

1967

TOWN REPORT



HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

RESIDENCE OF THE LATE THORNTON W. BURGESS

This old unspoiled Cape Cod style house hugging the ground and built into the side of the hill is the gem of the town, both historically and architecturally. It was undoubtedly built by Calvin Stebbins, son of Moses Stebbins, one of Hampden's first settlers. It has the usual fireplaces for a house of its age, including the immense one with bake oven in the old kitchen. Perhaps the feature which best shows the number of years it has been built is the staircase. The dimensions of each step average six inches high and three inches wide. An old clipping in a Springfield newspaper of 1916 describes the stairs fully. Over 50 years ago articles were being written about the house and we find that even 70 years ago picture post cards were being sold showing the west end of this landmark, which is the oldest in the village.

Another interesting feature is that the house has no cellar under it, but one at the first floor level in the hill against which the house is nestled. The walls are of rough stone, three feet thick and the cellar is cool in summer and above freezing in winter.

After the death of Miss Experience Stebbins, daughter of Calvin, in 1870, the last member of the Stebbins family to live here, the property was sold to the widow of Joshua Stanton who had owned the present Valentine house on South Monson Road. Her daughter Miss Calista Stanton lived here alone for many years with her various pets, including bantams and white mice. She passed away in 1903 and the house was next owned by the Coates family who filled it with rare trophies and antiques brought from all parts of the world.

Over 35 years ago Thornton W. Burgess, internationally famous author of children's nature stories honored our town by purchasing the Old Stebbins House and new luster has been added to its long history. Both the owner and residence have been featured in Life Magazine as well as in countless other newspapers and Journals. An illustration in color of the east side of this residence is shown in Mr. Burgess' book entitled "Tales From a Storyteller's House." A beautiful painting of the residence also hangs in the Longmeadow Library.

The residents of Hampden are pleased that since Mr. Burgess' death the house and accompanying land have been purchased by the Massachusetts Audubon Society and will be preserved for posterity as a Nature Center. It will be a living memorial to him who found inspiration for many of his books from "Laughing Brook", the name he selected for his Hampden property.

CARL HOWLETT

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMPDEN



AND OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 1967

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INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

Population of Hampden, January 1, 1965
(Official State Census) 3,211

Estimated Population of Hampden, December 31, 1967
3,400

Senators in U. S. Senate

Edward W. Brooke

Edward Kennedy

Address: United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510

Representative in Congress

Edward P. Boland

Address: U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515

State Senator

Philip A. Quinn

Address: State House, Boston, Mass. 02133

or

Spencer, Mass. 01562

Representative in General Court

Alexander Lolas

Address: State House, Boston, Mass. 02133

or

42 Margaret Street, Monson, Mass. 01057

Annual Town Meeting

First Monday in March

Annual Election of Officers of Hampden

Second Monday in March

Business Hours of Town Officers and Committees, unless otherwise announced:

Town Clerk	Wednesdays, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Town Treasurer	Thursdays, 1 to 5 P.M. Fridays, 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Collector of Taxes	Mondays, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Wednesdays, 7 to 8 P.M. Thursdays, 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Board of Assessors	Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 P.M. Clerk in office every Monday, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Friday, 2 to 5 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Board of Selectmen	Meet every Wednesday at 8 P.M. Secretary in office every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.; every Wednesday and Friday, 9 A.M. to 12 Noon.	Tel. 566-3713
Planning Board	Second Wednesday of each month at 8 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214

School Committee	First and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-8814
Regional School Committee	Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 596-6161

Hours of Hampden Free Public Library

Monday	12:30 P.M. to 5 P.M. and 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.
Wednesday	12:30 P.M. to 5 P.M. and 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.
Saturday	1:30 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Summer Hours of Library

Monday and Wednesday	2 to 5 P.M. and 7 to 9 P.M.
Saturday	2 to 5 P.M.

Hours of Town Dump:

When Standard Time is in effect:

Monday	1 to 6 P.M.
Wednesday	1 to 6:30 P.M.
Saturday	10 A.M. to 6 P.M.

When Daylight Saving Time is in effect:

Monday	3 to 8 P.M.
Wednesday	3 to 8 P.M.
Saturday	10 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Publications Available

Subdivision Control Laws	25 cents
Zoning By-Laws	25 cents
Map of Hampden	25 cents

The following may be obtained from Town Clerk:

Certified copy of birth	\$1.00
Certified copy of death	1.00
Certified copy of marriage	1.00
Marriage license—resident	2.00
Trade Name Registration	1.00

Telephones

Green Meadows Elementary School, North Road	566-3263
Superintendent of Schools, Burgess Memorial School	566-8814
Junior High School, Burgess Memorial School	566-3931
Highway Department, Main Street	566-8842
Library, Main Street	566-3047
Minnechaug Regional High School, Wilbraham	596-6161
Welfare Department, Main Street, Monson	1-267-3717
Veterans Services Department, 200 Main Street, Monson	1-267-9903

