

ANNUAL REPORTS



First Ravine Mill, built in 1867; burned in 1878
A Colonial type textile mill, employing about 75 people,
on site of present ice house.

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

For The Year Ending December 31, 1960

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN



AND OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1960

THE PALMER REGISTER, Inc,

Palmer, Mass.

1961

Elected Town Officers - - - 1960

Moderator

GEORGE W. INGLE

Clerk and Treasurer

GRACE L. KIBBE

Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

WILLIAM P. PATULLO, Chairman, 1963

LEONARD G. CURTIS, 1961

CHARLES R. MELVILLE, 1962

Clerk to the Selectmen—RUTH W. WOODS

Assessors

LEONARD G. CURTIS, Chairman, 1963

FREDERICK S. RUSSELL, 1961

WILLIAM H. BURNS, 1962

Clerk to the Assessors—ALICE FULLER

School Committee

RAY E. BEANE, Chairman, 1962

DONALD DICKINSON, 1961

JULIA WINETROUT, 1962

HELEN M. LAW, 1963 EDWIN N. LOMBARD, 1963

Clerk to the School Committee—DOROTHY ROY

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee

GRACE GRAY, 1963

Board of Trustees of the Hampden Free Public Library

C. KILBOURNE BUMP, 1961

ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN, 1962

MARJORIE ROMAN, 1963

Collector of Taxes

DOROTHY S. FLYNN

Constables

PAUL A. BOUCHARD

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

JOHN E. PIXLEY

Cemetery Commissioners

HOMER FULLER, Chairman, 1961

DANIEL ISHAM, 1962

NEIL KIBBE, 1963

Planning Board

GARFIELD W. TRACY, Chairman, 1962

GEORGE AUDREN, 1961 MARION W. GERRISH, 1963

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, 1964

JOHN M. FLYNN, 1965

Clerk to the Planning Board—ELIZABETH PAULK

Auditor

WILLIAM A. BAILEY

Tree Warden

CHARLES H. LEMON

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Town Bookkeeper

ROLLYN H. HATCH

Dog Officer

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

Forest Fire Warden

WILLIAM ALLEN

Inspector of Animals

HOMER L. FULLER

Inspector of Slaughtering

GEORGE A. PATRIC

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ERROL M. BEEBE

Moth Superintendent

CHARLES H. LEMON

Superintendent of Streets

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

Recreation Committee

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, Chairman, 1962

WILLIAM ALLEN, 1961

DAVID JOYCE, 1963

WILLIAM PLATE, 1961

RALPH H. MILLER, 1963

WARREN REED, 1962

JAMES R. LAW, 1963

(appointed to fill unexpired

term of Jason Doubleday, resigned)

Burial Agent for Soldiers and Sailors

FRED C. SAMBLE

Agent for Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves

RAYMOND W. DUNLEA

Agent for Veterans' Benefits

THOMAS J. FAULKNER

Measurers of Wood, Bark and Charcoal

HOMER L. HATCH

AUSTIN K. HARRIS

Civil Defense Director

HAMILTON deLISLE

Dentist for Dental Clinic

DR. HAROLD J. BENNETT

Pound Keeper and Field Driver

HOMER L. FULLER

Fence Viewers

DONALD E. DICKINSON

GEORGE PATRIC, Jr.

WARREN DICKINSON

Welfare Agent

MARY CANTWELL

Town Counsel

ATTY. WILLIAM D. CANFIELD

Building Commissioner

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT

Electrical Inspector

CHARLES R. MELVILLE

Plumbing Inspector

WILLIAM P. PATULLO

Board of Appeals

EVERETT S. WOODS, Chairman, 1963

EARLE H. HARRIS Sr., 1961 HOWARD GRAY, 1962

LAWRENCE F. SULLIVAN, 1961

JOHN S. LEARY, 1962

Alternates

STUART F. HILL, 1961 WILLIAM A. BAILEY, 1963
 Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee
 DONALD DICKINSON

