

HAMPDEN MEMORIAL PARK RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Hampden Memorial Park swimming was again enjoyed by many during the supervised program. A total of 450 entered the various classes from tadpole to advanced swimmer. 240 certificates were issued. This is an increase of 27 certificates from the previous year. A large number of people also enjoyed swimming throughout the entire season during the unsupervised periods.

The third annual swimming and diving meet, held Sunday Aug. 20, was well attended. So many young people entered this meet, that a two day meet may be held in 1962.

During the year the final clearing, draining, and seeding of the new softball diamond was completed.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Hampden Lions Club for the bath house which was erected by their members and friends and given to the town.

We would also like to express our thanks for the American Flag which was presented to us by the Auxiliary of the Carder-Edwards-Sullivan Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, Chairman
WILLIAM ALLEN
DAVID W. JOYCE
JAMES R. LAW
RALPH W. MILLER
WARREN A. REED
LEE H. TAFT

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

During the year of 1961, I inspected and stamped
22 hogs, 2 beef and 4 sheep.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. PATRIC

Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

I had three men from Northern Tree Expert Co.
and myself trimming roadside trees two days.

It was necessary to cut five roadside trees. One of
these trees was a very large decayed maple on Mountain
Road. The Massachusetts Electric Co. cooperated with
the Town on the cost of cutting this tree which kept
the cost to the Town at a minimum.

In the spring the regular tree planting was done.
Twelve trees were planted.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEMON

Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The past year has been a very active one for the members of the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department. Along with attending monthly business-training meetings, additional training meetings were held throughout the year for the purpose of pre-fire planning. Listed below are some of the accomplishments of the Department in 1961.

1. Fire Prevention Booth at the Hampden Fair.
2. Annual fire prevention talk to all school children.
3. Home fire inspection by 300 school children using Sparky's Home Fire Check List and distribution of Fire phone stickers donated by the Volunteers.
4. One pumper and 5 men participated in the Springfield Fire Prevention Week parade.
5. New siren installed on Town Garage.
6. Special 5-week training conducted by District Chief William Fitzgerald of the Springfield Fire Department.
7. 500 G.P.M. pump on Ford rebuilt at Maxiam Fire Apparatus Co. in Middleboro, Mass.
8. Fire Department radios tied in with the Hampden County Fire Mutual Aid Association radio network.

New residents of the town may be interested to

know how the Fire Department functions. Membership consists of 40 active volunteers and from this body are elected one chief, four assistant chiefs and a secretary-treasurer for the period of one year. New members are nominated from the Department Auxiliary. Anyone wishing to apply for Auxiliary membership may contact me at JO 6-3281.

Total fire loss for 1961 was \$10,651.

The Department responded to 33 calls.

House	7
Grass and brush	15
Car	5
Dump	3
Miscellaneous	3

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON CASEY, Fire Chief

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

DEVICES SEALED

	Adjusted	Cond.	Non Sealed	Sealed
Scales, 100 to 5,000 lbs.	4			5
Scales, under 100 lbs.	12			17
Avoirdupois weights				24
Apothecary weights				19
Liquid measures, 1 gal. or under				4
Metric Weights	1			46
Gasoline meters 1 in. or less	11	1		13
Grease meters				1
Kerosene & grease pumps	1			5
Tank truck meters (heating oil)				
Sealed by City of Springfield				(3)
Total units sealed				134

Nineteen sealing calls were made with the following results: 134 units sealed, 29 adjusted and one condemned. Suitable changes were made in the 29 units adjusted to have them conform strictly with State specifications. Sealing fees collected were \$38.05 and were turned over to the Town Treasurer in accordance with Section 56, Chapter 98 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Re-weighings of pre-packaged merchandise were made on 159 items with the following findings: 105 items were exact weight, 10 items underweight and 44 over-weight. In the foregoing category only one item

was ordered removed from sale, it being outside any accepted tolerance.

Fifty-four clinical thermometers were inspected and without exception complied with all regulations set down by the Commonwealth, each being serially numbered, bearing a Massachusetts Seal and a Certificate of accuracy. Spot checks were made of serial numbers and 37 were recorded on the Town Records.

The last Town Meeting having granted sufficient funds, work has been started on reconditioning the equipment of the Department. A new 5 gallon test measure has been purchased and the heavy chrome weights have been polished and re-chromed. The weights were badly corroded and pitted from age and this process was necessary, not only for accuracy, but would avoid an expenditure of \$300 to \$500 to replace. After this process, recalibration was necessary.

