

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Most of the 1969 Highway money was spent for general maintenance of all roads; such as scraping, drainage, brush cutting, patching, resurfacing and the like. Chapter 81 money contributed largely to this work.

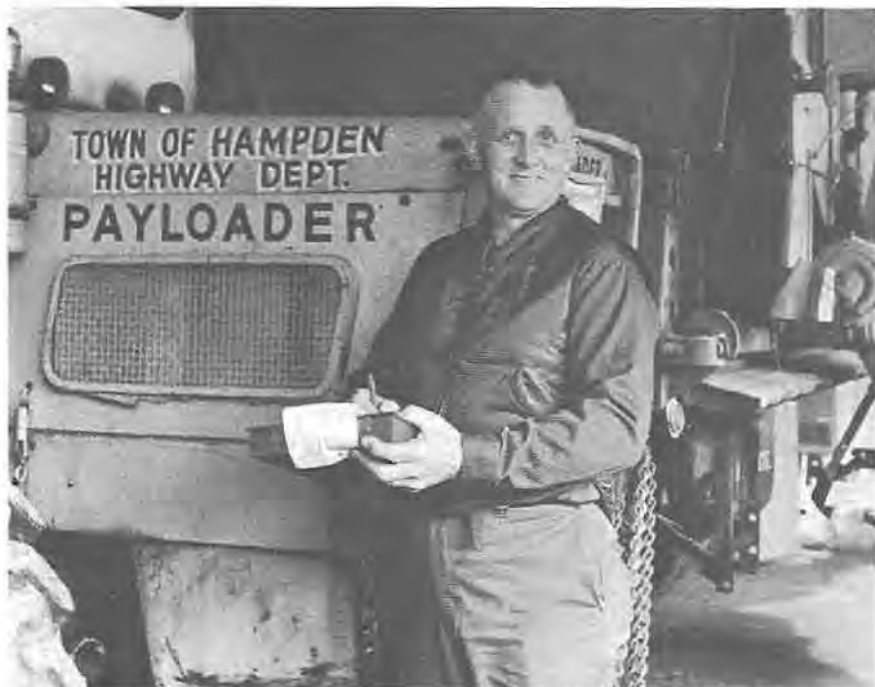
Chapter 90 Maintenance Funds, which is made up by the town, county, and state each contributing equally, was \$9,000 last year. The entire amount was used on Allen Street which was paved with a Bituminous surface from the junction of Allen Street and Stony Hill Road to the Hampden House.

The roads resurfaced with liquid asphalt and pea stone covered were one mile on Chapin Road, one-half mile on North Road, one-half mile on Bennett Road and all of Burleigh Road.

Drainage was put in on South Road for 200 feet to correct a bad ice condition. Drainage was also started late in November on Chapin Road, and will be completed this coming year.

Main Street was paved with a Type I Bituminous surface. The berms were laid on the north side. Part of the tree belt was graded and seeded. This spring the slopes will be seeded and graded. Also, the sidewalks will be put in, and the tree belt put in on south side of street. We will also install Flex Beam guard rails. This work is done under our Chapter 90 Construction money.

The grounds care also take considerable time. This department is responsible for the maintenance of the grounds of the Town House, Fire Station, Town Common, Old Town Hall, Green Meadow School, Thornton W. Burgess School, Recreation Field, baseball diamonds, Gerrish Park and the two cemeteries.



Homer Fuller, Superintendent of Streets, Tree Warden, Cemetery Commission Chairman, Inspector of Animals, Pound Keeper and Field Driver.

Northview Terrace was rebuilt according to specifications with a turn around at the end.

The town's winter work has become a major problem as streets are being accepted by the town every year. The public today wants bare pavement to travel on year round which adds to the cost of snow removal. The cost for snow removal this past year was \$19,000.

A new dump truck chassis was purchased after Town Meeting in March for the department.

During this year my major problem has been labor shortage. Good dependable men who take an interest and pride in the highways of their town are scarce.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER,  
*Superintendent of Streets*

## EXPLANATION OF HIGHWAY MONEY FOR 1970

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 1970 Hampden must raise:

	$\$ 50 \times 44 \text{ miles} = \$ 2,200$ (Art. 9)
The State will contribute:	$\$ 275 \times 44 \text{ miles} = 12,100$
Total available for work under Chapter 81	<hr/> = \$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 1970 Hampden expects to receive from the State	\$3,000
from the County	3,000
and must raise	3,000 (Art. 7)
thus making a total of	<hr/> \$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 1970 Hampden has been allotted from the State	\$ 7,600
from the County	3,800
and must raise	3,800 (Art. 8)
for a total of	<u>\$15,200</u>

This year we plan to use this \$15,200 mentioned above together with a balance of \$4,956 held over from 1969 making a total of \$20,156 for installation of storm drains on a portion of Main Street.

