

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of Hampden

For the Year Ending December 31,

1916

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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

**Selectmen and Overseers
of the Poor**

**Treasurer, Assessors, School Committee,
Superintendent of Schools and
Trustees of Public Library**

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1916

Town Officers

Clerk and Treasurer
WILLIE M. PEASE.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor
CHARLES I. BURLEIGH, Chairman.
LEROY O. HOWLETT. NELSON M. CAREW.

Assessors
MATTHIAS CASEY, Chairman.
JOHN J. FLYNN. JOHN BARTLETT.

School Committee
MARCUS S. BEEBE, Chairman.
WILLIAM E. KENDALL. A. B. NEWELL.

Trustees of Town Library
MISS KENIA CAREW.
MISS GRACE PEASE. CHARLES SHUTE.

Collector of Taxes
CHARLES N. WHITAKER.

Constables
EDWARD P. LYONS.
HENRY W. CHAPMAN. MATHEW WITKOP.

Cemetery Commissioners
JOHN GORDON.
JAMES W. MULRONEY. CHARLES H. BURLEIGH.

Auditor

JOHN Q. ADAMS.

Tree Warden

EDWARD P. LYONS.

Highway Surveyor

ERNEST W. HOWLETT.

Forest Fire Warden

EDWARD P. LYONS.

Cattle Inspector

JOHN J. FLYNN.

Inspector of Meat and Provisions

GEORGE F. SHAW.

Fence Viewers

WARREN DICKINSON.

RAYMOND E. KIBBE. WALTER BARTLETT.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

HENRY W. CHAPMAN.

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPDEN, SS.

To Edward P. Lyons, Constable of the Town of Hampden:—

GREETING:—In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, the fifth day of February, A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, who shall be Overseers of the Poor, one School Committee for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Collector of Taxes, three Constables, three Fence Viewers, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Highway Surveyor for one year, one Tree Warden, one Library Trustee for three years, and one Auditor. Also to vote on the following question, the ballot to be "Yes" or "No": "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town be granted?"—all to be on one ballot. Also to choose all other necessary Town officers. The polls open at ten-fifteen A. M. and may close at two-fifteen P. M.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, School Committee, Highway Surveyor, Assessors, Tax Collector, Library Trustees, Cemetery Commissioners, Auditor, and any Committee whose duty it may be to report at said meeting and act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To determine the method of collecting taxes and direct in regard to the payment of the same.

ARTICLE 5. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6. To see what disposition the Town will make of the dog fund, now in the hands of the Treasurer.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote a compensation to its Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen or other persons to prosecute violations of the liquor law and raise and make an appropriation therefor.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will appoint an agent or agents to institute or prosecute or defend suits and actions at law to which the Town may be a party.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission for graveling of a section of road as petitioned by the Selectmen and to make an appropriation therefor.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow

money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1917, and to issue note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will authorize and provide sufficient funds for the publication of booklet or document which shall contain the 1917 valuation and taxation as determined by the Assessors.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50, to be expended within the Town under direction of the Hampden County Improvement League for the promotion of boys' and girls' club work, and the improvement of agriculture and country life in the Town, including agricultural demonstration work on land owned by the Town or owned by any resident of the Town, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 707 of the acts of 1914.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be used by the tree warden in co-operation with the Hampden County Improvement League in purchasing and setting desirable shade trees where needed along the principal streets.

ARTICLE 15. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year, and carry into effect any vote or votes passed under the preceding articles and to appropriate the same, also to vote how such money shall be raised.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at each of the three

places designated by the Town. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of January, 1917.

CHARLES I. BURLEIGH,
LEROY O. HOWLETT,
NELSON M. CAREW,

Selectmen of Hampden.

Report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

For the Year Ending December 30, 1916

We have paid as follows:—

CONTINGENCIES

Daily News Job Print and Bindery, printing ballots Spring election,	\$13.60
Springfield Printing and Binding Co.: Printing Town Reports,	\$71.20
Tax bills,	5.25
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S. C. Warriner, insurance,	13.97
Scott Adams, counsel for School Committee,	10.00
The Springfield Union, advertising,75
Carter Ink Co., 1 dozen ink,	1.25
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., Pauper register,	1.50
George F. Shaw, meat inspection,	73.50
John Q. Adams, services as Auditor,	15.20
John J. Flynn, Inspector of Animals,	29.44
D. L. McCray, election officer,	8.00
H. M. Davis, election officer,	4.00
John J. Twohig, election officer,	6.00
W. D. McCray, election officer,	2.00
M. S. Beebe, election officer,	2.00
John J. Flynn, election officer,	4.00
Arthur V. Deane, election officer,	2.00
E. P. Lyons, election officer,	2.00
Robert S. Pease, election officer,	2.00