Advisory Committee

CHARLES A. MAGARIAN, Chairman, 1961
 KENNETH WINETROUT, 1961
 DR. HAROLD J. BENNETT, 1963
 WALTER M. ICKRATH Jr., 1962
 BEN F. LIBBY, 1963
 Clerk to Advisory Committee—EILEEN SCHNEELOCH

Voters Liable for Jury Duty for the Year

Beginning August 1, 1960

ALEXANDER BANDOSKI, Jr.	GRACE GRAY
ALFRED J. BELMORE	ALTON GREGORY
RICHARD BRECK	STUART F. HILL
RAYMOND CARROLL	JACK MERTZ
DONALD DICKINSON	JAMES J. MORGAN
JOSEPH FONTAINE	PHILIP A. STANGER
FREDERICK R. FOUNTAIN	JOHN W. SULLIVAN
CLAUDE GOODWILL	CHARLES H. THERRIEN
EVERETT S. WOODS	

Board of Registrars

GRACE L. KIBBE
 FAYE FLYNN, 1961 VERA MELVILLE, 1962
 HELEN VIGER, 1963

Special Police

PAUL A. BOUCHARD ROBERT A. NEWTON
 ARTHUR H. GERRISH JOHN E. PIXLEY
 WALTER J. LYONS CLARKE E. WARREN, Jr.
 RICHARD WIENCEK

70th Anniversary of the Hampden Free Public Library 1891-1961

By Carl C. Howlett

Our library will complete 70 years of service to this community this summer. It was on Saturday afternoon, August 1, 1891 that the first library was opened for distribution of books in the front room of the second floor of the residence of the librarian, Mrs. John Q. Adams. The house is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Haynes.

The movement for a public library was started in the Hampden Grange, which then met in the vestry of the old Congregational Church. Mrs. Charles Henry Burleigh made a motion at a Grange meeting that an article be placed in the town warrant to see if the town would accept the offer of the state to aid in starting libraries in the various towns. The motion was carried, an article inserted in the warrant and afterwards accepted by the town.

At the town meeting in 1891 the following citizens were elected library trustees: Deacon Alonzo B. Newell, John N. Isham and Arthur H. Bennett. Deacon Newell was a member of the Hampden School Board for over 50 years. Mr. Isham was the ancestor of all the members of the Isham Family now living in town. Mr. Bennett was the father of Dr. Harold J. Bennett. At the first meeting of the trustees on May 4, 1891 Mr. Newell was elected chairman and Mr. Isham secretary.

The state furnished books valued at \$100 to start the library and the town voted an appropriation of \$100

to be used in purchasing books and for maintenance purposes. A rent of \$25.00 a year was paid for the use of the room. The librarian was paid \$30.00 per year for her services, which figures approximately 11c per hour, based on the hours she worked.

Of the 51 people who borrowed books the first day only three are now known to be living. They include Walter S. Beebe of Springfield, Mrs. Maude (Goodwill) Kenworthy of Palmer and Mrs. Clara (Goodwill) Meacham of Somers, Conn. Residents still living in town who used the facilities of the library during the first year of operation are: Mrs. Leroy O. Howlett, Misses Hattie and Annabel Isham, Raymond H. Pease and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Thresher, Rev. James W. Casey of Holyoke was a book borrower when he was a boy.

Thomas H. Kenworthy who was at one time principal of the Hooker School in Springfield was one of the early library trustees, as was Mrs. Lucy (Chaffee) Alden, well-known poet who wrote the history of Hampden in verse.

The first year the library was only open every other Saturday from 3 to 8 P.M., but the next year it was decided to operate on hours of 4 to 9 P.M. every Saturday.