Church Directory

Federated Community Church, Main Street	566-3711
Rev. Robert Van Gorder, Pastor	566-3402
St. Mary's Church, Somers Road	
Rev. Edmund Walsh, Pastor	566-8843

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS—1967

Moderator

GEORGE W. INGLE

Town Clerk

MARIE V. KROOK

Town Treasurer

GRACE L. KIBBE

Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

CHARLES R. MELVILLE, Chairman, 1968

JOSEPH J. ZAHER, 1969 JOHN M. FLYNN, 1970

Secretary to the Selectmen—RUTH W. WOODS

Assessors

FRANK J. T. KIRK, Chairman, 1968

GEORGE AUDREN, 1969 EDWARD H. DAYTON, 1970

Clerk to the Assessors—ALICE FULLER

School Committee

EDWIN N. LOMBARD, Chairman, 1968

DEWITT ACKERMAN, 1968 YORKE PHILLIPS, 1969

JEANNETTE S. GREEN, 1969 JAMES E. KIRK, 1970

Clerk to the School Committee—DOROTHY ROY

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee

ANDREW J. MULCAHY, JR., 1969

Board of Trustees of the Hampden Free Public Library

MILDRED ATTLETON, Chairman, 1968

ELSIE W. THERRIEN, 1969 KENNETH WINETROUT, 1970

Collector of Taxes

DOROTHY S. FLYNN

Constables

PAUL A. BOUCHARD, 1968

ARTHUR H. GERRISH, 1968 MILES M. HAPGOOD, JR., 1968

Cemetery Commissioners

HOMER FULLER, Chairman, 1970

DANIEL ISHAM, 1968 ERNESTINE F. JOHNSON, 1969

Planning Board

FREDERICK MAHER, Chairman, 1970

MARION W. GERRISH, 1968 FRANCIS BUCKLEY, 1971
GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, 1969 RICHARD H. BRECK, 1972

Clerk to the Planning Board—IRENE BALSER

Tree Warden
HOMER FULLER

Park Commissioners
WILBUR J. JENKINS, Chairman, 1969
KENNETH E. JOHNSON, 1968 JANE M. JOHNSON, 1970
FLORENCE E. KIRK, 1969 DALTON E. PHILPOTT, 1970

Clerk to the Park Commissioners—LUCILLE MCGUILL

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS—1967

Town Accountant
THEODORE L. BALLARD, 1968

Dog Officer
ARTHUR H. GERRISH

Forest Fire Warden
RICHARD J. BOYNTON

Inspector of Animals
HOMER FULLER

Inspector of Slaughtering
DONALD E. DICKINSON

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control
JAMES A. REARDON

Superintendent of Streets
ARTHUR H. GERRISH, retired
HOMER FULLER

Veterans' Graves Officer
JOHN R. SCHMUCK

Board of Health Agent and Investigator
ROBERT H. SABBIDES

Agent for Veterans' Benefits
THOMAS J. FAULKNER, resigned
RICHARD N. BILLODEAU

Measurers of Wood, Bark and Charcoal
ROLLYN H. HATCH AUSTIN K. HARRIS

Civil Defense Director
HARRY JOHNSON, resigned
RENE G. BURQUE

Pound Keeper and Field Driver
HOMER FULLER

Fence Viewers
DONALD E. DICKINSON
WILLIAM H. PATRIC WARREN W. DICKINSON

Dump Supervisor
WALTER J. LYONS

Welfare Agent
ALBERT R. DUPSHA

Town Counsel
Atty. WILLIAM D. CANFIELD

Dentist for Dental Clinic
DR. H. W. MARTINEAU

Building Commissioner
GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT

Electrical Inspector
ALBERT W. MIREAULT

Plumbing Inspector
WILLIAM P. PATULLO

Board of Appeals
DALTON E. PHILPOTT, Chairman, 1968
WALTER W. LUNDEN, 1968 STANLEY W. WITKOP, JR., 1969
RICHARD A. JALBERT, Vice Chairman, 1969 BERT NIETUPSKI, 1970

Alternates
ROBERT L. SULLIVAN, 1970 GARFIELD TRACY, 1970

Clerk to the Board of Appeals—JEAN SNOW

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee
EDWIN N. LOMBARD

Advisory Committee
WILLIAM T. OLMSTEAD, Chairman, 1970
DANIEL M. FLYNN, 1968 SHERWOOD CRONK, 1970
RAYMOND A. BARKHUFF, 1969 ROBERT J. SICBALDI, 1970

