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TOWN REPORT

HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

Warrant removed

WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL MONUMENT

Over the past forty-nine years Memorial Day services in Hampden have been held at the base of the World War I Memorial Monument on the town common. This statue of a lone and youthful soldier seems to symbolize the individuality of each battlefield death from all our wars past and present. The call of twenty-six names include five of Hampden's sons who gave all of their being to end such wars.

Hampden townspeople in 1919 were mindful of the sacrifices made by these men and held a reception for their returning veterans. They were anxious to display their gratitude and those in attendance began talk of erecting a town monument. Responding to the town's desires, Charles H. Burleigh contributed \$4,000 to fund the construction of the monument in memory of his wife, J. Adelaide, and his sister, Esther C. Burleigh.

The W. N. Flynt Company of Monson was engaged with hopes of the project reaching completion the following spring. Enzo de Santis, an Italian with no formal training, was the sculptor. A young Monson soldier modeled for the statue.

The monument is a reproduction of the Civil War monument in Wilbraham and stands twenty-five feet high. The figure is eight feet high and clothed in the overseas uniform of the day.

Four kinds of granite from as many New England states were used in the construction. Monson granite was used for the first three bases and the four side spaces above which are the dedicatory tablets. Westerly granite was used for the four supports of the carved caps. The figure of the service man was cut from Maine granite.

The monument was dedicated at the Memorial Day services in 1920. Part of the dedicatory tablet's inscription reads:

"In honor of the men of Hampden who served in the great World War that the ideals of liberty and justice might be perpetuated, this monument is gratefully dedicated as a memorial to their unselfish patriotic service. . . ."

Let us pause to reflect upon the enormity of their sacrifice as we conduct memorial services for the fiftieth time this spring at the base of their monument.

JOHN S. HUGHES

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMPDEN



AND OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 1969

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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, 1969

3,600

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	Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 A.M. to 5 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. 566-3223
Police Department	Open Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Friday and Saturday even- ings, 6 P.M. to 1 A.M.	Tel. 566-3535
Board of Selectmen	Meets every Monday 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	Meets second and fourth Wednesdays 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.
Thursday	12:30 P.M. to 5 P.M.
Saturday	1:30 P.M. to 5 P.M.

The library will be closed Saturdays during July and August.

Hours of Laughing Brook

Tuesday through Saturday,	10 A.M. to 5 P.M.
Sunday,	1 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Hours of Town Dump

When Standard Time is in effect:

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

When Daylight Saving Time is in effect:

Tuesday and Thursday	2 P.M. to 7 P.M.
Saturday	9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Publications Available

Subdivision Control Laws	\$1.50 each
Zoning By-Laws	2.00 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—1969

	Term Expires
Moderator	DALTON E. PHILPOTT 1970
Town Clerk	MARIE V. KROOK 1971
Town Treasurer	GRACE L. KIBBE 1971
Board of Selectmen	JOHN M. FLYNN, Chairman 1970
	PAUL D. HUNTER 1971
	SHERWOOD W. CRONE 1972
Secretary to Selectmen—	RUTH W. WOODS
Assessors	GEORGE AUDREN, Chairman 1972
	EDWARD H. DAYTON 1970
	FRANK J. T. KIRK 1971
Clerk to the Assessors—	ALICE FULLER
School Committee	YORKE PHILLIPS, Chairman 1972
	JAMES E. KIRK 1970
	WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM 1971
	ROBERT SULLIVAN 1971
	NOLA D. LEONE 1972
Secretary to School Committee—	DR. MAURICE HEFFERNAN
Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee	GERALD A. HINCH 1972
Trustees of the Hampden Free Public Library	KENNETH WINETROUT, Chairman 1970
	MILDRED ATTLETON 1971
	ELSIE W. THERRIEN 1972
Collector of Taxes	DOROTY S. FLYNN 1971
Constables	PAUL A. BOUCHARD 1971
	MILES M. HAPGOOD, JR. 1971
	MYRON F. STONE 1971
Cemetery Commissioners	HOMER FULLER, Chairman 1970
	ARTHUR GERRISH 1971
	ERNESTINE F. JOHNSON 1972
Planning Board	FRANCIS BUCKLEY, Chairman 1971
	FREDERICK MAHER 1970
	R. GORDON CASEY (filling vacancy) 1970
	CARL F. LIBBY 1973
	LAWRENCE W. HATCH 1974
Clerk to the Planning Board—	JANE BISHOP
Tree Warden	HOMER FULLER 1970
Park Commissioners	WILBUR J. JENKINS, Chairman 1972
	JANE M. JOHNSON 1970
	FLORENCE E. KIRK 1972
	GERALD E. DOTEN (filling vacancy) 1970
	DALTON E. PHILPOTT 1970
Clerk to Park Commissioners—	LUCILLE MCGUILL

