

ACADEMY BUILDING

Sometime after 1840 the minister approached some of our prominent men, suggesting that higher education than that provided by the Town should be considered. A committee of prominent citizens was formed to consider this, and by 1844 the school called THE SOUTH WILBRAHAM EDUCATION SOCIETY was in session. We feel that whatever quarters they used became too small for their growing enrollment and by 1850 decided to erect a building just for a school.

These men purchased shares in this endeavor and the building was constructed between 1850-1852 as we have a copy of the prospectus that was sent out in 1852 giving courses, tuition and boarding facilities available. This building is Greek Revival in architecture and a good example of same.

Evart's History of Connecticut Valley (1879) says: "Hampden Academy has acquired a favorable reputation among schools of the day. Established in 1844 by private subscription to supply higher education, early teachers were Messrs. Brooks, Howe, Marsh, Warner, Bliss and Alonzo B. Newell, the last teacher."

Holland's History of Western Massachusetts says: "South Wilbraham (Hampden) has for several years sustained by individual contributions a school of Academical merit."

Copeland's History of Hampden County (1890) says: "Soon after 1840 a number of public spirited citizens perfected a plan to establish a school of higher learning than attained under the Town system—thus the Academy was founded."

The Academy building seemed to be the gathering place for everything that was going on in the Town. We have old receipts from concerts, square dances, Jubilee Singers, and even one from a Kickapoo Indian Meeting (??).

In 1874 Father Lynch used the hall for Catholic Services.

In 1899 the Town considered buying the building, but nothing was done about it.

In 1911 the Town spent \$978.63 to refurbish the building, which they did not own at the time. It was purchased by auction in 1934.

In 1913 the Center School burned and classes were held in this building.

In 1917-1918 during World War I, the Red Cross Meetings were held here by the townspeople.

From 1920 to 1932 the Hampden Public Library was housed here with Hazel Burleigh as Librarian.

All Town Meetings were held here (rent \$30 per year) until the present Town House was given to the Town (1932) by the late Miss Elizabeth Sessions.

Since that time it has been used for meetings of the P.T.A., Young Men's Club, V.F.W., Civil Defense, Boy Scouts, etc.

This building is our heritage and deserves to be restored.

MARGARET M. HELBERG

FRANCES STOCKTON JONES

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMPDEN



AND OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 1968

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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, 1968
3,450

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

Upper Hampden Road, 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. Thursdays, 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Board of Assessors	Meets second Tuesday 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	Meets every Wednesday at 8 P.M. Secre- tary 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	Meets 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 and fourth Wednesdays 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:

Tuesday and Thursday	1 to 6 P.M.
Saturday	9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

When Daylight Saving Time is in effect:

Tuesday and Thursday	3 to 8 P.M.
Saturday	9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Publications Available

Subdivision Control Laws	\$1.50 each
Zoning By-Laws	2.00 each
Map of Hampden	1.00 each

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
Street List	2.00

Telephones

Green Meadows Elementary School, North Road	566-3263
Superintendent of Schools, Thornton Burgess Intermediate School	566-8814
Junior High School, Thornton Burgess Intermediate School	566-3931
Highway Department, Main Street	566-8842
Library, Main Street	566-3047
Minnechaug Regional High School, Wilbraham	596-6161
Welfare Department, 191 Main Street, Monson	267-3717
Veterans Service Department, 200 Main Street, Monson	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—1968

