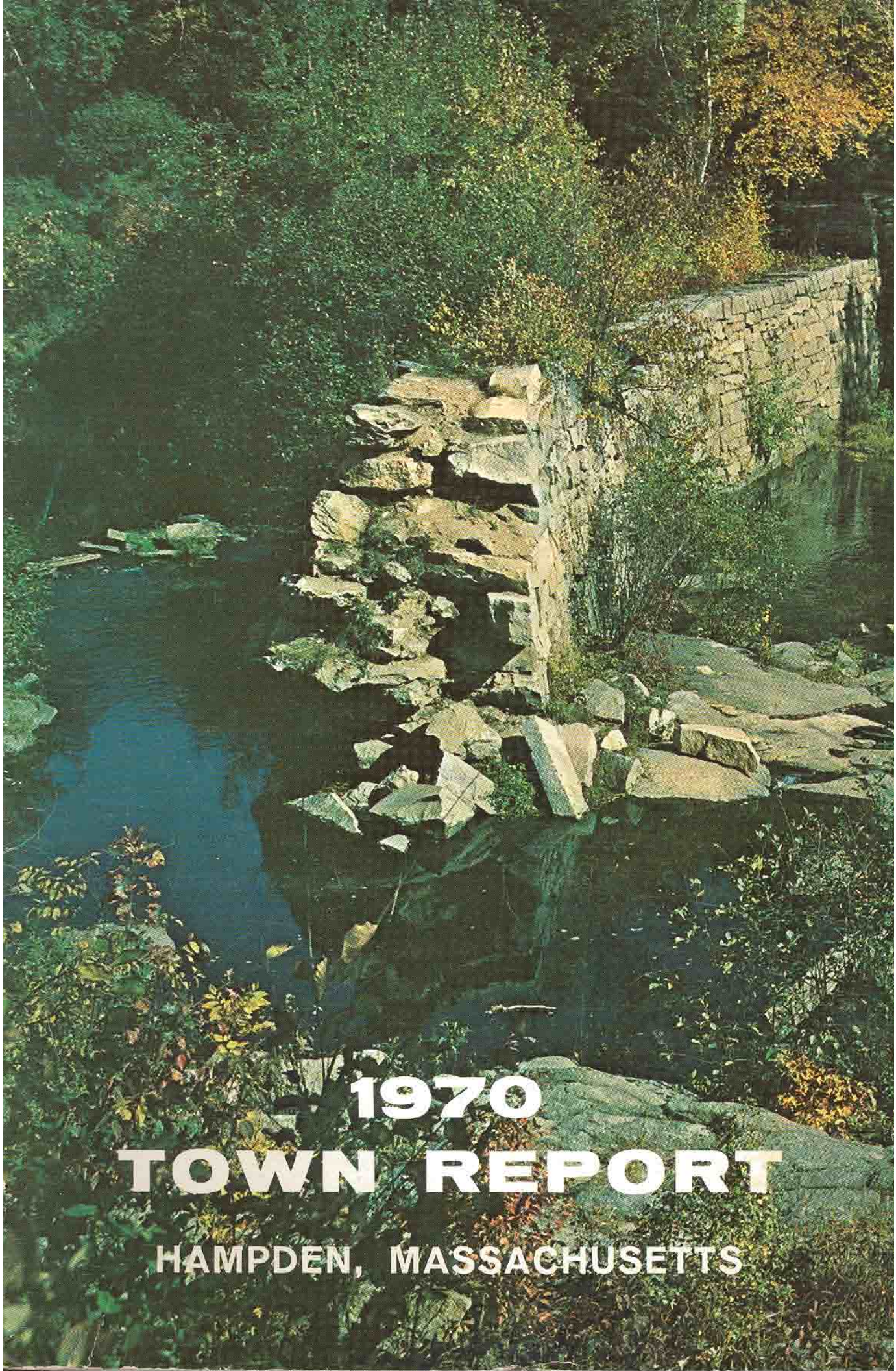

1970 TOWN REPORT

HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

A familiar sight to Hampden residents and visitors appears on the cover of this Town Report. The remains of a dam built in 1806 by Jonathan Flynt is a reminder of the Scantic River's early source of power for manufacturing.

The first sawmill and gristmill were built on the banks of the Scantic in the mid-1700's by Lewis Langdon. Walter Burt and Jonathan Flynt each had fulling and carding mills just below a bridge erected by Mr. Flynt near the center of the village. Nearby, there were chainmakers, potash plants and paper mills. A tannery sold its products to early shoe factories in Wales and Marcus Beebe made plows which were sold primarily in the South.

