

	Appropriation	Obtained from Other Sources* (See Footnote)	Total Available Funds	Expended	Unexpended Appropriations Closed	Carried Forward
School Note.....	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		
Interest on Debt.....	5,440.00	1,225.00	6,665.00	5,440.00		1,225.00
Interest on Loans.....	1,600.00	826.51	2,426.51	2,369.93	56.58	
Interest on Notes.....	182.00	378.00	560.00	560.00		
Total Appropriations.....	\$675,477.28					
Total Other Sources.....		\$1,934,273.93				
Total Available Funds.....			\$2,609,751.21			
Total Expended.....				\$2,381,610.17		
Total Unexpended Closed.....					\$18,855.11	
Total Carried Forward.....						\$228,141.04

* Analysis of Items Obtained from Other Sources:

Balances carried forward from 1965.....	\$ 67,659.47
Transfers—per Town Meeting Vote.....	25,637.60
Transfers—per Advisory Board from Reserve Fund.....	4,155.09
Federal Grants.....	25,984.09
State and County Grants.....	25,125.29
Refunds and Rebates.....	387.68
Hot Lunches—State and Government Aid.....	28,058.61
Bond Sale and Premium.....	1,753,673.25
Trust Income.....	367.85
Accrued Interest.....	1,225.00

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE BALLARD,
Town Accountant

REPORT OF TREASURER

Balance, January 1, 1966.	\$ 168,737.09	
Receipts.	2,784,487.01	
	<u>\$2,953,224.10</u>	
Payments.	2,597,710.48	
Balance, December 31, 1966.		\$ 355,513.62
Investments:		
Certificates of Deposit.	\$ 900,000.00	
Treasury Bills.	500,000.00	
	<u>\$1,400,000.00</u>	
Stabilization Fund.		\$ 62,342.26

TRUST FUNDS

Day Fund:		
Balance, January 1, 1966.	\$ 549.29	
Interest.	24.21	
	<u>572.50</u>	
Withdrawn.	21.00	
Balance, December 31, 1966.		\$ 551.50
Carew Library Fund:		
Balance, January 1, 1966.	\$ 3,005.47	
Interest.	143.75	
	<u>3,149.22</u>	
Balance, December 31, 1966.		\$ 3,149.22
Town Common.		\$ 1,044.22
Holt Library Fund:		
Balance, January 1, 1966.	\$ 521.87	
Interest.	23.04	
	<u>544.91</u>	
Withdrawn.	23.04	
Balance, December 31, 1966.		\$ 521.87
Bumstead Cemetery Fund:		
Balance, January 1, 1966.	\$ 2,106.68	
Interest.	93.14	
	<u>2,199.82</u>	
Withdrawn.	93.14	
Balance, December 31, 1966.		\$ 2,106.68

Perpetual Care Funds:

Balance, January 1, 1966	\$ 12,166.14	
Interest	543.49	
	12,709.63	
Withdrawn	543.49	
Balance, December 31, 1966	\$ 12,166.14	
Federal Taxes Withheld	\$ 38,415.59	
Massachusetts Income Taxes Withheld	\$ 5,102.87	
Retirement Deductions	\$ 2,617.76	
Blue Cross Deductions	\$ 4,026.25	
Building Permits: 250 Value	\$ 5,154.00	

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE L. KIBBE,
Treasurer

REPORT OF TOWN AUDITOR

In accordance with the Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I have examined the accounts and records of the various departments of the Town of Hampden for the year 1966. I have not made a detailed audit of all transactions, and the examination was, therefore not sufficient in scope to disclose all possible errors or irregularities.

However, by making several checks and by use of various other auditing procedures to the extent deemed appropriate under the circumstances, I believe the general accuracy of the records has been fairly tested.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLLYN H. HATCH,
Town Auditor

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Dogs licensed in 1966:

242 Male @ \$ 2.00	\$ 484.00
70 Female @ \$ 5.00	350.00
211 Spayed @ \$ 2.00	422.00
1 Kennel @ \$50.00	50.00
2 Kennel @ \$25.00	50.00
1 Kennel @ \$10.00	10.00
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	\$1,366.00
Clerk's Fees	131.75
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Paid County Treasurer	\$1,234.25

Marriages 35

Deaths:

Male	19
Female	22

* Births:

Male	37
Female	40

Clerk's Fees paid to the Town:

Sporting licenses issued, 525—fees	\$124.85
Dog Licenses—fees	131.75
Documents recorded	502.00
Certified Copies	127.00
Trade name in business	2.00
Marriages recorded	78.00
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	\$ 965.60

* Births have only been recorded up to October 30, 1966.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE V. KROOK,
Town Clerk

REPORT OF HAMPDEN MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

This year with the remodeled pool and new well, the swimming program was greatly improved. Assistant lifeguards were hired part-time so that the pool could be constantly watched while many were in the water. Help was hired to clean up the grounds and bathhouse each morning.

