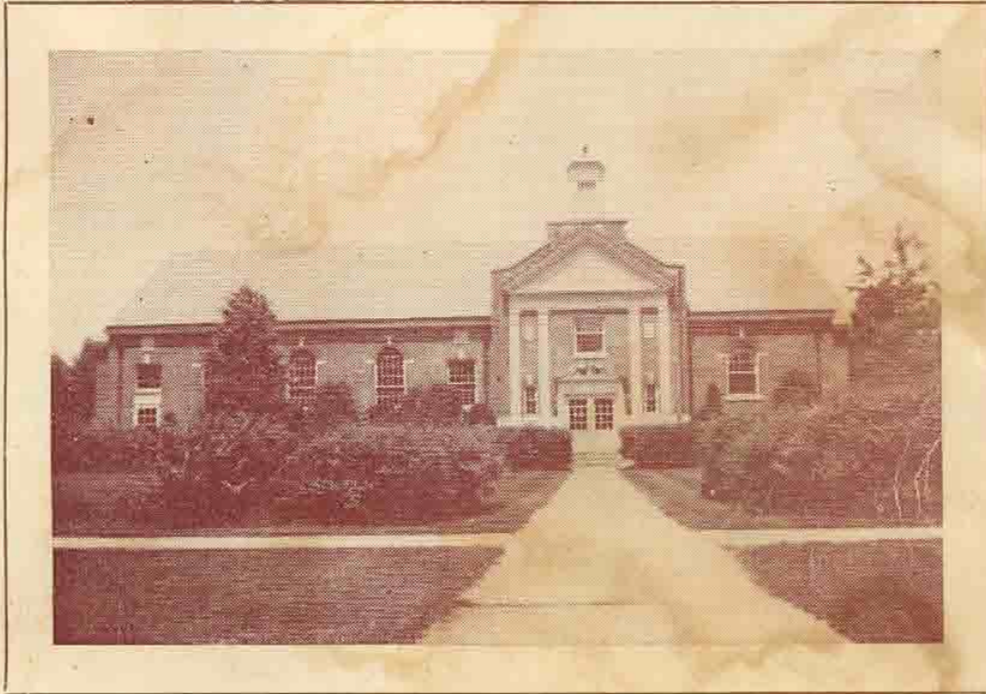


# *Annual Report*



## TOWN OF **HAMPDEN**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1949

*In Memoriam*

ERNEST W. HOWLETT

ROAD SURVEY

1913-1916

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

1935-1946

EDWARD J. LEDDY

BURIAL AGENT

1947-1949

WALTER BARTLETT

ASSESSOR

1919-1935

# *Annual Reports*

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

## Town of Hampden



AND OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1949

THE PALMER REGISTER, Inc.

Palmer, Mass.

1950

## Elected Town Officers --- 1949

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### Moderator

HERBERT L. BURNHAM

### Clerk and Treasurer

GRACE L. KIBBE

### Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

CARL P. LARSON, Chairman 1950

JAMES J. MORGAN, 1952

CLIFFORD R. GUNTHER, 1951

### Assessors

GEORGE A. CHAPIN, Chairman 1952

PERCY FULLER, 1950 WILLIAM D. McCRAY, 1951

Clerk and Assistant Assessor, ALICE FULLER

### School Committee

WILLIAM HARRY BURNS, Chairman 1950

ELIZABETH BENNETT, 1952

HAROLD H. JENSEN, JR. 1951

### Trustees for Public Library

GERTRUDE LYONS, 1951

ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN, 1950

ELEANOR B. McCRAY, 1952

### Collector of Taxes

RALPH B. HATCH

### Constables

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

JAMES P. LYONS

ALTON GREGORY

**Cemetery Commissioners**

JOHN B. ISHAM, 1951  
JULIUS L. GOTTSCHKE, 1950 HOMER FULLER, 1952

**Planning Board**

E. NORTON DAVIS, Chairman, 1952  
MARION WELLS GERRISH, 1953  
GERALD WITKOP, 1951  
C. KILBOURNE BUMP, 1950  
ABRAHAM WILEY, 1954

**Auditor**

BERNICE E. BAKER

**Tree Warden**

AUSTIN K. HARRIS

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS**

**Town Bookkeeper**

HELEN MANN  
LESLIE WOODS

**Forest Fire Warden**

CLIFFORD R. GUNTHER

**Inspector of Animals**

PERCY FULLER

**Inspector of Slaughtering**

EDWARD THRESHER

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

WILLIAM BUEREAU

**Moth Superintendent**

CHARLES LEMON

**Superintendent of Streets**

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

**Pound Keeper and Field Driver**

PERCY FULLER

**Fence Viewers**

WILLIAM D. McCRAY

GEORGE PATRIC, JR.                      WARREN DICKINSON

**Welfare Agent**

MARY CANTWELL

**Building Commissioner**

GORDON J. WILCUTT

**Electrical Inspector****Plumbing Inspector**

THOMAS HART

**Board of Appeals**

HOMER L. HATCH

GEORGE CHAPIN

HAROLD GREEN

DAVID JOYCE

MARCUS GOTTSCHKE, Sr.

