from the state now that they have their house in order, or maybe we are just catching up with some of our needs, but for the first time in years there was a little available income that we the voters could decide how to spend. It is certainly too early to tell if this is a trend, we might know that answer in two more years.

Some wanted to put this money in savings, some to buy things that the town has been putting off and still some others wanted to cut property taxes. Two boards primarily, the Selectmen and the Advisory Committee, appealed to the voters to vote as each board believed was right for the town.

The voters need to ask each of these boards tough questions to defend their point of view. With this kind of debate, the town cannot help but win.

There is now a reason to come back to Town Meeting.

Respectfully,

Richard E. Patullo
Moderator

Report of the Board of Appeals
1995

Case -1 Special Permit to enlarge a building in the Commercial District

Case -2 Variance or Special Permit to allow the continuation of a Commercial Use on a lot not in the Commercial District.

Case -3 Special Permit to allow the removal of earth to improve agriculture.

Case -4 Special Permit to allow the use of a nine acre parcel with a substandard frontage to be used for one residence.

Case -5 Variance from current zoning frontage and side lot requirement to allow a residence to be built on an 1/2 acre lot.

Case -6 Special Permit to allow removal of an existing residence with no legal frontage in order to rebuild.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF APPEALS

L. Jed Berliner, Chair
Richard E. Patullo, Vice Chair
Helena Kullberg, Clerk
Kenneth E. Lefebvre
Dalton E. Philpott

David R. Scott, Alternate
Duane E. Mosier
Mary Chris Cesan
Report of the Planning Board

The composition and officers of the Board remained the same as last year. The members are: Joseph A. Dolben, Chair; John D. Flynn, Vice Chair; Mark Casey, representative to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission; Joseph Kruzel and Duane Mosier. Former member Paul Robataille continues to serve as our alternate representative to the PVPC.

Hampden Woods I still awaits the completion of the top coal; this has been delayed as a result of the bankruptcy of the developer. The work is bonded with a savings bank passbook so that we are comfortable that the road will be complete after the court deals with the bankruptcy. This has also delayed the developer’s appeal in Land Court of the Board’s decision denying Hampden Woods II

Hampden Heights I & II remain a problem. The development was foreclosed by the mortgagee in Spring 1994. As a result of the failure of the bank issuing the letter of credit, there is no bonding covering the remaining work to be completed before the road is acceptable to the Town. The Board has agreed that letters of credit will no longer be acceptable surety for subdivision development in the future. In the meantime, the Board has put the new owner of the remaining lots of Hampden Heights on notice that building permits for the remaining lots will not be issued until completion of the road construction is assured.

The Board remains active in reviewing and updating the Zoning Bylaw. In addition, the Board has completed the second major review of the Subdivision Rules and Regulations in the past few years. We would like to thank Dana Pixley for his assistance and suggestions.

The Board meets every second and fourth Wednesday and welcomes the input of all Hampden residents.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph A. Dolben
John D. Flynn
Joseph Kruzel
Mark Casey
Duane Mosier

Report of the Computer Study Committee

The Computer Study Committee is an ongoing task committee organized by the Board of Selectmen in 1986. Since that time, it has assisted the Town departments in purchasing, installing, and maintaining their computer systems. We have stressed a practical and consistent approach to implementing these systems with an emphasis on productivity and good value.

In the past year the Committee has assisted the Police Department in the development of specifications and bid evaluations for the acquisition of a Police Management System, which will provide all of the features needed to bring the Town on-line with other local, state and federal agencies.

The Committee has a master plan which we feel represents a prudent, fiscally responsible path for the Town to follow. In these tough economic times, it is sometimes difficult to recognize the advantages of capital investment in computers and software. We are always available to respond to any questions or inquiries that residents may have. We wholeheartedly welcome any suggestions and advice.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Flynn, Chair
Jim Moriarty
Richard Rediker

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Report of the Ridgeline and Hillside Committee

The Ridgeline and Hillside Committee provides an advisory function to the Planning Board. Applications for development in this overlay district are reviewed by the members; site visits and progress reviews are held; and a recommendation is then passed to the Building Inspector.

1995 saw six reviews by the Ridgeline and Hillside Board. We feel that the extra level of oversight given to development of these sensitive areas benefits all in the town.

All residents are welcome at any meeting and any volunteer help is greatly appreciated. We encourage all residents to make suggestions and comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Hanmer, Chair
Robin Warner
John D. Flynn
Jim Moriarty
HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING

Hampden’s elder population, officially those over 60 years, are represented and served by the Council on Aging, a municipal agency whose function is to advocate for the needs of senior citizens. The Council on Aging offers assistance to seniors in areas of nutrition, health care, social activities, transportation, financial and legal information, caregiver support, as well as serves as a reference source for a variety of inquiries. These services are promoted through our monthly newsletter publication—The Scantic Scribe.

The Council on Aging welcomes inquiries from residents under the age of 60 who have faced challenges in their lives such as layoffs and unemployment. Information on fuel assistance, financial aid, or referrals for legal assistance is available through the COA office.

The Council on Aging office is located in the basement of the Town House and is open Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:00pm. Kathryn Henriques, the Council on Aging Director, manages the office in conjunction with an Activity Coordinator and Outreach Worker. A volunteer citizens committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, oversees the administration of the agency. Funding for the COA is provided through the Town of Hampden as well as from various state and federal grants.

As always, the COA is very fortunate to have such willing and helpful volunteers to assist in a wide variety of activities. The COA recognizes these citizens and is grateful for their generosity and commitment.

The nutrition program sponsored through Greater Springfield Senior Services continues to flourish at Centennial Commons. Nearly 35 hot meals are served every weekday at 11:30am. Home delivered meals are brought to people who are unable to join us at the Commons. This nutrition program not only assures proper eating but also provides a wonderful opportunity for sociability and interaction.

The Council on Aging continues to coordinate various counseling services. Among them are SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) which is offered twice a month. SHINE is a free, confidential counseling service sponsored through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. SHINE’s purpose is to ensure that seniors are given accurate, up to date information concerning health insurance and healthcare options. AARP provides a free income tax preparation program for seniors. This is scheduled on alternate weeks during the tax preparation season. Both services are available by calling the COA office for an appointment.

The Council on Aging provides regularly scheduled foot care clinics, a weight control program, as well as an annual flu shot clinic which is offered in conjunction with the Hampden Board of Health. This year, the COA was awarded a grant to coordinate a health fair for seniors. This fair was a huge success and offered seniors the opportunity to gather information on as well be tested for various health disorders. The COA is hopeful to attain the funding again this year in order to continue its efforts in promoting good health for seniors.

The Council on Aging is always striving to improve the services we offer. To support this, the COA has gathered a group of representative town organizations and citizens to survey and assess the program we currently offer. This committee will also attempt to research new funding sources and service ideas.