A woolen mill was built in 1843 by Sumner Sessions. Other mills on the Scantic were the Hampden Mills started by Eleazer Scripter in 1858 as the Ravine Mill and the Scantic Woolen Mill, manufacturers of yarn, cloth and blankets.

The Scantic River today, in contrast to many familiar streams and rivers, has retained much of its natural beauty. Let us all make every effort to insure that this priceless asset of the Town of Hampden will be preserved for our sons and daughters.

Cover photograph by Donald M. Safford.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

AND OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1970

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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, 1970
4,000

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. Available at her home 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. other days	Tel. 566-3214
Town Treasurer	Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Collector of Taxes	Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 A.M. to 2:30 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 evenings, 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:

Thursday	1 P.M. to 5 P.M.
Saturday	9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

When Daylight Saving Time is in effect:

Thursday	2 P.M. to 7 P M
Saturday	9 A M to 6 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	1.25
Street list	2.00
Voting list	1.25

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 St., Monson	267-3717
Veterans Service Department, 200 Main St., Monson	267-9903

Church Directory

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

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS—1970

		Term Expires
Moderator	DALTON E. PHILPOTT	1971
Town Clerk	MARIE V. KROOK	1971
Town Treasurer	GRACE L. KIBBE	1971
Board of Selectmen	JOHN M. FLYNN, Chairman	1973
	PAUL D. HUNTER	1971
	SHERWOOD W. CRONK	1972
Secretary to Selectmen—RUTH W. WOODS		
Assessors	FRANK J. T. KIRK, Chairman	1971
	GEORGE AUDREN	1972
	EDWARD H. DAYTON	1973
Clerk to the Assessors—ALICE FULLER		
School Committee	YORKE PHILLIPS, Chairman	1972
	CARL A. SABIN	1973
	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	MILDRED ATTLETON, Chairman	1971
	ELSIE W. THERRIEN	1972
	MIRIAM P. BRYANS	1973
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	1973
	ARTHUR GERRISH	1971
	ERNESTINE F. JOHNSON	1972
Planning Board	CARL F. LIBBY, Chairman	1973
	FRANCIS BUCKLEY, Vice Chairman	1971
	KARL H. PIEPHO	1972
	FREDERICK MAHER	1975
	LAWRENCE W. HATCH	1974
Clerk to the Planning Board—DORIS W. BARON		
Tree Warden	HOMER FULLER	1971
Park Commissioners	WILBUR J. JENKINS, Chairman	1972
	JANE M. JOHNSON	1973
	FLORENCE E. KIRK	1972
	RANDALL F. BURT	1971
	GERALD E. DOTEN	1973
Clerk to Park Commissioners—LUCILLE MCGUILL		

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS—1970

		Term Expires
Town Accountant	THEODORE I. BALLARD	1971
Dog Officer	RICHARD HATCH	1971
Forest Fire Warden	RICHARD J. BOYNTON	1971
Inspector of Animals	HOMER FULLER	1971
Inspector of Slaughtering	DONALD E. DICKINSON	1971
Superintendent of Insect Pest Control	JAMES A. REARDON	1972
Superintendent of Streets	HOMER FULLER	1971
Veterans' Graves Officer	JOHN R. SCHMUCK	1971
Board of Health Agent and Investigator	ROBERT H. SABBIDES	1971
Agent for Veterans' Benefits	RICHARD N. BILLODEAU	1971
Civil Defense Director	LEE H. TAFT	1971
Pound Keeper and Field Driver	HOMER FULLER	1971
Fence Viewers	DONALD E. DICKINSON	1971
	WILLIAM H. PATRIC	1971
	WARREN W. DICKINSON	1971
Dump Supervisor	WALTER J. LYONS	1971
Welfare Agent	ALBERT R. DUPSHA	
Town Counsel	ATTY. WILLIAM D. CANFIELD	1971
Building Commissioner	GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT	1971
Electrical Inspector	ALBERT W. MIREAULT	1971
Plumbing Inspector	WILLIAM P. PATULLO	1971
Board of Appeals	RICHARD A. JALBERT, Chairman	1972
	BERT NIETUPSKI	1973
	WALTER W. LUNDEN	1971
	STANLEY W. WITKOP, JR., Vice Chairman	1972
	DALTON PHILPOTT	1971
Alternates	FREDERICK W. BERRY	1973
	GARFIELD TRACY	1973
Clerk to Board of Appeals	PATRICIA MELIKIAN	
Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee	NOLA LEONE	1971
Advisory Committee	WILLIAM T. OLMSTEAD, Chairman	1973
	JOHN L. MATTHEWS, JR.	1973
	DANIEL M. FLYNN	1971
	RAYMOND A. BARKHUFF	1972
	ROBERT J. SICBALDI	1972
Clerk to Advisory Committee	GAYLE METEVIA	
Board of Registrars	MARIE V. KROOK, Town Clerk	
	FAYE FLYNN, Chairman	1973
	VIRGINIA REED	1971
	LUCILLE DRAPEAU	1972
Chief of Police	WILLIAM G. JOY	
Patrolmen	ROBERT A. NEWTON	
	GEORGE K. STONE, JR.	