Clerk to Advisory Committee—JEAN SNOW

Voters Liable for July Duty for the Year
Beginning August 1, 1967

DEWITT N. ACKERMAN	ELIZABETH W. ARDISON
WALTER A. BARBOUR	ADA R. BOHLKE
JOHN E. BETHEL	GERTRUDE L. BUMP
CLARENCE T. BRADWAY	MARJORIE E. COOK
ROBERT L. BRYANS	ELIZABETH S. CRONK
ERNEST A. BYRON, JR.	FLORENCE L. DAYTON
HOWARD CUTTING	MARY E. DUNLEA
WILLIAM A. DEFELICE	MILDRED M. FREY
WILLARD J. FLYNN	ESTHER HOSIE
JOHN C. KAYNOR	FRANCES F. HOWLETT
ALBERT A. LABELLE	HARRIET K. SCHMUCK
FRANCIS H. LATTRELL	JULIA WINETROUT
CHARLES R. MELVILLE, JR.	FREDERICK R. MOORE
ALBERT J. REARDON, JR.	GEORGE F. VESTER
FREDERICK D. WOLCOTT	EARL E. WALKER

Board of Registrars

MARIE V. KROOK

FAYE FLYNN, Chairman, 1970

VIRGINIA REED, 1968

IDA LAMB, 1969 resigned

LUCILLE DRAPEAU, 1969

Chief of Police

WILLIAM G. JOY

Patrolman

ROBERT A. NEWTON

Special Police Officers

PAUL A. BOUCHARD	JOHN E. PIXLEY
ARTHUR H. GERRISH	CHARLES R. FAIRBANKS
WALTER J. LYONS	ROBERT A. NEWTON
GEORGE J. KEALY	CLARKE E. WARREN, JR.
MILES E. HAPGOOD, JR.	RICHARD WIENCEK
ALFRED S. TAYLOR	NICHOLAS GIANNETTI
GEORGE K. STONE, JR.	JAMES A. REARDON

Fire Chief

CARL H. HATCH

School Survey and Site Committee

HILLARD CLARKSON, Chairman

RENE G. BURQUE

DR. WILLIAM J. OSBORN

THOMAS W. MCGOWAN

MARION W. GERRISH

School Building Committee

CARL F. LIBBY, Chairman

YORKE PHILLIPS, Vice-Chairman

EDWIN N. LOMBARD

FREDERICK MAHER, JR.

FREDERIC WARMAN

Community Action Committee

GENE RICH

KENNETH E. JOHNSON

JOHN C. KAYNOR

ANDREW J. MULCAHY, JR.

WINIFRED LOMBARD

Building Code Revision Survey Committee

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, Chairman

WILLIAM P. PATULLO

Atty. WILLIAM D. CANFIELD

ALBERT W. MIREAULT

ROBERT M. FORTUNE

HAROLD F. HELBERG

CHARLES P. SHARPLES

CHARLES R. MELVILLE, ex-officio

Town Plan Steering Committee

(Sub-Committee of Planning Board)

RICHARD H. BRECK, Chairman

MARILYN BLIZARD, Secretary

JOHN M. FLYNN

YORKE PHILLIPS

PAUL D. HUNTER

Elementary School Building Committee

YORKE PHILLIPS, Chairman

ANDREA W. GRINDAL

JOHN GRINDLE

DONALD M. SAFFORD

CHARLES R. MELVILLE, JR.

Town House Remodeling Committee

ROLLYN H. HATCH, Chairman

CHARLES R. MELVILLE

ELSIE W. THERRIEN

GERALD A. HINCH

EDMUND M. SHARPLES

Conservation Commission

WILLIAM J. MORIARTY, Chairman, 1968

BEN F. LIBBY, 1969

LOUIS J. SICBALDI, 1970

ADA R. BOHLKE, 1969

RICHARD W. HOWLETT, 1970

Disposal Study Committee

DAVID S. SPENCER, Chairman

JOHN M. FLYNN

EMORY FORD

In Memoriam

LEONARD G. CURTIS

SELECTMAN—1955-1960

ASSESSOR—1954-1961

BURIAL AGENT—1954

ERROL M. BEEBE

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES—1953-1964

LAWRENCE F. SULLIVAN

BOARD OF APPEALS—1958-1966

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The following are some of the highlights of the past year in the departments which come under the jurisdiction of your Board of Selectmen.

In accordance with vote of Town Meeting, the Town is now paying one-half of premiums for health and life insurance for Town employees who qualify. An Insurance Committee, appointed by the Selectmen and consisting of three residents engaged in that business, is now responsible for making recommendations for the placing of the Town insurance, and attending to the many details involved. As a part of this Committee's work, the entire insurance program of the Town has been reviewed and brought up to date and in many cases revised.

This year the Selectmen are requesting money for expenses of a Dog Officer. The dog population is increasing, and almost every day brings at least one complaint. Despite the restraining order on dogs, unfortunately many residents are not cooperating, and money should be provided so that proper action may be taken by the Dog Officer.

The Town House Remodeling Committee appointed after the last Town Meeting, has been working on remodeling plans for the Town Offices in the basement of the Town House, and the expansion of the Library, and your support of the articles involving this work is solicited. As pointed out in our report of last year, with the departure of the Junior High School students to the Burgess Memorial School, space in the Town House is now available and the Town Departments and the Library are all sorely in need of more room.

