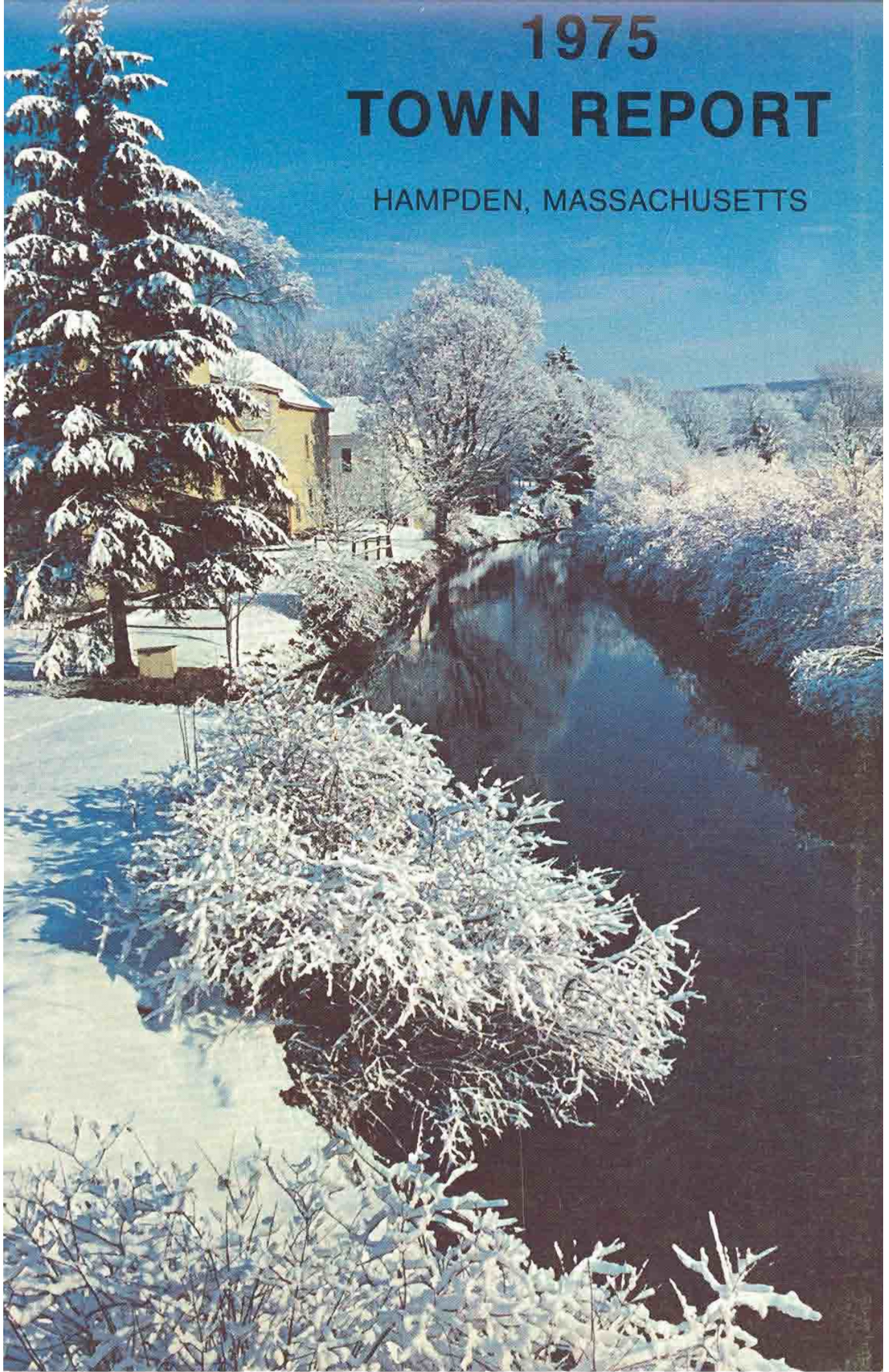


# 1975 TOWN REPORT

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, 1975**

*Please Bring with you to Town Meeting.*

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**GRACE L. KIBBE**

*Town Clerk and Treasurer  
Treasurer of Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District*

**HAROLD HELBERG**

*Selectman  
Consulting Engineer for Town  
Member of Advisory Committee and Recreation Committee*

**CHARLES H. LEMON**

*Superintendent of Insect Pest Control*

**WILLIAM B. ALLEN**

*Fire Chief*

**WALTER LYONS**

*School Bus Driver  
Sanitary Landfill Custodian  
Town House Custodian*

## 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.

*County* — Hampden

*Senators in U.S. Senate*

Edward W. Brooke, 421 Senate Bldg.,  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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. 20510

*State Senator*

Frederick W. Schlosstein, Jr.