**Alternates**

EARLE H. HARRIS

ALBERT LABELLE

**Advisory Board**

HAROLD HELBERG, 1951

HAROLD J. BENNETT, 1950      ERNEST L. WOODS, 1952

EDITH RANSOM, 1951              ROBERT S. PEASE, 1952

**Voters Liable for Jury Duty for the Year Beginning****August 1, 1949**

JOHN J. MORIARTY

GERALD WITKOP

EARLE E. DICKINSON

CHARLES LEMON

BEN F. LIBBY

DANIEL FLYNN

EARLE H. HARRIS

WILLIAM H. BURNS

JOHN F. WHITNEY

RALPH B. HATCH

**Board of Registrars**

GRACE L. KIBBE

MARCUS J. GOTTSCHKE, Sr.

EDWIN BRENNAN

JOHN J. FLYNN

## Town Warrant

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Hampden

Town of Hampden

To either of the Constables of the said Town of Hampden in said County:

#### GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the Town House on Monday, the sixth of February, A. D., 1950 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the election officers of said Town, for the following officers, to wit:

To choose a Moderator, a Town Clerk and a Town Treasurer for one year. To choose one Selectman for three years who shall also be on the Board of Public Welfare; to choose one Collector of Taxes; three Constables; one Tree Warden; one Auditor, all for the term of one year; and one Cemetery Commissioner, one Library Trustee, all for the term of three years; one member of the Planning Board, for the term of five years. Also to choose all other necessary Town Officers. The polls open at 10:15 A. M. and may close at 7 P. M.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Hampden, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town House, Hampden,

on Monday, February 13, A. D. 1950, at eight o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

*item 36  
page 53* Article 1. To hear the Annual reports of all the officers of the Town and any committee whose duty it may be to report at said meeting and act thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the following amounts be raised and appropriated to pay the salaries of the Elective Town Officers.

Salaries

Selectmen	?	\$300.00	
		200.00	
		200.00	\$700.00
Treasurer			500.00
Collector			500.00
Assessors		200.00	
		100.00	
		100.00	400.00
School Committee		60.00	
		30.00	
		30.00	120.00
Auditor			15.00
Moderator			10.00

Article 3. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the several purposes hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for the purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees, or officers of the town as follows:

General Government	
Selectmen's Expenses	\$300.00
Accounting	550.00
Treasurer's Expenses	150.00
Collector's Expenses	225.00
Assessor's Expenses	550.00
Town Clerk	200.00
Law and Claims	400.00
Building Inspector	150.00
Elections and Registrations	500.00
Town Hall	200.00
Town House Maintenance	2,500.00
Certifying Notes and Other Finance	50.00
Protection of Persons and Property	
Police	\$300.00
Forest Fire Equipment	200.00
Forest Fires	200.00
Forest Warden	50.00
Tree Warden	200.00
Fire House	425.00
Fire Truck Maintenance	914.00
Sealer	35.00
Moth Eradication	400.00
Health and Sanitation	
Meat Inspection	\$ 50.00
Animal Inspection	50.00
Health	1,750.00
Highways	
Snow and Ice Removal	\$1,800.00
Bridges and Railings and Highways	2,550.00
Street Lighting	891.08
Road Machinery	2,500.00
Garage Maintenance	100.00
Charities and Veteran's Benefits	
Old Age Assistance	\$12,000.00
Public Welfare	3,000.00
Veteran's Benefits	1,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,575.00 1,500.00
Schools	55,431.00
Library	1,000.00
Unclassified	
Memorial Day	\$150.00
Soldiers and Sailors Graves	120.00

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Town Common	50.00
Printing Town Reports	
Insurance	1,200.00
Reserve	2,000.00
Planning Board	50.00
Advisory Board	75.00
Cemeteries:	
Prospect Hill Cemetery	\$700.00

*Take up 20*  
Article 4. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund, now in the hands of the Treasurer.  
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The Advisory Committee recommends that this fund be paid to the Library Account.