The lighting around the pool, bathhouse and pavilion was improved. The first base line area of the baseball field was filled and leveled. Fencing was added along the baselines to protect the players and spectators. The parking lot was enlarged by clearing the brush and cutting back the corners.

The Friday night movies by RAH were again enjoyed by many. The Hampden Monson Mobile Day Camp of the Minnechaug Neighborhood Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council was enjoyed for several days by the girls.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, *Chairman*
WILBUR JENKINS
DAVID W. JOYCE
JAMES R. LAW
DALTON E. PHILPOTT
WARREN A. REED
LEE H. TAFT

CIVIL DEFENSE

The Hampden Civil Defense Unit has had a busy and successful year, as a result of the efforts of many people. This unit is a product of the town with its future dependent upon participation by the people of Hampden.

The first project was to bring our unit to State standards and thus become eligible for various State and Federal programs. An Operations Plan for the Town of Hampden was prepared, and approved at all levels. Copies were distributed to officials and interested groups. A copy was placed in the *Hampden Library* to be read by anyone interested. Any questions will be answered by the Director or his staff.

The next project was preparation of a Program Paper which indicated our present status and projected areas of Civil Defense activity. This was prepared, submitted, and approved at all levels. This Program Paper is updated to all levels twice a year.

A Communications Officer, Lee Taft, was appointed and available equipment evaluated. Radio equipment acceptable to us and the MCDA was ordered, and operators are being trained in the proper techniques of CD radio transmissions. Hampden now has the ability to summon aid or transmit essential information in time of nuclear or natural disaster.

Through our efforts and those of the Director of Sector 4A, William Lenihan, we are now eligible for all CD programs including surplus property and the various funding programs.

An Auxiliary Police unit has been formed and is in training under Chief of Police William G. Joy. Civil Defense provided the training manuals and teaching

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kit for this group. We expect to continue this training with medical self-help and radiological monitoring, along with conventional police procedures.

For the next year we propose to continue training our communications personnel; to hold more Home Survival and Medical Self-help courses; to update and train more Radiological monitors; to send several men to the Civil Defense Training School in Topsfield; to develop a correlated "CB" radio group for emergencies; and to round out our personnel as much as possible.

We are looking forward to a busy and fruitful year. I wish to thank all of those who worked and helped us in the past and to invite anyone interested to join our unit. Just contact any of the CD staff or myself.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY H. JOHNSON, C.D.D.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

During the year 1966 Hampden formed its first full time Police Department with the appointment of William G. Joy as Chief of Police on April 27, 1966. During the month of May our new Police Department was formed with the appointment of Robert Newton, Paul Bouchard, Miles Hapgood, Jr. and Richard Wiencek as Special Police Officers. A new police telephone line was installed giving the citizens of Hampden 24-hour coverage. Several persons tried the new line to assure themselves that police protection was only as far away as their telephone, only to find a police officer ready and willing to come and answer their call.

We had a very busy first year with no less than five (5) house breaks, all of which were solved and most of the stolen property recovered. I am happy to report that the perpetrators were caught, arrested, tried and convicted and sentenced to jail. We had several altercations with the youth of Springfield, fourteen (14) to be exact, who were also arrested. Restitution was made to all the store owners and the school authorities suspended those involved. Two were taken to court for trial. There were several petty larcenies. Most of these were solved, including one arson case, the value of which exceeded \$10,000.00. The department answered over 1,000 calls and complaints, each and every one was logged. We have served 207 summonses for local and other departments.

Due to constant patrolling, the speeding through town has been reduced and the safety program increased both in the schools and on the street. The men of the department have issued 53 no-fix tickets during the year and a total of \$450.00 in fines have been levied against these violators. We had 28 motor vehicle accidents this year with 15 personal injuries, 8 of whom were transported to hospitals in Springfield.