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS—1969

		<i>Term Expires</i>
<i>Town Accountant</i>	THEODORE I. BALLARD	1971
<i>Dog Officer</i>	RICHARD A. HATCH	1970
<i>Forest Fire Warden</i>	RICHARD J. BOYNTON	1970
<i>Inspector of Animals</i>	HOMER FULLER	1970
<i>Inspector of Slaughtering</i>	DONALD E. DICKINSON	1970
<i>Superintendent of Insect Pest Control</i>	JAMES A. REARDON	1972
<i>Superintendent of Streets</i>	HOMER FULLER	1970
<i>Veterans' Graves Officer</i>	JOHN R. SCHMUCK	1970
<i>Board of Health Agent and Investigator</i>	ROBERT H. SABBIDES	1970
<i>Agent for Veterans' Benefits</i>	RICHARD N. BILLODEAU	1970
<i>Measurers of Wood, Bark and Charcoal</i>	ROLLYN H. HATCH	1970
	AUSTIN K. HARRIS	1970
<i>Civil Defense Director</i>	LEE H. TAFT	1970
<i>Pound Keeper and Field Driver</i>	HOMER FULLER	1970
<i>Fence Viewers</i>	DONALD E. DICKINSON	1970
	WILLIAM H. PATRIC	1970
	WARREN W. DICKINSON	1970
<i>Dump Supervisor</i>	WALTER J. LYONS	1970
<i>Welfare Agent</i>	ALBERT R. DUPSHA	
<i>Town Counsel</i>	ATTY. WILLIAM D. CANFIELD	1970
<i>Building Commissioner</i>	GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT	1970
<i>Electrical Inspector</i>	ALBERT W. MIREAULT	1970
<i>Plumbing Inspector</i>	WILLIAM P. PATULLO	1970
<i>Board of Appeals</i>	RICHARD A. JALBERT, Chairman	1972
	BERT NIETUPSKI	1970
	WALTER W. LUNDEN	1971
	STANLEY W. WITKOP, JR., Vice Chairman	1972
<i>Alternates</i>	FREDERICK W. BERRY	1970
	GARFIELD TRACY	1970
<i>Clerk to Board of Appeals</i> —	PATRICIA MELIKIAN	
<i>Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee</i>	WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM	1970
<i>Advisory Committee</i>	WILLIAM T. OLMSTEAD, Chairman	1970
	JOHN L. MATTHEWS, JR. (filling vacancy)	1970
	DANIEL M. FLYNN	1971
	RAYMOND A. BARKHUFF	1972
	ROBERT J. SICBALDI	1972
<i>Clerk to Advisory Committee</i> —	JEAN SNOW	