There has been much ado by the National Bureau of Standards and the State Division of Standards in recent months regarding "deceptive containers" of food packages, as well as other commodities. There is really no violation of existing laws, but there is a tendency by the various manufacturers to have the purchaser believe he is getting more than he is by having a container larger than necessary; although the declared weight is correct. Attempts, particularly by the Federal Government, are being made to get suitable legislation to control this abuse.

The books and records of the Department were examined by the State Auditors as of August, 1961 and found to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

ERROL M. BEEBE

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

1961

In retrospect, the Planning Board has had a very busy year. The Board has met regularly every month and often twice a month is necessary to work on projects and problems.

One of the major accomplishments of the year was the numbering of the houses throughout the town,—a task assigned to the Planning Board at the last annual town meeting. In order to do this correctly it was necessary to acquire a measuring wheel and the long, tedious work of pacing the various roads of the town was carried out throughout the summer, the fall and even early winter when the weather permitted. All the numbers have been assigned.

A brand new detailed map of Hampden will shortly be available. The transparencies are now in Boston. This map will fill a basic need of the town including most of the newer roads in town. It will undoubtedly prove helpful to most of the boards in town.

Also it is gratifying to know that the ice house property will at last be an asset to the town. A former non-conforming use which reverted to Residence "A", it was zoned for "Industry" a year ago and will be the home of the Hampden Development Company. The property has been purchased by Mr. Donat Ouellette and his sons, Donald and Robert Ouellette of Mill Road, East Longmeadow who plan to begin operations sometime between June and August, 1962. They plan to service all

kinds of lawnmowers and eventually they plan to sell saw equipment and mowers of all types.

The Keddy Construction Company has extended Meadowbrook Lane to include four more building lots.

Sessions Drive and Baldwin Drive have also been extended. A new street named Brookside Road is currently being developed by John F. Baldwin. Rose Circle has also been added to the list of new streets.

The number of new houses built in 1961 is equal to those built in the years of 1959 and 1960.

Mrs. Robert Newton will serve as clerk to the board for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

GARFIELD W. TRACY, Chairman

MARION W. GERRISH, Sec'y

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT

JOHN M. FLYNN

WILLIAM G. ERTEL

1961 Report

Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture and the Hampden County Improvement League

According to Section 45, Chapter 128 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, any town may appropriate money to be expended by the Trustees for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

The Trustees are appreciative of the support given their agents by local citizens who, without compensation, ably assisted in extending the various programs in farm practices, home problems and management also the work with youth groups through 4-H Club activities:

The following leaders incurred expenses, either for travel or for the purchase of material needed for the various projects under their direction:— Mrs. Hilliard Clarkson, Mrs. Cornelius A. Cleary, Mrs. Earle E. Dickinson, Mrs. Warren Dickinson, Mrs. Kenneth Green, Mrs. Beverly Gregory, Mrs. Ralph Miller, Mrs. William Patullo, Mrs. Bruce Roman and Peter Terzi.

The agent's counsel and assistance has been available to all citizens of the County without charge.

Any appropriations made by the town to the Trustees is held by the County Treasurer and used exclusively for reimbursing any local resident of the town for necessary expenditures in carrying out projects provided by the law under which the Trustees are appointed.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1961 Appropriation	\$150.00
1960 Unexpended Balance	30.00
Total Available for 1961	180.00
Total Expenditures in 1961	23.81
1962 Balance Available	156.19
1962 Recommended Appropriation	25.00

Respectfully submitted,

Trustes For County Aid To Agriculture

By ALBERT H. FULLER, Clerk

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The animal inspector wishes to report that he has inspected the barns and animals which is required by state law.

The following numbers of animals were found:

Cows & Beef animals	435
Horses	71
Swine	16
Goats	9
Sheep	15
Donkeys	2

Respectively submitted,

HOMER FULLER

Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1961

The Trustees and Staff of the Hampden Free Public Library comes to the close of 1961 with feelings of commendable accomplishments.

Mrs. Charles Therrien was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Bruce Roman, who moved from town.

New library signs and an outdoor bookdrop have been ordered and will be placed in use early in 1962.