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 10 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 . . . . .	7,600
County share of Chapter 90 Construction . . . . .	3,800
	<u>\$29,500</u>

## **REPORT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

This Commission met twice a month throughout the year to handle routine business and, in addition, met with the Conservation Commission, Selectmen, School Committee, Planning Board, Advisory Committee, and the Recreation Association of Hampden in an effort to keep these departments informed of our plans and to extend to them any help or information that would unify developments within the community.

We also met with Mr. David Bonney of Laughing Brook Nature Center and the Massachusetts Audubon Society to discuss preservation and improvements to the wildlife areas of Memorial Park.

With Representative Alexander Lolas and representatives from Congressman Boland and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, we discussed state and federal aid

that would be available to make improvements to Memorial Park as well as new parks and playgrounds in other areas of the Town.

The summer program was our largest single effort of the year. Mr. Kenneth Rainey was the director of this program. Miss Sandra Jenkins was in charge of the swimming program and was assisted by Mrs. Donald Haraty, Susan Shaw, Kathleen McCarthy, and Julie Gorcecki. Robert Joyce, Michael McMillan, and John Jenkins were lifeguards and also responsible for the maintenance work at Memorial Park.

A successful sports school for boys returned \$697.65 to the Town treasury. Mr. Robert Singyke directed the school and was assisted by Richard Ingraham.

The baseball program run by the Recreation Association of Hampden was very active and was supported by this Commission to the extent that we provided and maintained fields at Memorial Park, Thornton Burgess School, and the Green Meadows School.

The Hampden Community Softball League again had a strong program with games played five nights a week at Memorial Park.

Mr. John Hughes ran an instructional tennis program for youngsters at the Thornton Burgess School.

Again, a successful Fourth of July program, sponsored by many Town organizations, was held at Memorial Park. A new, major feature of this year's event was the appearance of the Elks' Concert Band for a very enjoyable two hour evening performance.

There were several instances of vandalism at Memorial Park during the summer and we regret that, because of this, the swimming facilities had to be closed over Labor Day weekend.

In the fall, a soccer program lasting eight weeks was run by Mr. Singyke. This was for boys in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Forty boys participated.

During the winter, basketball programs were held for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade boys, high school boys, and men. A ten week recreation program for ladies was also held. Mr. Singyke directed basketball and Miss Tina Collier supervised the ladies program.

In September, Mr. Singyke was appointed Director of Recreation and in this capacity organized and directed all recreational activities that were sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

During the summer, work was started on clearing and preparing the land adjacent to Memorial Park Road to provide room for pedestrian traffic. The purchase of this land was approved at the last annual Town Meeting.

A new electric power line has been run into Memorial Park to provide ample current to handle new lights installed during the summer and to permit further electrical expansion. Street lights have been placed along the Park road in an effort to reduce vandalism and to provide a safer condition for evening events.

The Hampden Garden Club donated to and supervised an extensive program of planting shrubs on a bank in Memorial Park. This was not only a beautification project, but, equally important, a method of preventing erosion. Work on this project will continue.

In July, after many years of service to the Town, Mr. James Law submitted his resignation from this Commission. It was accepted with regret.

The Board of Selectmen and the remaining members of the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously appointed Mr. Gerold Doten to fill this vacancy.

Many residents were very helpful to this Commission during the year and we express sincere appreciation for their interest in our work.

We are particularly indebted to Mr. David Joyce, Mr. Ian Joyce, Mr. Richard Johnson, Mr. William Foster, and Mr. Homer Fuller who performed tasks that were especially helpful to us and required a very special interest in Memorial Park and the Town.

It is the desire of this Commission to continue to improve both the recreational and park facilities of the Town as rapidly as is practical. Your help in our planning is both necessary and desirable and, therefore, we invite you to attend any of our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR J. JENKINS, *Chairman*

F. EVELYN KIRK

JANE JOHNSON

DALTON E. PHILPOTT

GEROLD E. DOTEN

LUCILLE MCGUILL, *Clerk*



**PARK COMMISSIONERS**—Left to right: Jane M. Johnson, Dalton E. Philpott, F. Evelyn Kirk, Wilbur J. Jenkins, Chairman. Gerold Doten (temporary) missing when picture was taken.

## REPORT OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION



During the past year the Hampden Conservation Commission has energetically pursued immediate and long range goals. As our emblem designates, our purpose is in behalf of the best use of our Town's natural resources.

We have conducted twenty-one meetings, held numerous field and site studies and directed a public walk to enjoy the autumn foliage.

The meetings have included discussions with local, state and federal officials. These sessions have resulted in healthy interaction regarding conservation in Hampden. A regional

conference of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions was attended by several Commission members.