		<i>Term Expires</i>
<i>Board of Registrars</i>	MARIE V. KROOK, Town Clerk FAYE FLYNN, Chairman VIRGINIA REED LUCILLE DRAPEAU	1970 1971 1972
<i>Chief of Police</i>	WILLIAM G. JOY	
<i>Patrolmen</i>	ROBERT A. NEWTON GEORGE K. STONE, JR.	
<i>Special Police Officers</i>	PAUL A. BOUCHARD CHESTER CHAPIN NICHOLAS GIANNETTI DONALD GZIMALOWSKI MILES E. HAPGOOD, JR. LAWRENCE HATCH RICHARD HATCH ROLAND W. HODGDON GORDON JOHNSON JAMES KIRK ROBERT LEONE WALTER J. LYONS JAMES OLEND THOMAS POULIN JAMES A. REARDON RICHARD A. ROSS MYRON STONE LEE TAFT ALFRED S. TAYLOR GEORGE VERMETTE	
<i>Special Policewomen</i>	JOYCE E. BETHEL RUTH W. WOODS	
<i>School Crossing Guard</i>	GEORGE HOSIE	
<i>Fire Chief</i>	JAMES A. REARDON	
<i>School Survey and Site Committee</i>	HILLARD CLARKSON, Chairman RENE G. BURQUE THOMAS W. MCGOWAN DR. WILLIAM J. OSBORN FREDERICK MAHER, JR.	
<i>Building Code Revision Survey Committee</i>	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	

Academy Hall Restoration

<i>Committee</i>	JOHN M. FLYNN, Chairman
	PAUL D. HUNTER
	BERTL DOTEN
	FRANCES S. JONES
	SHERWOOD CRONK
	FRANK J. T. KIRK
	MARGARET HELBERG
	HAROLD HELBERG
	MARION GERRISH
	ARTHUR GERRISH
	LEONARD DICKINSON
	BEN F. LIBBY
	NEIL S. KIBBE
	MARY E. DUNLEA
	JAMES SULHAM

Elementary School Building

<i>Committee</i>	YORKE PHILLIPS, Chairman
	ANDREA W. GRINDAL
	DONALD M. SAFFORD
	JOHN GRINDLE
	CHARLES R. MELVILLE, JR.

<i>Conservation Commission</i>	CARLOS CARRANZA, Chairman	1971
	STEVEN LECLAIR	1971
	PATRICIA KNODE	1970
	BEN F. LIBBY	1972
	CLIFFORD E. KEENEY	1972
	MARILYN BLIZARD	1972

<i>Disposal Study Committee</i>	JOHN M. FLYNN
	EMORY FORD

<i>Insurance Committee</i>	WILLIAM T. OLNSTEAD, Chairman
	BERNICE BAKER
	GERALD HINCH

<i>Pest Control Committee</i>	PAUL D. HUNTER, Chairman
(Sub-Committee of Board of Health)	RICHARD A. GOUVAN
	GEORGE W. LAVALLEE
	FRANCIS ROCHFORD

<i>Town Report Committee</i>	JOHN HUGHES, Chairman
	HELEN SHANKEL
	WINIFRED LOMBARD
	JAMES BOLSTER

IN MEMORIAM

HAROLD F. CARROLL
School Crossing Guard
1968-1969

**VOTERS LIABLE FOR JURY DUTY
FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 1969**

GEORGE A. AUDREN
JOHN BACON
THEODORE I. BALLARD
DAVID BREHAUT
WILLIAM BUEREAU
GORDON E. BUFFETT
HAROLD M. BURDICK
W. EDWARD BURLEIGH
GEORGE A. CHENEY
EDWARD CHRISTIANSON, JR.
EARL A. CONNORS
HOWARD CUTTING
KEITH J. DALLAS
JOHN R. DENDON
EDWARD J. FINN
ROBERT M. FORTUNE
WILLARD FLYNN
RICHARD KOERNER
A. CARLETON JOHNSON

ALBERT J. REARDON, JR.
ELIZABETH I. ADAMCZYK
VIRGINIA ALDOES
JUDY AXTELL
GERTRUDE E. BRAUWAY
DORIS M. BUCKLEY
AUDREY M. BURGER
LILLIAN BUSHMAN
ELIZABETH CRONE
ELIZABETH CURTIS
FLORENCE K. DAYTON
CATHERINE M. DOWD
GLADYS G. FOUNTAIN
MILDRED FREY
HELEN R. GALLUP
ESTHER HOSIE
ERNESTINE JOHNSON
HARRIET K. SCHMUCK
EVELYN ZAHER



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—March 3, 4, 5, 1969

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 1969 (some changes made in amounts).