Article 5. 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, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the Selectmen be appointed agents.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2550.00 for the repair and maintenance of Town Roads and instruct the Selectmen to petition and contract with the Commissioners of the Department of Public Works, under the provisions of Chapter 81, Section 28 of the General Laws.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in conjunction with any money that may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for the widening and surfacing a part of Ludlow Road, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that \$1,500.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 and 90 Highways in the three preceeding articles, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for planting trees along the highways.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to spray the elm trees along the highways; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be dismissed.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to defray the cost of pruning and destroying all existing dead wood in the elm trees of the Town, in accordance with provisions of Section 13, Chapter 761, Acts of 1949, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase and install new doors for the fire house and raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for same, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that \$1,100.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to rewire the fire house and to purchase and install necessary material, equipment and fixtures and raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for same, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that \$150.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to have a street light installed in the vicinity of Hatches' Store and the present post office, and to raise and appropriate money for same, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee consisting of the Board of Selectmen and three Veterans of World War II, authorize said committee to purchase and place a permanent honor roll in memory of the Veterans of World War II, and raise and appropriate money for said purchase and placement or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that \$250.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of a Dental Clinic, in accordance with provisions of Sec-

tion 50, Chapter III, General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the sum of \$400.00 be raised and appropriated for the Dental Clinic to be used as follows: \$375.00 for salary and \$25.00 for supplies.

Article 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to compromise the claim of Alton M. Gregory for damages to his property, and raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay said claim.

The Advisory Committee recommends that \$75.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be paid to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampden County Retirement System as provided by Chapter 658, Section 22, of the Acts of 1945.

The Advisory Committee recommends that \$477.75 be raised and appropriated.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-laws, or take any other action in relation thereto:

#### TOWN MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual Town Meeting held for the election of town officers shall be held on the first Monday in February.

Section 2. The annual Business Meeting shall be held on the Second Monday in February at 8 o'clock P. M.; and the warrants for all Town Meetings shall be posted on the bulletin boards in the Town House, at the intersection of Main Street and Somers Roads, and at the Town line on Allen Street at least seven days before the town meeting.

Section 3. The polls for the election of town officers shall be opened at 10 o'clock A. M. and remain open until 7 o'clock P. M. when they shall be closed; and it shall be so stated in the warrant calling said meeting.

Section 4. The number of voters to constitute a quorum shall be 20.

#### PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Section 1. Persons speaking shall address the Moderator.

Section 2. All questions asked of any person shall be asked through the Moderator.

Section 3. Non-voters attending any Town Meeting held for the transaction of business shall be seated separately from the voters in a place designated by the Moderator.

Section 4. All votes or motions shall be taken by a show of hands; nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the taking of a vote by ballot if a motion to that effect shall be duly made and carried by a majority of the voters present and voting thereon.

When a question is determined by a ballot vote, every person voting shall have his or her name checked by the check list of the Registrars of Voters before depositing the ballot in the receptacle provided.

Section 5. Unless otherwise provided by by-law, Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail in any question of procedure.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Advisory Committee to report its recommendations on the floor at each business meeting of the town.

#### CONTRACTS BY TOWN OFFICERS

Section 1. No contract involving an obligation of the town in excess of (\$200) shall be binding upon

the town unless it is in writing and is signed by at least a majority of the board or committee duly authorized or having control of the appropriation against which such obligation is incurred; and such board or committee shall make a record of every contract in a book which shall be the property of the Town.

Section 2. Every contract exceeding (\$1000) shall be accompanied by a suitable bond for the performance of the same, or by the deposit of money or security to the amount of such bond, if so requested by the officer or board authorized to make such contract.

### LEGAL AFFAIRS

Section 1. The Selectmen shall be the agents of the town to institute, prosecute, and defend any and all claims, actions and proceedings to which the Town is a party, or in which the interests of the town are, or may be involved.

Section 2. The Selectmen may at their discretion employ counsel to assist them in the institution, prosecution, and defense of any and all claims, actions and proceedings to which the town is a party, or in which the interests of the town are, or may be involved.

Section 3. The Selectmen may at their discretion compromise or settle any claim or suit to which the town is a party, which does not require the payment by the Town of an amount in excess of (\$500).

These By-Laws may be repealed, altered, or amended by a majority vote of the registered voters of the Town voting at any regular or special town meeting.

Any person, or persons violating any of the within By-Laws may be punished by a fine of \$20 for each offence.

