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TOWN REPORT

HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMPDEN



AND OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 1972

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INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

Population of Hampden, January 1, 1970

Federal Census — 4,572

State Census, January 1, 1971 — 4,293

Geographic Area — 19.64 sq. mi.

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

Frederick W. Schlosstain

Worcester, Hampden and Hampshire District

Address: State House, Boston, Mass. 02133

Tel. 617-727-6862

or

Warren, Mass.

Representative in General Court

Alexander Lolas

First Hampden District

Address: Room 481, State House, Boston, Mass. 02133

or

Upper Hampden Rd., 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 |
| | Available at her home 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. other days | |
| 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 eve- nings 6 P.M. to 1 A.M. | Tel. 566-3535 |

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|---------------------------|---|---------------|
| 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 |
| Advisory Committee | Meets second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. | |
| Conservation Commission | Meets second Monday of each month at 8 P.M. | |
| Park Commission | 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. | Tel. 566-3214 |
| Planning Board | Meets second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 P.M. | Tel. 566-8814 |
| School Committee | Meets first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 P.M. | Tel. 566-8814 |
| Regional School Committee | Meets second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. | Tel. 596-6161 |

Hours of Hampden Free Public Library

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|--|---|
| 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

February 1, 1972

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|----------|-------------------|
| Tuesday | 12 Noon to 6 P.M. |
| Saturday | 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. |

Publications Available

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Subdivision Control Laws | \$1.50 each |
| Zoning By-Laws | 2.00 each |

The following may be obtained from Town Clerk:

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| 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 | 3.00 |
| 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 |

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| 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. Sanford Fasth, Pastor..... | 566-3402 |
| St. Mary's Church, Somers Road | |
| Rev. Edmund Walsh, Pastor..... | 566-8843 |

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS — 1972

| | <i>Term Expires</i> |
|---|-------------------------|
| <i>Moderator</i>DALTON E. PHILPOTT..... | 1973 |
| <i>Town Clerk</i>MARIE V. KROOK..... | 1974 |
| <i>Town Treasurer</i>GRACE L. KIBBE..... | 1974 |
| <i>Board of Selectmen</i>JOHN M. FLYNN, Chairman..... | 1973 |
|SHERWOOD W. CRONK..... | 1975 |
|FRANK T. KIRK..... | 1974 |
| <i>Secretary to Selectmen</i> — RUTH W. WOODS | |
| <i>Assessors</i>STANLEY W. WITKOP, JR., Chairman... .. | 1974 |
|RICHARD A. JALBERT..... | 1975 |
|GEORGE MCGARRITY..... | 1973 |
| <i>Clerk to the Assessors</i> — ALICE FULLER | |
| <i>School Committee</i>ROBERT SULLIVAN, Chairman..... | 1974 |
|YORKE PHILLIPS..... | 1975 |
|CARL A. SABIN..... | 1973 |
|ROLAND P. FAWTHROP..... | 1973 |
|JUDITH A. WITKOP..... | 1975 |
| <i>Secretary to School Committee</i> — DR. MAURICE HEFFERNAN | |
| <i>Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee</i>KENNETH RAINEY..... | 1975 |
| <i>Trustees of the Hampden Free Public Library</i>MIRIAM P. BRYANS, Chairman..... | 1973 |
|MILDRED ATTLETON..... | 1974 |
|ELSIE W. THERRIEN..... | 1975 |
| <i>Collector of Taxes</i>DOROTHY S. FLYNN..... | 1974 |
| <i>Constables</i>PAUL A. BOUCHARD..... | 1974 |
|MILES M. HAPGOOD, JR..... | 1974 |
|MYRON F. STONE..... | 1974 |
| <i>Cemetery Commissioners</i>HOMER FULLER, Chairman..... | 1973 |
|ARTHUR GERRISH..... | 1974 |
|ERNESTINE F. JOHNSON..... | 1975 |

| | | <i>Term Expires</i> |
|--|--|-------------------------|
| <i>Planning Board</i> | CARL F. LIBBY, Chairman | 1973 |
| | CLIFFORD KEENEY | 1976 |
| | CHARLES SHARPLES | 1977 |
| | FREDERICK MAHER, Vice Chairman | 1975 |
| <i>Clerk to the Planning Board</i> — LESLEY VERNEY | | |
| <i>Tree Warden</i> | HOMER FULLER | 1973 |
| <i>Park Commissioners</i> | WILBUR J. JENKINS, Chairman | 1975 |
| | JAMES CAREY | 1974 |
| | FLORENCE E. KIRK | 1975 |
| | FREDERICK WATERHOUSE | 1973 |
| | JAMES WHIPPLE | 1973 |
| <i>Clerk to Park Commissioners</i> — LUCILLE MCGUILL | | |