A study of mosquito control has been prepared for the Board of Selectmen by Dr. Clifford Keeney, Professor of Biology at Springfield College. Recommendations include immediate and long-range considerations on this problem.

Gifts of land to the Commission to be used for conservation are presently being considered.

An active stand by your Conservation Commission has been taken in the control of dumping fill in or adjacent to town waters or wetlands. The Commission is given the responsibility of alerting the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources as to possible violations. Five specific sites were reviewed by the Commission with Professor Carlos Carranza, an environmental geologist, making on-site observations.

It is advised that according to the Hatch Act anyone proposing to fill an area bordering on inland waters must give notice. A plan of the proposed work is to be brought to the Board of Selectmen who forward it to the Department of Natural Resources. Agricultural work is exempt from this ruling. The law is designed to assist in safeguarding against abuses while at the same time to allow for approval of meaningful use. The Commission is happy to be of assistance in this matter.

Retaining scenic and natural beauty, yet not seeking to halt Hampden's growth, is of prominent concern to your Commission. Fundamental to this concern is for us to know and help the townspeople to know and appreciate the resources of Hampden. During 1969 we have been pursuing facts and figures on our waterways, wetlands, hills and valleys. In conjunction with this index, a Natural Resources Inventory is being prepared by the Federal Government at no cost to the town. The inventory team has worked closely with the Hampden Conservation Commission in review of field observations and related scientific input. We have exchanged this information with other Hampden Boards. The study is expected to be published in the spring of 1970. This official inventory of the town's natural resources is an important prerequisite to application for state and federal funds for purchases of land.

Also in the interest of an informed community, the Commission has offered regular news articles of useful tips and related remarks about our environment. A bulletin board with a similar purpose has been posted in the center of the lower corridor of the Town Hall.

During the past three years the Commission has been at work on comprehensive plans for conservation in Hampden. A responsibility vested in the Commission by the state is to develop a sound plan of action for a short and long term land acquisi-

tion proposal. A close examination of the total geography and geology of Hampden, a study of questionnaire surveys of townspeople regarding their wants and needs related to open space and a careful review of projections towards the future have been joined into this study.

Thus in the year of 1970 it is expected that the Hampden Conservation Commission will be asking the town to vote on the purchase of land for conservation. The Commission believes that the people of Hampden desire meaningful conservation practices to be put into effect.

It is because of this that the Hampden Conservation Commission is now bringing a special article to the Warrant for the town to appropriate a sum of money for the Conservation Fund.

Your Commission urges you to vote for approval of the Conservation Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

CARLOS CARRANZA, *Chairman*  
BEN LIBBY  
MARILYN BLIZARD  
STEVEN LECLAIR  
BERT NIETUPSKI  
CLIFF KEENEY  
PATRICIA KNODE

## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture*  
ALBERT H. FULLER, *Clerk*

## **REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSION**

The cemetery commissioners wish to report the following:

Both cemeteries were mowed five times.

Sunken graves were leveled and seeded.

This coming year we hope to regrade part of the Old Cemetery to make it easier to mow.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER, *Chairman*  
ARTHUR H. GERRISH  
ERNESTINE JOHNSON



## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

The tree warden wishes to report that the dead wood was trimmed from the trees on Wilbraham Road, Main Street and Scantic Road.

Removal of trees included:

- 2 Maple trees on Main Street
- 1 Maple tree on North Road
- 1 Maple tree on Glendale Road
- 4 large Elm trees on Wilbraham Road
- 3 large Elm trees on Carmody Road
- 4 Elm trees on South Road

Twenty-two Maple trees were set out on Main Street, Martin Farms Road, Meadowbrook Lane and Old Orchard Road.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER,  
*Tree Warden*

## DUTCH ELM REPORT

During the year 1969 we removed 12 large elm trees and 8 smaller elm trees. The cost of tree removal continues to increase each year, which means we cannot do all the work we would like to do during the year.

The elm trees in town are dying off at a faster rate than we can get them cut down. All large trees are taken down by Northern Tree Expert Company.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. REARDON,  
*Superintendent of Insect Pest Control*

## GYPSY MOTH REPORT

During 1969 there was an increase in gypsy moth clusters. For the first time in many years the search for gypsy moths showed an infestation on the west side of town. There were over 100 clusters found and destroyed throughout the town.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. REARDON,  
*Superintendent of Insect Pest Control*



## REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

Enforcement of the dog restraint law during 1969 resulted in 52 cases of dogs being picked up as strays or who were running at large. A few dogs were redeemed by their owners at the pound, but most were kept the required 10 days and then destroyed. In the latter cases, the cost to the Town for each dog was \$35, and the reimbursement from the County totaled \$22; thus the net cost to the Town is \$17 for each of these cases.