E. P. Lyons:

Copying and posting warrants, Spring election,	\$3.50	
Copying and posting warrants, Presidential primary,	2.00	
Copying and posting warrants, State primary,	1.50	
Copying and posting warrants, Presidential election,	3.75	
Services as Constable at election,	3.00	
Services as Constable, July 4,	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$15.75

Clark Goodwill, Teams for Assessors,	6.00
Albert Brodway, services for Board of Health,	1.00
James W. Mulroney, mowing Prospect Hill Cemetery,	12.00

Henry W. Chapman:

Services as Constable, July 4,	\$2.00	
Services as Constable,	6.00	
Services as Sealer of Weights and Measures,	2.87	
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Charles N. Whitaker, services collecting taxes of 1914,	60.00
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Charles S. Shute, housing hearse,	5.00
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Willie M. Pease:

Clerk of election officers,	\$8.00
Election caucuses,	6.00
Tally sheets,	6.00
Return of Representative vote,	3.00
Services as Registrar,	6.00
Two Check lists,	4.00
Posting notices,	4.00
Express and telephones,	3.70
Postage and stationery,	9.00

Recording births, marriages, and deaths,	\$8.60	
Certifying Town papers,	5.00	
Printing election ballots,	4.00	
One Record Book,	1.25	
License blanks,50	
Index books,55	
Registration blanks,	2.20	
	—————	\$71.80

C. I. Burleigh:

Services Board of Health,	\$7.50	
Services and expense investigating pauper cases,	4.45	
Postage, stationery, telephone,	13.00	
	—————	24.95

Matthias Casey:

Copying street lists,	\$4.00	
Copying list for Registrars,	2.00	
Copying list for Tax Commissioner,	10.00	
Postage, stationery, and telephones,	3.50	
Field and Collector's book and blanks,	6.75	
Express and blanks from Boston,	1.85	
	—————	28.10

TOWN OFFICERS**Town Treasurer**

Willie M. Pease,	25.00
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Selectmen

C. I. Burleigh,	\$75.00	
L. O. Howlett,	30.00	
N. M. Carew,	30.00	
	—————	135.00

Assessors

Matthias Casey,	\$58.00	
John Bartlett,	25.00	
John J. Flynn,	25.00	
		————— \$108.00

School Committee

M. S. Beebe,	\$45.00	
A. B. Newell,	20.00	
W. E. Kendall,	20.00	
		————— 85.00

Total,	\$856.13	
Appropriation,	800.00	
		—————
Expended above appropriation,	\$56.13	

TOWN HALL

W. S. Beebe, janitor,	\$40.20	
E. P. Lyons, supplies,	7.10	
A. G. Corey, sundries,	12.28	
Central Mass. Electric Co., lights,	3.30	
		—————
	\$62.88	
Received for rent,	58.00	
		—————
Expended above available,	\$4.88	

TOWN HALL FIRE

Joseph W. Dunsmore, repairing slate roof,	\$3.00	
R. M. West, work on cupola,	35.50	
N. M. Carew, lumber,	4.00	
E. P. Lyons, ladder and express,	1.75	

Homer Foot & Co., weather vane,	19.00
Witkop Bros., painting,	105.14
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	\$168.39
Received fire insurance,	275.00
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Unexpended,	\$106.61

PAUPERS

We have expended,	\$487.50
Appropriation,	\$500.00
Received of Town of Ludlow,	43.72
Received from State,	15.00
Due from State,	24.00
Due from State under chapter 763, Statute 1913,	16.00
Due from Town of Ludlow,	12.50
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	611.22
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Expended less than appropriation and available, .	\$123.72

CEMETERY

We have paid approved bills of the Cemetery Com- missioners, which is available from the Bum- stead fund,	\$49.75
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GENERAL REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS

Appropriation,	\$500.00
We have paid approved bills of the Highway Surveyor,	523.93
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Expended above appropriation,	\$23.93

RESURFACING GRAVEL ROADS

Appropriation,	\$400.00
Paid approved bills of Highway Surveyor,	89.00
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Expended less than appropriation,	\$311.00