ARTICLE 3—Voted to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year 1968 or previous years, and to raise \$2,181.27 for this purpose.

ARTICLE 4—Voted to raise and appropriate \$500 to be added to the fund to defray expenses of Hampden's Centennial in 1978.

ARTICLE 5—Voted to transfer \$9,000 from Highway Machinery Fund to purchase a truck chassis equipped with frame and snow plow, on which will be mounted a dump body owned by the Town.

ARTICLE 6—Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for Chapter 90 Maintenance.

ARTICLE 7—Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,850 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 8—Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,200 for repair and maintenance of Town Roads under Chapter 81, Section 26.

ARTICLE 9—Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$29,650 for State share of Chapter 81 and State and County share of Chapter 90 Highway programs.

ARTICLE 10—Voted to use the portion of State grant available in 1969 (\$2,284.23) in conjunction with money already appropriated by the Town for relocation, widening and surfacing a portion of Main Street.

ARTICLE 11—Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,041 to be used with other monies for surfacing a portion of Main Street and the demolition of the Bennett house.

ARTICLE 12—Voted to authorize the School Committee to retain counsel as its representative in the event of bargaining with employee organizations.

ARTICLE 13—Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee to be known as the Academy Hall Restoration Committee, and to consist of as many members as necessary.

ARTICLE 14—Voted to raise the sum of \$2,000 for the use of Academy Hall Restoration Committee, said sum to be expended only if \$2,000 is raised by private and/or public subscriptions prior to the end of 1969; if this sum is not raised privately, the \$2,000 appropriation will be returned to the town treasury.

ARTICLE 15 concerned the addition of two permanent patrolmen to the Police Department, and was unanimously rejected.

ARTICLE 16—Voted to raise the sum of \$1,000 to be used in conjunction with Chapter 81 or other funds to complete specified work on Northview Terrace.

ARTICLE 17—Voted to transfer from the Library Fund the amount of \$580 (State Aid) to be used by the Library Trustees at their discretion.

ARTICLE 18—Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$6,800 to Law and Claims Supplemental Account.

ARTICLE 19 concerned appropriation to complete the remodeling of the Town House and was dismissed.

ARTICLE 20—Unanimously voted to revise the present By-Laws as proposed in the report of the By-Laws Revision Committee.

ARTICLE 21—Unanimously voted to amend the existing or revised By-Laws by adding Section 6 under II, Town Meetings, "All appointments made by elected officials will be made after the Annual Town Meeting for transaction of business and for the election of officers."

ARTICLE 22—Unanimously voted to amend the existing or revised By-Laws by replacing language of Section 7, Sub-section C under "Parliamentary Procedure" with, "On entering the meeting room, before or during a town meeting, held for the transaction of business, each voter of the Town of Hampden shall be identified by the Board of Registrars or their deputies, by reference to the Voter's List. Persons who are not voters of the Town of Hampden shall be seated separately from the voters in a place designated by the Moderator."

ARTICLE 23—Unanimously voted to amend existing or revised By-Laws by adding a new Section under "Legal Affairs" to read: "No report submitted to the Town of Hampden by elected or appointed officials shall be considered complete unless one copy is delivered to the Town Clerk."

ARTICLE 24—Voted to revise the restrictions contained in amendment to Article 42 of 1968 Annual Town Meeting, so that appropriation of \$7,000 made at that time will be available, in case matching funds become available, until the completion of the 1970 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 25—Unanimously voted to accept proposed amendment to Hampden Zoning By-Laws and Zoning District Map which establishes an R-6 Residential District as set forth by the Planning Board in their recommendations on page 57 of the 1968 Town Report.