Historically, the Hampden Council on Aging was the administrative and dispatching headquarters for the Tri Town Trolley. As a result of a recent government mandate, Tri Town Trolley’s contract for the upcoming year was not renewed with PVTA. NCBA (National Caucus of Black Aged), the current Springfield operator, will be providing service to Hampden seniors in the future. Although a change in providers, transportation will continue to be available to Hampden seniors.

Each month, 600 Hampden seniors receive the "Scribe". This important newsletter provides news and information on matters pertinent to the lives of our elder citizens. It is written and published by the COA. The mailing costs, however, have been since its inception underwritten by the Friends of the Seniors and the Scantic Seniors Club. The townspeople, therefore, as well as the seniors, have benefited from the generosity of this private group. The Council on Aging wishes to acknowledge and thank these groups for their support of this newsletter and assume the responsibility for all publishing and mailing costs in the new fiscal year. To do this, we have included in our expense budget $600 to cover the mailing expense.
Another contribution to the “Scribe” is computer printing service, which, because the COA printer cannot deliver a satisfactory product, has been donated by another citizen of Hampden. While recognizing this voluntary assistance, the Council on Aging believes this too, is a necessary service and should come under the normal functions of the agency and supported by town funds. The requested $400 will purchase a laser printer and result in more effective, professional communications to our elder citizens.

The Council’s Board of Directors take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks to our Executive Director, Kathryn Henriques, for her accomplishments over the past two years. Her initiative in managing the COA programs and her administration of the Tri-Town Trolley have been most challenging. She has guided both elements with skill and tact and given Hampden high marks from both our seniors and our partners in the surrounding communities.

The Council on Aging holds a membership in the Massachusetts Association of Council on Aging Directors and Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging. The COA works cooperatively with the Scantic Senior Citizen Club and the Friends of Hampden Seniors.

The Council on Aging Board of Directors acknowledges the support of the people in Hampden, as well as the other town departments with whom we work. It is this consolidated effort that makes Hampden such an enjoyable town to live in.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Olmstead, Chair
Dalton Philpott, Vice Chair
Dorothy Kibbe, Secretary
Al Ouimet, Treasurer
Harriet Hulse
Betsy Grant
Larry Blake
Virginia Schneider

GREATER SPRINGFIELD SENIOR SERVICES (GSSSI)

In October I was nominated by the COA as Hampden’s representative to the GSSSI Board of Directors, and reappointed by the Board of Selectmen. My aims are (1) to improve understanding between the COA and this Area Agency, and (2) through this report communicate this information to Hampden’s taxpayers. All Hampden voters, senior and younger-who care now or later for senior family members, should be alert to the services provided through GSSSI and the flow of State and Federal funds which pay for these services.

GSSSI’s annual budget is about $7 million, of which Hampden’s share is about 1.4%, spread over these services; for calendar years ’94 and ’95:

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1 - Home Care Regulations of the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs.
2 - Federal Older Americans Act of 1965, reauthorized, Title III.
GREATER SPRINGFIELD SENIOR SERVICES  Pg 2

For the calendar years '93 and '94 there were only minor changes in these values, but for '95 total services decreased by $30,000, primarily in State-funded services. In contrast, among the Federally funded services, congregate meals increased about 25%, in part reflecting the change in site from the Melville room in the Town House to the Centennial Commons. Since this is the major factor in the Federally funded services, it follows that this leads to the slight increase in the Federal "Match Fund" from $279 to $310 to be paid in Hampden's FY '97.

For the future, it is reported reliably that federal support for Title III services will be maintained at present levels until the end of Federal FY '96 (9/30/95), but will be reduced 5% for FY '97.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ingle

Hampden Housing Authority

At present, the elected members of the Hampden Housing Authority are Dalton E. Philpott, Vice Chairman and State Appointee, William G. Joy, Chairperson, Charles T. Schmitt, Treasurer, Mildred E. Grant, Assistant Treasurer and Aline Burt, Secretary. The staff is composed of Carole A. Robert, Executive Director, Gary DePace, Fee Accountant, Frank Hull, Maintenance Supervisor, and Reginald Temple, Maintenance Aide.

The Authority meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:15 AM in the Centennial Commons Community Building and holds special meetings as warranted. Regulations require meeting dates and times to be posted 48 hours in advance with the Town Clerk.

Tenants Organization - This group has its own officers and budget and plans its own meetings and programs throughout the year. Some of the tenants also attend the Authority meetings which are public and open to everyone.

Executive Office of Communities and Development - The Authority is under the direct supervision of this unit in conjunction with our contract for 40 years, entered into in 1976 with HUD in Washington, DC. We are also in contract for the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan. Our goal is to provide safe and sanitary housing to all moderate income categories. All utilities except telephone and cable are included in the rent. The water is tested monthly by the DEQE lab and our water is safe through the monthly monitoring.

Inspections - These are done annually by the Director.

The Authority is always in the process of finding new sites for housing and as of this time, no grants have been issued.

The Authority would like to graciously thank the Police, Fire and Highway Departments for their efforts keeping our safety at all times and Dana Pixley for painting our arrows and street sweeping our roadway.

The Authority would also like to extend a special thanks to Bill Kulle for lighting our very tall Christmas tree for us this year. Thanks to Bill Joy for working on this also. The tenants were very happy to see the tree lit.

We have had an extensive modernization done at the Commons which includes new roofs, sidewalks, vinyl siding, doors, windows, etc. This has also been a record year for snow removal which we thank our maintenance staff for their efforts.

The Authority may be reached at the office at 26 Springmeadow Lane, Monday-Friday, 8am - 12:00 noon at 566-8157.
The Authority is also putting a proposal in to Executive office of Communities and Development this year for an addition to the Community Building due to the activities in the Community Room which have been extensive as the tenants have many more activities they are working on such as card games, crafts, parties, etc.

We have also included a new event which began with Mr. William Joy, it is called a “Staff Supper” and entails a dinner every month with the staff and Mr. Joy’s wife Nancy and daughter Ann working on it with us. This is a wonderful event and the tenants are enjoying it quite a bit. It gives everyone a chance to get out and socialize and also to get a fabulous meal.

The Congregate Meal Site is doing very well at the Commons and have celebrated their one year anniversary in November. Many activities are included such as scrabble, movies, jewelry classes and much more. Attendance has picked up dramatically since the move here. The Lunch Bunch is a very friendly group of people and we always have room for more to join in. Janis DeGrandpre can be reached at 566-8428 to make reservations or to answer questions you may have about the meal site.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole A. Robert, Executive Director

TENANTS ORGANIZATION

This organization has its own budget and by-laws. The committee consists of President, Aline Burt, Vice President, Claire Zykoski, Secretary, Pauline Booth, and Treasurer, Louis Groll.