Mrs. John Q. Adams might be termed the founder of the Hampden Library and she was librarian from the date of opening in 1891 until 1919, a total of 27 years. She was especially fond of young people and always tried to help each boy or girl select the most suitable book. She had a long list of "DON'TS" fastened on the side of the wall which were reminders of the care one should give to the books. The writer particularly remembers the one which read "Don't turn down leaves dog-eared." If this list could be found today it would give the reader many a smile. If at any time she was

ill her husband acted as a substitute. Mr. Adams, who was a selectman of the town was a descendant of the famous Adams family of Quincy, who furnished two presidents of the United States. Mrs. Adams was a descendant of Rev. Stephen Williams of Longmeadow, immortalized in history as the Boy Captive of Old Deerfield.

In 1919 Mrs. Adams became critically ill and in view, thereof, resigned her position and the library was moved from her house to the Town Hall where it occupied the large room on the ground floor. Mrs. Hazel M. Burleigh and Mrs. Margery Battige were librarians during the period the library was in the old Town Hall.

No history of the Hampden Library would be complete without a fitting tribute to the late Miss Elizabeth Sessions, donor of the Town House, who was a library trustee and member of the school committee. From her Puritan ancestors Miss Sessions inherited a profound belief that man was placed upon this earth to accomplish the greatest good to the greatest number and that material wealth was a sacred trust. Her generous gift to every cause attested to the manner in which she carried out these ideals. After she conceived the idea of a civic center she spent many hours visiting community houses, consolidated schools, and libraries before deciding upon the plan of the present Town House.

Some time after the library was moved to the old Town Hall the will of William Mowry of Wilbraham was probated and it was found to contain a stipulation that the town of Hampden receive \$3000 as a memorial to Maria L. Stanton. The will asked that the money be used towards erecting a library building. If, however, the town did not see fit to accept it for this purpose the money was to go to another worthy cause which was specified in the will. At the town meeting in 1926 the

\$3000 was accepted for use towards a library building. When the Town House was built the Mowry money was used to make and equip the Maria L. Stanton Library Room and a bronze plaque in her memory was placed therein. Mrs. Stanton who was the former Maria Hunt of Enfield, Conn., used to live on Main Street in the house now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Woods. Her husband Sullivan Stanton operated the Hampden Post Office in the ell of this residence in 1883.

Upon completion of the building in 1932 the books were removed from the old Town Hall and the library was re-opened in spacious quarters.

A plan was adopted of having each class in the local school come to the library once a week at a specified time during school hours to select books. The plan is a unique one and has been very successful. This inculcates in children the habit of regular attendance at the library.

The local library has always received excellent advice and co-operation from the Division of Library Extension, Department of Education, Boston. Each time the library has been moved a member of the staff has come and stayed several days giving instruction in cataloging, mending, and discarding. A few years ago Miss Alice Cahill, secretary of the Division conducted a survey of the present facilities and made suggestions which were afterwards adopted. As a result the local library has kept up to the times better than those in most small towns.

Mrs. Hazel M. Burleigh was librarian until 1945 when she resigned and was succeeded by Mrs. Miriam P. Bryans, who has since filled the position. Mrs. Bryans had been assistant librarian from 1939 to 1941 and trustee from 1942 to 1945. Miss Arline M. Howlett has been an assistant librarian for the last 17 years. Pre-

viously she served a period as trustee and when the library was in the Old Town Hall she acted as a substitute. One of her duties was to keep the fire functioning in the wood stove after the janitor had started it in the afternoon. Mrs. Marcus Gottsche, Sr., was also an early assistant librarian.

During its history the library has received three bequests. Mrs. Grace (Pease) Carew, a long-time trustee, left \$2000 and Mrs. Joanna (Burleigh) Holt \$500. The income from the above amounts is used to purchase books. Morton L. Day bequeathed \$500, the interest on which is to be used to purchase copies of the Christian Herald "for persons who would be most benefitted thereby." Would that more of our residents would establish trust funds for the benefit of the library. What better cause exists than to assist in the education of Hampden youth, in perpetuity, through the reading of good literature obtained at the Hampden Library.