ARTICLE 26—Unanimously voted to accept proposed amendment to Section 7.4 pertaining to swimming pools, of the Hampden Zoning By-Law as set forth by the Planning Board and Planning Board Sub-committee on Zoning and recommended by Planning Board on page 58 of 1968 Town Report.

ARTICLE 27—Voted as amended to transfer \$6,000 from Overlay Reserve and \$6,000 from Treasury to Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 28—Dismissed.

ARTICLE 29—Voted to transfer \$929 from Dog Fund to the Library Account.

ARTICLE 30—Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with approval of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of revenue for years 1969 and 1970, in accordance with provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to renew any note or notes for less than one year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 31—Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$30,000 for purpose of reducing the tax rate.

ARTICLE 32—Dismissed.

ARTICLE 33—Voted to raise and appropriate \$99.40 to pay balance on bill of Arthur H. Gerrish as Dog Officer.

ARTICLE 34—Defeated.

ARTICLE 35—Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for revaluating the real estate of the Town.

ARTICLE 36—Voted to transfer \$500 which was not used for dog pound, to unappropriated available funds.

ARTICLE 37—Defeated.

ARTICLE 38—Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,350 to replace backstop on baseball field at Memorial Park.

ARTICLE 39—Dismissed.

ARTICLE 40—Dismissed.

ARTICLE 41—Voted as amended to authorize Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain or purchase, for recreational park purposes, 2 parcels of land on easterly side and including the existing right of way running northerly from Main Street to Hampden Memorial Park, believed to be owned by Esther Edwards Hosie, and voted to raise and appropriate \$4,000 to pay for same.

ARTICLE 42—Dismissed.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—October 30, 1969

ARTICLE 1—To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$306,000 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District on October 8, 1969 for the purpose of acquiring additional land and for preparing architectural and engineering plans for the construction of an addition to the District High School Building, commonly known as Minnechaug Regional High School.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 2—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money to satisfy a judgment of Superior Court in the matter of land taking for Thornton Burgess School.

Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury \$22,300 for this purpose.

ARTICLE 3—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to the Town Dump Account.

Voted to transfer \$4,000 from unappropriated available funds for this purpose.

ARTICLE 4—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to exchange a parcel of land now belonging to the Town of Hampden, described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the southwest corner of land now owned by Esther Hosie running north a distance of 91.43 feet; thence in a westerly direction 14 feet; thence southeasterly to the point of beginning, for land now owned by Esther Hosie described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest point of the above described land, thence extending westward a distance of 14 feet; thence extending northerly a distance of 90.93 feet; thence southeasterly to the point of beginning.

Voted to postpone this article indefinitely.

ARTICLE 5—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to the Reserve Fund.

Voted to transfer \$3,000 from unappropriated available funds to Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 6—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for repair of drainage on Martin Farms Road.

Voted to transfer \$2,500 for repair of drainage on Martin Farms Road from unappropriated available funds.



DALTON PHILPOTT
Town Moderator

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The following will report the highlights of the activities of your Board of Selectmen and of the various departments under our jurisdiction during the past year.

The highway construction program went forward with the reconstruction of Main Street pretty well completed. Northview Terrace was paved in accordance with article passed at the Annual Town Meeting. The next project planned for Chapter 90 Construction funds is badly needed drainage on Main Street from the North Road intersection to the Hampden Hardware Co. location.

Chapter 90 Maintenance money was used to resurface a portion of Allen Street and Main Street this year. A truck chassis was purchased, on which was mounted a dump body already owned by the Town, the other motor vehicle purchase being a new cruiser for the Police Department.

Restoration of Academy Hall has commenced, financed partly by private funds and partly by money appropriated by the Town.

Revaluation of the real estate in Hampden is being done by an experienced firm, with the goal of an equitable assessment for all real property in town. These new figures will be used in 1970.