Total money available, including Town appropriation and transfers amounted to . . . . .	\$1,320
Spent for services of Dog Officer, kennel fees, advertising etc. . . . .	1,314
Reimbursements and pound fees received and returned to Town Treasurer . . . . .	769

In addition, several cases have been investigated at the request of the Board of Selectmen, in response to complaints made to them.

A great many citizens neglected to license their dogs with the Town Clerk at the proper time, and reminders had to be sent. Residents are reminded that all dogs three months old or older must be licensed during the month of April each year.

A rabies clinic was held in the Spring, with many residents taking advantage of this opportunity to obtain shots for their dogs.

The dog restraining law is in effect in Hampden, and all dogs shall be under the control of their owners at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD HATCH,  
*Dog Officer*

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

I have not had any requests to inspect slaughtered animals during the year 1969. Monthly reports have been sent to State House, Boston, as required by State law.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD E. DICKINSON,  
*Inspector of Slaughtering*

## REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

As in 1968, the excellent cooperation of the people of Hampden and Town Officials has permitted the Planning Board to achieve the major goals targeted for 1969.

Of extreme importance to "Planned Growth for the Town of Hampden" was the unanimous vote at the 1969 Town Meeting to accept the zoning revisions recommended by the Planning Board to establish an R-6 Residential District. This R-6 District (which is detailed in a map on page 55-56 in the 1968 Town Report) establishes a minimum lot size of 60,000 sq. ft. with a 200 ft. frontage for approximately 75 per cent of the residential area in Hampden. As previously reported, this was the minimum lot size recommended by Thomas Associates, Professional Consultants for the R-6 area, as long as septic tanks, and individual wells are in use. This recommendation was based on a General Soils Survey of Hampden conducted by the Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Because of soil conditions in this area, the only alternative, if satisfactory health standards are to be maintained, is to provide a public water supply, or public sewage disposal system, or both.

It is with extreme pleasure the Planning Board reports that the R-6 District as voted by the Town was approved by the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. This R-6 District became an official part of Hampden's Zoning By-Law as of October, 1969. At the same time, an amendment which improved safety aspects of Section 7.4 of the Zoning By-Law covering Swimming Pools became effective.

In addition to the above amendments in the Zoning By-Law, revisions in the Subdivision Rules and Regulations pertaining to curbings and rights-of-way were strengthened so as to minimize Town expenditures for maintaining streets in all housing developments subject to Subdivision Rules and Regulations. These latter revisions became effective June 26, 1969.

The above Amendments to the Zoning By-Law and Subdivision Rules and Regulations in combination with the current high taxes in Hampden and the high interest rate on new building construction have already resulted in a more realistic "Planned Growth for the Town of Hampden". For example, the rate of Town growth has been reduced and stabilized so that a new elementary school originally predicted for occupancy in September, 1971, has been delayed for two years or more. Thus, an anticipated substantial increase in the Hampden tax rate starting in 1970, as construction of an elementary school got under way, has been postponed.

A further step toward stabilization of Hampden's tax structure is the development of a Town Plan as a guide for future Town growth. Each year since 1966, the people of Hampden have approved an Article to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to be used as Hampden's portion of the \$21,000 required to develop a definitive Town Plan. This sum of \$7,000 to be used only if matching Federal Funds of \$14,000 become available through acceptance of Hampden's Town Plan Application. Hampden's application has now been approved, and the necessary contract for Phase I of the development of our Town Plan has been signed. Thomas Associates, now a Division of Universal Engineering Corporation, has been retained as Planning Consultant. With the assistance of a Hampden Citizen's Advisory Group, Thomas Associates and the Planning Board are actively engaged in developing our Comprehensive Town Plan.

Future Planning Board efforts to improve Hampden's over-all position "and Tax structure" relative to neighboring communities include:

- (1) Further revisions as required to strengthen both the Zoning By-Law and Subdivision Rules and Regulations. More specifically, future Zoning By-Law revisions which were listed last year:
  - (a) Establishment of a Flood Plain District.
  - (b) Establishment of a Commercial District.
  - (c) Revision of Business and Limited Industrial Districts are included as part of the Definitive Town Plan.
- (2) The development of a Total Town Plan for Hampden. The benefits which can be derived from such a Town Plan are detailed in the 1968 Town Report; hence, rather than list these again please refer to last year's Planning Board Report.