To qualify for State Aid the present winter library hours are:

Monday 12:30 — 5:00

Wednesday 12:30 — 5:00 evening 7 — 9.

Saturday 1:30 .. 5:30

Summer hours

Wednesday 2:00 — 5:00 7 — 9.

Saturday 2:00 — 5:00

1961 Calendar of Accomplishments

January — Both sessions of the Hampden Cooperative Kindergarten attended weekly periods in the library. They hear stories based on the newest books.

February — Dr. Bump, Mrs. Bryans, Mrs. Johnson attended the Mass. Library Association meeting at the Copley Plaza in Boston. They gained knowledge about proposed Regional Libraries throughout the state.

March — A citizen's Committee was appointed to make plans for National Library Week to be held April 16—22.

April — Mrs. Edith Maher and Mrs. Charlotte Audren were in charge of exhibits for National Library week stressing the Civil War Centennial theme.

Mrs. Mildred Attleton was appointed chairman for a Saturday afternoon tea with Dr. S. Ralph Harlow and Miss Margery Quigley, authors as guests of honor.

Dr. Bump spoke to the Evening Ladies Aid on the new State Aid to Public Libraries.

May — As in many years past the town of Hampden placed first in the county in reading books on the Hampden County Improvement League list. Twenty-seven awards were received by townspeople. Mrs. Charles Lemon is town chairman of League activities and Mrs. Donald Wilcox is charman of the Reading program.

Mrs. Bryans and Mrs. Roman accepted an invitation to attend the meeting of local town and industrial librarians held at the newly expanded library facilities at the Monsanto Chemical Co. A tour of the Research Laboratory was an interesting part of the program. Some new contacts were made and a broader view of the Librarians' function was obtained.

June — The library cooperated with the school department in the advanced Reading Program. A grand total of 245 books were read by 16 pupils.

Grades 6 through 8 were formally introduced to the mechanics of library cataloguing and taught the use of reference aids.

July — The head librarian attended a three weeks full term summer course in librarianship at the University of New Hampshire. This was the first part of a

four year program taken to train our staff to meet the state requirements which we shall have to meet in the not too distant future. This knowledge is being passed on to the other members of the staff at regular in-service training sessions.

A tour of the Northeastern Mass. Library District was part of the program, where visits were made to a Regional Library in No. Reading, public libraries in Lynnfeld, Reading, Boxford and to the Masconomet Regional High School Library.

September — Mrs. Bryans reviewed with the staff ideas gained at the University of New Hampshire with emphasis on Reference aids.

A planned expansion of the reference section of our library was begun with the acquisition of such texts as:

"Twentieth Century Authors" and "Historical Fiction". This was a direct result of the summer training course.

October — The Burleigh map of Hampden County was reconditioned and is now on loan to the school where it hangs in the superintendent's office.

Mrs. Morgan, Miss Howlett and Mrs. Johnson attended an evening meeting at the Stony Hill School on Regional Libraries.

November — National Children's Book Week was celebrated with an extensive display of new books.

December — A Christmas program for children and adults was held on December 16.

Statistics

I. General Service:

Circulation of books and magazines	16,984
Books purchased	512

Periodical subscriptions purchased	44
Registered borrowers	680
Magazines and books donated	294
Total attendance	15,131
Adult	3,839
Juvenile	11,292

Interloans made from the Springfield City Library and the State Division of Public Libraries 25

II. Special services provided for the schools:

All grades have supervised weekly library periods.

The Sessions Reference Room is open daily for Junior High School groups, outside regular library hours.

There were 1137 books reviewed with 225 large and small reading certificates earned.

III. Finances:

Receipts

Appropriation by the Town Including	
State Aid	\$3,381.00
Dog Tax Refund	709.11
Holt Fund	18.91
Total	\$4,109.02

Expenditures

Books	\$1,589.23
Magazines	206.02
Salaries	1,891.61
Incidentals	422.16
Total	\$4,109.02

TRUST FUNDS

Johanna Burleigh Holt Fund	
Amount of bequest	500.00
1961 Interest available in 1962	19.95

Morton L. Day Fund

Balance in Fund Jan. 1961	541.33
Interest Received	21.16
Withdrawal for Christian Herald subscriptions to shut-ins	21.16
Balance Jan. 1962	541.33

Grace M. (Pease) Carew Fund

Amount of bequest	\$2,000.00
Balance in fund Jan., 1961	\$2,468.66
Interest for 1961	96.55
Balance in fund Jan. 1962	\$2,565.21

Several Gifts of books and money have been made during the year. Contributions of this sort are most welcome. We invite anyone wishing to make gifts for special projects for memorials or for establishing permanent funds to discuss the variety of needs of the library with the trustees.