Moderator

GEORGE W. INGLE

Town Clerk

MARIE V. KROOK, 1971

Town Treasurer

GRACE L. KIBBE, 1971

Board of Selectmen

JOSEPH J. ZAHER, Chairman, 1969

JOHN M. FLYNN, 1970

PAUL D. HUNTER, 1971

Secretary to the Selectmen—RUTH W. WOODS

Assessors

EDWARD H. DAYTON, Chairman, 1970

GEORGE AUDREN, 1969

FRANK J. T. KIRK, 1971

Clerk to the Assessors—ALICE FULLER

School Committee

YORKE PHILLIPS, Chairman, 1969

JEANNETTE S. GREEN, 1969, resigned

JAMES E. KIRK, 1970

RENE BURQUE, appointed to fill
vacancy until election of 1969

WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM, 1971

ROBERT SULLIVAN, 1971

Clerk to the School Committee—DOROTHY ROY

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee

ANDREW J. MULCAHY, JR., 1969

Trustees of the Hampden Free Public Library

MILDRED ATTLETON, Chairman, 1971

ELSIE W. THERRIEN, 1969

KENNETH WINETROUT, 1970

Collector of Taxes

DOROTHY S. FLYNN, 1971

Constables

PAUL A. BOUCHARD, 1971

MILES M. HAPGOOD, JR., 1971

MYRON F. STONE, 1971

Cemetery Commissioners

HOMER FULLER, Chairman, 1970

ERNESTINE F. JOHNSON, 1969

ARTHUR GERRISH, 1971

Planning Board

FRANCIS BUCKLEY, Chairman, 1971

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, 1969

RICHARD H. BRECK, 1972, resigned

FREDERICK MAHER, 1970

DAVID S. SPENCER, appointed to
fill vacancy until election of 1969

CARL F. LIBBY, 1973

Clerk to the Planning Board—JANE BISHOP

Tree Warden
HOMER FULLER

Park Commissioners
WILBUR J. JENKINS, Chairman, 1969
FLORENCE E. KIRK, 1969 DALTON E. PHILPOTT, 1970
JANE M. JOHNSON, 1970 JAMES LAW, 1971
Clerk to the Park Commissioners—LUCILLE MCGUILL

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS—1968

Town Accountant
THEODORE L. BALLARD, 1971

Dog Officer
RICHARD A. HATCH

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
HOMER FULLER

Veterans' Graves Officer
JOHN R. SCHMUCK

Board of Health Agent and Investigator
ROBERT H. SABBIDES

Agent for Veterans' Benefits
RICHARD N. BILLODEAU

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

Civil Defense Director
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

Building Commissioner
GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT

Electrical Inspector
ALBERT W. MIREAULT

Plumbing Inspector
WILLIAM P. PATULLO

Board of Appeals
DALTON E. PHILPOTT, Chairman, 1971
RICHARD A. JALBERT, Vice Chairman, 1969 BERT NIETUPSKI, 1970
STANLEY W. WITKOP, JR., 1969 WALTER W. LUNDEN, 1971

Alternates
FREDERICK W. BERRY, 1970 GARFIELD TRACY, 1970

Clerk to the Board of Appeals—JEAN SNOW

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee
WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM

Advisory Committee
WILLIAM T. OLMSTEAD, Chairman, 1970
RAYMOND A. BARKHUFF, 1969 SHERWOOD CRONK, 1970
ROBERT J. SICBALDI, 1969 DANIEL M. FLYNN, 1971

Clerk to the Advisory Committee—JEAN SNOW

Voters Liable for Jury Duty for the Year
Beginning August 1, 1968

JOHN BACON	FRANCIS LATTRELL
JOHN E. BETHEL	FREDERIK MOORE
FRANCIS BLACK	ALBERT J. REARDON
DAVID E. BREHAUT	FRED WOLCOTT
HAROLD M. BURDICK	VIRGINIA ALDOES
ERNEST A. BYRON	ELIZABETH ARDISON
COSMO R. CAMELIO	ADA BOHLKE
JOHN R. DENTON	MARJORIE COOK
ROBERT A. DESROCHES	ELIZABETH CRONK
WALTER ELLSWORTH	FLORENCE DAYTON
JOHN FERRANTI	MILDRED FREY
ROBERT M. FORTUNE	ESTHER HOSIE
WILLARD FLYNN	FRANCES HOWLETT
JOHN GAROFALO	ELIZABETH PAULK
HARTLEY GRUNDSTROM	HARRIET SCHMUCK
JAMES INGRAHAM	MARGUERITE SIMKINS
PERLEY M. IRISH, JR.	MARY WILLARD
RICHARD J. KOERNER	EVELYN ZAHER
JOSEPH LANDRY	ERNESTINE JOHNSON
ALBERT LABELLE	