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS — 1972

| | | |
|---|--------------------------------|------|
| <i>Town Accountant</i> | THEODORE I. BALLARD | 1974 |
| <i>Dog Officer</i> | PAUL BOUCHARD | 1972 |
| <i>Forest Fire Warden</i> | RICHARD J. BOYNTON | 1973 |
| <i>Inspector of Animals</i> | HOMER FULLER | 1972 |
| <i>Superintendent of Insect Pest Control</i> | JAMES A. REARDON | 1972 |
| <i>Veterans' Graves Officer</i> | JOHN R. SCHMUCK | 1972 |
| <i>Board of Health Agent and Investigator</i> | ROBERT H. SABBIDES | 1972 |
| <i>Agent for Veterans' Benefits</i> | RICHARD N. BILLODEAU | 1972 |
| <i>Civil Defense Director</i> | LEE H. TAFT | 1972 |
| <i>Pound Keeper and Field Driver</i> | HOMER FULLER | 1972 |
| <i>Fence Viewers</i> | DONALD E. DICKINSON | 1972 |
| | NEIL KIBBE | 1972 |
| | WILLIAM H. PATRIC | 1972 |
| <i>Sanitary Landfill Supervisor</i> | WALTER J. LYONS | 1972 |
| <i>Welfare Agent</i> | ALBERT R. DUPSHA | |
| <i>Town Counsel</i> | JOSEPH R. JENNINGS | 1972 |
| <i>Superintendent of Streets</i> | HOMER FULLER | 1972 |
| <i>Building Commissioner</i> | GORDON J. E. WILLCUT | 1972 |
| <i>Electrical Inspector</i> | ALBERT W. MIREAULT | 1972 |
| <i>Plumbing Inspector</i> | WILLIAM P. PATULLO | 1972 |

| | <i>Term Expires</i> |
|---|--|
| <i>Board of Appeals</i> | DALTON PHILPOTT, Chairman 1974 |
| | FRANCIS T. BUCKLEY 1975 |
| | BERT NIETUPSKI 1973 |
| | WALTER W. LUNDEN 1974 |
| | GARFIELD TRACY 1975 |
| <i>Alternates</i> | FREDERICK W. BERRY 1973 |
| | RICHARD A. JALBERT 1975 |
| <i>Clerk to Board of Appeals</i> — | MONA PLAATEN |
| <i>Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee</i> | YORKE PHILLIPS 1973 |
| <i>Advisory Committee</i> | RAYMOND A. BARKHUFF, Chairman 1975 |
| | JOHN L. MATTHEWS, JR. 1973 |
| | DANIEL M. FLYNN 1974 |
| | WILLIAM T. OLMSTEAD 1973 |
| | ROBERT J. SICBALDI 1975 |
| <i>Clerk to Advisory Committee</i> — | JEAN MAGEE |
| <i>Board of Registrars</i> | MARIE V. KROOK, Town Clerk |
| | FAYE FLYNN, Chairman 1973 |
| | VIRGINIA REED 1974 |
| | MARGARET ROCHFORD 1972 |
| <i>Chief of Police</i> | GEORGE K. STONE, JR. |
| <i>Patrolmen</i> | JOHN HAHN |
| | JAMES KIRK |
| | ROBERT A. NEWTON |
| <i>Special Officers</i> | ARTHUR BOOTH |
| | PAUL A. BOUCHARD |
| | CHESTER CHAPIN |
| | MILES E. HAPGOOD, JR. |
| | LAWRENCE HATCH |
| | ROLAND W. HODGDON |
| | JAMES OLEND |
| | RICHARD A. ROSS |
| | MYRON STONE |
| | ALFRED S. TAYLOR |
| | GEORGE VERMETTE |
| | DOUGLAS VERNEY |
| <i>Special Policewomen</i> | JOYCE B. BETHEL |
| | RUTH W. WOODS |
| <i>School Crossing Guard</i> | FRANCIS B. MORSE |
| <i>Special Sanitary Landfill Officer</i> . | WALTER J. LYONS |
| <i>Fire Chief</i> | JAMES A. REARDON |