The interest and helpfulness of many individuals and groups in the town throughout 1961 is very much appreciated by the board of Trustees and the staff.

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

Having completed the search for Gypsy Moth clusters, I report very few egg clusters were found. I feel the whole town is very clean of Gypsy Moth egg clusters.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEMON

Moth Superintendent

BUILDING COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1961, there were one hundred and ninety-eight permits granted. These were as follows:

New houses	29
Garages	2
Barns	3
Shed	1
Greenhouse	1
Additions to houses	7
Alterations to houses	9
Addition to garage	1
Addition to barn	1
Alterations to V.F.W.	1
Tear down silo	1
Electrical	
New houses	29
Alterations to houses	27
Oil burners	12
Waterheaters	8
Barn	1
Plumbing	
New houses	27
Alterations	4
Additions	1
Septic tanks	33
Inspections	
Building	84
Electrical	106
Plumbing	97

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT

Building Commissioner

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

During 1961 our Special Officers and Constables were given assignments for patrol duty, Church duty, Recreation Field duty during the summer; and in addition were called to investigate accidents and complaints, including those cases relating to unrestrained dogs in the community. The hours spent by the officers are as follows:

Patrolling and traffic duty	883.50
Investigations	163.
Church duty, duty at dances, suppers, etc.	428.25
Recreation Field duty	152.
Complaints concerning dogs	126,
Mileage	6,096.

These officers submitted monthly reports as to their activities.

Effective July 1, they receive \$1.75 per hour.

During the summer months, these officers were on duty at the Recreation Field nights, Saturday and Sunday when the Recreation Director was off duty.

The following have been processed through this office:

21 traffic violations were referred to District Court in Springfield with recommended action.

19 violation notices were forwarded to Registry of Motor Vehicles for action.

8 defective equipment notices were issued.

Several minor and three more serious accidents were investigated.

The Police Dept. issued or renewed 13 Licenses to Carry Firearms during 1961.

This office has kept the Special Officers and Constables informed of special legislation and applicable notices from the Registry of Motor Vehicles throughout the year.

The work of these Special Officers and Constables is appreciated by this Department.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. MELVILLE

Chief of Police

Report of the Board of Public Welfare

GENERAL RELIEF

Appropriation \$5,000.00

	Cases	Persons	Amount
Total Cases Aided	12	30	\$4,086.01
Town Cases	3	10	379.97
Aided in Town			
settled other towns	1	5	765.00
Hampden settled - aided			
in other towns	7	14	2,875.04
State Cases	1	1	66.00

EXPENDITURES

Cash	\$870.15
Board and care	114.00
Provisions	110.02
Medical	116.80
Paid other Cities & Towns	2,875.04

\$4,086.01

Unexpended Balance	\$ 913.00
Received from Other Cities & Towns	\$1,035.00
Accounts receivable	

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Cases Active Jan. 1, 1961	0
Cases Added During 1961	0
Cases Active Dec. 31, 1961	0
Town Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Expenditures	
Unexpended Balance	\$1,000.00

FEDERAL GRANT

Balance Jan. 1, 1961	\$957.44
Expenditures	
Balance Dec. 31, 1961	<u>\$957.44</u>

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Cases Active Jan. 1, 1961	4
Cases Added During 1961	4
Cases Closed During 1961	1
Cases Active Dec. 31, 1961	7
Town Appropriation	
Appropriation	\$2,600.00
Trans. from Available Funds	2,500.00
Cancelled Check	<u>41.75</u>
	\$5,141.75
Cash Paid on Payrolls	\$5,100.00
Unexpended Balance Dec. 31, 1961	<u>\$ 41.75</u>

FEDERAL GRANT

Balance Jan. 1, 1961	\$4,041.10
Received from Federal Gov't.	<u>5,781.50</u>
	\$9,822.60
Cash Paid on Payrolls	\$8,823.49
Balance Dec. 31, 1961	<u>\$ 999.11</u>
Cash Received from State (to Est. Receipts)	\$4,339.27

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER M. ICKRATH, JR., Chairman
 CHARLES MELVILLE
 WILLIAM PATULLO

Board of Public Welfare

By: MARY H. CANTWELL, Director

Report of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance

This report includes the category — Medical Assistance for the Aged.