Board of Registrars

MARIE V. KROOK

FAYE FLYNN, Chairman, 1970

LUCILLE DRAPEAU, 1969

VIRGINIA REED, 1971

Chief of Police

WILLIAM G. JOY

Patrolmen

ROBERT A. NEWTON

GEORGE K. STONE, JR.

Special Police Officers

PAUL A. BOUCHARD

KENNETH BURIAN

CHESTER CHAPIN

NICHOLAS GIANNETTI

MILES E. HAPGOOD, JR.

LAWRENCE HATCH

RICHARD HATCH

GORDON JOHNSON

JAMES KIRK

ROBERT LEONE

WALTER J. LYONS

JAMES OLEND

THOMAS POULIN

JAMES A. REARDON

MYRON STONE

LEE TAFT

ALFRED S. TAYLOR

GEORGE VERMETTE

RICHARD WIENCEK

Special Policewomen

JOYCE E. BETHEL

RUTH W. WOODS

School Crossing Guard

HAROLD CARROLL

Fire Chief

JAMES A. REARDON

School Survey and Site Committee

HILLARD CLARKSON, Chairman

RENE G. BURQUE

THOMAS W. MCGOWAN

DR. WILLIAM J. OSBORN

FREDERICK MAHER, JR.

Community Action Committee

GENE RICH

KENNETH E. JOHNSON

ANDREW J. MULCAHY, JR.

JOHN C. KAYNOR

WINIFRED LOMBARD

Building Code Revision Survey Committee

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, Chairman

WILLIAM P. PATULLO

ALBERT W. MIREAULT

HAROLD F. HELBERG

ATTY. WILLIAM D. CANFIELD

ROBERT M. FORTUNE

CHARLES P. SHARPLES

CHARLES R. MELVILLE, SR., ex-officio

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

JOHN M. FLYNN

ELSIE W. THERRIEN

GERALD A. HINCH

EDMUND M. SHARPLES

Conservation Commission

CARLOS CARRANZA, Chairman, 1971

ADA R. BOHLKE, 1969, resigned
replaced by BETTY JOHNSON, 1969

BEN F. LIBBY, 1969

RICHARD W. HOWLETT, 1970

LOUIS J. SICBALDI, 1970, resigned
replaced by
PATRICIA KNODE, 1970

Disposal Study Committee

DAVID S. SPENCER, Chairman

JOHN M. FLYNN

EMORY FORD

Insurance Committee

WILLIAM T. OLMSTEAD, Chairman

BERNICE BAKER

GERALD HINCH

Pest Control Committee

Sub-Committee of Board of Health

PAUL D. HUNTER, Chairman

RICHARD A. GOUVAN

FRANCIS ROCHFORD

GEORGE W. LAVALLEE

EDWARD J. HANNIFIN, JR.

Dam Study Committee

GENE RICH, Chairman

JOHN F. MORIARTY

WALTER L. BLACK

LOUIS SICBALDI

MARILYN BLIZARD, Secretary

Town By-Law Revision Committee

GEORGE W. INGLE, Chairman

EFREM GORDON

GORDON E. BUFFETT

WILLIAM D. CANFIELD

MARIE V. KROOK

EDWIN N. LOMBARD

FREDERICK W. BERRY

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Projects, progress and problems under consideration by your Board of Selectmen in 1968 have encompassed all phases of Town business and all departments under our jurisdiction.