Building Code Revision

Survey Committee GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, Chairman
WILLIAM P. PATULLO
ALBERT W. MIREAULT
HAROLD F. HELBERG
ROBERT M. FORTUNE
CHARLES P. SHARPLES
CHARLES R. MELVILLE, SR., ex-officio

Academy Hall Restoration

Committee JOHN M. FLYNN, Chairman
BERYL DOTEN
FRANCES S. JONES
SHERWOOD CRONK
FRANK J. T. KIRK
MARGARET HELBERG
HAROLD HELBERG
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 MARILYN BLIZARD, Chairman 1975
ARTHUR GERRISH 1975
STEPHEN LECLAIR 1973
JOHN MIKKOLA 1974
LELAND PROCTER 1975
LOUIS SICBALDI 1974

Sewage Disposal

Study Committee BRYCE NORWOOD, Chairman
HENRY BAUSH
GEORGE W. LAVALLEE
JOHN MIKKOLA
FRANCIS PHANEUF

Insurance Committee WILLIAM T. OLMSTEAD, Chairman

BERNICE BAKER
GERALD HINCH

Town Report Committee DAVID GIBB, Chairman

GORDON BUFFETT
HENRY BAUSH
DON SAFFORD

Housing for the Elderly

Study Committee HELEN LARSON, Chairman
GERTRUDE LYONS
DONALD WILCOX
VIRGINIA FASTH

45-15 School Plan Committee . . . DORIS BARON
JAMES W. MATTHEWS
WILLIAM BLIZARD
WILLIAM O. DALTON
NOLA B. LEONE (Appt. by School Committee)
FREDERICK COOPER, Wilbraham
(Appt. by Regional School Committee)

IN MEMORIAM

(Deaths in 1972)

H. LAWRENCE FOSTER
Advisory Committee

AUSTIN K. HARRIS
Constable
Sealer of Weights & Measures
Highway Department

HAMILTON DELISLE
Civil Defense Director

DORRITT FINN
Teacher

JOHN MORIARTY
Selectman
Rationing Board

CLARENCE BRADWAY
Town House Custodian

JOHN F. MORIARTY
Police Study Committee

**VOTERS LIABLE FOR JURY DUTY
FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 1972**

STANLEY BARNES
CHARLES BARR
RONALD BILLINGS
DAVID BONNEY
WINDSOR BRITTAIN
ROYAL CADY
ROY CLIFFORD
GERALD DOTEN
RICHARD JALBERT
THEODORE KULLBERG
EDWARD MAJKUT
GEORGE MILLER
JAMES W. MUNSELL
ALBERT NAUGHTON
LEOPOLD PARENT
LESTER PAULY

EDWARD PLUMB
ANTHONY REND
ARTHUR J. RYAN
ROBERT SAZAMA, JR.
ROBERT SCHOOLCRAFT
PETER SHAJENKO
JAMES SIMON
HARRY N. SQUIRE, SR.
FRANK SULHAM
OMER TALBOT
SCOTT TAYLOR
LOUISE ERTTEL
EDITH CASEY
CHARLOTTE AUDREN
CHRIS BANDOSKI
ELIZABETH CRONK

JEANNETTE GREEN



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING — June 13, 1972

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for Sanitary Landfill Maintenance.

Voted to raise \$9,650.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year 1971 or previous years, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Voted to raise \$60 to pay Police Dept. bill.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will hear and accept the report of the Sewage Disposal Committee appointed at the Annual Town Meeting of March 1, 1971.

Voted (as amended) unanimously to hear and accept the report of the Sewage Disposal Committee, after it has filed its final report, and conclusions to be included in the 1972 Annual Town Report.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote action by appropriation or otherwise, to compensate for the reduction in the State grant of money for work on Wilbraham Road, as referred to in Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant of March 6, 1972.