TOWN WARRANT

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 twenty-seventh of February, AD 1961, 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 for the term of one year the following: One Moderator, one Town Clerk and Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, three Constables, one Tree Warden, and one Auditor. To choose for the term of three years the following: One Selectman, who shall also be on the Board of Public Welfare; one Assessor, one School Committee member, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Commissioner. To choose for the term of five years the following: One member of the Planning Board. Also to choose all other necessary Town Officers. The Polls shall be open at 10 AM and shall close at 8 PM.

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 Hampden Elemen-

tary School, Hampden on Monday, March 6, AD 1961, at eight o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

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.

Your Advisory Committee requests that their reports and recommended budget be read and thoughtfully studied.

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, and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums to cover same; to raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends acceptance of the budget as given on pages 25-29. The Advisory Committee also recommends that the Moderator appoint a salary survey committee, and that the sum of \$50. be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for their expenses; said committee to consist of five members, including a member of the Advisory Committee, to study the salaries of all elected and appointed town officers and to report its findings and recommendations to the Advisory Committee prior to December 21, 1961 and at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 3. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund, now in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Advisory Committee recommends that this fund be paid into the Library Account.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2850. 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 26 of the General Laws,

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 5. 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 other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the sum of \$2,000 be raised and appropriated for use of Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Article 6. 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 of Chapin Road and South Monson Road, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends the sum of \$3,500. be raised and appropriated in accordance with the preceding article.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the State share of Chapter 81 and the State and County share of Chapter 90 Highway programs, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends the transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$24,950. for Chapter 81 and 90 highway work as outlined in the three preceding articles.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends the transfer of \$6,000 from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund.

The Advisory Committee recommends that \$5,000 be appropriated from unappropriated available funds to the Stabilization Fund.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of Peter A. Roy, Dorothy W. Roy, Robert L. Bryans, Miriam P. Bryans, Robert W. Lamb, Ida M. Lamb, Douglas C. Keyes, Eleanor M. Keyes, Arthur C. House, Beatrice S. House, Helge J. Johnson and Barbara R. Johnson, of the following described property:

"The land in Hampden, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at an iron pin set in the westerly line of Chapin Road, Hampden, Hampden County, Massachusetts, said iron pin being located northerly two hundred twenty-one and $32/100$ (221.32) feet from land now or formerly of Richard H. Stacy as measured along the westerly side of said Chapin Road; thence Northwesterly by a curved line having a radius of thirty and $81/100$ (30.81) feet a distance of forty-six and $54/100$ (46.54) feet to an iron pin; thence westerly by a curved line having a radius of two hundred fifty-three and $96/100$ (253.96) feet, a distance of one hundred six and $82/100$ (106.82) feet to an iron pin; thence North 89 degrees 08' 00" West, three hundred seventy-three and $20/100$ (373.20) feet to an iron pin; thence North 1 degree 52' 00" East, fifty and $01/100$ (50.01) feet to an iron pin; thence South 89 degrees 08' 00" East, two hundred forty-four and $58/100$ (244.58) feet to a point; thence South 89 degrees 08' East, one hundred twenty-seven and $74/100$ (127.74) feet to an iron pin; thence Northeasterly by a curved line having a radius of two hundred three and $96/100$ (203.96) feet, a distance of eighty-five

and 79/100 (85.79) feet; thence in a general northerly direction by a curved line having a radius of twenty and 68/100 (20.68) feet a distance of thirty-five and 36/100 (35.36) feet to an iron pin situated in the Westerly line of Chapin Road; thence southerly along Chapin Road, one hundred three and 07/100 (103.07) feet to the point of beginning."