STATE GRAVEL ROAD

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Due from State on account,	750.00
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	\$1,050.00
Paid approved bills of Highway Surveyor,	1,075.11
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Due from State,	\$25.11

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation,	\$125.00
Available from Joanna B. Holt fund,	20.20
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	\$145.20
Paid approved bills of Library Trustees,	146.01
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Expended above appropriation,	\$0.81

ACCIDENT AND LIABILITY INSURANCE

Appropriation,	\$50.00
Paid Ætna Life Insurance Co.,	51.54
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Expended above appropriation,	\$1.54

FOREST FIRE APPARATUS

Appropriation,	\$50.00
Paid approved bills of Warden,	10.92
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Expended less than appropriation,	\$39.08

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation,	\$50.00
Paid approved bills of Warden,	50.50
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Expended above appropriation,	\$0.50

STREET LIGHTS

Paid Central Massachusetts Electric Co., for street lights,	\$148.09
Appropriation,	875.00
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Expended less than appropriation,	\$726.91

STATE AID

Amount due year ending December 31, 1915,	\$396.00
Expended and due from State,	351.00
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	\$747.00
Received from State Treasurer,	354.00
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Amount due year ending December 31, 1916,	\$393.00

RESOURCES

Cash in treasury,	\$744.43
Due from State account of gravel road,	750.00
State Aid,	393.00
Transportation to High School,	409.80
Statute 1913, Chapter 763,	16.00
Due from State Board of Charity,	24.00
Due from Town of Ludlow,	12.50
Due from Public Library Trust fund,	20.20
Due from Bumstead fund,	49.75

Due from C. N. Whitaker, Tax Collector, 1915,	\$721.50
Due from C. N. Whitaker, Tax Collector, 1916,	3,289.45
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	\$6,430.63

LIABILITIES

Temporary loan,	\$6,200.00
High School Tuition, City of Springfield,	1,160.00
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	7,360.00
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Balance against the Town,	\$929.37

RECAPITULATION

	Appropriated and available.	Expended.
Electric lights for streets,	\$875.00	\$148.09
Contingencies,	800.00	856.13
State Aid,	747.00	351.00
Town Hall Fire,	275.00	168.39
Paupers,	611.22	487.50
State Gravel Road,	1,050.00	1,075.11
General Repairs, Highways,	500.00	523.93
Resurfacing Gravel Road,	400.00	89.00
Public Library,	145.20	146.01
Town Hall,	58.00	62.88
Accident and Liability Insurance,	50.00	51.54
Forest Fires,	100.00	
Fire Apparatus,	50.00	10.92
Tree Warden,	50.00	50.50
Interest,	300.00	415.53
To reduce Town Debt,	500.00	800.00
Railing,	75.00	
Scantic Bridge,	200.00	

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:—

Schools, dog fund and	\$1,600.00
Books and supplies,	275.00
Permanent repairs,	200.00
Music,	125.00
Drawing,	100.00
Superintendent,	85.00
School Physician,	20.00
Public Library,	125.00
State road,	200.00
General repairs, highways,	500.00
Resurfacing gravel road,	400.00
Paupers,	500.00
Contingencies,	800.00
Interest,	300.00
Forest fires,	100.00
Accident insurance,	50.00
Tree warden,	25.00
Forest fire apparatus,	50.00
To reduce indebtedness,	1,000.00
Street lights,	875.00

In compliance with the vote of the Town we have signed a contract with the Central Massachusetts Electric Company to light our streets with fifty electric lights for a period of five years at \$875.00 per year. This contract expires July 7, 1921.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES I. BURLEIGH,
LEROY O. HOWLETT,
NELSON M. CAREW,

Selectmen of Hampden.

Highway Surveyor's Report

NEW GRAVEL ROAD

E. W. Howlett,	\$177.50
E. G. Newcomb,	81.01
Harry Goodwill,	64.13
Henry McQuillen,	73.13
Francis Eldridge,	4.50
Truman Laird,	64.13
Charles Soper,	46.13
Elmer Soper,	68.63
Louis Laird,	105.52
Joseph Dunsmore,	77.50
Clement Laird,	54.00
— Bryant,	1.13
Donald Wade,	20.25
W. D. McCray,	85.00
Austin Harris,	60.00
Albert Bradway,	27.00
G. G. Stebbins, gravel,	16.24
Louis Laird, gravel,	28.56
Three shovels,	3.30
Six gallons of oil,60
Twine,15
Stakes,	3.00
Livery,	3.00
Lantern,85
Powder and fuse,25
Rake,60
Incidentals,	2.00