Voted as amended unanimously to raise and appropriate \$10,000. to be used in conjunction with the \$15,000. to be transferred as voted in Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1972.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to re-zone from R-6 Residential District to Golf Recreational District a portion of the land owned by Northeast Land Development Trust located on the east side of Wilbraham Road and described as follows: (description on file with Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen).

Unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hampden Zoning By-law (1968) by establishing thereunder provisions for a Limited Recreational District contained in a proposal dated May, 1972 entitled "Limited Recreational District — recommended amendments to the Zoning By-law" on file in the Planning Board office, a copy of same being affixed to and made a part of the copies of the warrant for this meeting posted on the bulletin boards as required by Hampden by-laws, or take any other action in relation thereto. (copy attached to each warrant)

Article accepted with deletion of No. 6.9.1.2; vote Yes 168 — no 57.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to re-zone from R-4 Residential District to Limited Recreational District a parcel of land located at 387 (corrected to 343) Allen Street, owned by Oscar F. Bouchard and optioned by William J. Kingston, Jr. and described as follows: (description on file with Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen)

Voted with following changes: second line should read 343 Allen Street; on the last line, following last sentence of "Being same as 2089-461" the following: For indoor ice skating rink purposes.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING — March 6, 8, 1972

ARTICLE 1. No action taken; Town Reports not available at this time.

ARTICLE 2. Item 1.0 thru 49.1 of budget acted upon on March 6. Items 50.0 thru 62.0 acted upon on March 8.

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

ARTICLE 4. As amended, voted to raise and appropriate \$143. for Hampden's share of cost of health and life insurance for Veterans Services District Director, which amount was incorrectly charged to Town of Monson.

ARTICLE 5. 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 6. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,850. for a portion of Main St.

ARTICLE 7. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,264. for repair and maintenance of Town roads.

ARTICLE 8. Voted to borrow \$30,005. for the State share of Chapter 81 and the State and County share of Chapter 90 Highway programs.

ARTICLE 9. As amended, voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$8,000. for Wilbraham Road.

ARTICLE 10. Voted to transfer \$25,000. for Wilbraham Road, money to be returned to the Town Treasury when reimbursed by Commonwealth under Chapter 497, Acts of 1971.

ARTICLE 11. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,500. to purchase a grader.

ARTICLE 12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,400. to purchase $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pickup.

ARTICLE 13. Voted to accept \$200 for perpetual care.

ARTICLE 14. Voted to accept \$100. for perpetual care.

ARTICLE 15. Voted to accept \$4,030.49 from Hampden Community Kindergarten, for improvement of Hampden Free Public Library.

ARTICLE 16. Voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 17. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,400. for a new base and two mobile units for Police Dept.

ARTICLE 18. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,000. for a police cruiser.

ARTICLE 19. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,555. to satisfy an order of Superior Court.

ARTICLE 20. Voted to transfer care and control of tax title land on Baldwin Drive to Conservation Commission; yes 80; no 5.

ARTICLE 21. Voted to authorize Treasurer, with approval of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of revenue for 1972 and 1973 in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to renew notes for less than one year.

ARTICLE 22. As amended, voted to transfer \$15,000 to Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 23. Voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 24. Voted that Dog Fund of \$855.73 be expended by Library Trustees.

ARTICLE 25. Voted to transfer \$586.25 State Aid from Library Fund to Library Trustees.

ARTICLE 26. As amended, voted to transfer from free cash \$7,769.47 for payment by School Department of amount of raises in pay to which certain teachers and teacher aides are by contract now entitled for the period from September 1, 1971 to November 13, 1971, such monies to be expended only after approval of legal technicalities by town counsel. Yes—81; no—1.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

The town meeting form of government is being attacked with increasing frequency. David L. Ferguson, former town counsel and former assistant attorney general wrote two commentaries in the Boston Globe entitled: "Antique antics, like a Marx Brothers' farce" and "It's time to get a system that will work."

"Why is it," he wrote, "that practically no one believes that town meeting government in Massachusetts is effective? The answer is largely contained in its structure. First of all, there are too many independently elected officials, who are solely responsible to 'their few, yet vocal supporters', who pack the 'sparsely attended meetings.' If you have been present at past town meetings, you may be surprised to hear that 'such innocents as may be present cannot hope to be informed by those conducting the meeting. The mechanics of a town meeting (Humpty-Dumpty variations of 'parliamentary' procedure, often dispensed in alarming blends of caprice and ignorance by a moderator who is independently elected and whose ruling cannot be appealed) are available to further compound those innocents, should the need arise."