Many events are planned throughout the year by this organization. An annual Bazaar and Bake Sale is one of the big events that also realizes profit for the tenants. Some of the monies earned are used for the Christmas Party that is attended by all the tenants and board members. We have a wonderful dinner catered usually with entertainment and Christmas cheer is enjoyed by one and all.

In the past few years a summer barbecues is enjoyed by everyone and new tenants are welcomed at this event and the Christmas party also. Many of the tenants join the garden growing flowers and vegetables. Last year this became a community garden with many of the towns people taking part. Everyone at the commons has an active part in the events offered through the Tenants Organization and we look forward to each new year.

The tenants are having a wonderful time with the new “Staff Supper” being offered by William Joy and the staff. This is a nice event especially for the winter months.

Many of the tenants have formed card groups and craft classes. The crafts are being made to put on sale at the Annual Bazaar and everyone is welcome to join in.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole A. Robert
Executive Director
1995 Report of the Conservation Commission

The Town of Hampden depends entirely on private wells and septic systems, therefore the integrity of bordering vegetated wetlands, swamps, wet meadows, streams, rivers, ponds and floodplains is especially critical. The Conservation Commission, comprised of seven appointed volunteers and associate members are charged with the responsibility of administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL. 131 sec 40) and the Town of Hampden Wetland Bylaw and Regulations.

During 1995, the Conservation Commission held 12 regular meetings on the second Monday of each month. We also held 3 special meetings on March 2, March 15, and November 22. This year the Commission issued paper work on four Notices of Intent, eleven Requests for Determination and three Certificates of Compliance, one extension of Order of Conditions and four Violation Notices. Two public hearings were held in March and April addressing an addition to the Town of Hampden Wetland Bylaw regulations. The result was the establishment of a 25 foot undisturbed buffer around all areas protected by the Wetland Bylaw.

Under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, Conservation Commissions have jurisdiction over 100 ft buffer from any protected area under the Act (MGL. 131 sec 40). It is strongly recommended to contact the commission concerning any work to be done within the buffer. Paperwork, if needed, is available at the Town House. Most violations occur because people are not aware of the scope of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and the Town of Hampden Bylaw.

We thank Richard Hatch for his years of dedication and service while serving as a member of the commission. We also thank Patricia Smith for her clerical assistance and advise. She can be reached at the Town House Monday through Thursday at 566-2206.

Any citizen interested in learning more about the function of the Commission is encouraged to join our meetings as an observer or associate member.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Geromini, Chairperson
Camilla Desmarais
Richard Gouvan
Jack Matthews
Wayne Melsner
William Wilson
Patricia Smith, Clerk

Associate Member
Donald Dorn

HAMPDEN LAND PROJECT

Hampden Land Project (HLP) is one of over one thousand land trusts nationwide, working to promote the preservation of open space. As a local non-profit group, HLP acts in an advisory capacity, to provide information through open meetings with guest speakers, and as a liaison to state agencies to find funding for local projects.

Currently, HLP is working with landowners considering conservation easements on a portion of their property. In a conservation easement, the landowner enters a legal agreement that prevents development of the land, while retaining full ownership and use of the land. The land can be sold or transferred, with the conservation easement attached. In this way, the land is permanently protected, while the owner gains significant state, local, and federal tax advantages, and important shelter from inheritance taxes.

Lastly, HLP aims to inform those residents owning over 20 acres, or owning land abutting conservation land, who are considering sale of the land for income purposes, that the financial advantages of conservation options are often greater than outright sale of the property.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Himmelstein
REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hampden Historical Society has been in existence for over thirty years. Since our first meeting on June 12, 1965, we have been receiving what is now a "treasure trove" of Hampden artifacts, memorabilia, old records, etc. for our two museums. One is housed upstairs and the Farm Museum is in the basement at Academy Hall.

Our year begins in May at Academy Hall and continues on the fourth Tuesdays of June, September, October, November, February and March. In April we have our Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper at the Hampden Federated Church.

This 1995-1996 year has been an extremely busy one with top-notch programs and fine speakers. Our projects this year included our annual American Flag Sale on Memorial Day, a special mailing of a two-page flyer sent out to every household in Hampden to acquaint our townspeople of Academy Hall, the Society, its museums, and programs. Included in the flyer was an application form for starting our membership drive. This flyer brought gratifying results. Forty-three new members joined the Society! Our membership list now totals almost 150. And, we are hoping for more and more new members.

Our Curator, Mrs. Beryle Doten, set up a Research Center in the museum with the donation of two MICRÖFICHE readers; however, we are in desperate need of a MICROFILM reader to complete the Center area.

Mrs. Doten received several donations this year and many have already been recorded in the Accession Records and have been gratefully acknowledged by mailings to the donors.

Through the generosity of our Hampden Arts Lottery Council we received a grant which made it possible to preserve on microfilm twenty-nine (29) of our most valuable record books - some dating back to the late 1700's! Also, copies of the old Baptist Church records were microfilmed. Also, Census records 1790-1910 of Hampden/Wilbraham were ordered from Salt Lake City.

In October we presented a "Walking Tour of the Old Center of the Village" in memory of Mrs. Miriam P. Bryant. We conducted two tours - one at 10AM, the second at 2PM. Each started at Academy Hall and returned there where refreshments were served and everyone was invited to visit the museums. There were six open-house Sundays held from 2PM - 4PM. A special open-house was held on Memorial Day and one on Saturday, the day of the Walking Tour.

Another special project was started and is still continuing, the Postcard Project. We have applied to the Hampden Arts Lottery Council to help us finance the publication of a book of old Hampden Postcards. It will contain at least two-hundred (200). Some were donated many years ago, some will be loaned to us when the printer requires them, and some were donated because of our poster appeal. We are still hoping for additional postcards to come in to add to the book.

In completing this report we would be remiss if we did not mention that the roof on Academy Hall is at least thirty years old and is in dire need of replacement.

Since Academy Hall is the oldest remaining building in our town, and houses within its walls so much of Hampden's historical past, and, since our members are dedicated to preserving and protecting the museum's contents, we feel we should bring the problem of the roof to the attention to our Townspeople.

Trustees: Frederick Maher
Beryle Doten, Curator
Walter Johnson

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy B. Hill, President
Carol Collins, Vice President
George Ingle, Treasurer
Linda Krawiec, Recording Secretary
Nancy Ayers, Corresponding Secretary
Hampden County Regional Dog Control Program  
Town of Hampden  
June 1, - December 31, 1995

The Town of Hampden has a Canine Service Contract with Hampden County, as a participating member of the Hampden County Regional Dog Control Program (Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control Center). The H.C.R.D.C.P., represents Hampden in licensing and keeping of dogs, and provides a regional shelter for stray and abandoned dogs. The Center has a contractual veterinarian, Richard Vincunas, D.V.M., who is responsible for the general health of all impounded dogs, including administering Rabies vaccinations.