All standing votes of the town which are inconsistent with these By-Laws are hereby rescinded.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted with the following change; that Section 1 relating to Town Meetings read: The Annual Town Meeting held for the election of town officers shall be held on the fourth Monday in February, and that Section 2 read: The annual Business Meeting shall be held on the first Monday in March at 8 o'clock P. M.; and the warrants for all Town Meetings shall be posted on the bulletin boards in the Town House; at the intersection of Main Street and Somers Road; and at the Town line on Allen Street at least seven days before the town meeting.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 for the Recreation Field, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that \$500.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to 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, 1950 and to issue a note or notes and renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of General Laws.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this article be accepted.

And you are 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 sixteenth day of January, 1950.

CARL P. LARSON  
CLIFFORD R. GUNTHER  
JAMES J. MORGAN  
Selectmen of Hampden

## Report of Advisory Committee

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January 14, 1950

The Advisory Board of the Town of Hampden has held nine meetings during the past year and held one public hearing.

Members have also attended three Association of Town Finance Committees Meetings in Boston, which have proved to be very helpful and beneficial to our committee.

The board who control the reserve fund which amounted to \$2,000.00 this year approved the transfer of \$776.71 leaving a balance in this account to be returned to the excess and deficiency fund of \$1,223.29.

We would like to call to the attention of department heads that all budget requests for the ensuing year are supposed to be in our hands at least ten days before the end of the fiscal year or Dec. 21st.

We ask the voters to please keep in mind that each additional \$1,000.00 raised by taxation over its recommendations will add approximately \$1.00 to the tax rate.

In closing we would like to thank the department heads who have cooperated with us this past year and stayed within the limits of their budgets.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. HELBERG, Chairman  
Dr. HAROLD J. BENNETT  
EDITH M. RANSOM  
ERNEST L. WOODS  
ROBERT S. PEASE

Advisory Committee

## Report of the By-Law Committee

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The By-Law committee, created under Article 34 in the Warrant for the annual Town Meeting held February 14, 1949, held nine meetings during the year and have drawn up the by-laws presented in an article in the Town Warrant for the consideration of the voters.

The committee recommends that the Selectmen take immediate steps for a drawing up of ordinances regulating the traffic in the town of Hampden, and that steps also be taken to regulate the use of the Hampden Memorial Park.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD J. BENNETT, Chairman

GRACE L. KIBBE

DONALD E. WILCOX

ARTHUR S. BENSON

GERALD WITKOP

## Report of Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

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The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its report for the year 1949. The regular meetings have been held throughout the year, and weekly warrants to the Treasurer have been made.

At our organizational meeting Carl P. Larson was chosen Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Clifford R. Gunther, Chairman, Board of Public Welfare; James J. Morgan, Chairman, Board of Health. The day and time of meeting was changed from Monday morning to Thursday evening at 8 p. m.

Formerly the Board of Registrars has consisted of the Town Clerk and the Selectmen. The General Laws provide that when a town has six hundred voters or more that a separate Board of Registrars be appointed. Since we have more than reached that number a board was appointed consisting of Edwin Brennan, John J. Flynn and Marcus Gottsche, Sr. serving with our Town Clerk, Grace L. Kibbe.

A vote at the last annual town meeting authorized the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five to draw up a set of by-laws for the town, subject to the approval of the voters. The following persons were appointed to that committee: Grace L. Kibbe, Gerald Witkop, Harold J. Bennett, Arthur S. F. Benson, Donald E. Wilcox.

At the special town meeting held last August the voters directed the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five persons, to be known as the School Building Com-

mittee: The following persons were appointed to that committee: Carl H. Hatch, Gertrude M. Lyons, Grace L. Kibbe, Ernest L. Woods, Harold F. Helberg.

This past year the Town House auditorium has been redecorated and the floors refinished. The town office has also been repainted. Nearly all of this work has been done by Edward Burleigh, our custodian. By having it done this way, much money has been saved, and Mr. Burleigh deserves a great deal of credit for the splendid job he has done. Other necessary repairs have also been made.

Last year we asked for an appropriation to repair the Old Town Hall. We had the roof and belfry repaired, and some work done on the inside to make it safe for those persons using the building. It was necessary to close the building temporarily while this work was being done, but the building is now open to the scouts under proper supervision. We are carrying the balance of this account over and are asking for a small additional amount, so that we may be able to complete the necessary work.

Early in 1949 the Selectmen, with the approval of the State Engineers, made out a budget for the maintenance of the various highways of the Town, under Chapter 81.