Worcester, Hampden and Hampshire District

*Address:* State House, Boston, Mass. 02133 Room 236

Tel. 617-727-5200

or

Warren, Mass.

(413) 436-5490

Representative in General Court

John B. Perry

First Hampden District

(413) 267-3769

*Address:* Room 38, State House, Boston, Mass. 02133

or

Margaret St., Monson, Mass. 01057

(617) 727-5886

*Annual Town Meeting*

Last Monday in April

*Annual Election of Officers of Hampden*

First Monday in May

*Business Hours of Town Officers and Committees, unless otherwise announced:*

Town Clerk	Mondays 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
	Wednesdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.	
	Available at her home 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.	
	other days	

Town Treasurer	Tuesdays (9 A.M. to 11:30 A.M., 4 P.M. to 6 P.M., 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.)	Tel. 566-3214
	Thursdays 4 to 6 P.M., 7 to 9 P.M.	
	Fridays 9 to 11:30 A.M.	

Collector of Taxes	Mondays noon to 3 P.M. 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., Wednesday 2 to 5 P.M. and Friday 2 to 5 P.M.	Tel. 566-3223 Tel. 566-3214
Police Department	Open Monday through Saturday 7 A.M. to 1 A.M.	Tel. 566-8011
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.	Tel. 566-3214
Conservation Commission	Meets second Monday of each month at 8 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
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. 566-3214
School Committee	Meets first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-8814
Regional School Committee	Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 PM	Tel. 596-6161

#### *Hours of Hampden Free Public Library*

Monday .....11:30 to 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.  
Wednesday .....10:30 to 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.  
Thursday .....10:30 to 5:00 P.M.  
Saturday .....12:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
The Library will be closed Saturdays during July and August.

#### *Hours of Laughing Brook*

Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

#### *Hours of Town Dump*

Tuesday 12 Noon to 6:00 P.M.  
Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

#### *Publications Available*

Subdivision Control Laws.....\$1.50 each  
Zoning By-Laws..... 3.00 each  
If Mailed ..... 3.50 each

The following may be obtained from the Town Clerk:

Certified copy of birth .....	\$2.00
Certified copy of death .....	2.00
Certified copy of marriage .....	2.00
Marriage license — resident .....	4.00
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
Minnechaug Regional School, Wilbraham.....	596-6161
Library, Main Street.....	566-3047
Welfare Department, 512 North Main Street, Palmer .....	1-283-9756
	or 566-8081
Veterans Service Department, 200 Main Street, Monson .....	267-9903

*Church Directory*

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



6/24/75 — Signing of Police Dept. Contract with Teamsters 404: Jim Dowd, Don Knowles, Art Booth, John Flynn, Sherwood Cronk





Mrs. Jane Wyman  
TOWN TREASURER

Mrs. Dorothy Flynn  
COLLECTOR OF TAXES

### ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS — 1976

		<i>Term Expires</i>
<i>Moderator</i> .....	Dalton E. Philpott.....	1976
<i>Town Clerk</i> .....	Marie V. Krook.....	1977
<i>Town Treasurer</i> .....	Jane M. Wyman.....	1976
<i>Board of Selectmen</i> .....	John M. Flynn, Chairman.....	1976
	Arthur A. Booth, Jr. ....	1977
	Sherwood W. Cronk.....	1978
<i>Board of Health</i> .....	Arthur A. Booth, Jr., Chairman.....	1977
	John M. Flynn.....	1976
	Sherwood W. Cronk.....	1978
<i>Secretary to Selectmen and Board of Health</i> — Ruth W. Woods		
<i>Assessors</i>	Richard A. Jalbert.....	1978
	Stanley W. Witkop, Jr.....	1977
	Henry Baush, Chairman .....	1976
<i>Clerk to Assessors</i> — Alice Fuller		
<i>School Committee</i> .....	Roland P. Fawthrop, Chairman.....	1977
	Judith A. Witkop, Vice Chr.....	1978
	Carl A. Sabin.....	1976
	Robert Sullivan .....	1977
	Emory Ford .....	1978