As required by the General Laws, common town lines were perambulated by our Board with the Selectmen of Wilbraham, Monson and East Longmeadow. We are proud of the remodeled Library and Town Office facilities in the Town House and want to thank the members of the Town House Remodeling Committee for their work in bringing this about.

Pictures and an article concerning this project appeared in a recent issue of the *Massachusetts Selectman* magazine.

Funds in the Office Equipment account have been used to purchase a conference table, one typewriter, a plan file for Planning Board, a safe for the use of the Collector, Treasurer and Town Clerk, and tables for these officials to use when working with large ledgers and record books.

Our Town Report for 1968 won third place in our population group, for the second consecutive time. This Town Report for 1969 was compiled by a new committee appointed for this purpose.

The recommendations of the Salary Survey Committee, appointed by the Selectmen, are reflected in budget request figures for 1970.

Two newsletters were distributed by this Board this year, in June and November. Because of the lack of newspaper coverage of Town affairs and events, this seemed a good way of keeping our citizenry up to date on their Town government. One Special Town Meeting was held in October; a report of the transactions is contained in this Report.

With the State bearing $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cost, under a special Act of the Legislature better traffic flow is being laid out and implemented for two of our most dangerous intersections: Main Street and Somers Road; and Allen Street, East Longmeadow Road, Wilbraham Road and Somers Road.

In common with most other cities and towns in the Commonwealth, we face the problem of healthful and efficient disposal of rubbish. A study has been made by a professional consultant to determine how best to use the space remaining in our present Town Dump, and an article appears in the Warrant for 1970 Town Meeting asking for funds for a study of future disposal sites in Hampden.

Large mercury vapor lights will be installed along the reconstructed section of Main Street, on East Longmeadow Road and on entrance road to Memorial Park. We have been assisted by a street lighting committee who helped in determining where these lights were most needed.

As our Town grows, the need for better control over some of our public facilities becomes necessary; an example of this is the issuance of dump permits this past year. We are very grateful for the cooperation shown by the citizens of Hampden in implementing these controls for the good of all.

We meet each Monday evening at 8 P.M. unless otherwise posted, and our door is always open.

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

\$2,104.35	Town Clerk
998.00	Tax Collector
1,245.50	Treasurer (Building Permit fees)
2,165.00	Selectmen
478.00	Police Department

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. FLYNN, *Chairman*
PAUL D. HUNTER
SHERWOOD W. CRONK
Board of Selectmen



BOARD OF SELECTMEN—Left to right: Sherwood W. Cronk, Ruth Woods, Secretary, Paul D. Hunter, John M. Flynn, Chairman.

REPORT OF BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Number of Registered Voters, January 1, 1969.	1,880
Number of New Voters during 1969.	107
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Number of registered voters dropped from voting list during the year. . .	1,987
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Number of Registered Voters on December 31, 1969.	67
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	1,920

Voter attendance at Caucus and Elections during the year:

	1968	1969
Republican Caucus.	43	83
Democratic Caucus.	36	60
Town Election.	875	1,114

The street list of residents of voting age was compiled as of April 15, 1969. The number listed was 2,498.

Respectfully submitted,

FAYE W. FLYNN, *Chairman*
 VIRGINIA REED
 LUCILLE DRAPEAU
 MARIE V. KROOK, *Clerk*



REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 1969 was a very busy one for the Police Department. There were 7,100 calls logged on the police line for assistance and reporting crimes of various natures. This is an increase of 88% over last year's 3,800 calls. We had a total of 54 motor vehicle accidents, with one fatality, as compared to 34 accidents last year. We had a large number of Breaking and Enterings this year and two separate groups were apprehended. All but four of the breaks have been solved.

There were 88 firearm permits issued and 82 pistol permits renewed along with accident report copies for insurance companies. \$478.00 in fees were turned over to the Town Treasurer.

There were 1,500 house checks made during the summer vacation period May through September. There were 31 places of business found open and the owners notified to secure them.

Officer Robert Newton attended the Police Academy at Westfield State College from March 24th to May 2nd and graduated with excellent marks.