Cases Active OAA January 1, 1961	17
Cases Added OAA During 1961	5
Cases Closed OAA During 1961	7
Cases Active OAA Dec. 31, 1961	15
Cases Active MAA January 1, 1961	4
Cases Added MAA During 1961	4
Cases Closed MAA During 1961	3
Cases Active MAA Dec. 31, 1961	5

TOWN APPROPRIATION

Appropriation	\$23,000.00
Cancelled Checks	139.80
	<hr/> \$23,139.80
Cash Paid on Payrolls	\$22,578.47
Paid other Cities-Towns	561.33
	<hr/> \$23,139.80

FEDERAL GRANT

Balance Jan. 1, 1961	\$2,329.36
Rec'd from Federal Gov't. (OAA)	8,961.10

Rec'd from Federal Gov't. (MAA)	7,559.79
Cancelled checks	46.40
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	\$18,896.65
Cash Paid on Payrolls (MAA & OAA)	\$9,286.69
Unexpended Balance Dec. 31, 1961	\$9,609.96
Cash Rec'd from State (to Est. Receipts)	OAA \$5,845.08
	MAA 5,859.31

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER M. ICKRATH, JR., Chairman

CHARLES MELVILLE

WILLIAM PATULLO

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

By: MARY H. CANTWELL, Director

American Druggist Directory	9.00
Town of Monson (Rent)	180.00
Frederick J. Sullivan, Jr. (Bond)	6.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	290.55
Supplies and Forms	147.73
Royal McBee Corp. (Typewriter Care)	16.20
Public Administration (Dues)	10.00
Equipment	42.46
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Total Expenditures	\$15,084.69

Respectfully submitted,

MARY H. CANTWELL,

Director

REPORT OF DUTCH ELM COMMITTEE

The report on Dutch Elm Disease covers taking samples, cutting and burning all diseased elms, also spraying all roadside elms in May and July.

In May and in August and again in December diseased elms were cut and burned; a total of 26.

The Highway Department has been very cooperative in all tree work thus enabling me to use local men and Town trucks, which keeps the cost of tree removal at a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEMON

Moth Superintendent

Report of the Board of Health

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Twenty cases of disease classified as dangerous to the public health by the Massachusetts State Board of Health were reported during the year as follows:

Scarlet fever	3
Chicken pox	5
Infectious hepatitis	4
Measles	3
German measles	1
Mumps	4

At the request of this Board, the water in the pool at the Recreation Field, and the drinking supply at that location were tested by the Western Mass. District office of the State Board of Health. The water in two private homes was tested by this same office at our request, following the occurrence of contagious disease considered a health hazard. It is emphasized that testing of private water supplies can be done by the State Board only under these conditions, and at the request of the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. PATULLO,
Chairman

CHARLES R. MELVILLE

WALTER M. ICKRATH, JR.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

February 3, 1962

The Cemetery Commissioners wish to report the following:

Both cemeteries were mowed five times during the year. Lots with perpetual care were mowed as needed.

Sunken graves in both cemeteries were filled, lined, fertilized, and seeded.

The unpainted portion of the fence in Prospect Hill Cemetery was finished.

Approximately 1 acre of land adjacent to the Philpotts property was cleared of brush. A smaller area in the center part was also cleared.

The present fence on the north boundary line of the Old Cemetery will be moved to the new boundary line.

A road will be laid out and graveled on the newly acquired land is the Old Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER FULLER, Chairman

NEIL KIBBE

DANIEL ISHAM

BOARD OF APPEALS

We received two applications for hearings in 1961. One was from Norman B. Keddy, requesting permission to remove and sell gravel from his property on Wilbraham Road. This was denied by the Board of Appeals, following a public hearing, and Mr. Keddy has appealed this case to the Superior Court, where it is now pending.

The other application was from Austin K. Harris for renewal of an existing permit. This renewal was granted, following a public hearing, for a period of one year.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT S. WOODS, Chairman

JOHN S. LEARY

LAWRENCE F. SULLIVAN

STUART F. HILL

Alternates

WILLIAM A. BAILEY

ROBERT W. KING