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept a way as laid out by the Selectmen on January 14, 1961, which way is substantially described as follows:

"The land in Hampden, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at an iron pin set in the westerly line of Chapin Road, Hampden, Hampden County, Massachusetts, said iron pin being located northerly two hundred twenty-one and 32/100 (221.32) feet from land now or formerly of Richard H. Stacy as measured along the westerly side of said Chapin Road; thence Northwesterly by a curved line having a radius of thirty and 81/100 (30.81) feet a distance of forty-six and 54/100 (46.54) feet to an iron pin; thence westerly by a curved line having a radius of two hundred fifty-three and 96/100 (253.96) feet, a distance of one hundred six and 82/100 (106.82) feet to an iron pin; thence North 89 degrees 08' 00" West, three hundred seventy-three and 20/100 (273.20) feet to an iron pin; thence North 1 degree 52' 00" East, fifty and 01/100 (50.01) feet to an iron pin; thence South 89 degrees 08' 00" East, two hundred forty-four and 58/100 (244.58) feet to a point. thence South 89 degrees 08' East, one hundred twenty-seven and 74/100 (127.74) feet to an iron pin; thence North-easterly by a curved line having a radius of two hundred three and 96/100 (203.96) feet, a distance of eighty-five and 79/100 (85.79) feet; thence in a general northerly

direction by a curved line having a radius of twenty and 68/100 (20.68) feet, a distance of thirty-five and 36/100 (35.36) feet to an iron pin situated in the westerly line of Chapin Road; thence southerly along Chapin Road, one hundred three and 07/100 (103.07) feet to the point of beginning."

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to establish the appointed office of Groundskeeper, whose duties will be to maintain all Town-owned property such as lawns, which will include the cemeteries, the Town Common, the Town Hall, the Town House, the Recreation Field and schools, in addition to necessary plowing and shoveling of above mentioned property, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the cutting of grass, and snow removal on all town owned properties as described above including the Fire Department, be coordinated by the Selectmen and carried out by the Highway Department.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase the necessary equipment for the Groundskeeper to use in the performance of his duties, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that \$3,500 be raised and appropriated for the purchase of the necessary equipment to carry out the recommendations of Article 12.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase, from available funds in the Road Machinery Account, a $\frac{3}{4}$ yard bucket loader with 4-wheel drive, and to authorize the Selectmen to use the trade-in allowance on the present Hough loader toward the purchase price of said loader, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends the appropriation of

\$10,000 from the Road Machinery Account and the authorization to trade in the present loader toward the purchase as described.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the purchase and installation of one new siren and the relocation of the present siren to a site on Allen Street, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the sum of \$975. be raised and appropriated in accordance with the preceding article.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the purchase of one portable radio for Fire Department use, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the sum of \$385 be raised and appropriated in accordance with the preceding article.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 of the By-Laws for the Town of Hampden, Mass. by striking it out in its entirety and substituting therefor the following: "The annual business meeting shall be held on the first Saturday in March, beginning at 10:00 AM and the warrants for all Town Meetings shall be posted in 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 Town Meetings" or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends negative action.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 55 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends negative action.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 97A, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends negative action.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the purchase of a radio equipped patrol car for the Police Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends negative action.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws for the Town of Hampden, Mass. by adding thereto as Section 8 the following: "The Planning Board shall be authorized to assign numbers to all lots and/or houses located on accepted roads and public ways within the Town" or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

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, 1961, 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 the General Laws.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Moderator to reappoint a School Survey Committee consisting of five citizens, including a member of the School Committee, said Committee to continue to study future school needs, and report its findings at the next annual Town meeting; and to appropriate the sum of \$100 for expenses of said School Survey Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to change from Residence A to Business a portion of the so-called Kellogg Farm on the easterly side of Wilbraham Road

now owned by Alton E. Gleason of Springfield, as indicated on a plan submitted by him and drawn up by Smith and Wallen Engineering Company, Inc. of Springfield as of December, 1960. Said portion is abutted on the north by the property of George C. Stebbins of Maple Road, Longmeadow for a distance of one thousand nine hundred and seventy (1970) feet, more or less; on the east by the property now or formerly owned by one Burleigh and property now or formerly owned by August Enslin, for a total footage of three thousand three hundred twenty (3320) feet, more or less; on the south by the property now or formerly of Harold F. Helberg for a distance of eighteen hundred fifty (1850) feet, more or less; and on the west by the remaining portion of his own property for a distance of two thousand eight hundred thirty-nine and $34/100$ (2839.34) feet; said portion accessible from Wilbraham Road by an existing private road or right of way as indicated.