Special Police Officers	Paul A. Bouchard
	Chester Chapin
	Nicholas Giannetti
	Donald Gzimalowski
	Miles E. Hapgood, Jr.
	Lawrence Hatch
	Richard Hatch
	Roland W. Hodgdon
	James Kirk
	Robert Leone
	James Olend
	James A. Reardon
	Richard A. Ross
	Myron Stone
	Lee Taft
	Alfred S. Taylor
	George Vermette
Special Policewomen	Joyce B. Bethel
	Ruth W. Woods
School Crossing Guard	George Hosie
Special Dump Officer	Walter J. Lyons
Fire Chief	James A. Reardon
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
Academy Hall Restoration Committee	John M. Flynn, Chairman
	Paul D. Hunter
	Beryl 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
	Betty Ann Johnson
	A. Carleton Johnson

		Term Expires
Conservation Commission	CARLOS CARRANZA, Chairman	1971
	STEVEN LECLAIR	1971
	PATRICIA KNODE	1973
	BEN F. LIBBY	1972
	CLIFFORD E. KEENEY	1972
	MARILYN BLIZARD	1972
	BERT NIETUPSKI	1973
Disposal Study Committee	JOHN M. FLYNN	
	EMORY FORD	
	JAMES INGRAHAM	
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	
	GEORGE W. LAVALLEE	
	FRANCIS ROCHFORD	
Town Report Committee	GORDON BUFFETT, Chairman	
	HENRY BAUSH	
	VICTORIA RICH	
	WINIFRED LOMBARD	
Housing for the Elderly Study Committee	CHARLES P. SHARPLES, Chairman	
	HELEN LARSON	
	DONALD WILCOX	

IN MEMORIAM

CATHERINE RANSOM
School Committee—1940-1946

NANCY ROGERS
Planning Board—1940-1943

VOTERS LIABLE FOR JURY DUTY FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 1970

Thomas Accardo
George Audren
Stanley O. Barnes
David Brehaut
Clarence T. Bradway
W. Edward Burleigh
Edwin C. Cilley
Roy Clifford
Earl A. Connors
John R. Denton
Gerald E. Doten
Sidney H. Johnson
Chesley Metcalf
John F. Moriarty
Irving A. Morse
James W. Munsell
Albert H. Naughton
Leopold J. Parent
E. Stanley Pearson
Arthur J. Ryan
Robert F. Sazama, Sr.
Harry N. Squire, Sr.
Linwood A. Stedman
Gertrude E. Bradway
Edith J. Casey
Louise L. Ertel
Helen E. Larson
Marguerite L. Masterson
Evelyn Zaher
Virginia Reed

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—March 2, 3, 1970

ARTICLE 1. Voted to accept reports of officers of the Town and committees as written.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to raise and appropriate necessary sums to cover budget for 1970 (some changes made in amounts).

ARTICLE 3. Voted to raise and appropriate $500. for the 1978 Centennial.

ARTICLE 4. Denied. No bills.

ARTICLE 5. Voted to transfer $8,500 from Highway Machinery Fund and raise $7,000, to be used to purchase a front end loader for Highway Dept. and to use trade-in allowance on present front end loader toward the purchase price.

ARTICLE 6. Voted to raise $500 to purchase a sign making machine, for use of Highway Department.

ARTICLE 7. Voted to raise and appropriate $3,000. to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County, or both, for Chapter 90 Maintenance.

ARTICLE 8. Voted to raise and appropriate $3,800. to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County for installation of storm drains on a portion of Main Street under Chapter 90, Section 34.