The following represents the work done during the year:

#### 1949 CHAPTER 81 EXPENDITURES IN THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN

1	Springfield Road	29.52
2	East Longmeadow Road	67.36
3	Wilbraham Road	56.38
4	Somers Road	62.16
5	Ludlow Road	269.33

6	Isaac Bradway Road	906.86
7	Mill Road	430.06
8	Carmody Road	24.88
9	Main Street	805.33
10	South Road	530.01
11	Chapin Road	599.71
12	Rockadundee Road	27.15
13	Scantic Road	599.08
14	Cross Road	23.88
15	South Monson Road	213.18
16	Thresher Road	821.31
17	Discontinued in 1931	0.00
18	Hendee Road	740.20
19	Howlitt Hill Road	25.44
20	Stafford Road	1,074.71
21	North Monson Road	565.65
22	Bennett Road	912.58
23	Ames Road	840.44
24	Glendale Road	29.52
25	North Road	169.40
26	Mountain Road	811.78
27	Burleigh Road	246.30
28	Riverside Drive	0.00
	Signs	76.20
	Snow Removal	91.00

Total	\$11,049.42
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## Allotments:

State	\$8,500.00
Town	2,550.00

Total	\$11,050.00
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In the fall of 1949, the state D. P. W. gave the town an additional sum of \$850.00 which was used on Thresher Road.

The "81" money was divided thusly—

Labor	2,971.04
Materials	5,394.88
Equipment	2,683.50

#### APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1950

##### Salaries

Selectmen	300.00	
	200.00	
	200.00	\$700.00
Treasurer		500.00
Collector		500.00
Assessors	200.00	
	100.00	
	100.00	400.00
School Committee	60.00	
	30.00	
	30.00	120.00
Auditor		15.00
Moderator		10.00

##### General Government

Selectmen's Expenses	300.00
Accounting	550.00
Treasurer's Expenses	150.00
Collector's Expenses	225.00
Assessor's Expenses	550.00
Town Clerk	200.00
Law and Claims	400.00
Building Inspector	150.00
Election and Registrations	500.00
Town Hall	200.00
Town House Maintenance	2,500.00
Certifying Notes	50.00

## Protection of Persons and Property

Police	300.00
Forest Fire Equipment	200.00
Forest Fires	200.00
Forest Warden	50.00
Tree Warden	200.00
Fire House	425.00
Fire Truck Maintenance	914.00
Sealer	35.00
Moth Eradication	400.00

## Health and Sanitation

Meat Inspection	50.00
Animal Inspection	50.00
Health	1,750.00
Dental Clinic (See Article 17)	400.00

## Highways

Chapter 81, Maintenance	\$2,550.00
Snow and Ice Removal	1,800.00
Bridges and Railings and Highways	2,550.00
Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,000.00
Chapter 90, Construction	500.00
Street Lighting	891.08
Road Machinery	2,500.00
Garage Maintenance	100.00

## Charities and Veterans' Benefits:

Old Age Assistance	\$12,000.00
Public Welfare	3,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,500.00

Schools \$55,431.00

Library \$ 1,000.00

## Unclassified:

Memorial Day	\$ 150.00
Soldiers and Sailors Graves	120.00

Town Common	50.00
Printing Town Reports	
Insurance	1,200.00
Reserve	2,000.00
Planning Board	50.00
Advisory Board	75.00

## Cemeteries:

Prospect Hill Cemetery	\$ 700.00
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Respectfully submitted,

CARL P. LARSON

CLIFFORD R. GUNTHER

JAMES J. MORGAN

Selectmen of Hampden

## Report of the Board of Health

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38 cases of diseases dangerous to the public health were reported during the year as follows: measles, 20; scarlet fever, 1; mumps, 4; poliomyelitis, 2; pulmonary tuberculosis, 1; whooping cough, 8; infectious mononucleosis, 1; chicken pox, 1.

Attention is called to all persons that any cases of communicable diseases must be reported to the local board of health by the attending physician, or in the event a doctor is not called in, the case must be reported direct to the local board of health.

JAMES J. MORGAN

Chairman, Board of Health.

## Report of the Board of Public Welfare

The annual report of the Board of Public Welfare for the year 1949 is respectfully submitted:

	No. of cases	No. of Persons	
Appropriations	7	14	\$2,800.00
Transfers			\$469.61
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			\$3269.61

### Expenditures:

Homer Hatch and Son (groceries and clothing)	\$459.08
Norman Yosko, M. D.	203.00
Hampden Garage (fuel)	133.56
East Longmeadow Pharmacy (drugs)	103.06
Lester Kibbe (rent)	28.25
Central Mass. Electric Co.	15.90
Alling Rubber Co.	3.56
Lester Kibbe (fuel)	43.82
Cash	890.22
Board paid for State Case	245.00
Board paid for Hampden Case	563.16
Colonial Ice Co.	7.20
Alfred Niquette (ice)	1.05
Community Feed (fuel)	21.50
Six Corner Drug Store (drugs)	50.20
Wesson Memorial Hospital (care)	409.30
Harry Gurland, M. D.	30.00
Walter Rohr, M. D.	60.75
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	\$3,269.61

### Reimbursements:

Received from State for aid rendered	377.03
Refund from individual	77.16
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	\$454.19

The increase in the aid rendered this past year was due to the heavy medical costs rather than any great increase in recipients.

#### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation		\$500.00
Cash paid on payrolls	379.10	
Salary and travel, agent	56.12	
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	435.33	435.33
Unexpended Balance		64.67

#### FEDERAL GRANT

Balance January 1, 1949		83.62
Cash received from Federal Government		186.00
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		269.62
Cash paid on payrolls	119.80	119.80
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Unexpended balance		149.82

#### FEDERAL GRANT ADMINISTRATION

Balance January 1, 1949		14.58
Received from Federal Government		5.32
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		19.90
Part Salary and travel, Agent	19.90	
Receipts:		
Received from State (to estimated receipts)		96.23
Accounts receivable from State		47.11
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		143.34
Active case December 31, 1949	1	

MARY H. CANTWELL, Agent  
Board of Public Welfare

## Report of Bureau of Old Age Assistance

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The annual report of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance for the year 1949 hereby respectfully submitted:

### PAYMENTS

Town Cases	(21)	\$5,473.64
State Cases	(3)	2,496.13
For other Towns and Cities	(4)	2,642.70
Paid for Hampden Case in other City		35.50
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		10,647.97
Salary and Travel of Agent		398.00
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		11,045.97

### APPROPRIATION

Town	8,000.00
App. Surplus Revenue	3,000.00
Refund	9.50
Transfer Reserve	40.00
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	11,049.50
	11,045.97
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Unexpended Balance	3.53

### REIMBURSEMENTS

Cities and Towns	\$459.19
Meal Tax from State	370.81
From State	7,261.66

## FEDERAL GRANT

Balance January 1, 1949		624.42
Received from Federal Government		8,670.16
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		9,294.58
Cash paid on payrolls	9,207.58	
Salary and travel of Agent	87.00	
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	9,294.58	9,294.58

## FEDERAL GRANT ADMINISTRATION

Balance January 1, 1949		40.66
Received from Federal Government		120.42
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		161.08
Salary and travel of Agent	134.87	
Remington Rand Inc. (supplies)	7.22	
Stamped Envelopes	18.99	
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	161.08	161.08
Cases active January 1, 1949	26	
Applications received during year	4	
Applications approved	3	
Applications pending	1	
Cases closed during year	4	
Cases active December 31, 1949	25	

There has been an increase in the aid granted Old Age Assistance cases due in part to the mandatory increases granted this category and also the increased medical costs.

MARY H. CANTWELL,

Welfare Agent

## Report of Superintendent of Streets



The New Multi-Plate Steel Arch Bridge on Scantic Road

We, of the Highway Department, feel that much has been accomplished in road and street improvements during 1949. We did not have the heavy snows to plow last winter and, therefore, saved some money on that account. However, it costs considerable to plow the light snowfalls of last winter as the same area has to be covered and plow blades wear out faster than when we have long continued cold weather with hard snow and ice on the road surface.

The motoring public to-day seems to feel that at no time during snow storms should travel be hindered on the various hills about town and many do not use tire chains all winter. It was but a few short years ago that it was as much as three days after a real old-

fashioned New England blizzard that the South Monson and Ames Rds. were open to travel and it was even impossible for the town equipment to make the South Rd. hill to the Raymond Kibbe place. South Rd. has been completed and it has been so widened and with its bituminous surface, the trucks can easily plow it. History was made recently when the department was able to plow the entire length of Mountain Rd. to the Lookout Mountain section. This was made possible because the steep hill near the top has been graded and tarred. For years this hill has always been a source of trouble since the gravel applied each Spring was washed down by torrential rains leaving in its wake muddy ruts and a surface so rough that at times a car could not reach the top of the hill. Now, the tar roadway eliminates all that difficulty.

The winter of '48 and '49 was mild, hence the winter damage was slight so we used less than 5 tons of colprovia for Spring patching compared with 90 tons the year before and most of that was used to repair the edges of the road.

During the summer months the usual amount of resurfacing was accomplished. The dry weather speeded this work along. A large section of Scantic Rd. from the Reddish place to the Temple farm received a heavy coat of MC-4, a heavier grade of asphalt than we used before which seals the cracked surfaces better than a light asphalt, although during extremely hot weather as we experienced last summer, it required close attention to prevent "picking up" until it finally adhered to the old road surface.