We wish to thank the people of Hampden for their patience and fortitude during the reconstruction of Main Street. We all realize the trouble that was caused by delay and the people of the Town of Hampden showed their worth when they bore the brunt of all the inconveniences. This project should be finished in 1969, with berms, seeding and sloping, guard rails and a final coat of surfacing applied. The next project to be undertaken under Chapter 90 Construction is Wilbraham Road. Chapter 90 Maintenance work was done on Allen Street, Glendale Road, North Monson and Stony Hill Roads; while Chapter 81 money was expended on all roads. We now have 44.5 miles of road falling into this category, since the acceptance of Allen Crest Drive, Greenleaf Drive, Oak Knoll Drive, Fernwood Drive, Raymond Drive, River Park Drive, Mohawk Drive and Walnut Road at the annual Town Meeting of 1968.

Purchases this year consisted of a multi-purpose fire truck, a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pickup truck and a 4 yard dump truck body, the latter two for use by the Highway Department. Contracts were awarded for the following after public advertisement for bids: dense mix, concrete sand, salt, paving, gasoline, bituminous concrete, dump fill. A separate gasoline account was set up, and the Highway Department, Police Department and Fire Department all draw from a central supply at the Town Garage.

As of July 1, the State took over the administration of all Welfare, thus removing that department from any Town supervision. From now on, the payments required from us will appear as a charge against the Town of Hampden made to the Board of Assessors from Boston. The abuses and the very liberal policy of the State Welfare Department have been pointed up by many newspapers and other public information media recently. The Massachusetts Selectmen's Association is constantly endeavoring to have this investigated, which effort we support.

In an attempt to get better coverage in the Springfield Newspapers for Hampden and other neighboring towns, a meeting was held with newspaper officials by representatives from 7 surrounding towns, which meeting was arranged by your Board. Despite this joint attempt to improve the situation, very little has changed.

The Town House is now being remodeled with the Library to occupy the east side of the second floor, and new offices being made from vacated classrooms in the basement. It is hoped this will be completed shortly. This year several pieces of office equipment and some office machines have been purchased in an attempt to provide more modern tools for the Town Officials.

Meetings have been held with Department heads, and they have been asked to alert the Selectmen of any contemplated expenditures over \$1,000 during the next 5 years.

Our program of street lighting calls for a light to be installed at each intersection, as well as a study being made of other areas where more lighting is needed. In some cases, the older incandescent lights are being replaced with mercury vapor lamps.

The Board of Health is planning to provide for the use of stickers on the automobiles of residents to identify those who have the right to the use of the Town Dump. Details will be found in the report of the Board of Health.

We are happy to report that our Town Report for 1967 was awarded 3rd place in our class, and award was made at the annual Selectmen's Convention in October.

In addition to attending this convention, your Board attended two meetings of the Hampden County Selectmen's Association during 1968.

Many special committees have been at work this year, including the Old Town Hall Restoration Committee, Building Code Revision Committee, Disposal Study Committee, and By-Law Revision Committee. Their work is represented by reports contained in this Town Report, and in some cases there are articles in the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting of 1969 which reflects the results of their study during the year.

Two Special Town Meetings were held this year.

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

Town Clerk	\$ 911.65
Tax Collector	995.00
Treasurer (Building Permit Fees)	2,017.50
Selectmen	1,483.00
Police Department	742.00

In conclusion, the Board of Selectmen feels that the cooperative spirit generated by the different departments has contributed greatly to facilitating numerous decisions that were made during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH J. ZAHER, *Chairman*
JOHN M. FLYNN
PAUL D. HUNTER
Board of Selectmen



BOARD OF SELECTMEN—Left to right: Ruth W. Woods, Secretary; Joseph J. Zaher, Chairman; John M. Flynn, Paul D. Hunter.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—March 4 and 5, 1968

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 1968 (some changes made in figures).

ARTICLE 3—Voted to raise and appropriate \$500 to be added to the fund to defray expenses of Hampden's Centennial Celebration in 1978.

ARTICLE 4—Voted to transfer \$2,000 from Highway Machinery Fund to purchase a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton pickup truck for Highway Department.