The Advisory Committee recommends negative action.

The Planning Board recommends negative action.

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 twenty-fifth day of January, 1961.

WILLIAM P. PATULLO

CHARLES R. MELVILLE

LEONARD G. CURTIS

Selectmen of Hampden, Mass.

Report of Advisory Committee

1960

The Advisory Committee held regular monthly meetings and special meetings during the year and public hearings prior to the Annual and Special Town Meetings.

The annual budget as recommended by the Advisory Committee is again presented on the following pages in accordance with the uniform budget set-up adopted in 1956.

Your attention is called to the substantial increase in the total requested appropriations (approximately \$25,000.) over last year. A major portion of the increase is due to increased appropriations for Schools, Charities and Protection of Persons and Property.

The continued growth of the Town of Hampden brings with it the attendant need for increased Town services and facilities. The intelligent consideration of requested appropriations is required by all voters to maintain the sound financial status of the Town while providing the necessary functions.

Your Advisory Committee has given careful study and deliberation in the preparation of the recommended budget and the other items of the warrant. We urge you to study the budget and our recommendations in arriving at your decision in voting.

The estimated valuation of the Town indicates that each \$6,100. you appropriate will mean approximately \$1.00 in the tax rate.

During the year eight transfers were approved by

the Advisory Committee from the Reserve Fund amounting to \$4,871, leaving a balance of \$129. to be returned to the Overlay Reserve. An analysis of the transfers is as follows:

Account	Amount
General Relief	\$2,000.00
Memorial Day	15.80
Town Dump	300.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	5.20
Selectmen Expense	100.00
Dutch Elm Disease	300.00
Police	650.00
Town House Maintenance	1,500.00
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	\$4,871.00

The Advisory Committee has again sponsored an article in the Warrant to provide an opportunity for continued saving for future capital expenditures via the Stabilization Fund. The present balance in this Fund is \$7,095.39.

The amount of certified available funds or "free cash" as of January 1, 1961 for the Town of Hampden is \$56,775.84.

Mrs. R. Gilbert Schneeloch again effectively served as clerk to this committee for 1960.

The assistance and cooperation of various Town Officials in the performance of the Advisory Committee functions is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles A. Magarian, Chairman
 Harold J. Bennett
 Walter M. Ickrath
 Ben Libby
 Kenneth Winetrout

SUMMARY OF BUDGET FOR 1961
RECOMMENDED BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Classification	Approp. 1960	Recom. 1961	% of Total	Diff.
General Government	\$12,784	\$12,959	3.2%	\$ + 175
Protection of Persons & Property	8,100	9,225	2.2%	+1,125
Health & Sanitation	3,185	3,200	0.8%	+ 15
Highways	23,050	23,850	5.8%	+ 800
Charities	26,850	33,450	8.1%	+6,600
Schools	268,912	284,910	69.1%	+15,998
Library	2,550	2,960	0.7%	+ 410
Recreation	2,090	1,700	0.4%	— 390
Unclassified	8,061	8,658	2.1%	+ 597
Cemeteries	2,175	2,175	0.5%	
Maturing Debt & Interest	29,280	29,140	7.1%	— 140
Total Budget (from taxation)	\$387,037	\$412,227	100.0%	\$+25,190
Special Articles	650	4,960		+4,310
Additional Expenses (Estimated)	14,898	16,000		+1,102
Total Expenses	402,585	433,187		+30,602
Est. Receipts (Fed., State & County)	127,940	130,000		+2,060
Balance to be raised by Tax (on polls and property)	274,645	303,187		+28,542
Appropriations from available funds (in addition to taxation)	33,697			
Total Valuation, Estimate	5,935,430	6,086,000		+150,570
Estimate Tax Rate	46/1,000	50/1,000		+4/1,000