In September a federal grant was awarded to Chief Joy and Officer George Stone to attend Springfield College under the Safe Street Act. They both completed a course in Sociology ending in December. Upon completion of this course their marks were forwarded to the Federal Grant Office and they were awarded a further grant for 1970 to complete a course in Community Relations and Juvenile Behavior.

During 1969 we added two more telephones to our hot line and added officers Lawrence Hatch and Donald Gzimalowski to man the two additional telephones.

In cooperation with the Conservation Commission we made a concentrated effort to remove the junk cars from Hampden and have been very successful in doing so.

Below is a list of the arrests made during 1969.

Motor Vehicle Violations	26 juveniles 151 males 23 females
Breaking and Entering	9 juveniles 1 male
Larceny	13 juveniles 2 males 1 female
Drunkenness	4 minors 3 males
Assaults	2 males
By-Law Violations	5 males
 Total arrests	 240

The Auxiliary Police Department had another full year in assisting the regular department with weekend and holiday patrols, church traffic, parades, dances, etc. They attended regular training sessions with guest speakers and instructors from the legal profession, the Registry of Motor Vehicles and Civil Defense. A special thanks to Attorneys Paul Hunter and John Bethel for their time and effort in assisting with the training of these officers and also to Lee Taft, our Civil Defense Director, for conducting the First Aid course.

Listed below is the breakdown of the man-hours donated by the Auxiliary Police to the town without compensation.

Patrol duty	2,060
Training	2,420
Church traffic	650
Dances, parades	125
Total manhours	5,255

A special thanks to each and every man for the wonderful cooperation and devotion to duty that was displayed during the past year. Your assistance was most gratifying and is directly responsible for the protection afforded the citizens of our town. "Well done."

To the several Department heads and the Board of Selectmen my special thanks for their wonderful cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. JOY,
Chief of Police



HAMPDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT—Front, seated, left to right: George Stone, Paul Bouchard, Miles Hapgood, Donald Gzimalowski. Rear, standing: Lawrence Hatch, Chief Joy, Robert Newton.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 69 calls during 1969. This was an increase of 10 calls over 1968.

Forest and grass	33
House	13
Automobile	6
Resuscitator	2
Barn	2
Dump	5
Mutual Aid	1
Restaurant	1
Garage	4
Storage shed	2

Our new Multi-purpose truck was delivered in April and has proved to be another valuable, and much needed, piece of fire fighting equipment.

We have taken an active part in Hampden County Mutual Aid, attending all regular meetings. We found it necessary to use mutual aid at one time during the year. Monson fire department was called to stand by at the fire station when all our men and equipment were in service at a fire. We were also called by East Longmeadow Fire Department to assist them at a serious fire.

As well as answering all alarms, the men in the fire department attended a monthly business meeting, a monthly training session and devoted much time and effort to keeping the equipment and fire station in good repair.



HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
James Reardon, Chief, front center.

During 1969 we changed the electrical system in our 1949 Dodge from 6 to 12 volts. This was done by members of the department. The meeting room and watch room in the fire station were completely painted by a member of the department. If it were not for the members of the department doing these and many other jobs, we would find it difficult to operate within our budget.

At the present time we are working on a five year plan for the purchase of new equipment, and by the end of 1970 we should have a definite plan established.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. REARDON,

Chief of Fire Department

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

During 1969 there were 33 grass and forest fires. Four of these fires were dump fires. The biggest fire was on the mountain in back of Gleason's project. That fire took 8 hours and 50 men to put out. Several fires were set by children playing with matches. The rest were caused by burning in barrels which were not properly covered. I caution people to be careful when burning out of doors. Be sure to get a permit before starting any outside fire. Permits may be obtained by calling 566-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BOYNTON,

Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

Concern for a healthful environment is as old as organized human society, as evidenced by the sanitation provisions of the earliest government codes and by the required traditional practices preserved in the Old Testament law. The early Egyptians and later Romans contended with problems that face us today. The recognition and control of new problems, together with an unceasing struggle with those unresolved or partially controlled, are a challenge for us all.