ARTICLE 5—Voted to transfer \$1,700 from Highway Machinery Fund to purchase a 4 yard water level dump truck body for Highway Department.

ARTICLE 6—Voted to raise and appropriate \$500 for the Dog Pound Construction and \$500 for Dog Officer expenses.

ARTICLE 7—Voted to increase the limit on the proportion of cost and expenses of Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District to 12 cents per capita.

ARTICLE 8—Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for Chapter 90 Maintenance.

ARTICLE 9—Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,150 in conjunction with State or County, or both, for widening and surfacing a portion of Main Street, under the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 34.

ARTICLE 10—Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,075 for repair and maintenance of Town Roads under Chapter 81, Section 26.

ARTICLE 11—Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$26,725 for State share of Chapter 81 and State and County share of Chapter 90 Highway programs.

ARTICLE 12—Voted to accept provisions of Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1967 and the grant to Town of Hampden in the amount of \$4,568.46 for highway purposes.

ARTICLE 13—Voted to use the portion of State grant available in 1968 (\$2,284.23) in conjunction with money already appropriated by the Town for relocation, widening and surfacing a portion of Main Street.

ARTICLE 14—Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$29,000 for remodeling the Town House.

ARTICLE 15—Voted to transfer \$7,735 from unappropriated available funds to be used in conjunction with other monies available to purchase furnishings in connection with expansion of the Hampden Free Public Library.

ARTICLE 16—Voted to transfer from the Library Fund \$2,345 for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.

ARTICLE 17—Voted to raise and appropriate \$320 for use of Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 18—Article concerned amendment of Advisory Committee portion of Town By-laws, and was defeated.

ARTICLE 19—Article amended and voted to establish a Town By-Law Committee charged with the assembling, organizing and publishing of existing Town By-Laws, including the Acts under which Town departments function, and recommending revisions which, in its opinion, will expedite the conduct of Town business; such committee, to be established following the 1968 Town Elections, shall be comprised of seven members including the Moderator, Town Counsel, Town Clerk, two members appointed by the Selectmen, and two by the Advisory Committee. Also voted to raise and appropriate \$50 for this purpose.

ARTICLE 20—Voted to accept the proposed amendments to the Zoning By-law and the Zoning District Map for the Town of Hampden as set forth by the Planning Board and Planning Board Subcommittee on Zoning, with three exceptions, which were covered in three subsequent articles.

ARTICLE 21—Voted unanimously to accept as part of the Zoning By-Law, "Minimum side lot lines of 35 ft. for R-4 District and 35 ft. for R-6 District."

ARTICLE 22—Voted to accept as Section 7.4 of the Zoning By-Law the proposal relative to swimming pools as set forth by the Planning Board and the Planning Board subcommittee on zoning.

ARTICLE 23—Voted unanimously to accept the following article as amended: "Section 6.1.1.10 of the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hampden: 'Pets (and accessory buildings) for the personal use of the residents of the premises, provided that no building for horses is located within 50 feet of any lot line or within 50 feet of any occupied dwelling on the premises or within 100 feet of any other occupied dwelling.'"

ARTICLES 24-39—Voted unanimously to accept gifts of land and the following streets: Allen Crest Drive, Greenleaf Drive, Oak Knoll Drive, Fernwood Drive, Raymond Drive, River Park Drive, Mohawk Drive, Walnut Road.

ARTICLE 40—Voted to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a 1968 multi-purpose fire truck, 300 gallon capacity, 4 wheel drive, for the Fire Department, and to transfer \$12,000 from unappropriated available funds for this purpose.

ARTICLE 41—Article concerned authorizing Assessors to enter into contract for purchase of Assessors' maps—article defeated.

ARTICLE 42—Article amended and voted to raise and appropriate \$7,000 to be used by the Planning Board to prepare a total Town Plan, said sum to be used only in conjunction with matching funds which may become available before the completion of the next Annual Town Meeting, through the Housing Act of 1954, Title VII, Section 701, as amended.