The H.D.R.D.C.P., represents Hampden in matters arising out of enforcement of Dog Control Ordinances and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Sections 137A-175. (including amendments through 12/31/78).

During this period, the following list indicates duties conducted by Dog Officer Nick Dominik, and other dog officers on emergency call:

Investigation of loose dog complaints 60
Investigation of barking dog disturbances 11
Stray dogs captured and impounded at center 22
Dog bite investigations 7
Vicious/loose dog complaints 5
Stray dogs brought to the center by Hampden residents 2
Stray dog complaints 12
Sick and or injured dogs 6
After-hour emergency calls 14

Impounded 26
Returned to owners 13
Adopted to new owners 14
Euthanized 6

Transported to Rowley Animal Hospital for medical treatment (County billed $40.00)

Licenses sold at Center 18
Board of Selectmen's Meeting attended 1

The H.C.R.D.C.P., has the capacity for formal quarantine of possible rabid dogs and is a team member for immediate laboratory testing, if required. The Center held three Rabies Clinics (Spring, Summer and Fall) during 1995, providing reduced cost rabies vaccine, for dog and cats, and offering some vaccines free to financially needy owners. The Center installed an up-dated computer system and now is enabled to track repeated violations. We also participate in computer chip scanner for quick owner identification.

Dog Officers respond to public complaints and service requests by interacting with local police, town officials, State Animal Inspectors, Boards of Health and State agencies to ensure public safety.

Our staff wishes to compliment the citizens of Hampden for their concern in canine matters and their cooperation in canine law enforcement.

Submitted by

Roberta M. Panuccio, Director
Animal Health Inspector

As the animal inspector for the town of Hampden, I would like to report the following for 1995:

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There were 3 dog bites and 1 cat bite reported.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Wamer, Animal Inspector

Hampden Cultural Council

Members of the former Hampden Arts Lottery Council voted in October to change the name to the Hampden Cultural Council to conform to the nomenclature of the Massachusetts Cultural Council and other towns in the state.

The council granted requests for funding for projects in 1995 in the amount of $3000. Every effort was made to make awards that would benefit citizens of the town directly and cover a wide range of activities and interests. These awards were given for:

- Summer Reading Programs at the Hampden Town Library
- Preservation of historical materials and research by the Historical Society of Hampden
- An art exhibition for 6th grade children and an art competition for high school students sponsored by the Town Gallery
- Presentation of Julius Caesar for Minnechaug High School students
- A trip to the Hitchcock Environmental Center for 6th grade students at Thornton Burgess School
- Funds supporting the Radio Reading Service which provides radio programming to visually handicapped children and others who enjoy their services
- BRAVO, a newspaper of the arts available free to the community and distributed at the Hampden Public Library
Stories and Songs of New England - an entertaining program made available through the parks and recreation dept. and the library.

The present council wishes to thank former members Mary Grassetti and James Hughes whose terms have expired. A very special thank you goes to Diane Knecht who served as chairperson of the council with wonderful enthusiasm and equally admirable efficiency. We are grateful for her ongoing help.

Respectfully submitted
Dorothy Fritts - Chairperson

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL
Marilyn Abbott
Aline Burt
Dorothy Fritts
Reginald Johnson
Doris Ouellet
Carol Smith

Veterans' Services Department
Annual Report for Town Of Hampden

In 1995 there was one family aided by the Veterans' Services Department.

The total amount expended was $2,254.80, of which 75% is reimbursed by the State. The town's share being $563.70.

As a result of the VA service work performed by the area office in Monson, veterans and their dependents in Hampden received $385,182.00 in Federal Benefits. The awards cover veterans non-service connected pensions, service connected compensation, retroactive awards and burial benefits.

Not only does the Veterans Services Office process applications for financial assistance but also assists in filing applications for all VA Benefits which can result in bringing thousands of dollars in Federal funds to applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn F. Bolaske
Veterans' Agent
Report of the Parks and Recreation Department

Memorial Park had a busy season this year with people enjoying Kids Castle and many other activities throughout the summer months. Kids Castle is now in the process of getting ready to place memorial benches around the play area. If anyone would like to purchase a memorial bench the cost is $250.00.

The summer camp program was very successful and well attended each week. Campers enjoyed a wide variety of projects, including Arts and Crafts, Science, Sports and Pool Time. Swimming lessons were also taught in the nontraditional format for the first time this year and campers really seemed to enjoy it. The hours of the camp were extended this year for the purpose of giving the campers more pool time. Stephanie Roj was our Summer Director and did a wonderful job, managing both the Pool and summer Camp. Next summer’s registrations will have the weekly themes attached. Thanks to Marta Willey, the camp as well as the Community enjoyed a song and storyteller sponsored by the Library through the Arts Lottery.

We also held our first summer concert in the Park on July 23. The music consisted of flute and guitar by Mike Casey & David Giguisepe. We hope to repeat this event again and would appreciate any suggestion from the community. If you have a favorite group please let us know.

There was also numerous repairs made to the Park this summer. All benches and bleachers have been restored, the Brook at Memorial Park has been cleaned and the stream can once again run free. Through a joint effort with the RAH Board two new basketball hoops have been installed at the Park. The old roof on the Pavilion has been replaced with a new one.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people at Town Hall who help to keep the Parks and Recreation Department running smoothly, because without their help it would be very difficult to maintain an elected volunteer board. Thank you Kate, Doreen, Donna, Pat and Rita. A heartfelt thank you to Dana Pixley and the Highway Department. A crew that goes beyond recognition for their tireless effort in Community service. Last but not least, thank you to our staff that help each summer to maintain the park and fields, Larry and Kevin.

Thanks also to Recreation Association of Hampden (RAH) for the sports programs that they provide to the many hundreds of children in the Community. A great big round of applause to the coaches who volunteer and dedicated their time and effort on behalf of our children. According to the RAH Board, the number of children participating in town sports has continued to grow rapidly over the years, therefore more field space is required. We are presently looking into a new soccer field at the landfill, as our sports programs continue to grow there will be a need for more playing fields.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. The meetings are held at the Town Hall and all town residents are encouraged to attend. We welcome new ideas and any new programs for the residents of Hampden.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Zamorski
David Kingsbury
Sandi Rovelli
Dennis Herchel
Glennice Flynn
Report of the Cemetery Commissioners

The Commissioners have been active in overseeing the maintenance of Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery, filling sunken graves, grading and seeding have been accomplished. Arrangements are also made for the excavation and refilling of the graves at time of interment and the installation of foundations for markers in cooperation with the various monuments vendors. Seventeen interments were made during the year. Several lots have been sold in Old Cemetery and lots are still available there.