In this connection, it is hoped this year to continue the purchase of necessary office equipment to replace the very antiquated machines and furniture now being used by all Town Departments. In 1967 a checkwriter, two typewriters, a duplicating machine, files, desks, secretarial chairs and a typewriter stand were purchased with the money voted. The money voted at Town Meeting was used on the outside of the Town House, as specified, and sidewalks were redone, pointing up and painting of masonry, painting of trim, cupola repair, some new screens for the Library were accomplished. A part of the heating system was repaired in the Library as a result of leaks caused by very old valves. It is felt the heating, plumbing and lighting systems of the Town House should be surveyed and updated, as part of the proposed remodeling work.

Continuing the steady expansion of the street lighting system in Hampden, street lights were installed at Woodland Drive and Stony Hill Road, Cedar Oak Lane and East Longmeadow Road, Mohawk Drive and East Longmeadow Road, River Park Drive and East Longmeadow Road, Oak Knoll Drive and Allen Street, and a larger light was put in at the corner of Allen Street and Stony Hill Road. Three lights are to be installed on Sessions Drive, two on Edwards Street, two on Woodland Drive, and as many additional lights as the budget will allow are contemplated for 1968.

The work on reconstruction of a portion of Main Street under Chapter 90 did not proceed as expected, due to the fact that the State Department of Public Works requires a 60 foot road, to include provision for future sidewalks, which requires that a sloping easement be acquired, and a land taking be made. The sloping easement has been acquired, and the land taking authorized by vote of Special Town Meeting in December; and work has commenced. Chapter 90 Maintenance work was done on Allen Street, Wilbraham Road, Mill Road and North Monson Road. A special grant of \$1,000. was received from the County to resurface a part of Main Street, and will be expended together with \$300. of Town money. Bids were received and contracts awarded for the purchase of salt, gasoline, bituminous mix and liquid asphalt for use of the Highway Department. In addition to their regular highway work, members of that department have attended to the maintenance of our public grounds in town, and to the mosquito control program.

1967 saw the retirement of Arthur H. Gerrish as Superintendent of Streets, at the conclusion of a long term of service, which included 20 years as Superintendent. Mr. Gerrish was suitably honored at a testimonial dinner in November. Homer Fuller has been appointed to the position of Superintendent of Streets, after serving many years in this Department.

We are glad to report that the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. is now following the practice of placing in underground cable telephone wires in new development areas, and in areas where present wires and poles must be replaced. The Massachusetts Electric Company is also starting some underground service in newly developed areas of Hampden. Your Board feels this will add to the overall attractiveness of our community.

In accordance with vote of Annual Town Meeting, two more bulletin boards have been placed; at the intersection of Glendale and Scantic Roads, and at the entrance to Memorial Park. On these bulletin boards are placed all official notices of Town Meetings and hearings, for the information of residents.

In cooperation with the Mass. Dept. of Public Works, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and our local Police Department, regulatory speed zones were established and approved, and speed limit signs have been placed on Main Street, Somers Road, Wilbraham Road, East Longmeadow Road and Allen Street.

The increased attendance at hearings and Town Meetings is encouraging, as it shows interest on the part of voters in participating in their Town government, which is not only their right, but privilege. We had one Special Town Meeting with the new requirement of 75 for a quorum, and this number was met easily.

The following fees have been reported as received and turned over to the Town Treasurer:

Town Clerk	\$ 781.90
Tax Collector	1,026.00
Treasurer (Building Permit Fees)	2,731.00
Selectmen	1,466.00
Police Department	207.50

We express appreciation to our fellow Town officials and committee members for their continuing cooperation in our joint effort to serve the citizens of Hampden. The meetings of the Board of Selectmen are held each Wednesday evening at 8 PM in our office in the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—MARCH 6 and 14, 1967

ARTICLE 1—Voted to hear the Annual Reports of all the officers of the Town and any Committee whose duty it was to report at this meeting.

ARTICLE 2—Voted to raise and appropriate necessary sums to cover budget for 1967 (some changes made in figures.)

ARTICLE 3—Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,000. to be used by the Planning Board on 1967 phase of definitive Town Plan, and to transfer and appropriate \$6,000. from unappropriated available funds to Planning Board for use in matching funds available through the Housing Act of 1954, as amended, prior to next annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 4—No action necessary due to passage of Article 3.

ARTICLE 5—Voted to accept proposed revisions to Zoning By-Laws for Town of Hampden.

ARTICLE 6—Voted to accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8c as amended, and direct the Selectmen to appoint a Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 7—Voted to have an Elementary School Building Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen to study elementary school needs; \$100. voted for their expenses.

ARTICLE 8—Voted to abolish the elective office of Town Auditor.

ARTICLE 9—Voted to transfer \$9,000. from Overlay Reserve to Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 10—Voted to transfer \$15,000 from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 11—No action taken (no outstanding bills).