In protecting the health and safety of the community, the Board devoted many hours to the problems of waste disposal, mosquito control and related Public Health problems. The use of individual wells and septic tanks throughout the Town requires constant inspections during installation to prevent the intrusion of human waste into the Town's underground water tables.

Some trips to Court have been necessary to solve many of the public health problems that have arisen during the past year.

I wish to thank the Board for its encouragement and support.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. SABBIDES, R.S.,

Health Agent

Board of Health:

PAUL D. HUNTER, *Chairman*

JOHN M. FLYNN

SHERWOOD W. CRONK

REPORT OF LIBRARY

This year found the library in its newly expanded quarters. The Town House Remodeling Committee is to be commended for a wonderful job well done.

Fifteen hundred library cards have been issued during the past year and a half. We have added another day, Thursday, to the schedule. Besides offering a wide variety of the latest in fiction and non-fiction, we are also able to obtain almost any book a patron requests through Western Regional Public Library System, including large print books for elderly persons or children with sight difficulties. We continue to have regular visits from the Bookmobile which enables us to supplement our own selection of adult and children's books. This year we have added to our reference department The Dictionary of American Biography (11 volumes) and The Dictionary of American History (7 volumes). Our aim is to offer the townspeople, particularly the students, a wider selection of reference material to aid them in their studies.

In January, Mrs. Therrien, Mrs. Curtis, and Dr. Winetroutr attended the Western Regional Trustees meeting in West Springfield. In April, Mrs. Attleton, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Therrien and Mrs. Winetroutr attended the Massachusetts Library Association meeting at the Wilbraham Library in April and May.

Our Summer Reading Program was again successful with fifty children completing the required reading of and reporting on ten books. The children were rewarded with a picnic and each received a certificate.

On November 8, to celebrate the new library, an open house was held with the townspeople and librarians from surrounding communities invited.

The week of November 16 was Children's Book Week and over one hundred new children's books were displayed. Mother West Wind from Laughing Brook Center visited on November 22 to tell stories by Thornton Burgess to the children.

To wind up the year, Santa stopped by to talk to the children on December 13. Candy canes were distributed to 225 children.

Of special interest to the town is the permanent display of Hampden newspaper clippings at the library. These books were started in 1874 by Mrs. Lincoln McCray and continued after her death by Carl Howlett, Town Historian. The library owes a debt of gratitude to Carl and Arline Howlett for their many years of devoted service.

We wish to thank Mrs. Helen Tower and Mr. Sherwood Cronk for the gift of designing and making a book plate for our use.

Mrs. Carew's Trust Fund was dissolved and used to help make possible the new library. Framed pictures of Mrs. Carew and Miss Elizabeth Sessions, who gave the town the building in 1932, adorn the walls of the library. Our thanks to Mr. Wallace Huntington and Mr. Frederick Weissbach for making these pictures possible.

During the year gifts of books, magazines and records have been given to the library.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH J. CURTIS, *Librarian*
KENNETH WINETROUT, *Chairman*
MILDRED ATTLETON, *Trustee*
ELSIE W. THERRIEN, *Trustee*

LIBRARY STATISTICS

I. GENERAL SERVICES	
Circulation of Books and Magazines	24,614
Books Purchased	727
Periodical Subscriptions	58
Books and Magazines Donated	417
Total Attendance	17,156
Inter-Loan Books Borrowed	159
Bookmobile	4,252
II. FINANCES	
Receipts	
Appropriation by the Town	\$7,984
Dog Tax Refund	930
State Aid	586
	<hr/> \$9,500
Expenditures	
Books and Magazines	\$3,357
Wages	4,807
Supplies, Incidentals	1,336
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HAMPDEN LIBRARY—Left to right: Adina V. Johnson, Cecilia C. Melville (seated front), Elizabeth Curtis, Librarian.