The articles continue in this vein, attacking municipal collective bargaining by unskilled "ordinary small town politicians," and the operation of the Home Rule legislation, which he fears, will "buttress and fortify parochialism now hindering the solution to our problems." There are charges the town meeting system is almost unworkable; it is extremely costly; it makes quality planning impossible within the town; and it is incapable of addressing itself to problems which transcend town boundaries. It creates a sunless, fungoid atmosphere which frustrates and repels the capable and well-intended.

If the above summation was an isolated outburst against the town meeting form of government, your moderator would dismiss it as an exercise in frustration, implemented by a rejected former town official. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident. During January, February and March, as town meetings take place throughout the Commonwealth, and special interests groups are rejected by "such innocents as may be present," these attacks will break out like a rash of Flu. Like the Flu, they are also contagious, reaching many people of power and influence. Already there are groups actively engaged in proposing legislation to make zoning a regional function, and to eliminate local school committees.

In defense of the town meeting form of government, after having attended several adjacent town meetings, it is my opinion that the fault, if any, lies with the elected and appointed officials, not with the system. The success of any system devised will depend on the caliber of the individuals implementing it. In Hampden, the powers of elected officials and the advisory board combine to make town meetings a forum for meaningful debate on policy matters, and a forum not subservient to any pressure group. What more democratic form of government could be devised than one which permits you to participate if you will; refrain if you wish, and yet allows you, as voters, to make the final decision. No other place in the world is this permissible except in New England.

Admittedly, the town meeting form of government could use some streamlining, but the advantages for a town the size of Hampden far outweigh the disadvantages. Every citizen of Hampden should be alert to any suggested move which would relegate you to a "dues paying member" only. Only those who fear "democracy in action" would advocate a change.

DALTON E. PHILPOTT, *Moderator*



Dalton Philpott
Town Moderator

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

It is a pleasure to submit the following report after a most productive year. Through the Board of Selectmen Newsletter, we have endeavored to maintain current communication with the residents of Hampden. By this means we have and will continue to review the status of all ongoing projects, as well as proposed and upcoming events, to have as many as possible aware of their community and its progress.

The Board of Selectmen remind all that their weekly meeting is held at the Town House on Mondays at 8 PM, and all are most welcome to attend.

All Town Meeting tasks, legal and financial, have been successfully discharged. Most noteworthy has been the completion of Main Street reconstruction, which provided drainage, curbs, sidewalks, road surface and grassed tree belt. Wilbraham Road has been reconstructed to approximately Raymond Drive and 1973 work is planned to continue an additional 1400 feet. Improvement of this road has been well received by all residents.

Gas tax revenue this year, as last, will be applied to Wilbraham Road to finance reconstruction with an estimated amount of \$15,000.

The large culvert at Big Brook on Main Street was installed with new guard rails and a widened traveled area. This eliminated a very narrow and difficult travel point on our well-traveled Main Street.

With the increase of traffic causing wear and tear on Hampden's roadways and the desire for improved services by the residents, it was necessary to raise funds for highway projects and general accounts. We have a fine Highway Department and have worked closely with them to provide the most effective and efficient expenditure of Highway funds. Requests have been formulated and submitted to the State for 100% reimbursement for reconstruction of the intersection of Sommers Road, Main Street; and Allen Street, Wilbraham and East Longmeadow Roads. Articles explaining this are in the 1973 Town Meeting Warrant.

18 MONTH BUDGET —

The General Court, in the Acts of 1971, Chapter 766, deemed it necessary that all communities within the Commonwealth convert their budgets to a fiscal year; i.e. July 1 to June 30. Many reasons for this change were expressed, such as consistency of all town and state financial reports. Most significantly, however, it will mean that local real estate taxes will be paid twice yearly and these monies will be available that much earlier in the year to bolster the cash flow. Town Meeting will be a little different, since normally we appropriate for a 12 month period — July to June.

Budget items at Town Meeting will reflect the anticipated expense for the next 18 months. Most items in the budget will show a one and one-half times' normal appropriation, while others will show more. For example — Memorial Day — we will have two Memorial days within this period; also snow and ice, as this period will cover two winter seasons.