This year the Prospect Hill fence was painted using funds from the interest on perpetual care fund. The perpetual care fund is derived from contributions from town residents. Other than the mowing included in the town budget and the fees derived at the time of interment, this is the only source of funds to maintain the cemeteries.

Once again we are requesting that all winter decorations are removed by April 15th in preparation for the redecoration of the graves for Memorial Day. We would also request that old decorations and trimmings from shrubs be placed in or by the barrel provided for that purpose at each cemetery. Rubbish thrown into the woods or over the fence has to be picked up by someone else to avoid an obnoxious mess on the property of others.

Please be reminded that any plantings put in to decorate the graves must be kept within the bounds of the plot described in the deed and are the responsibility of the owner for maintenance. Any plantings or decorations violating this rule will be removed.

Quarterly meetings of the Cemetery Commissioners are held at the Town House the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 pm. Commissioners may be contacted at this time or at the telephone numbers listed below to conduct cemetery business.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Sazama, Jr.  566-3304
Henry Dunwoody  566-3357
Elizabeth Wells  566-8556

Report of the Building Commissioner

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ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

| Total | 99 |

PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTIONS

| Total | 75 |

Respectfully submitted

Albert H. LaPlante
Building Commissioner

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1995 REPORT OF THE LIBRARY

The mission of the Hampden Public Library is to provide materials of popular interest to our adult and juvenile patrons, and to provide materials and services to help local residents satisfy their informational and educational needs.

In 1995 the Hampden Library staff worked very hard to accomplish this mission using all available resources. The growing pool of resources included our traditional print and non-print collection, new CD ROM reference titles, an internet link (available during the summer of 1995) and our new automated resource-sharing network connection, CWMARS. We encourage residents to visit the library and see the resources we have to offer!

The 1995 summer reading program's theme was "Reading is Natural." Over 100 boys and girls participated in the program with 86 completing the reading requirements. We would like to thank the following people for helping to make the program a success: Kerry Cesan for creating the bulletin boards; Ceci Melville for listening to book reports; and all the parents who helped at our weekly programs.

The following organizations and agencies provided funding for special programs at the library during 1995:

- Red Cross baby-sitting course - Lions Club
- Creative writing course for adults and children - Dept. of Ed. Learning Together Grant
- Illustrators' workshop for children - Dept. of Ed. Learning Together Grant
- UMASS K12 Internet Link - Dept. of Ed. Learning Together Grant
- Folksinger and magician for the Summer Reading Program - Hampden Arts Lottery Council
- Storyteller and singer for the Summer Reading Program - Friends of the Hampden Library.

Participants in the creative writing course and the illustrators' workshop worked cooperatively to produce a wonderful book called, A Creative Summer - Hampden 1995. (copies are available at the library.) This book was made possible by the diligent efforts of Chris Bandoski, Laura Chaffin, Clare Doyle, Dorothy Frills, and Carol Gauthier.

We would like to thank our library volunteers, Bea Margeson and Joanne Savage, and all the members of the Friends of the Library for their help and support throughout 1995. A special thank you and best wishes to volunteers Dorothy Hauser and Daniel Brewer who faithfully came to the library every week for many years and have now moved on to other endeavors. Finally, to all our patrons many thanks for your ongoing support of the Hampden Public Library.

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The library is closed Saturdays from June 15 to September 15.
LIBRARY STATISTICS

General Services

Circulation:
- Print Material - Adult 13,251
- Print Material - Juvenile 18,481
- Non-print materials 11,570
- Inter-library loan 567

**TOTAL** 43,869

Volumes Added 1,202
Volumes Discarded 138
Total Collection 18,628
Magazine subscriptions 64

Finances FY95

Receipts
- Municipal appropriation $54,455
- State Aid 2,333

**$56,788**

Expenditures
- Wages $43,832
- Books & materials 11,455
- Supplies 1,701

**$56,788**

(NOte: The status of the library's trust funds is listed in the Treasurer's Report)

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Burger, Trustee chair
Kathleen Hutchison, Trustee
Elaine Kingsbury, Trustee
Marta Willey, Library Director
The Fire Department responded to 80 calls this past year, as follows. Brush -12, Housing for the Elderly -11, Automatic home fire alarms -18, Structure -8, chimney -7, mutual aid calls -6, carbon monoxide detectors -4, accidents -3, vehicle fire -2, Mary Lyons Nursing Home -2, Bomb threat -1, oven fire -1, furnace fire -1, and trash fire -1.

When you sell or refinance your home, you must have your smoke detectors inspected before the closing. Please make sure they are properly installed and in working order before you call for inspection. For information on where to install smoke detectors or to make an appointment for inspection, please call 566-3314 between 8:00am and 4:00pm.

This past year 12 firefighters took and passed the firefighter 1-c course sponsored by the Mass State Fire Academy.

This past year, we awarded five scholarships to the children of firemen who are furthering their education. We would like to thank everyone for your continued support of our flower sale and raffle, whose profit goes into the scholarship fund.

Carbon Monoxide. First, I would like to thank the Hampden Lions Club for their very generous donation of a air quality tester to the fire department. Second, I would ask everyone to not run your car, snowblower, lawnmower or other gas fired equipment in the garage. 99% of the calls for CO detector going off were the result of this being done. Third, please have your heating equipment including the chimney serviced every year by a professional to make sure it is clean and working properly.

Anyone who is 19 years old, a Hampden resident and can pass a physical exam and wants to help the town is eligible to join the fire department, just give us a call. 566-3314.

This past year I turned in $2,647.72 to the town treasurer for inspections and permits.

This past year former Fire Chief James Reardon retired from the department after 38 years of service. I wish to thank Jim for his years of dedicated service to the town of Hampden.

I wish to thank the Police and Highway Departments for their cooperation in helping the Fire Department this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Hatch
Fire Chief

Report of the Forest Fire Warden

As in the past, outdoor burning is permitted from January 15th through April 30th from 10:00am to 4:00pm daily. This is for the burning of brush and forest debris only. There is NO burning of grass, hay, leaves, stumps or construction materials. Burning permits are issued on a daily basis, depending on the weather conditions. You may obtain a permit by calling 566-3314 after 9:00am on the day that you wish to burn.

Last year 1,520 burning permits were issued during the burning season.

in 1995 we responded to 12 brush fires.

Respectfully submitted

Lawrence W. Hatch
Forest Fire Warden
Report of the Highway Department

The construction season of 1995 was known for perfect weather. The winter ended early with a total of 22 storms that required attention by the Highway Department. With the nice weather and early thaw, we got a jump on the various maintenance projects that must be done each year and had the opportunity to complete more work on the roads than usual.