<i>Secretary to School Committee — Dr. Maurice Heffernan</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
<i>Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee.....</i>	Yorke Phillips..... 1978
<i>Trustees of the Hampden Free Public Library.....</i>	Cecillia C. Melville, Chairman..... 1977 Mary Barkhuff..... 1978 Miriam Bryans..... 1976
<i>Collector of Taxes.....</i>	Dorothy S. Flynn..... 1977
<i>Hampden Housing Authority.....</i>	Donald E. Wilcox, Chairman..... 1979 Clifford E. Attleton..... 1978 William T. Olmstead..... 1976 George J. Kealy..... 1977 Florence E. Kirk..... 1980
<i>Constables.....</i>	Paul A. Bouchard..... 1977 Miles M. Hapgood, Jr. .... 1977 Myron F. Stone..... 1977
<i>Cemetery Commissioners.....</i>	Homer Fuller, Chairman..... 1976 Arthur Gerrish..... 1977 Robert Sazama..... 1978
<i>Planning Board.....</i>	Carl F. Libby, Chairman..... 1978 Clifford Keeney..... 1976 Frederick Maher, Vice Chr..... 1980 Dudley E. Bliss, Jr. .... 1979 Henry F. Hanmer..... 1977
<i>Clerk to Planning Board —</i>	Judith Jackson
<i>Tree Warden.....</i>	Homer Fuller..... 1976
<i>Park Commissioners.....</i>	James Whipple, Chairman..... 1976 Helene Hesser..... 1977 Howard C. Cutting..... 1978 Frederick Waterhouse..... 1976 Mark Willcutt..... 1978
<i>Clerk to Park Commissioners —</i>	Lucille McGuill

### **APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS — 1976**

<i>Town Accountant.....</i>	Clifford Bombard.....	1977
<i>Dog Officer.....</i>	Paul Bouchard.....	1976
<i>Forest Fire Warden.....</i>	Richard J. Boynton.....	1976
<i>Inspector of Animals.....</i>	Homer Fuller.....	1976
<i>Superintendent of Insect Pest Control.....</i>	James A. Reardon.....	1976

		<i>Term Expires</i>
<i>Veteran's Graves Officer</i> .....	Richard Wiencek .....	1976
<i>Board of Health Agent and Investigator</i> .....	Thomas Huse .....	1976
<i>Agent for Veteran's Benefits</i> .....	Richard N. Billodeau .....	1976
<i>Acting Civil Defense Director</i> .....	George K. Stone, Jr. ....	1976
<i>Pound Keeper and Field Driver</i> ..	Homer Fuller .....	1976
<i>Fence Viewers</i> .....	Donald E. Dickinson .....	1976
	Neil Kibbe .....	1976
	William H. Patric .....	1976
<i>Welfare Agent</i> .....	Albert R. Dupsha .....	1976
<i>Town Counsel</i> .....	Joseph R. Jennings .....	1976
<i>Building Commissioner</i> .....	Gordon J. E. Willcutt, Sr. ....	1976
<i>Electrical Inspector</i> .....	Albert W. Mireault .....	1976
<i>Plumbing Inspector</i> .....	William P. Patullo .....	1976
<i>Board of Appeals</i> .....	Frances T. Buckley, Chairman .....	1978
	Dalton Philpott .....	1977
	Bert Nietupski .....	1976
	Walter W. Lunden .....	1977
	Frederick W. Berry .....	1976
<i>Alternates</i> .....	Bryce Norwood .....	1976
	Terry Hesser .....	1978
<i>Clerk to Board of Appeals — Mona Plaaten</i>		
<i>Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee</i> .....	Robert Sullivan .....	1976
<i>Advisory Committee</i> .....	Rollyn Hatch, Chairman .....	1976
	John L. Matthews, Jr. ....	1976
	Frank Watson .....	1977
	Raymond A. Barkhuff .....	1978
	Gerald Doten .....	1978
<i>Clerk to Advisory Committee — Evelyn Schmidt</i>		
<i>Board of Registrars</i> .....	Marie V. Krook, Town Clerk	
	Faye Flynn, Chairman .....	1976
	Frank J. T. Kirk .....	1977
	Margaret Rochford .....	1978
<i>Chief of Police</i> .....	George K. Stone, Jr.	
<i>Patrolman</i> .....	James Kirk	
	Daniel Knowles	
	Robert A. Newton	
	Robert Toulson	
<i>Police Dispatcher/ Desk Officer</i> .....	Alfred S. Taylor	
<i>Secretary/Clerk</i> .....	Nancy Joy	