We had twice the amount of Chap. 90 Maintenance money to spend in 1949 and with it resurfaced the entire length of East Longmeadow Rd, a distance of one and one-quarter miles, with A E-3, an asphalt emulsion, and covered it with one-quarter inch trap rock. At the

same time, we regraded a section of the highway through the swamp near the Edward N. Christianson Sand and Gravel plant which was built in 1924, 16 ft. wide, and had settled into the swamp considerably. This was built up with about 275 yards of gravel and resurfaced to match the rest of East Longmeadow Rd. In addition to East Longmeadow Rd. repairs, the west shoulder on Wilbraham Rd. from Main St. to East Longmeadow Rd. was graded and tarred and also the part between East Longmeadow and Springfield Rds. in front of the Hampden House. These two places were badly in need of attention since the shoulder was continually gouged out requiring scraping and patching. Now, it is safer and requires less maintenance.

Also as a result of so much extreme heat, last summer, the asphalt "bled" on Main St., making the curves very slippery when wet. They were resurfaced this fall with MC-5 and covered with one-half inch stones to lessen the hazardous driving this winter.

Since Chap. 90 maintenance money can be used only to repair and maintain those roads or streets which were constructed under Chap. 90 Construction funds, we used the balance of this account on the North Monson Rd. from the junction of Bennett Rd. northerly to the driveway of the former William J. Sessions place.

As part of our 1950 resurfacing program, we hope to put Chapin, South and North Monson Rds. in better condition. These hills become rougher each year as continual frost action pushes stones nearer the surface.

The 1948 listings of highways in Hampden County reveal that the town of Hampden has 24.22 miles of improved roads against 10.05 of unimproved road. To-day we have even greater mileage of improved roads.

The Isaac Bradway Rd. was completely tarred this year to the Connecticut line, a distance of about one-quarter of a mile.

Under Chap. 90 Construction, we have completed the Mill Rd. besides installing a practically permanent multi-plate steel arch bridge and at the same time eliminating dangerous approaches. This was the wooden bridge which was frequently wrecked in part by vandals and also set on fire by boys. The whole of Mill Rd., a distance of 1.15 miles, is now hard surface and requires no more scraping or graveling. The big bridge over the Scantic River on Mill Rd. is narrow and has a curved approach but is safe and probably will not require rebuilding or repairing for years other than replacing broken or worn out planks occasionally.

The wooden bridge on Stafford Rd. and two wooden bridges on Howlett Hill were found to be in deplorable shape. We have rebuilt these with metal I-beams and new planking in place of the old wooden stringers. These should require very little maintenance for years. The South Rd. bridge in the village is our only bridge problem. This needs a new floor and for some time traffic has been advised to use the center of the bridge.

During the latter part of the year, we received an additional \$850 from the State Department of Public Works which was used on the Thresher Rd. to widen and gravel a portion which has always been very narrow and wet in normal years. This is also a rural free delivery route and also used by the school bus. The entire length of Hendee Rd. (about one-quarter of a mile) has been widened and partially graveled. This is also a mail route and joins Monson which is tarring toward the Hampden line each year. A sum of Chap. 81 money is allotted each year toward this permanent work.

It has been the policy of this department to construct and repair each road so that in years to come, the maintenance will be at a minimum. Many railings about town are badly in need of repair or replacing. Many have been eliminated and many more can be in the coming year. With the high cost of lumber, posts and paint, the town saves considerably by having guard rails only where necessary. It might be added that many motorists have met death in case of accident with a wooden railing piercing the body.

During the year 1950 with our roads nearly rebuilt, we hope to spend more time on general maintenance. We have a new traffic line marker to try out in the Spring. The hand painting of the past was slow and back breaking work.

We feel that a tractor equipped with a loader, sweeper and possibly a mowing machine attachment would be a good investment for the town.

The two Brockway trucks have required very little in the way of repairs and the old 1936 power grader did all of our grading with practically no repairs other than a brake job.