ARTICLE 43—Article concerned raising of \$4,000 for detailed soil survey—rejected.

ARTICLE 44—Voted to transfer \$9,000 from the Overlay Reserve to Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 45—Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$15,000 to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 46—Voted to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year 1967 or previous years, in the amount of \$1,383.50 from 1968 appropriations.

ARTICLE 47—Voted to transfer \$930.62 of the Dog Fund to the Library Account.

ARTICLE 48—Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ one traffic director for duty at school crossings for 135 days of the school year, and raise and appropriate \$675 for compensation at the rate of \$5 per day.

ARTICLE 49—Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with approval of Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1968 and January 1, 1969, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 44, Section 17.



Moderator

GEORGE W. INGLE

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—June 17, 1968

ARTICLE 1—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the renovation of the heating system and other work in connection with Town House Remodeling.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 2—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of preparing preliminary drawings for an elementary school, said transfer to be expended under the direction of the Elementary School Building Committee.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 3—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$2,000 to a special fund to be used by the Planning Board to study selection of future sites for Town use.

Article withdrawn.

ARTICLE 4—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$500 to be used in conjunction with money already appropriated, for the construction of a dog pound.

Article withdrawn.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—December 23, 1968

ARTICLE 1—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$13,100 to be used in conjunction with monies already appropriated, for the widening and surfacing of a portion of Mair Street.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 2—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the Police Department.

Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of \$1,325 for the salary account of the Police Department (\$1,114.50 is for past salaries due and \$210 for salaries to end of fiscal year.)

AUDIT OF BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN

MR. ARTHUR H. MACKINNON

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Boston, Massachusetts

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hampden for the period from December 17, 1965, the date of the previous examination, to January 31, 1968, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the records in the offices of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were compared with the treasurer's books and with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town, while the payments, as entered, were checked with the treasurer's books and with the treasury warrants. The appropriations, transfers, and loan authorizations were checked with the town clerk's records of financial votes passed by the town meetings and with the finance committee's authorizations of transfers from the reserve fund.

The general and appropriation ledger accounts were analyzed and proved, the many necessary adjustments and corrections were made, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1967.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book additions were proved, and the recorded receipts were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were compared with the warrants authorizing the disbursement of funds. The cash balance on January 31, 1968 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements received from the banks of deposit, by verification of the certificates of deposit, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts transferred to the tax title account were checked with the collector's books, the reported sales were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, the tax titles foreclosed were verified, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed, reconciled with the town accountant's ledger, and further checked with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the several trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees were examined and listed. The bequests and income were proved, and all transactions and balances were verified and compared with the town accountant's ledger.

The records pertaining to funded debt, as well as temporary loans, were examined and checked. The loans issued were compared with the town treasurer's recorded receipts, while the payments on account of maturing debt, temporary loans, and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and were checked with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The outstanding coupons on

January 31, 1968 were listed and reconciled with a statement received from the bank of deposit.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal and State taxes, the county retirement system, and group hospitalization and life insurance were examined. The deductions and payments to the proper agencies were verified, and the balances on hand were reconciled with the respective controls in the accountant's ledger.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax and excise accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and reconciled with the assessors' warrants. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were checked with the assessors' record of abatements granted, the transfers to the tax title account were checked with the treasurer's records, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger, and the cash balance on January 31, 1968 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office.

For purposes of verifying the outstanding accounts, notices were mailed to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The receipts of the town clerk from the issuance of dog and sporting licenses, as well as from gasoline renewal registrations, marriage intentions, recording fees, and miscellaneous charges, were verified and compared with the payments to the town treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game. The cash book entries were proved, and the cash balance on January 31, 1968 was verified by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The appropriations as voted by the town meetings were listed from the town clerk's records, and were compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the computation of the tax rates for 1966 and 1967.