ARTICLE 12—Voted to raise and appropriate \$500 to start a fund to defray expenses of Hampden's Centennial Celebration in 1978; this money to be deposited in a separate savings account.

ARTICLE 13—Voted to adopt the following by-law:

"No person shall enter upon the premises of another or upon any public or private property with the intention of peeping into the windows of a house or other building or of spying in any manner upon any person or persons therein, and any person so convicted shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$50."

ARTICLE 14—Unanimously voted to amend Section 2 of the "By-laws for the Town of Hampden, Massachusetts" so that in the future it shall read, "The annual business meeting shall be held on the first Monday in March at 8 o'clock PM, and the warrants for all Town Meetings shall be posted on the bulletin boards in the Town House, at the intersection of Main Street and Somers Road, at the Town Line on Allen Street, at the intersection of Scantic and Glendale Roads and at the entrance to Hampden Memorial Park at least seven days before Town Meeting."

Meeting was adjourned until March 14, 1967

ARTICLE 15—Voted to adopt the following by-law:

"No person, not licensed to do so, shall keep store or park any motor vehicle or vehicles, as defined in the General Laws, which are required to be registered in order

to be operated upon the ways of the Commonwealth, if said vehicles are unregistered, whether assembled or disassembled; on any premises within the Town, unless stored within an enclosed building, without an annual permit from the Chief of Police. Such annual permits may be issued by the Chief of Police in his discretion for what he considers justifiable cause and subject to such reasonable conditions as he may impose thereon. This by-law shall not apply to vehicles used for farming purposes. Violations of this by-law shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50."

ARTICLE 16—Voted that the Dog Fund in the amount of \$886.06 be paid into the Library Account.

ARTICLE 17—Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of the revenue of the financial years beginning January 1, 1967 and January 1, 1968 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 18—Voted to form a Town House Remodeling Committee of five, appointed by the Selectmen to recommend plans for remodeling the Town House; \$500 for their expenses. Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,500. to do exterior repair work on this building.

ARTICLE 19—Voted to take by purchase or eminent domain land on Cross Road now being used for dumping purposes, and presently owned by William P. Patullo and Charles R. Melville; \$1,000. appropriated.

ARTICLE 20—Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,075. for repair and maintenance of Town roads under the provisions of Chapter 81, Section 26 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 21—Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000. to be used in conjunction with money from the State and/or County for Chapter 90 Maintenance work on highways.

ARTICLE 22—Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,150. to be used in conjunction with money from the County and/or State for the widening and surfacing of a portion of Main Street, under the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 34.

ARTICLE 23—Voted to transfer \$26,725. from unappropriated available funds for the State share of Chapter 81, and the State and County share of Chapter 90 Highway programs.

ARTICLE 24—Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 679 of the Acts of 1965 and the grant to the Town of \$6,852.69.

ARTICLE 25—Voted to use the State grant of \$6,852.69, together with money already appropriated by the Town for relocation, widening and surfacing of a portion of Main Street.

ARTICLE 26—Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500. for surveys and erection of speed zone signs on Main Street, East Longmeadow Road, Allen Street, Wilbraham Road and Somers Road.

ARTICLE 27—Voted to raise and appropriate \$12,500. to be used in conjunction with Chapter 90 money for repair and resurfacing of a portion of Main Street.

ARTICLE 28—Voted, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws to have the Town Clerk elected for a period of 3 years, starting with the Town Election of 1968.

ARTICLE 29—Voted, in accordance with same provisions as above, to have Tax Collector elected for a period of 3 years, starting in 1968.

ARTICLE 30—Voted, in accordance with same provisions as in Article 28, to have Town Treasurer elected for a period of 3 years, starting in 1968.

ARTICLE 31—Voted to amend Section 4 "Town Meetings" of "By-Laws for the Town of Hampden, Massachusetts" to increase quorum for Town Meetings to 75.

ARTICLE 32—Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,350. to pay one-half the cost of health insurance for full-time Town employees.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—DECEMBER 11, 1967