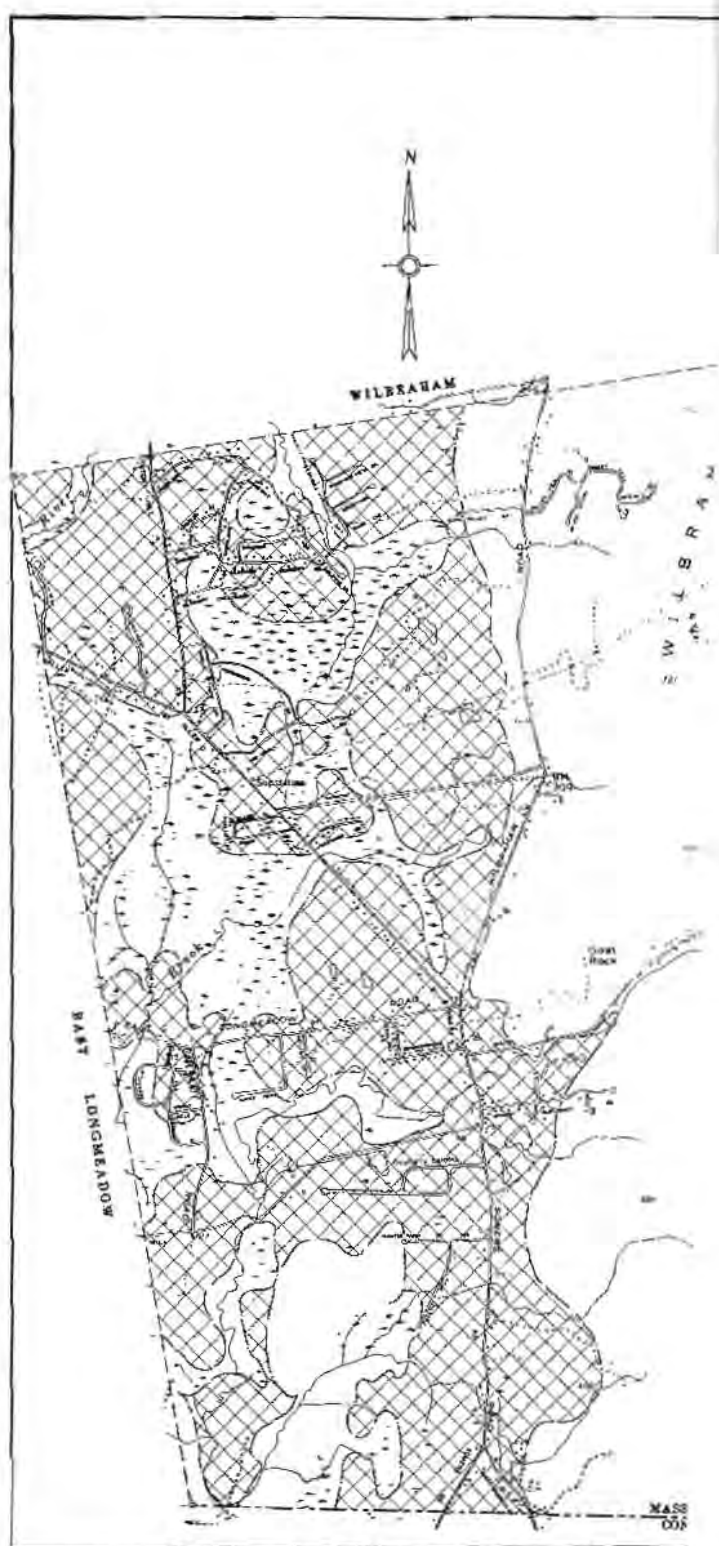
In summary, 1969 has been an active and fruitful year for the Planning Board. Again we would like to thank the Voters of Hampden and Town Officials for making this possible.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS T. BUCKLEY, *Chairman*  
FREDERICK MAHER, JR.  
CARL F. LIBBY  
LAWRENCE W. HATCH  
R. GORDON CASEY

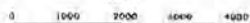


**PLANNING BOARD**—Left to right: Frederick Maher, Jr., Jane Bishop, Clerk, R. Gordon Casey, Francis T. Buckley, Chairman, Carl F. Libby, Lawrence W. Hatch.



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THE HAMPODEN PLANNING BOARD

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## REPORT OF BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 1969 there were two hundred and five permits granted.

These were as follows:

### Building:

New houses . . . . .	16
New business building . . . . .	1
New garages . . . . .	2
New barns . . . . .	1
New sheds . . . . .	7
Additions to houses . . . . .	11
Alterations to houses . . . . .	9
Addition to shed . . . . .	1
Alterations to business building . . . . .	1
Remove shed . . . . .	1
Remove ice house . . . . .	1
Swimming pools . . . . .	2



**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**—Left to right: Gordon J. E. Willcutt, Building Commissioner; Albert W. Mireault, Electrical Inspector. Absent when picture was taken: William P. Patullo, Plumbing Inspector.

Electrical:

New houses	14
Additions and alterations	25
Dryers	3
Range	1
Air conditioners	4
Service changes	15
Water heaters	6
New business building	1
Remodel business buildings	3

Plumbing:

New houses	18
New business building	1
Alterations	8
Additions	4
Gas	49

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, SR.,  
*Building Commissioner*

## REPORT OF BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals held twelve public hearings during 1969.

It is felt that the increased demand for public hearings is due to the necessary new by-law restrictions and our increasing population.