The surety bonds of the several town officials required by law to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of receipts of the selectmen, as well as of the police, public welfare, veterans' services, school, and cemetery departments, and of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked. The payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's and the accountant's books, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash on hand in the several departments was verified by actual count.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing reconciliations of the several cash accounts, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title, tax possession, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

For the cooperation extended by the several town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,
Assistant Chief of Bureau

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Most of the 1968 Highway money was spent for general maintenance of all roads, such as scraping, drainage, brush cutting, patching, resurfacing, etc. 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 roads this money was used on were: North Monson from Glendale Road Junction to the Monson Town Line, Glendale Road and North Monson Road Junction to Ames Road, and Stony Hill Road to Wilbraham Town Line. Allen Street was widened out to 24 feet and then a leveling course of Type I Bituminous mix was put on from the Hampden House to Stony Hill Road Junction. This coming year we hope to put the top course on.

The roads that were done with Chapter 81 money were: All of Stafford Road, Ames Road, Bennett Road, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Walter Black's home northeast, all of Mountain Road, all of Carmody Road, four-tenths of a mile on Mill Road, four-tenths of a mile on Woodland Drive and part of Sessions Drive. These received a seal of MC 5 with a pea stone cover.

The major project of the year, of course, was the reconstruction of the west end of Main Street. We had many problems, but finally got the base course down before winter weather set in. At this point, I would like to thank the townspeople for their patience during that period of reconstruction. We hope, this coming year, to have the road completed, and side slopes graded and seeded. We, also, hope to have "flex-beam" guard rails installed on the south side of the road by the end of this year.

All of the town equipment when used under Chapter 90 construction, Chapter 90 maintenance, and Chapter 81, is reimbursed by the state on an hourly basis. This automatically goes into the Machinery Account which helps to purchase new equipment, such as the pick-up truck and dump body. This coming year we plan to purchase a new truck chassis and a snow plow out of this account.

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.

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, Green Meadows School, Thornton Burgess School, Recreation Field, Gerrish Park, the baseball diamonds, and the two cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER,
Superintendent of Streets

EXPLANATION OF HIGHWAY MONEY FOR 1969

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 \$50 per mile each year. We have officially 44 miles of road.

Therefore, in 1969 Hampden must raise:

$$\$50 \times 44 \text{ miles} = \$ 2,200 \text{ (Art. 8)}$$

The State will contribute:

$$\$275 \times 44 \text{ miles} = \$12,100$$

Total available for work under Chapter 81 = \$14,300

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 1969 Hampden expects to receive from the State	\$ 3,000
from the County	3,000
and must raise	3,000 (Art. 6)

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 for all Chapter 90 work 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 1969 Hampden has been allotted from the State	\$ 7,700
from the County	3,850
and must raise	3,850 (Art. 7)

for a total of \$15,400

This year we plan to use this	\$15,400 mentioned above
plus the State grant of	2,284 (Article 10)
together with a balance of	29 held over from 1968
plus an appropriation of	10,000 (Article 11)

making a total of \$27,713

to be used on the completion of Main Street project and if possible, to make a start on Wilbraham Road project.

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 9 for this purpose, and the figure is arrived at as follows:

State share of Chapter 81	\$12,100
State share of Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,000
County share of Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,000
State share of Chapter 90 Construction	7,700
County share of Chapter 90 Construction	3,850
	<u>\$29,650</u>

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF PROPERTY, AND TAXES, AS ASSESSED JANUARY 1, 1968

NUMBER OF PARCELS ASSESSED

Number of Bills on Personal Estate	196
Number of Bills on Real Estate	1,668
Number of Bills on Farm Animal and Machinery Excise	7

VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL ESTATE

Stock in Trade	\$ 27,100	
Machinery	39,875	
Live Stock	52,490	
All Other Tangible Personal Property	—1,164,465	
Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate		\$ 1,283,930

VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE

Land exclusive of Buildings	\$ 2,109,860	
Buildings exclusive of Land	14,622,100	
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		\$16,731,960