<i>Special Police Officers</i> .....	Donald Bouchard Carol Chaput Anthony Dinoia Mary Kupec Peter Markhard Frank Panetta John Reynolds Charles Rogers Myron Stone Michael Weiner Richard Roberts David DeFlorio Philip Morin Michael Doyle	<i>Term Expires</i>
<i>School Crossing Guard</i> .....	Frances B. Morse	
<i>Fire Chief</i> .....	James A. Reardon	
<i>Academy Hall Restoration Committee</i> .....	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 D. Connors James Sulham Betty Ann Johnson A. Carleton Johnson	
<i>Land Acquisition Committee</i> ....	Wilbur Jenkins Bryce Norwood Daniel M. Flynn Michael Grancio Michael Doyle	
<i>Conservation Commission</i> .....	Benjamin Bump, Chairman..... John Mikkola ..... Louis Sicbaldi ..... Major Benton ..... George Leary ..... Earl Merrill, Vice Chairman ..... Arthur Gerrish.....	1976 1977 1977 1976 1978 1978 1978
<i>Insurance Committee</i> .....	Gerald Hinch, Chairman William T. Olmstead Bernice Baker	
<i>Town Report Committee</i> .....	Patricia Booth Carol Collins Donald Safford	



## **Jurors August 4, 1975**

Joseph F. Arduino  
Emma (Chris) Bandoski  
Arthur A. Beaumier  
Edward E. Berrett  
Dudley E. Bliss, Jr.  
William H. Bowman  
Howard U. Bush  
Allen A. Campbell, Jr.  
Robert H. Carlson  
Thomas P. Cooney  
Stanley H. Eddy  
Richard Guertin  
Harold D. Hewinson, Sr.  
Steven R. Hoadley  
William J. Jones  
Frank J. T. Kirk  
Wilbur O. Lepper

Robert C. Makuch  
Earl F. Merrill  
Robert J. Moreau  
Rockwell K. Munn  
Albert L. Nichols  
George Pyzocha  
Raymond A. Schmuck  
Daniel M. Shooshan  
Dennis J. Smith  
Michael H. Smith  
Robert W. Turner  
Lawrence E. Wall  
Marshall T. White  
David R. DeFlorio  
Aime J. LaMontagne  
Robert Patterson

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING — April 28, 29, 30, 1975**

ARTICLE 1. Voted to accept the Annual Reports as contained in the Annual Report for 1974.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the amount of \$2,359,872 to cover budget items 1 through 69.

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

ARTICLE 4. Voted to authorize payment of \$400 to Bd. of Health Agent for period Jan. 1, 1974 to June 30, 1974; and to authorize the payment of Planning Board Expense of \$415 to Thomas Associates, and to raise and appropriate these sums.

ARTICLE 5. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000 to be used in conjunction with State and County money for Chapt. 90 Maint.

ARTICLE 6. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,850. for construction on Main St.

ARTICLE 7. Voted to borrow \$30,004 for State and County share of Chapt. 90 Construction and Highway Maintenance programs.

ARTICLE 8. Voted to accept \$17,363 received under Section 1, Chapter 825 of the Acts of 1974, and use this money for repair and maintenance of Town roads.

ARTICLE 9. Unanimously voted to borrow \$43,308 to be used with other monies for reconstruction of a portion of Wilbraham Road, said money to be returned when reimbursed by the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 10. Unanimously voted to borrow \$31,632 to be used with other monies for reconstruction of a portion of Wilbraham Road, said money to be returned when reimbursed by the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 11. Voted to transfer from free cash \$30,000 to be used with other monies for reconstruction of a portion of Wilbraham Road.

ARTICLE 12. Voted to transfer from free cash \$3,100. for purchase of a pavement marking machine.

ARTICLE 13. Voted to transfer \$2,000 from free cash for engineering at Fernwood Drive wetlands and all culverts to and including Stony Hill Rd. crossing.

ARTICLE 14. Voted to transfer from free cash \$1,500 for engineering and environmental studies of stream clearance and channelization of Scantic River in rear of Prospect Hill Cemetery and in rear of property of Alexander Bandoski, Main Street.

ARTICLE 15. Unanimously voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 16. Unanimously voted to table this article.

ARTICLE 17. Unanimously voted to table this article.

ARTICLE 18. Unanimously voted to Amend Title II, Section 5 of the General By-laws of Hampden, as amended so polls will remain open for town elections from 8 AM to 8 PM.

ARTICLE 19. Unanimously voted to transfer from Library Fund the sum of \$1,714.50 (State Aid) to be used by Library Trustees.

ARTICLE 20. Voted that the Dog Fund in amount of \$1,077.18 be transferred to Library Account.

ARTICLE 21. Voted unanimously to establish a Revolving Fund for receipts and payments in connection with Centennial of Hampden in 1978.

ARTICLE 22. Voted unanimously to request Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee establish a marching band and voted to raise and appropriate \$1,585 to be used in connection with money appropriated by Wilbraham for this purpose.

ARTICLE 23. Voted to accept \$50 for perpetual care of cemetery lot of Frederick Berry in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

ARTICLE 24. Voted to accept gift of \$500 from Fannie Garfield, to be added to Library Fund.