The valuation of the town will be set January 1, 1973 and the tax rate based on that amount and not to be readjusted until July 1, 1974. "Free Cash" funds, available to be transferred, will also be set at that time and any emergencies or unforeseen expenditures will have to be transferred from here by Town Meeting vote or from the Advisory Board reserve fund.

You will note the Town Meeting of 1973 will have a minimum of any transfers from available funds in order to keep the free cash amount as high as possible for this 18 month period. Your cooperation and attendance at the Advisory Board hearing and Town Meeting is most appreciated.

REVENUE SHARING —

Hampden has received notice of their share of revenue sharing approximately \$50,000 with \$25,977. having been received before December 31. This money must be put into a separate account, then transferred for use of specific town expenses other than budget for operating schools. The net effect is a reduction in the total amount of money needed to be raised by real estate taxes to operate the town government. The above yearly estimate will be the basis for estimating receipts for an 18 month operating budget.

Added to the landscape of Hampden has been an 18 hole championship golf course, contributing much aesthetically to Hampden.

Academy Hall has been reconstructed to the point that it may now be used while final finish of the interior is completed.

From time to time interest has been expressed on cable TV for Hampden. At present the Commonwealth has drafted legislation planned to be effected in 1973, placing regulation control in the Department of Public Utilities. We hope to have more to report on this subject.

The Board of Selectmen is most pleased to report that the septic disposal problem has been resolved after many hours of meetings and negotiations with the State Department of Health and surrounding communities. Arrangements have been made with adjacent communities for all septic effluent to be processed at their disposal plants.

The Housing for the Elderly Study Committee has looked in depth in 1972 into the need for housing for the elderly with the final opinion that a formal authority should be formed. This has been submitted on the Town Meeting Warrant and your support is most eagerly requested.

As with all public service, each year shows an increase; most specifically, this year the Police Department budget will show a large increase. This increase is due to a 5.5% yearly pay increase, required in-service training for policemen, necessary by Statute and absorption into local budget of two patrolmen heretofore reimbursed under the Federal Economic Employment Act. The Board of Selectmen is pleased to note that 1972 law enforcement has had an effect in lowering the number of crimes and an increase in convictions of those apprehended. Though 24-hour coverage seven days a week is now provided, increased hours of coverage at the Police Department will be available for the convenience and improved protection of the residents of Hampden.

It must be noted here that the work of Paul Bouchard, Dog Officer, has been most effective. Though complaints do arise, they have been expediently processed. Please note that a rabies clinic will be conducted in the Spring, as in years past, for the convenience of Hampden dog owners.

Another general budget increase will be in Town House Maintenance. In 1972 the Board of Selectmen was able to hold expenditures, in spite of unforeseen maintenance repairs, within the appropriation. However, with the expenses of 18 months to be forecast and with respect to the age of the building, it was necessary to plan for additional maintenance.

The Board of Selectmen is most aware of the need for cooperation within and between all officials, committees, and boards and strives to maintain the high level of cooperation. In addition, we have eagerly worked toward a maximum in communication with all residents. Constructive suggestions and criticisms are most welcome to assist in the formation of the broadest and soundest progress for all citizens of Hampden.

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

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| Collector of Taxes | \$1,031.76 |
| Board of Selectmen | 3,271.00 |
| Police Department | 798.00 |
| Town Clerk | 1,001.05 |
| Treasurer (Building Permit fees) | 1,494.50 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. FLYNN, *Chairman*
FRANK J. T. KIRK
SHERWOOD W. CRONK
Board of Selectmen



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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Number of registered voters January 1, 1972..... | 2,080 |
| Number of new voters during 1972..... | <u>371</u> |
| | 2,451 |
| Number of voters dropped from voting list during the year..... | <u>151</u> |
| Number of registered voters Dec. 31, 1972..... | 2,300 |
| Voter attendance at Elections during the year: | |
| | 1971 1972 |
| Republican Caucus..... | 91 61 |
| Democratic Caucus..... | 187 56 |
| Town election..... | 1,202 1,020 |
| Presidential Primary | |
| Republican..... | 75 |
| Democratic..... | 210 |
| State Primary | |
| Republican..... | 64 |
| Democratic..... | 111 |
| State election..... | 1,854 |

The annual street list of residents of voting age was compiled as of April 15.
The number listed was 2,678.