On September 1, 1966, Robert Newton was appointed a full time officer of the department. Officer Newton has been an asset to the department. He is neat, alert and courteous and has worked hard furthering his knowledge of police work on his own time, at his own expense. Special Officers Paul Bouchard, Miles Hapgood, Jr. and Richard Wiencek have been a great help in making this department as effective and efficient as it is. They have often jumped out of bed at 2:00 A.M. or 3:00 A.M. to answer complaints or assist on complaints and have managed to maintain their pleasant, courteous attitudes. To them I say well done.

The Hampden Police Department has rapidly gained the respect of other local departments as well as the Massachusetts and Connecticut State Police. We have been called upon by these departments for assistance and for information.

The Police Department is further striving for perfection by adding crime detection and prevention equipment. We are doing this slowly with regard to the tax rate. We need this equipment and more manpower, but we feel the tax dollar will be used for other important items at this time in other departments. We plan to add at least two more patrolmen in 1967 on a full time basis. This will allow us to patrol the town with a 24-hour patrol, plus a full time officer on duty 24 hours a day. The town is growing fast and will continue to grow. It is wiser to add 1 or 2 men each year than to try to add 5 or 6 at one time.

A special thanks to Austin Harris, Jr. for the fine assistance rendered to the town during 1966. The town being without a doctor and being so far from a hospital adds a tremendous task to the Police Department in cases of emergency. His ambulance has answered all emergency calls at no cost to the town, no matter what time of day or night. On behalf of the Town of Hampden, I say thanks.

I would like to thank the department heads and the Board of Selectmen for the fine cooperation we received during the year. This cooperation makes for a better town government and better service for the townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. JOY,
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

Removal of trees included:

- 2 Maple trees in front of barber shop on Wilbraham Road. Stumps were also removed.
- 1 Maple tree on Allen Street.
- 3 Maple trees on North Monson Road.
- 2 Oak trees on Bennett Road.

The dead wood was trimmed from several trees on Wilbraham Road and Bennett Road.

Fifteen Maple trees were purchased and set out in various locations throughout the town. Four Maple trees were donated to replace trees lost at the Elementary School.

Northern Tree Expert Company was hired for all tree removals.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER,
Tree Warden

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Due to sufficient rain and the cooperation of the people of the Town of Hampden there were only thirty (30) forest and grass fires in 1966. None serious. I wish to remind the people to call 566-3935 *only* to obtain a permit for any open air fire. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD J. BOYNTON,
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

1966 was without a doubt the most active year the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department ever had.

In February the Town took delivery of our new Howe-Ford fire truck, bringing to the Town one of the best equipped fire trucks in the area. This vehicle was entered in six firemen's parades in competition with as many as 35 other trucks. We earned 4 first places and 2 seconds against very stiff competition from both volunteer and paid departments. Many thanks are due the Truck Committee and the Board of Selectmen for the hours of work necessary to select the correct truck for our needs.

Regular training exercises were held every first and third Monday of the month.

All Town buildings and the two rest homes were inspected every three months.

We have attended all Hampden County Mutual Aid meetings and have taken an active part in mutual aid practice within our town and others in the County.

The Department answered 69 calls throughout the year as follows:

Grass	31	Dump	9
Building	16	Mutual Aid	2
Auto	7	Miscellaneous	4

The total estimated loss from fires in 1966 was \$35,504.

Respectfully submitted,

R. GORDON CASEY,
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Hampden Planning Board held two meetings a month throughout 1966 and a hearing on May 10 on a change of zone from Residence A to Business to extend the present Business Zone of 120 feet in depth to the Scantic River; which includes the properties of Barbara K. Hatch in the rear of their store and the Post Office and the property of Jeannette S. and Harold F. Green, or the Green Valley Pharmacy.

It was voted at the beginning of the year that each member of the Planning Board would be assigned to become a member of one of the relative committees. Gordon J. E. Willcutt worked with the Hampden Development Committee in working on a Master Plan, and to this end Thomas Associates, Inc. was engaged. Garfield W. Tracy was allocated to the Water Study Committee; Frederick Maher worked with the School Building Committee; Francis T. Buckley has been engaged with the Zoning Revision Committee; and Marion W. Gerrish served with the School Survey and Site Committee in projecting the school needs five and ten years hence; working with Superintendent of Schools Kenneth E. Johnson. The work of all these committees has laid the groundwork for progress in 1967. Most of the committees are ready to report at the Annual Town Meeting in March.