BUDGET FOR 1961

Recommended by Advisory Committee

GENERAL GOVERNMENT 3.2% OF TOTAL

No. Item	Approp. 1959	Approp. 1960	Recom. 1961
Moderator			
1 Salary	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 35
2 Expenses	35	15	15
3 Advisory Committee Selectmen	150	150	200
4 Salaries	700	700	700
5 Expenses	650	750	850
Town Bookkeeper			
6 Salary	750	750	750
7 Expenses	125	175	175
8 Auditor	15	15	15
Treasurer			
9 Salary	750	750	750
10 Expenses	500	375	375
Collector			
11 Salary	750	750	750
12 Expenses	600	675	675
Assessors			
13 Salaries	500	500	500
14 Expenses	1,219	1,219	1,219
15 Laws and Claims	500	400	500
Town Clerk			
16 Salary	200	200	200
17 Expenses	275	275	250
18 Elections & Registrations	750	1,500	900
19 Town House Maintenance	3,000	2,500	3,000
20 Town Hall Maintenance	100	100	600
21 Planning Board	300	350	350
22 Board of Appeals	100	100	100
23 Certifying Notes	500	500	50
24 Total General Government	\$12,494	\$12,784	\$12,959

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PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY 2.2% OF TOTAL			
25 Police	3,000	3,000	4,000
26 Fire	2,000	2,000	2,000
Building Inspector			
27 Salary	300	300	300
28 Expenses	350	350	350
29 Sealer of Weight and Measures	100	300	300
30 Insect Pest Control	400	400	400
31 Dutch Elm Disease	1,000	1,000	1,000
32 Tree Warden	200	200	300
33 Planting Trees	50	50	75
34 Forest Warden	100	100	100
Forest Fires			
35 Salaries	400	400	400
36 Equipment			
37 Total Protection	\$7,900	\$8,100	\$9,225
HEALTH AND SANITATION 0.8% OF TOTAL			
38 Health	100	100	100
39 Dental Clinic	475	475	475
40 Animal Inspection	60	60	75
41 Meat Inspection	50	50	50
42 Town Dump Maintenance	500	500	500
43 Mosquito Control	1,200	2,000	2,000
		(alternate 5,000)	
	\$2,385	\$3,185	\$3,200
HIGHWAYS 5.8% OF TOTAL			
44 Highways, Bridges & Railings	\$4,000	\$5,500	\$5,000
46 Snow, Ice & Removal	4,000	5,000	5,000
47 Road Machinery Maintenance	trans.	3,000	3,000
48 Town Garage Maintenance	500	500	500
49 Street Lighting	1,318	1,700	2,000
50 Chapter 81	2,850	2,850	2,850
51 Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000	1,500	2,000
52 Chapter 90 Construction	2,650	3,000	3,500
53 Total Highways	\$16,318	\$23,050	\$23,850
CHARITIES 8.1% OF TOTAL			
54 Public Welfare District	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
55 General Relief	1,400	1,400	5,000

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56 Disability Assistance	1,400	1,000	1,000
57 Old Age Assistance	\$19,000	\$20,000	\$23,000
58 Aid to Dependent Children	2,700	2,600	2,600
59 Veterans Benefits	500	1,250	1,250
60 Total Charities	\$25,600	\$26,850	\$33,450