Respectfully submitted,

FAYE W. FLYNN, *Chairman*
VIRGINIA REED
MARGARET ROCHFORD
MARIE V. KROOK, *Clerk*





REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1972.

During the year the Police Department recorded 10,681 log entries. Of these, 6900 were calls for assistance, complaints and the reporting of crimes. 1455 of these calls required further investigation. The following is a general breakdown of the types of complaints received and investigated or responded to by the Police Department.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|
| Breaking and Entering | | Mental suspects | 1 |
| Forcible entry | 26 | Burglar alarms answered | |
| Unlawful entry | 11 | (Bank and homes) | 15 |
| Attempted forcible entry | 6 | Stolen cars recovered | 7 |
| Larceny over \$100. | 9 | Obscene phone calls | 3 |
| Larceny under \$100. | 16 | Bikes reported stolen | 19 |
| Prowlers | 14 | Bikes recovered | 8 |
| Vandalism | 57 | Indecent exposure | 1 |
| Ambulance calls assisted | 26 | Cars reported stolen | 4 |
| Assisted Fire Department | 14 | Shoplifting | 1 |
| Calls involving family problems | 26 | Thefts from vehicles | 5 |
| Persons reported missing | 13 | Bombings | 1 |
| Lost persons searched for | 2 | Attempted suicides | 3 |

A total of 30 persons were arrested for the following categories:

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Breaking and entering | 8 | Possession of a dangerous | |
| Larceny | 6 | weapon | 2 |
| Operating without a license | 1 | Receiving stolen property | 1 |
| Attempted larceny | 1 | Uttering, altering and forgery | 1 |
| Violation of probation | 1 | For other Police Departments | 4 |
| Wanton injury to property | 1 | Operating unregistered, | |
| | | uninsured motor vehicle | 4 |

During the year 90 juveniles were apprehended. 12 of these cases were brought to juvenile court, 50 were questioned and released, and 28 were turned over to their parents.

The Police Department responded to 15 calls for sick and injured persons. Persons injured were treated at the scene by members of our Department and sent to hospitals or to their own doctors. There were 4 cases where resuscitator was used. We wish to remind town residents that our cruisers are equipped with a resuscitator and oxygen and all our men are trained in its use. If any resident should need this equipment, please call the Police Department immediately and the cruiser will respond.

There were 53 traffic accidents reported and investigated by this Department. 20 persons were injured and required medical treatment. A total of 70 cars were involved in these accidents. We wish to remind all residents that all accidents involving damage over \$200. must be reported to the police. Many people feel that with the new no fault insurance coverage that there is no need to report accidents to the police. In almost every accident case the insurance company will request a copy of the Police Department accident report to find out details of the accident.

The following is a summary of motor vehicle cases handled by this Department during the year. 129 citations were issued for the following offenses:

| | | | |
|---|----|---|---|
| Speeding | 57 | No inspection sticker | 4 |
| Failing to stop for Stop signs .. | 42 | Passing over solid yellow line .. | 1 |
| Operating without a license in possession | 4 | Defective equipment | 1 |
| Operating without a registra- tion in possession | 2 | Operating unregistered trailer | 1 |
| Driving to endanger | 3 | Operating uninsured trailer | 1 |
| Driving recklessly | 2 | Operating unregistered motor vehicle | 2 |
| Refusing to stop for a Police Officer | 2 | Operating uninsured motor vehicle | 2 |
| Leaving scene of accident | 1 | Attaching plates | 1 |
| Operating without authority | 1 | Operating on learners' permit without person over 21 | 1 |
| Operating motorcycle without license | 1 | | |

During the year 1972 the Police Department issued 105 pistol permits, 36 firearms ID cards, 1 license to sell ammunition, 2 firearms dealers' licenses, 11 junk car permits and 28 reports to insurance companies for a total of \$798. which was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

In December, 1972 John Hahn was appointed a patrolman in the Police Department. Officer Hahn will be assigned to the second shift in the cruiser; he will also take over duties as Safety Officer for our Department and will teach all safety programs in the schools.

Officer James Kirk and I attended an 8 hour seminar on Emergency Care and Transportation of the Injured at Springfield Hospital Medical Center.