The largest single area under development is the former Lunden property on Bennett Road. The preliminary plan has been presented to the Board by David P. Munsell. Old Orchard Road off Carmody Road is one of the 1966 developments presented to the Planning Board by Arthur A. Christianson.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, *Chairman*
MARION W. GERRISH, *Secretary*
GARFIELD W. TRACY
FREDERICK MAHER
FRANCIS BUCKLEY

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

The past few years have witnessed an unprecedented increase in our Town population. As our community has grown, a whole set of newer problems has appeared.

The community health program has broadened to include whenever feasible, other elements and situations that may adversely affect the physical well being of the public. The widening horizons of public health have in recent years included such problems as food establishment inspection, mosquito control, swimming pond, water sampling and inspection, sanitary sewage disposal, refuse control and the enforcement of the required public health laws.

The Board of Health Agent, Mr. Robert Sabbides, has had the responsibility of maintaining surveillance in all matters pertaining to health, and has effectively acted as our liaison with the surrounding communities and the State Health Department.

On December 7, 1966, Mr. Sabbides as special agent for the Board of Health, assumed the inspection phase of all septic tank installations and repairs as required by the new Sanitary Code. Permits are now required for all installation of sewage disposal units, as well as being required for septic tank pumping operators.

During the year one hundred and eighteen plot plans and sewage disposal applications were approved. Thirty sewage disposal applications, indicating alterations or repairs, were approved.

Approximately 16 complaints were received concerning unauthorized disposal of rubbish and garbage on the highways or in wooded areas. Persons responsible were apprehended.

During the year two dwellings were condemned as unfit for human habitation. One dwelling was demolished, and corrections as ordered by the Board were made by the owner of the second condemned structure.

A rabies vaccine clinic was instituted by the Board during the month of November, and 78 dogs were inoculated. 16 dog bite cases were reported to the Board of Health.

3 permits were granted by the Board of Health for swimming pool operation during 1966.

55 immunization shots for measles were administered to school children.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH J. ZAHER, *Chairman*
JOHN M. FLYNN
CHARLES R. MELVILLE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE

In accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth—Chapter 128—The Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture are empowered to receive, on behalf of the County, money appropriated by any town or by the Federal Government for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

The Trustees are further empowered to maintain agents to conduct meetings or demonstrations, make individual farm and home visits and in all ways help to improve home and community interests in every way possible.

Their agents have made contacts during the past year in every community either by public meetings, individual visits, group discussions, demonstrations or otherwise in attempting to assist the needs of the citizens toward helping to solve management problems, better living and better community service and have been ably assisted by hundreds of local volunteer leaders to this end.

A total expense of \$(Nil.) was incurred during the year for either travel or purchase of material needed in carrying on the various projects by the local leaders. The appropriation made by your town was used by the agents of the Trustees for only residents of your town.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1966 Appropriation.....	—
1965 Unexpended Balance.....	\$155.24
Total Available for 1966.....	155.24
Total Expenditure in 1966.....	—
Total Available for 1967.....	155.24
Recommended Appropriation for 1967.....	Nil.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE
ALBERT H. FULLER, *Clerk*

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Once more we draw to the close of another busy and successful year. As we note the increase in our attendance and circulation, we realize we are using our facilities to their full capacity. The need for expansion becomes more evident each year.

The theme for National Library Week, in April, was the 75th Anniversary of the Library. Carl Howlett wrote a short history of our Library which was printed in an attractive pamphlet and available to all. We have a supply on hand if anyone would like to have one.

Mrs. Walter Schwabe was Chairman of the Citizens' Committee and arranged the Open House and Tea held on April 23rd. Mrs. Grace L. Kibbe was the guest of honor having completed her years of service as Town Clerk.

Once again the Summer Reading Club was a big success. Those that reported on the required number of books were the recipients of a certificate and a book as a reward.

On May 12th, Mrs. Kenneth E. Johnson and Mrs. R. Lester Bryans attended the Spring Meeting of the Western Massachusetts Library Association, in East Northfield, at the Northfield Inn.

The trustees and the librarian were present at the special meeting, in the West Springfield Public Library, of the Western Region, Massachusetts Library Trustees' Association, on May 26th. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the recently amended Minimum Standards of the Public Library Service.

Mrs. Charles Therrien attended the Massachusetts Library Association Spring Meeting, on June 11, at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel.

The Western Massachusetts Library Association Fall Meeting was held at the Westfield Athenaeum, and Mrs. Kenneth E. Johnson attended.

The Library received bequests and memorials from several sources.

The Woodland Park Garden Club gave us three books on gardening.