SCHOOLS 69.1% OF TOTAL

General Control			
61 Committee Expenses	\$ 190	\$ 190	\$ 200
Superintendent			
62 Salary	6,970	7,400	7,700
63 Expenses (incl. school sec'y. salary)	4,320	4,580	4,777
Expenses of Instruction			
64 Supervisors-Salary	3,868	4,690	5,152
65 Teachers-Salary	86,505	91,011	99,370
66 Textbooks	1,250	1,300	1,400
67 Supplies	2,720	2,860	3,075
Expenses of Operation			
68 Janitor-Salary	9,679	10,064	10,652
69 Fuel and Light	6,500	6,300	6,300
70 Miscellaneous	1,730	1,720	1,800
Maintenance			
71 Repairs & Replacements	500	800	1,000
Auxiliary Agencies			
72 Health	1,642	1,966	2,055
73 Miscellaneous	440	440	450
74 Tuition	26,161	8,487	8,156
75 Transportation	24,185	19,171	18,586
76 New Equipment	700	750	860
77 Contingency Fund	2,500	2,500	2,500
78 Community Program	1,600	1,540	1,680
79 Total Local Schools	\$181,460	\$165,769	\$175,708
Note: Estimated reimbursements for local schools is \$62,321 leaving an estimated balance of \$113,387 for school cost from local taxation.			
80 Regional School District	\$53,577	\$103,143	\$109,202
81, Total Schools	\$235,037	\$268,912	\$284,910

LIBRARY 0.7% OF TOTAL

82 Library	\$2,000	\$2,550	\$2,960
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No. Item	Approp. 1959	Approp. 1960	Recom. 1961
RECREATION 0.4% OF TOTAL			
83 Maintenance	\$785	\$840	\$500
84 Directors Salary	900	900	1,000
85 New Equipment	100	250	100
86 Town Common	100	100	100
87 Total Recreation	\$1,885	\$2,090	\$1,700
UNCLASSIFIED 2.1% OF TOTAL			
88 Town Reports	\$797	\$850	\$1,000
89 Memorial Day	250	250	250
90 Insurance	4,330	5,100	5,200
91 County Retirement Systems	1,755	1,811	2,058
92 Aid to Agriculture	75	50	150
92 Reserve Fund	trans.	trans.	trans.
94 Total Unclassified	\$7,207	\$8,061	\$8,658
CEMETERIES 0.5% OF TOTAL			
95 Cemeteries	\$800	\$2,000	\$2,000
96 Soldiers and Sailors Graves	175	175	175
97 Total Cemeteries	\$975	\$2,175	\$2,175
MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST 7.1% OF TOTAL			
98 Maturing Debts	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
99 Interest on Debts	9,280	9,280	8,640
100 Interest on Loans			500
101 Total Maturing Debt & Interest	\$29,280	\$29,280	\$29,140
102 Total budget recommendations			\$412,227
103 Total recommended, special articles			\$ 4,960
104 Total, all recommendations			\$417,187
105 Estimated additional expenditures for State charges, county taxes, T.B. Hospital, overlay and all other amounts required by law to be raised.			\$ 16,000
106 Grand Total, Recommendations and Estimates			\$433,187
107 Deductions to compute estimated tax rate: Estimated receipts, income, corporation, gasoline taxes, from State, motor vehicle excise, poll and other receipts from sources other than taxation.			130,000

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108 Estimated balance to be raised by a levy on local real estate and tangible personal property.			303,187
109 Estimated tax rate based upon above recommendations, using an estimated valuation of \$6,086,000.			50/1,000

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL ARTICLES

Special Articles	Req.	Recom.
13 Purchase Equipment for Groundskeeper	\$3,500	3,500
14 Purchase a $\frac{3}{4}$ yard bucket	trans. (\$10,000)	trans.
15 Purchase New Siren	975	975
16 Purchase Portable Radio for Fire Department	385	385
19 Full-Time Police Department	10,750	
20 Purchase Radio Equipped Radio Car	3,250	
23 School Survey Committee	100	100
	<hr/> \$18,960	<hr/> \$4,960