ARTICLE 9. Voted to raise and appropriate $2,200. for repair and maintenance of Town Roads under Chapter 81, Section 26.

ARTICLE 10. Voted to borrow $29,500. for the State share of Chapter 81 and State and County share of Chapter 90 Highway program.

ARTICLE 11. Voted to borrow $18,148. for construction of traffic control flow patterns at intersections of East Longmeadow Road, Allen Street and Wilbraham Road; and at intersection of Main Street and Somers Road, this sum to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under the provisions of Chapter 519 of the Acts of 1967 and returned to the Town Treasury.

ARTICLE 12. Voted to use State grant available in 1970 in amount of $6,852.69 under provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 768 of Acts of 1969 for construction of traffic control flow patterns as outlined in Article 11.

ARTICLE 13. Voted to accept a way as laid out by Selectmen on February 7, 1970: Allen Place from intersection with Allen Street south 800 feet, more or less, to its intersection with a right of way commonly known as Allen Court.

ARTICLE 14. Voted to raise the sum of $4,000. for widening, surfacing and drainage of Allen Place beginning at Allen Street and running south 800 feet, more or less, to its intersection with Allen Court.

ARTICLE 15. Voted to use State grant available in 1970 in amount of $2,284.23 under provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 768 of Acts of 1969, in conjunction with money appropriated in Article 14, for widening, surfacing and drainage of Allen Place.

ARTICLE 16. Voted to accept a way as laid out by Selectmen on February 7, 1970, described as follows: Samble Lane from its intersection with East Longmeadow Road, a distance of 350 feet, more or less to its intersection with Deerfield Circle.

ARTICLE 17. Voted to accept a way as laid out by Selectmen on February 7, 1970 described as Valley View Drive, from its intersection with Wilbraham Road, 2293 feet, more or less, southeasterly and including the turnaround at the end.

ARTICLE 18. Voted to accept a way as laid out by Selectmen on February 7, 1970 described as Echo Valley Drive, from its intersection with Wilbraham Road, 1203 feet, more or less, westerly and including the turnaround at the end.

ARTICLE 19. Voted to accept a way as laid out by Selectmen on February 7, 1970 described as Potash Hill Lane, from its intersection with Martin Farms Road, 1735 feet, more or less, southerly and including the turnaround at the end.

ARTICLE 20. Voted to raise the sum of $3,000. to make drainage repairs on Potash Hill Lane.

ARTICLE 21. As amended, voted to authorize Selectmen to make application to State Dept. of Public Health to authorize a modified sanitary landfill operation at site of present town dump on Cross Road and to raise $20,000 and transfer from Stabilization Fund $6,500. for necessary alterations to meet standards of State Dept. of Public Health for this operation.

ARTICLE 22. As amended, voted to raise $1,800. to install movable lower windows and screen system for 10 windows in Hampden Public Library.

ARTICLE 23. Voted to transfer from Library Fund $580 (State Aid) for use of Library Trustees at their discretion.

ARTICLE 24. As amended, voted to raise $1,000. as a Conservation Fund for use of Hampden Conservation Commission in obtaining appraisals, survey and a 3% appropriation toward purchase of a parcel of land owned by George Ingle.

ARTICLE 25. Voted to raise $14,700. to pay a judgment of Hampden County Superior Court (land taking for T. Burgess School).

ARTICLE 26. Voted to accept gift of $500 from Pat Ledoux Post 9397, Veterans of Foreign Wars, to be used by Library Trustees as they see fit for improvement of Hampden Free Public Library. Vote of thanks to this organization extended.

ARTICLE 27. As amended, voted to transfer $3,500. from Overlay Reserve and $8,500. from available funds to the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 28. Dismissed.

ARTICLE 29. Voted that $762. dog fund be paid into the Library Account.

ARTICLE 30. Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with approval of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of revenue for 1970 and 1971 in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew notes for less than one year.

ARTICLE 31. As amended, voted that no funds be transferred (for purpose of reducing the tax rate).