A 17 volume set of the Pictorial Encyclopedia of American History was given by the Reardon and Munsell families in memory of Mrs. Leila Murray, a former Hampden resident.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilcox and their daughter, Miss Alice Wilcox, gave us a sum of money with which to purchase some Thornton W. Burgess books. We were able to order 45 books in a sturdy library binding. Mr. Edward Messier, of the Country Press, designed and printed the bookplates for these books and gave them to the Library. We are grateful to him as well as to the Wilcoxes for their kind generosity in memory of their good friend and neighbor.

We continue to loan our library facilities. The School Department pays for the services of a librarian so the Junior High School pupils may use the library materials on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

More than 200 children attended the Puppet Show given on Saturday during Children's Book Week. The Uncle Remus Puppets loaned to us by Mrs. Irwin Borodkin, Elementary School Librarian in Longmeadow, were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. George Audren and Mrs. Robert Tiernan directed the acting of the puppets and Mrs. Bryans took charge of the sound effects. Our library room was filled to capacity and overflowing. A surprise treat of cider and doughnuts was given the children. The staff also served coffee to adults throughout the week.

Santa Claus shared his busy hours with us on December 17. A record number of 245 children came and talked with him and received a candy cane while their parents relaxed with a cup of coffee. Many interesting expressions were caught by Mrs. Johnson's candid camera.

On December 28, Mr. Francis P. Keough, Director of the Springfield Public Library System, met with the Trustees and Librarian in an advisory capacity. Suggestions were made as to a hoped for expansion program, in the near future, to increase the usability and extend the present library services.

The Bookmobile continues to make its regular visits and serves our many requests. It is much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

MIRIAM P. BRYANS, *Librarian*
ELSIE W. THERRIEN, *Chairman*
C. KILBOURNE BUMP
MILDRED ATTLETON

Trustees

STATISTICS

I. GENERAL SERVICES—1966

Circulation of books and magazines	28,771
Books purchased (Adult 366—Juvenile 261)	627
Periodical subscriptions purchased	58
Registered borrowers	1,187
Magazines and books donated	535
Total attendance	23,550
Interloan books borrowed	31
Bookmobile	1,503

II. SPECIAL SERVICES

There were 1,360 books reviewed by the children with 277 large and small certificates earned.

The Library aids the local schools, the Community Kindergarten, various hospital and rest home patients, and those unable to attend the library.

III. FINANCES

Receipts:

Appropriation by the Town	\$5,100.00
Dog Tax Refund	925.29
Holt Fund Interest	20.00
Day Fund Interest	21.00
Total	\$6,066.29

Expenditures:

Books and Magazines	\$2,546.26
Wages	2,943.80
Supplies and Incidentals	572.92
Total	\$6,062.98

TRUST FUNDS

Johanna Burleigh Holt Fund	\$ 521.87
Interest Available	23.04
Morton L. Day Fund	548.29
Interest Available	24.21
Withdrawal for Christian Herald subscriptions to shut-ins	21.00
Grace M. (Pease) Carew Fund	
Interest	143.75
Balance	3,149.22

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

GENERAL RELIEF

Appropriation	\$ 2,800.00
Refund	37.80
	\$ 2,837.80

	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Total Cases Aided	3	3	\$1,514.05

EXPENDITURES

Cash	\$ 189.00
Medical	1,325.05
	\$1,514.05
Unexpended Balance 12/13/66	\$ 1,323.75
Accounts Receivable from State as of 1/1/66	\$ 554.18
Accounts billed to State for General Relief 1966	295.25
Accounts paid by State for General Relief	825.03
Accounts Receivable (from State) 12/31/66	24.40

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

TOWN

Cases Active January 1, 1966	2
Cases Active December 31, 1966	1
Town Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00
Expenditures	\$1,500.00

FEDERAL

Balance January 1, 1966	\$ 1,701.34
Received from Federal Government	1,036.00
	\$ 2,737.34
Expenditures	\$ 817.90
Unexpended Balance December 31, 1966	\$ 1,919.44
Cash Received from State to (Estimated Receipts)	\$ 1,028.58

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN

TOWN

Cases Active January 1, 1966	9
Cases Active December 31, 1966	11
Appropriation	\$ 6,000.00
Expenditures	\$6,000.00