Blacksmithing,	\$3.00
Stone bound,	4.00
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	\$1,075.11

RESURFACING

E. W. Howlett,	\$37.50
E. J. Thresher,	9.00
Tennis Rock,	16.75
E. G. Newcomb,	10.00
Albert Bradway,	10.75
Austin Harris,	5.00
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	\$89.00

GENERAL REPAIRS

E. W. Howlett,	\$210.02
Albert Bradway,	33.67
L. O. Howlett,	6.75
Harry Goodwill,	20.22
Charles Soper,	1.54
E. G. Newcomb,	64.38
C. N. Whitaker,	9.00
Tennis Rock,	63.13
Dan O'Brien,	4.00
Raymond Pease,	1.75
J. Dickey,	1.75
Walter Temple,	20.52
E. J. Thresher,	45.00
George Patrick,	7.25
M. Mills,	4.00
C. I. Burleigh,	1.00
N. M. Carew, lumber,	18.70
Scraper blade,	10.00

Blacksmithing,	\$1.00
Spikes,25
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	\$523.93

E. W. HOWLETT,

Highway Surveyor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the various Town Officers of the Town, and find them correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN Q. ADAMS,

Auditor.

Hampden, Mass., Jan. 18, 1917.

Town Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

Cash in Treasury January 1, 1916,	\$295.77
Received of C. N. Whitaker, Collector:	
On Taxes assessed 1914,	583.18
Interest on Taxes 1914,	53.24
On Taxes assessed 1915,	1,535.20
Interest on Taxes 1915,	72.54
On Taxes assessed 1916,	5,524.72
Interest on Taxes 1916,	5.95
Received of State Treasurer:—	
Account of Forester,	50.06
Income Massachusetts School fund,	1,504.38
High School transportation,	692.10
High School tuition,	1,602.50
Mothers with dependents,	10.00
Burial of paupers,	15.00
Compensation Inspector of Animals,	14.72
Corporation Tax public service,	80.97
National Bank Tax,	23.43
State Aid,	354.00
Soldiers' exemption,	71.31
Received of County Treasurer, dog fund,	109.18
Received of Selectmen,	90.00
Received of C. J. Flynn, liquor license,	300.00
Received of Third National Bank, loan,	6,200.00
Received of Third National Bank, interest on deposits,	23.66

Received of Springfield Institution for Savings:	
Bumstead fund,	\$125.75
Library fund,	31.00
Stacy fund,	6.00
Holt fund,	8.00
Leonard fund,	4.00
Stoddard fund,	2.00
Received of N. E. Fease, butcher's license,	1.00
Received of Town of Ludlow,	43.72
Received of Hampden Grange, hall rent,	38.00
Received of L. O. Howlett, rent of hall,	5.00
Received of W. S. Beebe, rent of hall,	15.00
Received insurance on Town Hall,	275.00
Received of Evanore O. Beebe,	204.57
Received of E. W. Howlett, survey stakes,	3.00
Received of Henry Chapman, Sealer,87
Received of Mrs. F. J. Kenworthy, school supplies,93
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	\$19,975.75

EXPENDITURES

Paid A. F. Ballard, school order of 1915,	\$27.00
Paid State Treasurer, one-quarter liquor license,	75.00
Paid State Treasurer, State tax,	880.00
Paid Bureau of Statistics, certifying Town notes,	2.00
Paid C. H. Burleigh, interest on note 19,	123.75
Paid C. H. Burleigh, interest on notes 17 and 18,	111.29
Paid C. H. Burleigh, notes 17, 18 and 19,	7,000.00
Paid John Gordon, burial permits,	1.75
Paid William Jones, Assessors' Warrant,	5.30
Paid tax abatements,	18.50
Paid County Treasurer, County tax,	447.68
Paid Third National Bank, interest on note 20,	180.49
Paid H. F. Curtis, birth returns,	3.75

Paid approved orders, School Committee,	\$6,284.06
Paid Selectmen's orders,	4,070.75
Balance in treasury,	744.43

\$19,975.75

TRUST FUNDS

Bequest of Cemetery fund of Josiah Bumstead deposited with the Springfield Institu- tion for Savings, Book No. 143425,	\$2,000.00
Amount of interest to January, 1917,	334.48
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	\$2,334.48