Five public hearings for variances to the zoning by-laws were heard. Three of these variances were granted and two denied.

Six public hearings were held for petitions for special permits. Of these petitions, four were granted in their entirety. The remaining two were granted in part and denied that portion asking for retail sales in noncommercial zones.

One public hearing and numerous Board meetings were held for a petition for alteration of an existing non-conforming use. After much consideration, the petition was denied.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to Mrs. Kricor Melikian for her clerical assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. JALBERT, *Chairman*  
STANLEY WITKOP, *Vice Chairman*  
DALTON PHILPOT  
WALTER LUNDEN  
BERT NIETUPSKI  
GARFIELD TRACY, *Alternate*  
FRED BERRY, *Alternate*



## REPORT OF BUILDING CODE REVISION SURVEY COMMITTEE

The committee has checked the codes of several other communities and three National Codes. We have talked with other revision committees about their codes and the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety Board of Standards Building Code. The consensus of opinion is that the State as a whole will be under the Board of Standards Code before long.

Since all electrical work must be wired in accordance with the regulations of the National Electrical Code and plumbing work must be done according to the Massachusetts Code, we believe that the present Hampden Building Code is adequate until we can find out how the Board of Standards Code is going to affect us.

Respectfully submitted,

*Building Code Revision Survey Committee*

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, SR., *Chairman*

WILLIAM P. PATULLO

ALBERT W. MIREAULT

HAROLD F. HELBERG

CHARLES P. SHARPLES

ATTY. WILLIAM D. CANFIELD

## REPORT OF TOWN HOUSE REMODELING COMMITTEE

With the completion of the Town House remodeling work, this Committee wishes to make the following report of projects completed:

*Main Floor*—Entire east side of the building was renovated and refinished to provide enlarged facilities for the Library. Work in this area included a new Library entrance, new ceilings, new lighting fixtures, and wall to wall carpeting, as well as the entire area being redecorated.

*Lower Floor*—New and larger offices were provided for the Selectmen and for the Town Clerk, Collector and Treasurer. Their old office facilities were redecorated and have been made available for the several Town Committees. The office space for the Assessors was enlarged. A new Conference Room was provided adjacent to the Selectmen's new office. New ceiling and lighting fixtures were provided for the entire lower hall, as well as this area being redecorated.

*Heating System*—The system was converted from a vented to a fully trapped system. This included the replacement of a condensation pump with a combined condensate vacuum pump unit. Also, all radiation units were equipped with motorized valves, and each room was provided with an individual thermostat control.

We realized that everyone would be inconvenienced during the construction period. However, we feel confident that the newly enlarged, brighter, more adequate facilities will compensate for these inconveniences. The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the various Town Officials for their cooperation during the construction period.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLLYN H. HATCH, *Chairman*

CHARLES R. MELVILLE, SR.

GERALD A. HUNCH

EDMUND M. SHARPLES

MRS. ELSIE THERRIEN

JOHN M. FLYNN

## REPORT OF ACADEMY HALL RESTORATION COMMITTEE

At Town Meeting in 1969 it was voted that if our group could raise \$2,000 the Town would match it and we would have \$4,000 with which to work to restore Academy Hall. We are pleased to report that the Historical Society gave \$500 to start and then conducted a door to door canvass and collected \$3,124.53, which more than matched the \$2,000.

The building was full of rubbish, fallen plaster, etc., so one day during the summer the following people swept and shovelled out the debris. Arthur Gerrish, Francis Jones, Robert Szama 3rd, Margaret and Harold Helberg. The men took the soda bottles left by the Boy Scouts to the Hampden House where they redeemed them and added this small amount to our collection. All the new material—insulation, heating ducts, plumbing supplies, etc., we piled up in one area. The old furniture left from a previous auction was put on the porch and Sherwood Cronk trucked it to the Recreation Field where it was put on the bonfire for July 4th.

The largest project accomplished was shoring up the back of the building which was necessary in order to install a proper door. Many thanks to Edward Christianson who donated the use of the back hoe to assist in the heavy work and to the following men who donated their Saturdays to complete this wall. John Flynn, Sherwood Cronk, Leonard Dickinson, Martin Kelliher, Arthur Gerrish, Raymond Kibbe and Edward Turnburg.

A few weeks ago, in bitter cold, Herbert Cronk, Sherwood Cronk and John Flynn framed in the doorway. Now Herbert Cronk has the door at his home all painted and ready to be installed when the weather warms up.

Robert Fisher has brought the water pipe in from the well and has donated his labor for this. A contract has been let for exterior painting and it includes all necessary scraping, filling of holes and nailing loose clapboards. This will go forward as soon as the weather permits. Mr. Helberg painted and hung the Academy Hall sign in front of the building and put a prime coat of paint on eighteen of the new sashes.