ARTICLE 1—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain or purchase, for highway purposes, a parcel of land with the buildings thereon, on the northerly side of Main Street, owned by Everett E. Frances Ivoline Bennett, bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at a point in the northerly street line of Main Street at the southwest corner of land of Miles M. Hapgood, Jr., et ux; thence running South $64^{\circ}-19'-58''$ West along the said northerly street line of Main Street a distance of 124.49 feet to an angle point in said Main Street; thence running South $65^{\circ}-34'-58''$ West along the said northerly street line of Main Street a distance of 357.56 feet to an angle point in said Main Street; thence running South $56^{\circ}-40'-38''$ West along the said northerly street line of Main Street a distance of 12.13 feet to a point at the southeast corner of land of Anthony and Nancy Muto; thence running North $15^{\circ}-12'-32''$ West along land of said Anthony and Nancy Muto a distance of 47.48 feet to a point; thence running North $65^{\circ}-34'-58''$ East along other land of Everett E. and Frances Ivoline Bennett a distance of 512.60 feet to an iron pipe at land of Miles M. Hapgood, Jr., et ux; thence running South $7^{\circ}-21'-28''$ West along land of said Hapgood a distance of 49.72 feet to a point in the northerly street line of Main Street, the point of beginning; containing 0.52 acres"; and will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$100. toward the purchase price of this property.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 2—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$3,000. to Medical Assistance Account.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 3—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$4,000. to the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Account.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 4—To see if the Town will vote to accept the petition of White Birch Garden Apartments, Inc. to change the property formerly owned by Austin K. Harris, located on Main Street, Hampden, Massachusetts, from Residential A to Multi-Unit Dwelling District (amended to read Residential A to Residence C District—Garden Type Apartments);

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

"Beginning at an iron pin on the Northerly side of Main Street at the corner of land of Cummings and Langone, thence along land of Cummings and Langone N. $24^{\circ}-20'-39''$ W. a distance of 88.40 feet to an iron pin; thence N. $15^{\circ}-42'-21''$ W. a distance of 144.58 feet to an iron pin; thence S. $78^{\circ}-23'-47''$ W. a distance of 105.00 feet to land of Hapgood; thence along the land of Hapgood S. $12^{\circ}-18'-20''$ E. a distance of 106.73 feet to a point; thence S. $48^{\circ}-25'-00''$ W. a distance of 80 feet plus or minus to a point; thence S. $44^{\circ}-35'-00''$ E. a distance of 163.12 feet to a stone bound on the Northerly side of Main Street; thence along Main Street N. $55^{\circ}-38'-30''$ E. a distance of 136.01 feet to point of beginning"; being the same premises conveyed to the grantor herein by deed of Abraham Pilling, executor; dated June 22, 1911 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 819, Page 193.

Two-thirds vote required and not received. Article rejected.

ARTICLE 5—To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.) From Pat Ledoux Post 9397, Veterans of Foreign Wars, to be used by the Library Trustees in their sole discretion for the use and improvement of the Hampden Public Library, said money to be expended in any manner deemed advantageous by said Trustees.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 6—To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of Herbert D. Newell of 100 shares of Keystone Custodian Fund, Series K 1 to be used for the benefit of Hampden Public Library, the income to be used for the purchase of new books at the discretion of the Library Trustees, and the principal maintained in trust.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 7—To see if the Town will vote to create a special unpaid committee to be known as the Hampden Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 44A, with authority to join with other committees from contiguous communities to form a regional refuse disposal planning board to make the studies described in Section 44B of Chapter 40 and report thereon to the Board of Selectmen.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 8—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$15. for expenses of the Conservation Committee.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 9—To see if the Town of Hampden will transfer from available funds the sum of \$1500. to be used by the Elementary School Building Committee to engage professional assistance in a feasibility study to develop cost estimates on several proposals to provide needed additional classroom spaces in Town and to report its findings at the next annual town meeting.

Voted to transfer \$500. for above purpose.

ARTICLE 10—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum not exceeding \$23,000. to the Stabilization Fund.

Voted to transfer \$10,000. to the Stabilization Fund.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Most of the 1967 highway money was spent for general maintenance of all roads; such as scraping, drainage, brush cutting, line painting, patching, resurfacing and the like. Chapter 81 money contributed largely to this work.

Chapter 90 Maintenance Funds, which is an account made up by the Town, County and State, each contributing equally, was \$9,000. last year. The entire length of Wilbraham Road was resurfaced and the edges patched. A heavy liquid asphalt (MC 5) sealed the badly cracked surface, with a pea stone cover. Allen Street from the East Longmeadow Town Line easterly to the junction of Stony Hill Road, and Glendale Road from the John R. Schmuck place southerly to the Edward Messier place, were all paved with Type I bituminous surface; all let out to contract.

The reason that Wilbraham Road was not paved with Type I was because this type of resurfacing is much more costly and Wilbraham Road, only eighteen feet wide, will probably be rebuilt under Chapter 90 Construction in the not too distant future.

If our 1968 money is not cut too drastically, there should be enough with which to complete all of Allen Street and resurface Glendale Road with Type I to the junction of Bennett Road. West Main Street will be resurfaced from Point O' Rocks westerly to the Allen House corner under a special grant. This was to have been done in 1967, but the weather was too cold before it was available. Mill Road, Pinewood Road, two miles of Scantic Road, Rock-a-dundee Road, and about one and one-half miles of North Road all received a seal coat of this MC 5 with the pea stone cover.

In late November and December, the Department started the Chapter 90 reconstruction on Main Street. Most of the tree removal has been done, and when weather permits, blasting of the ledges will be done.