ARTICLE 32. Voted to revise restrictions in Article 24 of 1969 Town Meeting warrant so funds will be available to be used in conjunction with matching funds which may become available before completion of 1971 Annual Town Meeting, through Housing Act of 1954, Title VII, Section 701.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—December 30, 1970

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to revoke the vote under Articles 11 and 12 at the last Annual Town Meeting; vote to transfer from surplus revenue $6,852.69 (the amount of the grant referred to in said Article 12) into the Highways, Bridges and Railings account for 1970; the said grant of $6,852.69 having been received and deposited into the Excess and Deficiency account as required by law; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted favorably.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue a sum of money to the Snow and Ice Removal account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to transfer $3500 to Snow and Ice Removal account.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue a sum of money to the Veterans' Benefits account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to transfer $1,140. to Veterans' Benefits account.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from surplus revenue to the Reserve Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to transfer $2,000. to the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase and/or acquire by eminent domain, under General Laws, Chapter 79, for the Conservation Commission, a parcel of land owned by one Ingle lying westerly of Mountain Road, containing about 75.92 acres, together with rights of way and other appurtenances, all as shown on a plan of subdivision of Parcel A5 (Land Court Plan #8142) drawn by Smith and Wallen Engineering Company, Inc., for Hampden Conservation Commission, certified November 4, 1970, and endorsed by Hampden Planning Board December 1, 1970; said land to be used for the promotion and development of the Town natural resources and for any of the other purposes permitted or contemplated by the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C; and appropriate from available funds a sum of money for such acquisition costs or damages which may be awarded from a taking and authorize the Conservation Commission to accept State reimbursement for up to 50% of the cost of the land under the Self-Help Program of the Department of Natural Resources, General Laws, Chapter 132-A, Section 11.

Article was amended and corrected several times; ⅓ vote necessary; tie vote recorded, article rejected.

DALTON PHILPOTT

Town Moderator

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board held regular weekly meetings on Monday evenings during 1970, except in July and August, when an attempt was made to hold meetings on a bi-weekly basis.

All directives voted by residents at Town Meetings in 1970 have been completed with the exception of reconstructing for traffic control at the intersections of Main Street and Somers Road and Allen Street and Wilbraham Road. The voters approved a plan to use a State grant plus money to be borrowed to construct traffic control patterns at these two intersections. Our application received tentative approval by the Northampton District Office of the Mass. Department of Public Works and two corrections were made and approved to the original layout. Much to our surprise, final approval was denied by the Mass. Dept. of Public Works because there had not been a sufficient number of accidents at these locations to justify the proposed corrections. An appeal based upon the fact that the Selectmen were attempting to create safer intersections and eliminate accident statistics was also denied. Traffic control within the Commonwealth appears to be based upon blood and tears.

Reconstruction has been completed on Martin Farms Road, Potash Hill Lane, Chapin Road, and preliminary widening of Cross Road. Allen Place was accepted and constructed according to town specifications. Drainage work has been completed on a portion of Chapin Road and South Monson Road. It is anticipated Chapter 90 drainage and resurfacing of Main Street from North Road to the entrance to the Recreation Field will be completed this year.

A Michigan diesel front end loader was purchased for the highway department and has proved to be a versatile piece of equipment. It is necessary to replace a 1958 Brockway dump truck this year. The Selectmen and Highway Superintendent did not expect this truck to continue on until Town Meeting time. Article 12 in the Warrant is asking for a sum of money to reconstruct Wilbraham Road from Allen Street to a point beyond the Thornton Burgess School with town funds. *The Board of Selectmen are well aware of all drainage and highway conditions* within the town, and are attempting to stretch each dollar and ask for only the real necessities to assist in maintaining an acceptable tax rate. We are confident residents realize that some town streets and roads have been neglected because the highway department budget has not kept pace on a percentage increase basis with other departments. However, we must also realize that streets and highways must have scheduled maintenance to prevent costly resurfacing or reconstruction. The financing of Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 programs, plus use of special grants is becoming more complex each year. Due to delays in receiving State and County funds, towns are being forced to borrow and renew notes, which create unforeseen interest charges.

The sanitary landfill has been completed and the waste disposal program is working well. Complete compacting and covering according to specifications has completely eliminated all previous problems at the disposal area. The Selectmen

are asking for the cooperation of all citizens to assist in keeping this landfill operation as clean and efficient as possible. Cooperation and management will determine whether or not the use of this site can be stretched to ten years. More efficient operation and regulations of no outside burning after July 1, 1971 by the Pioneer Valley Pollution Control Commission are the basis for the article in the town warrant for trash and garbage curbside bi-weekly pickup. Sewage disposal is now and will become a greater problem in the next few years. A committee has been selected and is working earnestly and diligently to submit a recommendation by Annual Town Meeting time.