We recently purchased a Hydra-Clutch power lift (for snow plows) and had it installed on #3 truck with Road machinery money.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. GERRISH  
Supt. of Streets

## Report of Assessors

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### TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF POLLS, PROPERTY, AND TAXES AS ASSESSED JANUARY 1, 1949

		All	
Number of Persons assessed	Individuals	Others	Total
On Personal Estate Only	12	5	17
On Real Estate Only	346	3	349
On Both Personal and Real Estate	92	1	93
Total number of persons assessed			459
Number of Polls Assessed			425
Value of Assessed Personal Estate			
Stock in Trade	\$17,130.00		
Machinery	97,769.00		
Live Stock	31,027.00		
Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate		\$145,926.00	
Value of Assessed Real Estate			
Land exclusive of Buildings	\$275,855.00		
Buildings exclusive of Land	696,740.00		
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		\$972,595.00	
Total Value of Assessed Estate		\$1,118,521.00	
Tax Rate per \$1,000.00—\$55.00			

Taxes for State, County, and Town purposes

including Overlay:

On Personal Estate	\$8,025.93
On Real Estate	53,492.73
On Polls	850.00

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Total Taxes Assessed	\$62,368.66
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Number of Live Stock Assessed

Horses	26
Cows (Milch)	348
Bulls 15; Yearlings 74; Heifers 74; Steers 3	166
Swine	38
Fowl	5,390
Sheep	10
All others—Goats 12; Mink 183	195

Number of Acres of Land Assessed

(More or Less)	12,161
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Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	424
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(Each building used as a dwelling counted as ONE without regard to number of families housed).

# APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1949

Board of Assessors,  
Hampden, Mass.

## General Government:

Legislative:	\$	10.00	
Selectmen:		650.00	
Accounting		565.00	
Treasurer		650.00	
Collector		200.00	
Collector's Salary		500.00	
Assessors		911.00	
Town Clerk		150.00	
Law		200.00	
Building inspector		160.00	
Elections & Registrations		250.00	
Town Hall		700.00	
Certifying Notes		20.00	
Town House Maintenance		2,100.00	\$7,066.00

## Protection to Persons and Property:

Police		200.00	
Forest Fire Equipment		315.00	
Sealer		35.00	
Forest Fires		200.00	
Forest Warden		50.00	
Tree Warden		200.00	
Moth Eradication		400.00	
Fire House		425.00	
Fire Truck Maintenance		1,614.00	\$3,439.00

## Health & Sanitation:

Meat Inspection		50.00	
Animal Inspection		50.00	
Health		400.00	\$500.00

## Highways

Snow & Ice Removal	1,800.00	
Bridges, Railings & Highways	1,600.00	
Street Lighting	774.78	
Road Machinery	1,500.00	
Garage Maintenance	125.00	5,799.78

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## Charities &amp; Soldiers' Benefits:

Old Age Assistance	\$8,000.00	
Public Welfare	2,800.00	
Veterans' Benefits	1,500.00	
Aid to Dependent Children	500.00	\$12,800.00

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Schools 53,933.00

Library Dog Fund (\$470.34) & 800.00

Prospect Hill Cemetery 500.00

## Unclassified:

Memorial Day	125.00	
Soldiers' & Sailors Graves	120.00	
Town Common	50.00	
Printing Town Reports	480.80	
Insurance	1,000.00	
Reserve	1,000.00	
Planning Board	50.00	2,825.80

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Art. 8 Office Equipment 150.00

Art. 11 Chapter 81 Maintenance 2,550.00

Art. 12 Chapter 90 Maintenance 1,000.00

Art. 13 Ludlow Road 500.00

Art. 16 Bennett Road 500.00

Art. 17 Chapin Road 800.00

Art. 18 Mountain Road 500.00

Art. 19 South Road 1,000.00

Art. 22 Pinewood Road 200.00

Art. 23 Advisory Board	50.00	
Art. 24. Planting Trees	50.00	
Art. 26 Dental Clinic	400.00	
Art. 28 Hampden County Trustees	75.00	
Art. 29 Recreation Field	500.00	
Art. 30 Hampden County Ret.	321.45	
Art. 31 Dutch Elm Disease	550.00	\$9,146.45
Total Appropriations		96,810.03

Attest:

GRACE L. KIBBE

Town Clerk

Article and vote taken at a Special Town Meeting held October 18, 1948:

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Old Age Assistance.

Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,500.00 for Old Age Assistance.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Article which appeared in the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting held December 14, 1948 and the Vote thereon:

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Soldier's Relief.

Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$155.00 for Soldiers's Relief.

Transfers voted February 14, 1949.

Art. 3. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expense of the Town for the ensuing year.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Account.

Voted to transfer from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve the sum of \$1,000.00.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for the widening and surfacing a part of Mill Road, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from Excess and Deficiency to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County, or both, for the widening and surfacing a part of Mill Road.

Art. 15 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 and 90 Highways in the four preceding articles, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$14,150 from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to cover cost of State and County share of Chapter 81 and 90 Highways and upon reimbursement be returned to the Treasury.

Art. 7 Voted to transfer the sum of \$470.34 or Dog Fund which is now in the hands of the Treasurer, to the Library Account.

Attest:

GRACE L. KIBBE

Town Clerk