Some of the maintenance jobs performed were: painting of all cross walks and stop lines, grading all gravel roads, cleaning of several drainage ditches, removal and cleanup of dead trees (see Tree Wardens Report), cleaning all catch basins and sweeping of several miles of roads.

Using available state-aid from the Massachusetts Highway Department, this year the following roads received some form of surface treatment; Wilbraham Road was repaved for a distance of one mile (completing the entire length over a two year period) and Raymond Drive was completely repaved. Asphalt and stone was used to resurface the following roads: Thresher, Stafford, St. Germain, Woodland, Edwards, Charles, Sessions, Ridgeway, Baldwin and Crestwood.

Also, using state-aid, a section of Chapin Road was reconstructed. This was the second of a two year project that went from the TENNECO Pipeline south for a distance of 2,000 feet. The work there included an entire new drainage system, removal of old roadway, grading, grading, paving and installing curbs. Work will be completed this year by loaming and seeding the shoulders.

The Highway department also began constructing a new area at the Transfer Station for recycling. This will be completed this spring, and will make the efforts there much easier.

In September of 1995, the voters approved the purchase of two new trucks for the Highway Department. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported this important vote. These vehicles were absolutely necessary to us in order to provide you, the residents of Hampden, with the service we try very hard to give. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen and their secretaries, the many members of the Town Hall, the Police and Fire Departments along with the members of the Highway Department (Patrick Markham, Bob Kibbe, Robert Richards, Albert Rosati Jr., Rick Brown Jr.) for their continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Dana S. Pixley
Highway Superintendent

Report of the Tree Warden

This past year, Planning Board member Duane Mosier and I worked on establishing a new set of standards for the planting of trees in a newly constructed sub-division. This resulted in a set of guidelines that are clear for the developer to follow and will provide an attractive planting program for the town. I would like to thank Duane for his effort and cooperation.

The Highway Department, with the occasional assistance of a tree service, took down the majority of all dead trees on town property. The year ended with a total of 83 trees being cut down and cleaned up. Again, trimming of dead wood from trees was done on a limited basis.

Trees removed by the Highway Department were as follows: Allen street - 7, Bennett road - 2, Chapin Road - 10, East Longmeadow Road - 2, Glendale Road - 5, Main Street - 1, Mohawk Drive - 1, North Road - 3, Raymond Drive - 1, Rock-A-Dundee Road - 4, Scantic Road - 6, Somers Road - 2, South Monson Road - 3, Stony Hill Road - 1, Thresher Road - 4 and Wilbraham Road - 7.

Trees removed with the assistance of a professional tree service were as follows; Allen Street - 1, Baldwin Drive - 1, Chapin Road - 4, East Longmeadow Road - 1, Main Street - 3, Mountain Road - 3, North Road - 5, Old Coach Road - 1, Valley View Drive - 1, Walnut Road - 2, Wilbraham Road - 2.

A total of seven trees were trimmed by the tree service and fourteen stumps were ground out all over town. If anyone has questions regarding trees on town property, or would like to report a tree in poor condition, please feel free to contact me at the Highway Department office (566-8842).

Sincerely yours,

Dana Pixley
RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF HAMPTON

The Recreation Association of Hampton (RAH) being a board of volunteers was challenged this year to fulfill its mission to provide the athletic recreational program for the youth of Hampton. Long standing members; specifically Bill Decoteau, Jim Connery, Rich Hersman, Chet Kapinos, and Vinnie Villaino who devoted countless hours to the town RAH program and held dominant positions, resigned from their respective positions on the board. In many cases, although their children have transcended the RAH program, they remained committed to serve the town youth well past reasonable expectations. Their efforts are remarkable, the results endure!

Confronted with this transition, the RAH board wishes to thank those remaining members, coaches, coordinators, and volunteers who stepped up and forward to accept additional responsibilities to maintain a positive perspective. The demands of registration, coordination, outfitting, coaching, competing, financing, and administering the RAH program is dependent upon involvement from the residents of this town. The equation is simple: if you child is involved, get involved at some capacity. The price for your lack of effort will potentially be a "line item" to fund a sports coordinator as evident in many towns.

In 1995 the operating budget for the RAH program was substantial. In fact, income received from fees was $32,733. Expenses for items such as league registration fees, uniforms, pertinent athletic equipment, maintenance, officiating fees, and miscellaneous expenses totaled $29,740.

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Two sports; basketball and baseball/softball were negative financial propositions mainly due to the high costs of officiating mandated by league requirements, and the provision of uniforms. We cannot help but to remind you here; calculate personpower costs to effectively coordinate and administrate the RAH program, and the town is faced with a significant expense. If not your time, your Money!!

RAH has experienced a youth participation expansion in all sports. RAH anticipates this trend to continue based upon the town's demographics, and further tax the demands on the program.
RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF HAMPDEN P2

Participation is the foundation of RAH programs, and a rewarding experience the goal for all youth. The towns teams excelled at all levels, and exceeded towns of significantly larger size. Problems did arise, and the RAH board maintains an open door policy to hear all complaints, concerns, comments, and suggestions.

The future is promising, a great deal of work lies ahead. In 1996 the RAH board looks forward to new fields, better competitive programs, revised administrative policies and procedures, and your involvement!!

Respectfully Submitted:

Doug Boyd        Paul Snopek
Dave Casey       Al Struthers
Rick DeSanti     Tim Teahan
Jim Mahoney      Al Walder
Jim McEwan       Al Morris
REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I submit herewith, the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending, December 31, 1995.

During the year, the Police Department recorded 4,018 log entries. Of these, 1,613 required further investigation. The calls received by the department were for assistance, complaints and for reporting crimes. The following is a general breakdown of the type of complaints received and investigated by the Police Department:

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<td>Bikes recovered</td>
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<td>Bikes reported stolen</td>
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<td>Bomb scare</td>
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<td>Buildings found open</td>
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<td>Disturbance</td>
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<td>Dog bites</td>
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<td>Weapons, carry, shooting, possession</td>
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During the year, 162 persons were arrested or summoned and a total of 299 complaints were filed against them in court, in the following categories:

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<td>Receiving stolen property</td>
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Police Department P 2

There were 89 motor vehicle accidents involving 123 motor vehicles with 17 people requiring medical treatment.

There were a total of 498 citations issued with 281 on radar.

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<td>Failure to yield to oncoming traffic</td>
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### Criminal Citations

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<td>Using m/v without authority</td>
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During the year, $1,936.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards and pistol permits. The town received $11,345.00 from the Registry of Motor Vehicles, which was the town's share of fines collected.

Our Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone System has been in operation since the spring of 1995. The new system has become a very important part of the Police Department and is working very well. We again wish to emphasize how important it is to have your house number prominently displayed to help emergency service's to respond to your home.