The Selectmen are pleased and feel the town is fortunate in having the opportunity to secure the parcel of land from Miss Gertrude Lyons which abuts the highway garage, fire department and the Town House. The securing of this area will beautify the Town complex and provide a parking area for future growth.

A Housing for the Elderly Study Committee under the able leadership of Charles P. Sharples is keeping abreast of the need for this type of facility in Hampden. Two liquor licenses were granted in 1970; one all alcoholic to Center Package Store and one beer and wine to Laughing Brook Gourmet Shop.

Street lighting was surveyed and several new lights were installed. Lighting at intersections received the priority from this survey. Application to the Mass. Dept. of Public Works for no parking from 477 Main Street to the intersection of Glendale and Scantic Roads was approved. This is in the vicinity of the Mass. Audubon Society Laughing Brook Sanctuary and will eliminate a dangerous situation on their busy days. Dogs, public health conditions, pollution control and mosquito control methods continue to occupy the minds of those concerned.

The Board of Selectmen has participated in many conferences or meetings with Selectmen of other towns, neighboring city officials, county officials for Hall of Justice site selection, proposed electric rate increases, air pollution control, and many other community related actions.

The Board regrets to announce it became necessary to appoint an Acting Town Counsel, due to the illness of Attorney William Canfield. Bill Canfield has served well and long and we wish him a speedy return to health. In the interim, Attorney Joseph P. Jennings is Acting Town Counsel. The Board wishes to acknowledge the resignation of Paul D. Hunter as Selectman. The Board made a real attempt to have Paul remain on the Board for the remainder of his term, but the pressure of business finally won out.

Town government thrives on cooperation. Hampden is an enviable town because of its community spirit and community minded officials and townspeople. The Selectmen are grateful for the cooperation of all town officials and community minded citizens during the year 1970. Hampden can maintain its country atmosphere and country tax rate without being backward.

The Selectmen are directly responsible for many of the services to the town such as health, highways, police and fire. Hampden can be progressive and still enjoy an acceptable tax structure if we do not demand city service. A slight inconvenience now and then can make the difference of a few dollars on our tax bill.

The demand for service will occur in a natural manner. Super service can be controlled.

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

Collector of Taxes	$ 865.00
Board of Selectmen	3,464.00
Police Department	390.00
Town Clerk	813.70
Treasurer (Building Permit fees)	1,519.50

Respectfully submitted,

SHERWOOD W. CRONK, *Chairman*
JOHN M. FLYNN
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, 1970	1,896
Number of New Voters during 1970	82
	1,978
Number of voters dropped from voting list during year	17
Number of Registered Voters on December 31, 1970	1,961

Voter attendance at Caucus and Elections during the year:

	1969	*1970*
Republican Caucus	83	86
Democratic Caucus	60	53
Town Election	1,114	971
1970 State Election		1,300

The annual street list of residents of voting age was compiled as of April 15, 1970. The number listed was 2,410.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following is a report of the Police Department for the year 1970. During 1970 the Police Department received over 8,570 calls on the police lines for assistance and reporting crimes of various nature. This was an increase of 1,500 calls over last year's record 7,000 calls. We saw an increase in the national crime rate and our own crime rate increased 55% with house breaks and larcenies heading the list.

There was a large increase in the accident totals with 88 for 1970 as opposed to 54 for 1969. There were two fatal accidents during the year. We have charted the high rate areas and are working speed traps in these areas to lower the accident rate. You will note there were 289 violations issued—an increase of 89 motor vehicle violations over last year. We will continue the procedure until we actually reduce the accident rate.

There were 2,250 house checks made during the year, an increase of over 50% from last year and with the increase of Breaking and Entering in the greater Springfield area we expect a larger number of house checks in 1971.

We are fast approaching, if we have not already passed, the time for a full time Police Department with a cruiser on the road 24 hours a day. I urge your careful consideration of this fact.

Both Officer Stone and I continued courses at Springfield College this year and are happy to report we have received another Federal Grant to continue our education for 1971.

We worked with the Conservation Commission on the continuing task of having junk cars removed and we thank them for their time and effort in this endeavor.

Below you will find a list of arrests for 1970 and you will note an increase of 113 cases over last year which required several hundred hours of investigation and court time.