FEDERAL	
Balance January 1, 1966.	\$ 2,729.50
Received from Federal Government.	9,578.50
Refunds.	525.00
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	\$12,833.00
Expenditures.	\$11,589.85
Unexpended Balance December 31, 1966.	\$ 1,243.15
Cash received from State to (Estimated Receipts).	\$ 8,642.34

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

TOWN	
Cases Active January 1, 1966.	10
Cases Active December 31, 1966.	10
Appropriation.	\$ 4,000.00
Expenditures.	\$4,000.00

FEDERAL	
Balance January 1, 1966.	\$ 7,495.27
Received from Federal Government.	6,293.00
Cancelled Check.	45.10
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	\$13,833.37
Expenditures.	\$6,021.70
Unexpended Balance December 31, 1966.	\$ 7,811.67
Cash Received from State to (Estimated Receipts).	\$ 3,528.36

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE AGED

TOWN	
Cases Active January 1, 1966.	6
Cases Active December 31, 1966.	11
Appropriation.	\$ 7,000.00
Expenditures.	\$7,000.00

FEDERAL	
Balance January 1, 1966.	\$10,598.72
Received from Federal Government.	8,453.28
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	\$19,052.00
Expenditures.	\$9,032.29
Unexpended Balance December 31, 1966.	\$10,019.71
Cash Received from State to (Estimated Receipts).	\$ 6,586.45

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES MELVILLE, *Chairman*
JOHN FLYNN
JOSEPH J. ZAHER

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE
By: ALBERT R. DUPSHA, *Director*

REPORT OF THE SOUTHEAST HAMPDEN WELFARE DISTRICT

The following is the report of the Southeast Hampden Welfare District, comprising the towns of Monson, Hampden and Wales until November 1, 1966, at which time the towns of Brimfield and Holland were added to the District with Mr. Albert R. Dupsha as Director, upon retirement of Miss Mary Cantwell.

Balance as of January 1, 1966	\$ 3,778.27
Payments from Member Towns	4,209.42
Received from Federal Government	10,725.14
Received from State	6,817.86
Expenditures	\$20,969.96
Balance forward	4,560.73

EXPENDITURES

Salaries: Director, Social Worker, Jr. Clerk and Typist	\$17,517.01
Salary: District Treasurer	200.00
Treasurer Hampden County Retirement	1,161.00
Wm. P. Stone, P.M. (Stamps)	100.00
Wm. Boden, P.M. (Stamps)	35.80
Travel and Conference Expense (Director and Social Worker)	491.02
Town of Monson (Rent)	180.00
Frederick J. Sullivan, Jr. (Bond)	6.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	333.82
3M Business Products Sales	397.43
Office Products Inc.	68.46
M. S. French & Son	56.30
James Collins, Treas. (Adm. Dues)	10.00
Mass. Public Welfare Conference	10.00
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	358.03
Aucoin's Press	14.84
Southbridge Trucking	30.25
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	\$20,969.96

Respectfully submitted,

WALLACE ADAM, *Chairman*
 CHARLES MELVILLE
 LOUIS PICCO, JR.
 By: ALBERT R. DUPSHA, *Director*

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 1966 there were seven hundred and one permits granted.

These were as follows:

Building:

New houses	109
New School	1
New barns	1
New garages	3
New sheds	8
Alterations to houses	11
Additions to houses	15
Additions to garages	1
Alterations to sheds	1
Demolish barns	3

Electrical:

New houses	110
New School	1
Remodeling	15
Water heaters	7
Ranges	2
Dryers	7
Additions	20
Oil burners	3

Plumbing:

New houses	110
New School	1
Repairs	24
Additions	7
Septic Tanks	143
Gas	98

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT,
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals held five public hearings during 1966.

An appeal of the denial of a building permit for Gleason Realty was denied.

The request of John Kubik for a special permit to convert a single-family dwelling to a two-family dwelling was permitted with restrictions.

The request of Robert Schoolcraft of East Longmeadow Road for a special permit for a permitted use was granted with restrictions.

The petition of Dennis J. Gardner for a special permit to allow the sale of land in violation of the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Hampden was granted. The petition of Dennis J. Gardner for a variance from the Zoning By-Laws was denied.

The Board expresses its appreciation to Mrs. Charles N. Snow for her clerical assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

DALTON E. PHILPOTT, *Chairman*
RICHARD A. JALBERT
WALTER W. LUNDEN
BERT B. NIETUPSKI
LAWRENCE F. SULLIVAN

Alternates:

JOHN R. OWENS
STANLEY W. WITKOP, JR.

REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The animal inspector wishes to report that he has inspected the barns and animals which is required by the State law. The following number of animals were found:

Dairy Cows	210
Beef Cattle	80
Horses	110
Swine	20
Goats	1
Sheep	42

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER,
Animal Inspector

DUTCH ELM COMMITTEE REPORT

The usual spray of elms for elm bark beetles which spread Dutch Elm disease was applied in May and June.

Samples were taken in the Spring and 29 trees were found to have Dutch Elm disease.

During the fall 19 of these trees were cut and burned.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. REARDON,
Superintendent, Insect Pest Control

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

I have not had any requests for inspection of slaughtered animals for the year 1966.

I have reported to the State Department of Health each month as required by law.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD E. DICKINSON

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

We have completed the search for Gypsy Moth clusters and again found the town with a very light infestation.

About 60 clusters were found and destroyed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. REARDON,
Superintendent, Insect Pest Control

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Cemetery Commissioners wish to report the following:

Both cemeteries were mowed three times. Lots with perpetual care were mowed as needed.

Several trees were removed in Prospect Hill Cemetery. Approximately three hundred yards of free fill was drawn in to level an area up to the desired grade. This area will be seeded this spring.

Three signs were erected at the entrance to each cemetery.

Two new flags will be purchased this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER, *Chairman*
ERNESTINE JOHNSON
DANIEL ISHAM

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

Dog Officer Arthur H. Gerrish reports that by and large relations were more harmonious in the dog population, which has increased with the growth of the town. Townspeople are becoming used to the dog restraining law and there was much more cooperation evidenced in 1966.

There are still neighborhoods where the dogs run unrestrained, usually because one person sets a bad example.

A number of dogs have been impounded, costing the owners \$5 to "bail" them out, with the fee enriching the town treasury. However, most owners are so rejoiced to find that their pet is waiting for them that they gladly pay the fee.

Many good dogs have been placed in homes of dog lovers. Some had to be taken to the SPCA in hopes that they will be placed in homes through them; and regretfully one or two which have caused mischief have had to be put to sleep.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. GERRISH,
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Development Committee was established by the Planning Board as directed by an affirmative vote of the townspeople at the 1966 Annual Town Meeting. The membership of this body was constructed primarily from the Master Plan Study Committee, ultimately having representation from the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Board, Planning Board, Board of Assessors, School Committee, as well as a licensed realtor and several citizens at large. The charge made to the committee was to prepare the framework for a total town plan to be presented at the 1967 Annual Town Meeting.

OBJECTIVES

To structure a framework of long range comprehensive planning on a foundation which would best serve all of the people of Hampden, the committee agreed to the following as basic objectives:

1. To provide for a stable tax rate.
2. To provide for the finest services and environment the Town can offer for each tax dollar expended.
3. To provide a statement of goals, a comprehensive source of information, and a basis for coordination to guide orderly development of Town services and facilities.

PROCEDURE

To launch this sizeable task, the Development Committee focused on three questions, recognizing that the responsibility entrusted to the committee could best be accomplished by diligent search of them:

1. *Evaluate*: What does Hampden now have?
2. *Explore*: What does Hampden need and want to become?
3. *Project*: What ways and means are there for Hampden to accomplish its goals?

ACTIVITIES

The effort spent within the months that followed was highly productive to these goals. Here are some of the major accomplishments achieved to date:

1. Resource materials from local, state and national files were reviewed by members.
2. Correspondence was made with individuals and organizations which might prove useful in developing the total town plan.
3. Conferences with authorities and specialists were conducted including:
 - a. Mr. Frederick A. Fallon, Director, Bureau of Planning Assistance, State Department of Commerce and Development, who arranged to have Mr. Charles Repeta meet with the committee and other town officials in outlining steps towards preparing a total town plan as well as means for pursuing federal funds administered by his department. He also provided information regarding the selection of a professional consultant.