A considerable amount of time is required for land takings, easements, plans, etc. along with the Department of Public Works specifications; thus this reconstruction and widening could not begin any sooner. Plans now call for a paved surface 30 feet wide with perms, tree belt, and a future sidewalk on the river side of the street. Sloping rights were required for the north side.

The Town's winter work has become a major problem. Added mileage and the bare pavement policy of every highway department means extra expenditures, hired equipment and chemicals. Another factor is the labor shortage. Good dependable men who take an interest and pride in the highways of their town are scarce. All the surrounding towns are faced with the same situation.

The grounds care also takes considerable time. This department is responsible for the maintenance of the grounds of the Town House, Town Common, Old Town Hall, Fire Station, Elementary School, Recreation Field, the baseball diamonds and the two cemeteries. Added to this list in 1968 will be the new Thornton W. Burgess Intermediate school.

On November 1, Arthur H. Gerrish retired at the mandatory age as Superintendent of Streets, after 43 years with the Highway Department, including 20 years as Superintendent of Streets.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER

Superintendent of Streets

EXPLANATION ON HIGHWAY MONEY FOR 1968

For the benefit of the voters of Hampden, the following is an explanation of Chapter 81 and 90 Highway money; how it is obtained, allotted, and spent: CHAPTER 81—These funds were established to assist small towns primarily on maintenance, and this fund may be used on any road. This fund was inaugurated by the Legislature and is based on road mileage ratio valuation.

At the present time, the State contributes \$275. per mile of road and Hampden must raise \$75. per mile each year. We have officially 41 miles of road. Therefore, in 1968 Hampden must raise

$$\$75. \times 41 \text{ miles} = \$ 3,075. \text{ (Art 10)}$$

The State will contribute

$$\$275. \times 41 \text{ miles} = 11,275.$$

Total available for work under Chapter 81 = \$14,350.

This money may be used for drainage, scraping, patching, cutting brush, etc. and some is expended on each road in town during the course of the year.

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE—This money is used for maintenance of the roads built or rebuilt with Chapter 90 Construction money, and is usually spent for resurfacing.

The State, County and Town each contribute one-third.

In 1968 Hampden expects to receive from the State	\$3,000.
from the County	3,000.
and must raise	3,000. (Art. 8)
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thus making available a total of	\$9,000.

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION—This money is used to construct and reconstruct main roads, and particularly those roads which are connecting links between towns.

State funds are derived from gasoline tax, registration and operator license fees, fines, etc., and these funds are divided among 351 towns and cities in the Commonwealth.

The State contributes one-half the total allotted for each town, the County contributes one-fourth, and the Town contributes one-fourth.

In 1968 Hampden has been allotted from the State	\$ 6,300.
from the County	3,150.
and must raise	3,150. (Art 9)
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for a total of	\$12,600.

This year we plan to use all of \$12,600. mentioned above,
plus the State grant of 2,284. (Articles 12 and 13)

making a total of	\$14,884.
for the repair and resurfacing of a portion of Main Street,	
together with the balance of	\$38,057.
held over from 1967 funds,	
making a total of	\$52,941.
to be used on Main Street	
project in 1968.	

It is hoped that this amount will enable us to substantially complete the work contemplated on Main Street reconstruction.

Since the State and County payments are not made to Hampden until much later in the year, we must transfer from available funds in our Treasury these State and County amounts; and this money is returned to our Treasury when received from the State and County.

Thus, we have Article 11 for this purpose, and the figure is arrived at as follows:

State share of Chapter 81	\$11,275.
County share of Chapter 90 Maint.	3,000.
State share of Chapter 90 Maint.	3,000.
County share of Chapter 90 Construction	3,150.
State share of Chapter 90 Construction	6,300.
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	\$26,725.

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF PROPERTY AND TAXES AS ASSESSED JANUARY, 1967

Number of Parcels Assessed:

Number of Bills on Personal Estate	167
Number of Bills on Real Estate	1625
Number of Bills on Farm Animal Excise	5

Value of Assessed Personal Estate:

Stock In Trade	\$ 18,685.00
Machinery	53,945.00
Live Stock	44,030.00
All Other Tangible Personal Property	1,112,185.00

Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate	\$ 1,228,845.00
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Value of Assessed Real Estate:

Land Exclusive of Buildings	\$ 2,047,135.00
Buildings Exclusive of Land	13,789,395.00

Total Value of Assessed Real Estate	\$15,836,530.00
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TOTAL VALUE OF ASSESSED ESTATE	\$17,065,375.00
TAX RATE PER \$1000	\$37.50

TAXES FOR STATE, COUNTY AND TOWN PURPOSES INCLUDING OVERLAY

On Personal Estate	\$ 46,082.02
On Real Estate	593,873.30

Total Taxes Assessed	\$ 639,955.32
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NUMBER OF LIVE STOCK ASSESSED

	General	Farm Animals Assessed \$5 Excise
Horses	58	0
Cows	57	63
Bulls—4; Steers—60; Heifers—36	74	20
Swine	20	0
Sheep	41	0
Fowl	0	4,000
All Others: Ponies—34; Goat—1	35	0
NUMBER OF ACRES OF LAND ASSESSED	12,101 more or less	
NUMBER OF DWELLINGS HOUSES ASSESSED	1166	

Each building used as a dwelling counted as one without regard to the number of families housed.