Motor Vehicle	42 juveniles, males and females
	206 adult males
	41 adult females
Breaking and Entering	4 juvenile males
	8 adult males
Larceny—Petty	20 juveniles, males and females
Grand	2 adult males
	1 adult female
Drunkenness	9 juvenile males
	15 adult males
	1 adult female
Assaults	1 juvenile male
	3 adult males
Total arrests	353

The Auxiliary Police Department had another full year assisting the regular officers with night and weekend patrols. They worked many extra hours to help out when needed. They continued their regular training sessions with guest speakers and instructors and are now actively engaged in a 10 session Law Enforcement Training Project conducted and produced by the Justice Department, Office of Law Enforcement Assistance, Washington, D.C.

Listed below is a breakdown of the man hours donated by the Auxiliary Police to the town during 1970.

Patrol duty	2,100 hours
Training	2,320 hours
Church traffic	410 hours
Special events	210 hours
Total man hours	5,040 hours

To these men who give their time and effort without compensation, who have great pride in their organization and great public spirit, I say thank you for a job well done. Without your capable assistance, we would not be able to function as a capable Police Department.

During 1970 the Police Department issued 73 pistol permits, 42 Firearms I.D. cards, 1 gun dealer's license, 1 junk car permit and 34 copies of accident reports for a total of $390.00 in fees which were turned over to the Town Treasurer.

I would like to express a special thanks to the Harris Ambulance Service for their fine cooperation and service given over the past years. It is a great comfort to know that these efficient and capable men and women with their equipment are available when needed.

I sincerely thank the several department heads and the Board of Selectmen for their cooperation during this year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. JOY,
Chief of Police

HAMPDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT—(Seated, left to right) Miles Hapgood, Lawrence Hatch, George Stone, Paul Bouchard, Donald Gzimalowski, Robert Newton. (Back row, left to right) Sgt. James Kirk, Douglas Verney, Lee Taft, Lt. Myron Stone, Chief William Joy, Alfred Taylor, Ronald Larue, Charles Rogers, Richard Thayer, James Oland.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the year 1970 the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 52 calls:

Forest and grass	36
House	8
Car	3
Mutual Aid	2
Dump	1
Shed	1
Resuscitator	1

There were some unforeseen breakdowns during the year. In the early spring the pump in the well at the Fire Station had to be replaced. To pay for this, it was necessary to obtain a transfer of funds. We also had to replace the motor in our 1937 Ford pumper; also the siren motor located at the Highway Department garage had to be replaced. These were paid for out of our budget, using money that was budgeted for other expenses.

The operation of the Town dump as a sanitary landfill operation has eliminated one of the Fire Department's most frequent problems. The ban imposed on the burning of leaves last fall was the major factor in the decrease in grass fires during the fall season.

The members of the Fire Department continue to take an active part in the Hampden County Fire Mutual Aid Association. As well as answering all alarms, the members also attend a monthly business meeting and a monthly training session.

I would like to thank every member of the Fire Department who gives unselfishly of his time and effort for the protection of life and property in the town. Also a thank you to the Board of Selectmen for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. REARDON,
Chief of Fire Department

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

There were 36 grass and brush fires in 1970, the worst one being on East Lookout Mountain. I wish to thank all who helped fight that fire; such help is greatly appreciated. The sanitary landfill operation has helped reduce the former fire hazard at the dump. The restriction on leaf burning will reduce potential hazards of both fire and air pollution.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD J. BOYNTON,
Forest Fire Warden

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HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Chief James Reardon, No. 8 and admirers.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

There has been a demonstrable increase in public interest in the subject of environmental improvement.

The general uneasiness was reflected in the many complaints investigated and resolved with the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen and the Town's residents.

During the year the enforcement of the State Public Health codes, for the benefit of the Town resulted in:

2 condemnations of existing dwellings.

1 demolition of a nuisance.

1 septic tank installer's permit was withdrawn for repeated failure to comply with local and State regulations.

1 septic tank installation (new construction) permit was denied, for failure to comply with State regulations.

3 septic tank installations (new construction) permits were denied, due to poor soil conditions, based on percolation testing.

6 concerns were granted permits to pump septic tanks.

1 food service establishment was approved and issued a permit.

To eliminate the nuisance complaints of the Town disposal area, a sanitary landfill operation was instituted and approved by the State Department of Public Health.

In conclusion, I am appreciative of the continued cooperation of the Board and their administrative assistant, Mrs. Ruth Woods.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT H. SABBIDES, R.S.,
Health Agent

Board of Health:
SHERWOOD W. CRONK, *Chairman*
JOHN M. FLYNN