- b. Mr. Charles Conlin of the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, Mr. Waldo Hanesworth of the National Recreation Association, and Mr. David Hall of the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources met regarding basic studies to town planning provided by their respective departments.
 - c. Mr. Sol Gerstman of the American Institute of Planners and Mr. Roberval Hubert of the American Institute of Architects also provided professional insight to long-range town planning.
4. Subcommittees were established in these areas:
- a. *Recreation and Conservation*

An affirmative vote was recorded at the Special Town Meeting of October, 1966, regarding its recommendation to establish a Board of Park Commissioners to be appointed through the next town election. The Board will be responsible for the details of a year-round recreation program as well as long-range considerations to the Town's recreation needs. A Conservation Study Group has been formed and plans to report at the 1967 Annual Town Meeting.
 - b. *Zoning*

To avoid duplication of effort this committee was organized directly under the authority of the Planning Board. Nonetheless, technical assistance to the Zoning Committee is being provided by the professional consultants employed by the Development Committee.
 - c. *Town Services*

Under the direction of Raymond Barkhuff, this committee was formed to review problems related to sanitary sewers, storm drainage, garbage disposal, and refuse disposal. Closer analysis of these areas with the assistance of professional consultation will be necessary.
 - d. *Regionalization*

This committee, under the direction of William Blizzard, was formed in order to keep the Town abreast of the developments in and around neighboring communities, particularly in those areas which can or will affect Hampden and its total town plan. The Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission has been reached relative to future plans for regional waste disposal, the Outer Belt Highway, and other regional programs. The study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of the Scantic River as part of the Connecticut River Basin Project is being investigated. This committee recommends that careful scrutiny of regional issues will be of great significance in effecting the long-range future of Hampden.
 - e. Other areas of investigation studied by some or all members of the Development Committee included: business and industry, traffic circulation, population, town government structure, capital budget forecasting, schools, and land use.

PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE

It became evident that the complexity of total town planning was of sizeable dimension, and in many ways highly technical in nature, yet at the same time requiring close integration into a meaningful design. Thus the committee recognized that professional consultation would have to be employed. Deliberation began by reviewing literature provided by five well-recommended consultant firms, followed by an individual interview of each. Unanimous vote selected Thomas Associates, recognized for their attention to the unique qualities of small towns as well as their success with federal and state funding programs. On August 30, 1966, the proposed scope of services by Thomas Associates, at a cost to the Town of \$1,000 was approved by the Development Committee. This included:

1. A general soils study mapping the entire town with information useful in locating schools, roads, septic tanks, underground utilities, and so forth.
2. A review with recommendations regarding existing zoning by-laws including subdivision regulations.
3. Preparation for a federal "701" planning program for aiding in the development of a total town plan (in which the grant is normally an amount up to two-thirds of the project cost).
4. Tabulation of a community survey which was provided to every household in Hampden.
5. Presentation of the initial phase of a sample beautification project for the Memorial Park which, for the cost to the Town in labor, supplies or funds, there are matching funds available.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recognizing that the growth of the Town will continue to intensify the need and value of long-range planning for Hampden, the Development Committee makes the following recommendations as the most efficient and reasonable steps in accomplishing a total town plan:

1. That a three-phase comprehensive program of planning be scheduled on an 18 month basis (estimated timing for each phase: 6 months).
 - a. *Survey phase:*
 1. Preparation of maps—base map, matching U.S. Geodetic Survey Map, matching aerial photographs, and a regional map.
 2. Land Use Survey—field examination with map and text coverage.
 3. Vacant Land Survey—with comment on their suitabilities for use.
 4. Regional Study—ramifications of Hampden with regard to neighboring towns and regions.
 5. Economic Base Study—in text and tables.
 6. Population Study—trends, characteristics, and pressures with forecast to 1985.
 7. Circulation Survey—inventory of traffic flow, street location and condition, parking areas, danger areas.

8. Utility Survey—sewage disposal, water supply areas, drainage, gas and power service.
9. Survey of additional town facilities and municipal services with map and text coverage.

b. Analysis and review phase:

Prepare recommendations for a total town plan based on the above studies for the present and for the projected 1985 population.

c. Implementation phase:

Effectuation of the total town plan through publication of the comprehensive report in map and text form.

2. That the assistance of professional consultation be obtained to initiate the above program with the sum of \$7,000 to be raised by the Town to be used in conjunction with available state and federal funds.
3. That the Planning Board be advised to appoint a steering committee of five members to guide the development of the total town plan in the best interests of the Town.

SUMMARY

In summary of its efforts during the year of 1966, the Development Committee feels it has made significant headway in the process of an effective total town plan for Hampden. This is in no small way attributed to the assistance and cooperation of many individuals and groups. The committee expresses its thanks.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriations.....	\$1,200.00
Expended as of December 31, 1966.....	1,047.29
Balance as of December 31, 1966.....	\$ 152.71

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. BRECK, *Chairman*
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 MARILYN BLIZARD, *Secretary*
 JOHN FLYNN
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