We realize that all we have done to the building so far does not show from the outside, but we have the essentials started and will move along as fast as possible. We are most fortunate in having had practically all of our labor donated so far, which leaves our money for materials. A number of men have offered their help when we are ready for wiring and plumbing. We need all the help we can get and welcome volunteers, as this is truly a community project.

When completed, the fully restored Academy Hall will have an Historical Museum on the second floor, with a meeting room, kitchen, rest rooms and coat room on the first floor. Thus it will provide a pleasant meeting place which small groups may be able to rent through the Town Office when the restoration is completed. It's a huge project but we feel that the building must be preserved.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET M. HELBERG

# REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

## 1969 RECAPITULATION SHEET

Total appropriation to be raised by taxation.....	\$1,246,622.27	
Total appropriation voted to be taken from available funds in 1969.....	61,743.23	
Total appropriation voted to be taken from available funds in 1968 after 1968 rate was fixed...	14,425.00	
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay in 1966.....	543.29	
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay in 1967.....	2,132.63	
Other Amounts required to be raised		
Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Board.....	187.60	
District Veterans Service.....	1,027.90	
Offsets to Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts		
School Lunch Program.....	5,277.35	
Free Public Libraries.....	586.25	
County Tax.....	15,264.37	
State Recreation Areas.....	3,802.19	
1968 Underestimates of State Recreation Areas...	286.43	
Audit of Municipal Accounts.....	2,853.61	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills.....	464.25	
State Assessment System.....	128.44	
Overlay of current year.....	25,590.35	
Gross Amount to be Raised.....		\$1,380,935.56

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

1969 Estimated Receipts from the Local Aid and Agency Funds.....	\$278,071.40
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise.....	99,045.50
Licenses.....	4,150.50
General Government.....	3,100.00
Fines.....	360.00

Interest: On Taxes and Assessments \$1,409.96; On Deposit \$1,241.18	2,651.14
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise	100.00
Building Permits	2,045.50
Total Estimated Receipts	\$389,524.04
Overestimate of 1968 County Tax	175.22
Available Funds taken by vote	106,168.23
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$ 495,867.49
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Property	\$ 885,068.07

TAX RATE PER THOUSAND DOLLARS = \$47.00

Total Valuation			
Personal Property	\$ 1,308,370.00	Tax \$	61,493.41
Real Estate	17,522,845.00	Tax	823,574.66
Total	\$18,831,215.00	Total Taxes Levied \$	885,068.07
Omitted Assessment	\$ 1,800.00	Tax \$	84.00
		Total Taxes Levied \$	885,152.07
Taxes Abated in 1969			
1968 Personal Property		\$	418.20
1969 Personal Property			84.60
1968 Real Estate			105.78
1969 Real Estate			1,007.70
Statutory Exemption Granted in 1969 on Real Estate		\$	15,711.96
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise			
Committed in 1969		\$	173.25
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Committed in 1969			
1968 Commitments		\$	8,186.96
1969 Commitments			105,632.82
Commissioner's Value of Vehicles			
1968 Commitments		\$	339,690.00
1969 Commitments			1,777,150.00

# Motor Vehicle Abatements Granted in 1969

1968 Commitments .....	\$	2,485.96
1969 Commitments .....		9,755.69

The Town owns the following real estate:

*Valued*

Ames Road .....	6 acres	\$	110.00
Cross Road (Dump) .....	11 acres		350.00
Baldwin Drive Lot 122 .....	1.06 acres		830.00
North Road .....	$\frac{1}{4}$ acre		390.00
Wilbraham Road .....	22 acres		1,430.00

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

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. AUDREN, *Chairman*

FRANK J. T. KIRK

EDWARD H. DAYTON



**BOARD OF ASSESSORS—Left to right: George Audren, Chairman, Frank J. T. Kirk, Edward H. Dayton.**

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

### Dogs licensed in 1969:

288 Male @ \$2.00 .....	\$ 576.00
58 Female @ \$5.00 .....	290.00
197 Spayed Female @ \$2.00 .....	394.00
3 Kennel @ \$10 .....	30.00
2 Kennel @ \$25 .....	50.00

548 .....	\$1,340.00
Fees paid to Town .....	137.00

Paid to County Treasurer .....	\$1,203.00
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### Clerk's Fees paid to Town:

Sporting licenses (492 issued @ \$2,692.35) fees .....	\$ 114.85
Dog licenses (548 issued @ \$1,340) fees .....	137.00
Documents recorded .....	468.00
Certified copies .....	105.50
Marriages (37) .....	74.00
Trade in name .....	2.00