TOTAL VALUATION OF ASSESSED ESTATE		\$18,015,590
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TAX RATE PER THOUSAND DOLLARS = \$41.00

TAXES FOR STATE, COUNTY, AND TOWN PURPOSES, INCLUDING OVERLAY

On Personal Estate	\$ 52,641.15	
On Real Estate	686,011.14	
Total Taxes Assessed		\$738,652.29

NUMBER OF LIVE STOCK ASSESSED

	<i>General</i>	<i>Farm Animals Assessed \$5 Excise</i>
Horses	97	1
Cows	27	120
Bulls—5; Steers—49; Heifers—33	56	31
Swine	2	0
Sheep	44	0
Fowl	0	5,000
All Other: Ponies—42; Goats—1	43	
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	11,925	more or less
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	1,215	

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

1968 RECAPITULATION SHEET

Total appropriation to be raised by taxation	\$1,090,948.00
Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds in 1968	126,334.85
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay in 1966	538.89
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay in 1967	1,215.01
Other Amounts required to be raised	
Pioneer Valley Regional Planning	187.60
District Veterans Service	921.50

Offset to Cherry Estimated Receipts	
School Lunch Program	4,166.38
Free Public Libraries	586.25
County Tax	12,975.34
1967 Underestimated of County Tax	382.03
State Recreation	1,884.53
1967 Underestimated of State Recreation	477.05
Audit of Municipal Accounts	134.77
Motor Vehicle Tax Bills	433.05
State Assessment System	128.44
Overlay of current year	16,489.68
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$1,257,803.37

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

1968 Estimated Receipts from the Local Aid and Agency Funds	\$284,861.23	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	99,000.00	
Licenses	1,590.00	
General Government	2,100.00	
Protection of Persons and Property	400.00	
School (Local Receipts of School Committee)	300.00	
Interests: On Taxes and Assessment	1,600.00	
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise	115.00	
Building Permits	2,850.00	
Total Estimated Receipts	\$392,816.23	
Available Funds taken by Vote	126,334.85	
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		\$519,151.08
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Property		\$738,652.29
Total on Personal Property	\$ 52,641.15	
Total on Real Estate	686,011.14	
Total Taxes Levied on Property		\$738,652.29
Omitted Assessment		
Real Estate Value \$28,435	Tax \$1,165.83	1,165.83
Total Taxes Levied		\$739,818.12
Taxes Abated in 1968		
1966 Real Estate	\$	543.29
1967 Real Estate		1,907.63
1968 Real Estate		1,229.59
1968 Personal Property		385.40
Statutory Exemption Granted in 1968 on Real Estate		
1967 Real Estate	\$	225.00
1968 Real Estate		14,511.00
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise		
Committed in 1968	\$	316.75
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Committed in 1968		
1967 Commitments	\$	6,578.55
1968 Commitments		106,384.24

Commissioner's Value of Vehicles

1967 Commitments	\$ 290,885.00
1968 Commitments	1,811,500.00

Motor Vehicle Abatements Granted in 1968

1966 Commitments	\$ 6.88
1967 Commitments	1,428.70
1968 Commitments	8,888.95

The Town owns the following real estate:

		<i>Valued</i>
Ames Road	6 acres	\$ 110.00
Cross Road (Dump)	11 acres	350.00
Cross Road (Dump)	6 acres	530.00
Baldwin Drive Lot 122	1.06 acres	830.00
North Road	$\frac{1}{4}$ acre	510.00
Thresher Road	4 acres	390.00
Wilbraham Road	22 acres	1,430.00

The Assessors meet the second Tuesday evening of each month in the Assessors' office at 8 o'clock. The clerk is on duty each Monday from 9 to 5 o'clock and Friday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

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



BOARD OF ASSESSORS—Frank J. T. Kirk, Edward H. Dayton, Chairman.
Absent when picture was taken—George A. Audren.