Bequest of Cemetery fund of Helen E. Stacy deposited with the Springfield Institu- tion for Savings, Book No. 199108,	\$150.00
Interest to January, 1917,	9.70
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	\$159.70

Bequest of Cemetery fund of Joanna B. Holt deposited with the Springfield Institu- tion for Savings, Book No. 206606,	\$200.00
Interest to January, 1917,	11.62
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	\$211.62

Bequest of Library fund of Joanna B. Holt deposited with the Springfield Institu- tion for Savings, Book No. 206726,	\$500.00
Interest to January, 1917,	20.20
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	\$520.20

Bequest of Cemetery fund of Rev. D. H. Stod- dard deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 216- 868,	\$50.00
Interest to January, 1917,	3.40
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	\$53.40

Bequest of Cemetery fund of Anna S. Leonard deposited with the Springfield Institu- tion for Savings, Book No. 208607, . . .	\$100.00
Interest to January, 1917,	5.44
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	\$105.44

Special Account

Balance of Cement Walk account, cash on hand, . . . \$5.00

WILLIE M. PEASE,

Treasurer.

Hampden, January, 1917.

Town Clerk's Report

Births recorded Jan. 1, 1916, to Dec. 31, 1916,	9
Males,	4
Females,	5
American-born parentage,	7
Foreign parentage,	2
Marriages recorded Jan. 1, 1916, to Dec. 31, 1916, .	10
Deaths recorded Jan. 1, 1916, to Dec. 31, 1916, . . .	9
Males,	5
Females,	4
American-born,	6
Foreign,	3
Documents recorded,	2
Dog licenses issued,	51

RECEIPTS

43 male dog licenses at \$2 each,	\$86.00
3 female dog licenses at \$5 each,	15.00
5 spayed dog licenses at \$2 each,	10.00
	—————\$111.00

EXPENDITURES

Clerk's fees, 51 at 20 cents each,	\$10.20
Paid County Treasurer,	102.60
	—————\$112.80
Resident hunters' certificates Jan. 1, 1916, to Dec. 31, 1916, 34 at \$1 each,	\$34.00
Non-Resident hunters' cetificate, 1 at \$10, .	10.00
	————— \$44.00

Paid Commissioners of Fisheries and Game,	\$38.75	
Paid fees on 35 certificates at 15 cents each,	5.25	
	<u> </u>	\$44.00

WILLIE M. PEASE,

Town Clerk.

Hampden, Mass., January, 1917.

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Assessors' Report for 1916

Value of assessed personal estate,.....	\$92,585.00
Value of buildings excluding land,.....	172,470.00
Value of land excluding buildings,.....	233,520.00
	<u>498,575.00</u>
Total valuation,.....	\$498,575.00

Tax for State purposes,.....	\$880.00
Tax for County purposes,.....	447.68
Tax for Town purposes including overlay,.....	7,478.49
Added assessment,.....	8.00

Total for State, County, and Town purposes,.....	\$8,814.17
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Rate per cent on \$1,000,.....	\$17.00
Number of residents assessed on property,...	168
Number of non-residents assessed on property,	88
Number of corporations assessed on property,.	3
Number of persons assessed on poll tax only,...	53
Number of persons exempt on poll tax only,....	10
Number of horses assessed,	193
Number of cows assessed,.....	387
Number of neat cattle assessed,.....	166
Number of swine assessed,.....	47
Number of dwelling houses assessed,.....	187
Number of acres of land assessed,.....	12,180
Number of fowls assessed,.....	5,858

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1916

Electric lights,	\$875.00
Schools,	1,600.00
Schools, books and supplies,	275.00
Schools, permanent repairs,	200.00
Schools, music,	125.00
Schools, drawing,	100.00
Schools, Superintendent,	85.00
Schools, Physician,	20.00
Library,	125.00
State gravel road,	300.00
Resurfacing gravel road,	400.00
Repairs on roads,	500.00
Paupers,	500.00
Contingencies,	800.00
Interest,	300.00
Forest fires,	100.00
Forest fires, apparatus,	50.00
Accident insurance,	50.00
Tree Warden,	50.00
To reduce Town's debt,	500.00
Railing,	75.00
Scantic Bridge,	200.00
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Total appropriation,	\$7,230.00

Respectfully submitted,

MATTHIAS CASEY,
JOHN BARTLETT,
JOHN J. FLYNN,

Assessors of Hampden.

Hampden, Mass., Dec. 31, 1916.