The DARE program is continuing in our local schools. Acting Sergeant Snow conducts the DARE program two days each week and has made it very successful and well accepted. Any resident who wishes to contribute to the DARE program may do so by sending their donation to "Hampden DARE" in care of the Hampden Town Treasurer.
Police Department P3

In August the Police Department obtained a 1985 4 wheel drive Chev K5 Blazer through a State and Federal program which allows local communities to receive surplus military property. This vehicle has proved to be invaluable to the department during this winter. The department was able to maintain its patrols no matter what the weather and we were able to transport many residents who were unable to make it to their homes. While the department did not have to pay any cost for the vehicle, we did have to install lights, siren and radio equipment. I would like to thank the members of the Hampden Police Association and Bourbeau & Hinch Insurance Agency, Inc. for the donations given to the department which paid for the equipment.

In July Officer Donald Snow was promoted to the position of Acting Sergeant to fill a vacancy due to the retirement of Sergeant Raymond Schmuck as a result of a disability. Acting Sergeant Snow has been assigned to the 11-7 shift. In August William Joy Jr joined our department as a full time officer. Officer Joy is a former Monson Police Officer and the son of former Chief of Police William Joy Sr. and Nancy Joy who retired from the Police Department as Chief's Secretary in 1994.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued support and cooperation, all members and civilian employees of the Police Department, the Fire Chief and members of his department, the Highway Superintendent and members of his department, all the elected and appointed town officials we have worked with and the citizens of the community for their continued support and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted

George K. Stone Jr.
Chief of Police
1995 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TOWN REPORT

Excellence First, Learning Always: The Strategic Plan, initiated during 1994, continues to play an important role in the development of the Regional School District. The Vision and Mission Statements have been stated as action steps with individuals assigned the responsibility of moving the steps forward. At the present time, the Steering Committee is monitoring the progress of the plan and will be reporting to the school committee this spring.

A number of educational initiatives have been implemented and significant program changes occurred in 1995. Reading Recovery, an early intervention reading program for selected Grade 1 students has been expanded from its start at Green Meadows School to the elementary schools in the district. All kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms have a new assessment and report cards in place which reflects classroom activities and stresses parent-teacher conferences.

At Thornton Burgess and Soule Road Schools, the science curriculum has been reviewed and is currently offered through thematic units with a clear scope and sequence. The social studies program at Wilbraham Middle School has been revised for Grades 6-8. At Minnechaug, a new English program, entitled “Literature and Composition,” has been developed and required for all Grade 9 students. Also at Minnechaug, the business and technical education departments are expanding their relationship with Springfield Technical Community College, offering students the opportunity to gain credit for their high school course of study. As required by the Massachusetts Department of Education, the general track at the high school has been eliminated. Students previously assigned to level three courses have been absorbed in level two classes. The high school administration is closely monitoring this change as to the impact on the school’s effectiveness in meeting student needs.

Green Meadows School initiated a “Read Aloud” program sponsored by the Volunteers In Public Schools (VIPS), which brought members of the community into the school. Each class has a unique puppet mascot and the book read by the adult to the students is presented as a gift to the class through funding by the Comprehensive Health Grant.

The conversion of administrative and student data from the PDP-11 main-frame computer, to site based personal computers, was completed this past summer. All financial and administrative functions are now generated on site and managed by school personnel. A group of citizens serving on a technology advisory committee have provided helpful guidance in this major conversion.

While school population has not reached the heights of the early seventies, the student population in Hampden and Wilbraham increased for the sixth straight year. This prompted the school committee to form a Facilities Planning Committee to look at the long-range needs of the school system. The committee consists of parents, administrators, school committee members, and teachers. The Facilities Committee is charged with making a recommendation to the school committee in March of 1996, as to whether there is a need for additional school space. Town Meeting action is required to form a Building Committee.

A highlight of the past school year at Minnechaug was the presence of Mr. Simon Gillett, a Fullbright Exchange Teacher from The Blandford School, Blandford Dorset, England. Simon served as a member of the English department, replacing Mr. David Bernstein, who took over Mr. Gillett’s duties at The Blandford School. Simon’s insight and wit were enjoyed by all. In addition to his teaching duties, Simon also coached in the boys’ soccer program, which in true English style, he referred to as “football.”
A number of improvements in school facilities were accomplished in the past year. The construction and dedication of the Spear Memorial Field, to Amy and Allison Spear, took place on June 11, 1995. The fields represent a major improvement to the resources at Minnechaug and will be utilized by the field hockey and softball teams. In December a tree planting and ceremony was held by friends and relatives in memory of Robert Persons, a member of the Class of 1996, who died in an automobile accident at the start of the school year.

Other facility improvements include the reconstruction of the track, which will be utilized for the first time in the spring of 1996. At Thornton Burgess Middle School, the roof replacement was completed, the univents have all been examined and repaired, and are fully functional. Through a joint effort by the town and school district, a new walk-in freezer has been installed at Thornton Burgess. At Mile Tree, Soule Road, Memorial, and Minnechaug, the fuel tanks have been replaced to avoid soil contamination through leaks and assure the safety of the students assigned to the buildings.

Our communities were saddened by the deaths of Mrs. Charlotte Miller, the librarian and kindergarten teacher at Green Meadows School, and Mrs. Joan Neelans, a long-time teacher at Soule Road School and administrative assistant to the Superintendent of Schools. For the past two decades, Charlotte and Joan touched the lives of thousands of students and contributed greatly to their school and profession to improve the education of children in Hampden and Wilbraham.

A number of long-term faculty members retired during the past year. They are:

- Judith Moriarty, Green Meadows School
- Cecelia Nicholas, Thornton Burgess Middle School
- Roger McCarthy, Soule Road School
- Edward Nelligan, Wilbraham Middle School
- Jeanne Strycharz, Wilbraham Middle School
- James DeWolf, Minnechaug Regional High School
- Patricia Osmond, Minnechaug Regional High School

To all the retirees, the committee expresses their appreciation for many years of dedicated service and extends their wishes for a long and healthy retirement.

After many years as a teacher and administrator in the Hampden Public Schools, Mr. John Farrell, Principal of Green Meadows School, decided on a career change to become a full-time reading recovery teacher. Mr. Thomas J. Sullivan, of East Longmeadow, was appointed Principal of Green Meadows School, after serving a number of years as a teacher and principal in the Springfield Public Schools. Joining the school district as Assistant Superintendent is Dr. Anne Towle, who served previously as the Director of Elementary Education in Holliston, Massachusetts. Dr. Towle received her doctorate from Boston College, and has extensive experience in curriculum development, performance assessment, and professional development.

With 88% of the senior class at Minnechaug taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), Minnechaug’s scores remained well above national and state averages.