\$ 901.35

## VITAL STATISTICS

Births recorded:	1967	1968	1969
Male .....	49	45	35
Female .....	50	48	30
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	99	93	65
Deaths recorded:			
Male .....	16	11	19
Female .....	19	19	25
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	35	30	44
Marriages recorded .....	32	53	41

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE V. KROOK,  
Town Clerk



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Town Clerk

# REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

## 1967 REAL ESTATE

Balance due January 1, 1969	\$ 3,577.64
Rescinded abatement	16.57
	<hr/> 3,594.21
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	3,216.21
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Balance due January 1, 1970	378.00
Interest paid Town Treasurer	261.87

## 1968 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Balance due January 1, 1969	1,882.31
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	1,464.11
Abatements	418.20
	<hr/> 1,882.31

## 1968 REAL ESTATE

Balance due January 1, 1969	41,556.19
Refunds	79.95
	<hr/> 41,636.14
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	38,797.49
Abatements	105.78
	<hr/> 38,903.27

Balance due January 1, 1970	2,732.87
Interest paid Town Treasurer	1,126.13

## 1968 MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE

Balance due January 1, 1969	10,937.78
Committed January thru June, 1969	8,186.96
	<hr/> 19,124.74
Refunds	592.57
	<hr/> 19,717.31
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	17,001.45
Abatements	2,485.96
	<hr/> 19,487.41

Balance due January 1, 1970	229.90
Interest paid Town Treasurer	127.82

## 1969 MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE

Total Commitments	105,632.82
Refunds	2,556.26
	<hr/> 108,189.08
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	86,803.00
Abatements	9,755.69
	<hr/> 96,558.69
Balance due January 1, 1970	11,630.39
Interest paid Town Treasurer	111.00



<b>1969 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE</b>			
Total Commitments			173.25
Collected and paid Town Treasurer			166.75
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Balance due January 1, 1970			6.50
<b>1969 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX</b>			
Total Commitments			61,578.01
		Refunds	14.10
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			61,592.11
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	59,595.08		
Abatements	84.60		
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	59,679.68		59,679.68
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Balance due January 1, 1970			1,912.43
<b>1969 REAL ESTATE</b>			
Total Commitments			823,574.66
		Refunds	1,440.26
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			825,014.92
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	756,434.58		
Abatements	16,719.65		
Tax Title Account	148.52		
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			773,302.75
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Balance due January 1, 1970			51,712.17
Interest paid Town Treasurer			758.28
<b>ITEMS COLLECTED AND PAID TOWN TREASURER BUT NOT COMMITTED</b>			
Interest on delinquent taxes			2,385.10
Fees on delinquent taxes			998.00

Respectfully submitted,  
DOROTHY S. FLYNN,  
*Collector of Taxes*

**DOROTHY S. FLYNN**  
Tax Collector



## REPORT OF TREASURER

Balance, January 1, 1969 .....	\$ 301,137.70	
Receipts .....	1,815,818.99	
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	\$2,116,956.69	
Payments .....	1,945,832.43	
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Balance, December 31, 1969 .....		\$ 171,124.26

### TRUST FUNDS

#### Bumstead Cemetery Fund:

Balance, January 1, 1969 .....	\$ 2,106.68	
Interest .....	103.17	
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	2,209.85	
Withdrawn .....	103.17	
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Balance .....		\$ 2,106.68

#### Holt Library Fund:

Balance, January 1, 1969 .....	\$ 521.87	
Interest .....	25.53	
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	547.40	
Withdrawn .....	25.53	
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Balance .....		\$ 521.87

#### Day Fund:

Balance, January 1, 1969 .....	\$ 569.65	
Interest .....	27.87	
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	597.52	
Withdrawn .....	19.00	
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Balance .....		\$ 578.52

#### Centennial Fund:

Balance, January 1, 1969 .....	\$ 1,058.56	
Deposit .....	500.00	
Interest .....	57.31	
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Balance .....		\$ 1,615.87

Town Common Balance, January 1, 1969 . . . . .	\$	1,142.75	
Interest . . . . .		55.94	
Balance . . . . .	\$		1,198.69
Newell Library Fund . . . . .	\$		1,026.00
Stabilization Fund . . . . .	\$		116,917.87
Cemetery Trust Funds . . . . .	\$	12,166.14	
Interest . . . . .		599.97	
		12,766.14	
Withdrawn . . . . .		599.97	
Balance . . . . .	\$		12,166.14
Retirement Deductions—24 Members . . . . .	\$		4,800.13
Blue Cross Deductions—52 Members . . . . .	\$		5,799.29
Insurance Deductions—52 Members . . . . .	\$		446.90
Federal Taxes Withheld . . . . .	\$		81,008.01
Massachusetts Taxes Withheld . . . . .	\$		17,737.53
Building Permits Issues—137 . . . . .	\$		1,243.50

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE L. KIBBE,  
*Treasurer*



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**Treasurer**