1967 RECAPITULATION SHEET

Total appropriation to be raised by taxation	\$953,752.00
Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds in 1967	64,463.77
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay in 1966	3,293.39
Offsets to Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts:	
School Lunch Program	4,743.33
Free Public Libraries	586.25
Other Amounts required to be raised	
Pioneer Valley Regional Planning	187.60
District Veterans Service	665.00
County Tax	10,580.22
1966 Underestimated of County Tax	359.68
State Recreation	2,424.73
1966 Underestimated of State Recreation	363.31
Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,903.46
Motor Vehicle Tax Bills	362.85
State Assessment System	128.44
Overlay of current year	<u>13,179.43</u>
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$ 1,056,993.46

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

1967 Estimated Receipts from the Local Aid and Agency Funds	\$263,536.61
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	79,000.00
Licenses	1,500.00
General Government	2,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property	200.00
School	400.00
Interest: On Taxes and Assessment	800.00
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise	137.76
Building Permits	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$352,574.37
Available Funds Taken by Vote March 6, 1967	<u>64,463.77</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS	<u>417,038.14</u>
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY	\$ 639,955.32
Total on Personal Property	\$ 46,082.02
Total on Real Estate	<u>593,873.30</u>
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON PROPERTY	\$ 639,955.32
Omitted Assessment:	
Real Estate: Valued \$860	Tax \$32.25
	<u>32.25</u>
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	\$ 639,987.57

Taxes Abated in 1967:

1966 Real Estate	\$	514.14
1967 Real Estate		1,466.45
1966 Personal Property		24.75
1967 Personal Property		28.13

Statutory Exemptions Granted in 1967 on Real Estate \$ 12,899.86

Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise

Committed in 1967 \$ 115.15

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Committed in 1967

1966 Commitments	\$	7,914.90
1967 Commitments		98,318.38

Commissioner's Value of Vehicles

1966 Commitments	\$	348,680.00
1967 Commitments		1,635,030.00

Motor Vehicle Abatements Granted in 1967

1965 Commitments	\$	16.23
1966 Commitments		2,455.06
1967 Commitments		8,404.13

The Town owns the following real estate:

		<i>Valued</i>
Ames Road	6 acres	\$ 110.00
Cross Road (Dump)	11 acres	350.00
North Rd.	$\frac{1}{4}$ acre	510.00
Thresher Road	4 acres	390.00
Wilbraham Road	22 acres	1,430.00

The Assessors meet the second Wednesday evening of each month in the Assessors' office. The clerk is on duty each Monday from 9 to 5 o'clock and Friday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. T. KIRK, *Chairman*
EDWARD H. DAYTON
GEORGE A. AUDREN

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

1964 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Balance due January 1, 1967	\$	85.12
Collected and paid Town Treasurer		85.12

1965 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Balance due January 1, 1967	3,472.32
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	3,472.32

1966 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Balance due January 1, 1967		30,130.39
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$ 26,713.34	
Abatements	514.14	27,227.48
Balance due January 1, 1968		2,902.91

1967 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Total Commitment	593,905.55
Refunds	1,723.50
	595,629.05

Collected and paid Town Treasurer	549,631.80	
Abatements	14,366.31	
Transferred to Tax Title Account	143.25	564,141.36
Balance due January 1, 1968		31,487.69

1966 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Balance due January 1, 1967		1,311.38
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	1,286.63	
Abatements	24.75	1,311.38

1967 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Total Commitment		46,082.02
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	44,147.84	
Abatements	28.13	44,175.97
Balance due January 1, 1968		1,906.05

1966 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE TAX

Balance due January 1, 1967	31.75
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	31.75

1967 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE TAX		
Total Commitment		115.75
Collected and paid Town Treasurer		88.00
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Balance due January 1, 1968		27.75
1965 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX		
Balance due January 1, 1967		16.23
Abatements		16.23
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1966 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX		
Balance due January 1, 1967		13,861.83
Committed February & March '67		7,914.90
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		21,776.73
Refunds		828.69
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		22,605.42
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	20,143.38	
Abatements	2,455.06	22,598.44
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Balance due January 1, 1968		6.98
1967 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX		
Total Commitments		98,318.38
Refunds		2,354.83
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		100,673.21
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	82,091.43	
Abatements	8,404.13	90,495.56
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Balance due January 1, 1968		10,177.65
ITEMS COLLECTED AND PAID TREASURER		
BUT NOT COMMITTED		
Interest on delinquent taxes		1,676.02
Fees on delinquent taxes		1,026.00

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY S. FLYNN
Collector of Taxes