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| TOTAL | 819    | 2131   | 2960   | 821    | 2280   | 3111   | 829    | 2294   | 3198   | 863    | 2360   | 3306   | 920    | 2363   | 3365   |

The committee wishes to applaud the effectiveness of the School Councils and make note to the community the services rendered parents and citizens of Hampden:

**Green Meadows**

Marilyn Abbott  
Douglas Boyd  
Mary Grasseti  
Katherine Nardi  
Patricia Pastoreck

**Thornton Burgess**

Corinne Balas  
Susan Gorski  
George Ingles  
Karen Kiehl  
Rod Larsen  
Kris Tower

**Minnechaug Regional**

Joseph Carr  
Willbur Jenkins  
Kimberly Kiser  
Brenna Leahey  
Charity Marlatt  
F. Navab  
Diana Taeger  
Marge Zlencina

In the coming year the committee will be dealing with the search for a new superintendent and principal of Thornton Burgess Middle School. Revision of the administrative structure will be dealt with and the resolution of collective bargaining contracts will be given top priority.

The school committee thanks all those citizens who have volunteered to contribute their time and expertise for the benefit of the students. Working together we continue to work toward Excellence First, Learning Always.
HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
WILBRAHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
June 30, 1995

**ASSETS**

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<td>M.M.D.T.</td>
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**LIABILITIES AND RESERVES**

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Treasurer's Report

The past year did show a slight increase in interest rates on the Town's investments. I was able to invest some of the Town's trust funds in certificates of deposits at 5.25% and 6%, not exactly the high yields of ten years ago but better than the last few years. Interest on investments rose from $10,350.09 in '94 to $14,656.38 in '95. The duty of safeguarding as well as investing public funds has become increasingly difficult. As we see banks merge this reduces the number of institutions the Treasurer can use and still stay within FDIC limits. One solution has been collateralized accounts which offer safety at slightly lower interest rates.

Last year I reported that 13 properties had been placed in Land Court for foreclosure by the Town. These properties had been in arrears for several years. All attempts by the Collector and myself to collect went unheeded. Since beginning the Land Court process, one of the properties was purchased and redeemed. Two other properties will be auctioned, not by the Town, but by the mortgage holders, after which the liens will be paid with the proceeds of the sales. Two properties have been cleared through Land Court and can be sold in one year. The remaining eight properties are at various stages of clearing Land Court. The process can be complicated and lengthy, however it is important as it gives "absolute" title of the land to the Town. This year accounts totaling $33,735.31 have been collected by the Treasurer. All of these accounts are being kept current as of this date.

As always, I welcome any questions or comments from residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Easton-Vicaivi
Treasurer
**QUARTERLY REPORT OF RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH**

**Quarter Ending December 31, 1995**

**PART I:**

A. Cash and checks in office

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B. Non-Interest Bearing Checking Accounts *

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C. Interest Bearing Checking Accounts *

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$ 72,152.33

D. Liquid Investments *

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Total

$486,188.16
### E. Term Investments *

Certificates of Deposit

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Total: $59,528.69

U.S. Treasury Bills

Repurchase Agreements

Others

Total: $59,528.69

### E. Trust Funds

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Total: $50,717.47

Total of all Cash and Investments: $668,587.65

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THE TOWN CLERK

Vital statistics recorded in Hampden are:

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Money submitted to the Town Treasurer in 1995 is

Fish and Game
- Gross $5555.55
- Fees 136.55
Dog Licenses 1425.00
UCC Recordings 490.00
Certified Copies and Publications 911.07
Trade Names and Marriages 585.00
Miscellaneous 915.00

Total 4462.62

Available in the Town Clerk's office:
- Subdivision Control Law $3.00
- Zoning By-Law 5.00
- Zoning Map 5.00
- Certified Copies (vital statistics) 5.00
- Marriage License 15.00
- Trade Name in Business (dba) 20.00
- Street List 5.00
- Voters' List 5.00
- Voters' List on disk 20.00
- Voter Registration Card 5.00
- Hampden Street Map no charge while supply lasts

In 1995 Massachusetts, through its Town and City Clerk offices, successfully implemented the National Voter Registration Act. This statute proposes the maintenance of accurate and current voter registration lists and ease of all eligible citizens to register to vote. A person may register to vote at the DMV and at other state agencies. Because the voter data base is state wide--all cities and towns sharing the same information--double registration is avoided.

I believe that Massachusetts is the first state in the nation to put this Central Voter Registry system in place. The state conducted meetings and classes to educate the staff of all Town and City Clerks. Our Hampden office attended four all-day classes and recently hosted a class attended by Town Clerks and staff from Wilbraham, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow and Hampden. Three persons from the Secretary of State's office taught this class. It was a chance to ask individual questions and iron out any wrinkles we may have found with each of our applications.

Again it is time to thank the residents of the Town of Hampden for the daily support given in numerous ways. I am looking forward to your response to the local census inquiry. We always have a high percentage of returns without second notices being mailed. This reduces the cost to the Town and the time necessary to get accurate updated, information. Thank you for your efforts in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita A. Vail, Town Clerk

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The fiscal year 1995 closed and fiscal year 1996 opened in a very normal manner with moderate activity above the routine calendar events.

The Board of Assessors brought into our office a new clerk, Diane Hildreth.

Plans are being made for a Valuation Certification program that shall take place during FY 1997. Valuation Certification is a state mandated process that requires all cities and towns in the Commonwealth to demonstrate that their real estate and personal property values are at full fair values. Valuation updating must be achieved triennially, Hampden's next date is fiscal 1997. At the next town meeting the town will be asking the voters to approve and fund a plan the Assessors will present.

A very great loss occurred to the Board of Assessors when our coworker and good friend Lori Green passed away. Lori was well known for her assistance with all taxpayers that came to our office. Lori had served well the town of Hampden for eighteen years, thank you-you are missed.

This year Mr. Stanley Witkop will have served the Town of Hampden in the Assessors office for 25 years. Congratulations and thank you Chuck,

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Baush
Stanley Witkop
Richard Jalbert, Chairman

| Total appropriations to be raised          | $5,270,574.00 |
| Other local expenditures                  | 153,360.00    |
| State and County Cherry sheet             | 34,008.00     |
| Allowance for abatements and Exemptions (overlay) | 73,783.00 |

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED $5,531,725.00

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1995 Estimated Receipts by Cherry Sheet $464,779.00

Motor Vehicle Excise $344,715.00
Penalties and Interest on Taxes and Excises 37,430.00
Dept. of Revenue-Libraries 835.00
Other Departmental Revenue 34,363.00
Licenses and Permits 22,753.00
Fines and Forfeits 23,640.00
Investment Income 18,049.00
Miscellaneous Recurring 6,718.00
Total $488,503.00

Revenue Sources 87,031.00