ARTICLE 25. Voted to transfer any balance unused on June 30, 1975 in Dump Maintenance, Library, Road Maintenance and/or Snow & Ice Removal accounts back into Revenue Sharing Fund.

ARTICLE 26. As amended, voted to designate funds from Revenue Sharing to the appropriations for:

Dump Maintenance	\$21,500.
Library	12,409.
Road Maintenance	22,500.
Snow & Ice Removal	20,000.
	\$76,409.

ARTICLE 27. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$500 for study of possible land acquisition for Conservation purposes.

ARTICLE 28. Voted to accept a gift of land from Arthur A. and Shirley I. Christianson for conservation use.

ARTICLE 29. Voted unanimously to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 30. Voted unanimously to transfer from free cash \$15,000 for the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 31. Voted unanimously to amend the Zoning by-law by adding a section, 6.8 to Golf Recreational District to provide for residence for caretaker.

ARTICLE 32. Voted unanimously to amend Zoning by-law to change wording in Section 6.7.1.1.

ARTICLE 33. Voted to amend Zoning by-law to substitute in Section 6.7 the words "Flood Plain and Wetland Districts".

ARTICLE 34. Article was defeated.

ARTICLE 35. Voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 36. Voted unanimously to accept a gift of Arthur and Shirley Christianson of easement for street — Colony Drive.

ARTICLE 37. Voted unanimously to accept Colony Drive as a street.

ARTICLE 38. Voted unanimously to accept a gift of Arthur and Shirley Christianson of easement for street — Bayberry Road.

ARTICLE 39. Voted unanimously to accept Bayberry Road as a street.

ARTICLE 40. Voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 41. Voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 42. Voted unanimously to accept a gift of Arthur and Shirley Christianson of easement for street — Deerfield Circle.

ARTICLE 43. Voted unanimously to accept Deerfield Circle as a street.

ARTICLE 44. Voted unanimously to accept a gift of Arthur and Shirley Christianson of easement for street — Old Orchard Road.

ARTICLE 45. Voted unanimously to accept Old Orchard Road as a street.

ARTICLE 46. Voted unanimously to accept a gift of Arthur and Shirley Christianson of easement for street — Middlefield Drive.

ARTICLE 47. Voted unanimously to accept Middlefield Drive as a street.

ARTICLE 48. Voted to authorize Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of revenue of fiscal year 1975-76.

### **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING — June 30, 1975**

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for Police Department accounts — Chief's Salary

Salaries

Other expense

for fiscal 76, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted unanimously to appropriate, by transfer from available funds, the sum of \$10,833 to the 1975-76 budget, Item 57, Police, itemized:

57.1 Chief's salary	\$ 688.
57.2 Salaries	9,895.
57.4 Other Expense	250.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of reducing projected tax rate for fiscal 76, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$189 to be paid to Manpower Consortium in fiscal 1975, said sum being for money spent on workers in Neighborhood Youth Corps, who were later found to be ineligible for these positions, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Unanimously voted to transfer from available funds \$189 to be spent for above purpose.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay for placing more Town employees on bank payroll system in fiscal 1976, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Unanimously voted to transfer the sum of \$700 to 1975-76 budget for above purpose.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of satisfying an obligation of Job Opportunities Program, for fiscal 1975, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$364.44 to satisfy an obligation of Job Opportunities for fiscal 75.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for Library accounts for fiscal 1975, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$755. to 1975-76 budget, Item 26 — Library.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to Interest on Loan (Short term) account for fiscal 1976, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to take no action on this article.

\$77

HAMPDEN MODERATOR  
Dalton Philpott





## MODERATOR'S REPORT

"Town meetings are to liberty what primary schools are to science; they bring it within people's reach, they teach men how to use and how to enjoy it."

Alexis de Tocqueville

As we celebrate our nation's bicentennial birthday, we are still privileged to exercise a form of democratic government that has been in existence longer than the nation itself. The annual legislative convention of each town's voters, called simply the "Town Meeting", has remained the basis of town government in New England for over 300 years. During this time the purpose of the town meeting and its tangible effects have remained substantially the same — to uphold the citizens' right to "exercise effective authority over matters that are in his immediate range of interest and competence."

"Town Meeting Time", a practical handbook of parliamentary law, upon which this report is based, gives an interesting history of town meetings in earlier days. For instance, did you know: In the beginning, attendance at town meetings was compulsory, and fines were levied for tardiness. Later there was a time when voting at a town meeting was restricted to those who qualified by belonging to the right church and owned enough property.

Also, in the beginning town meetings exercised judicial and administrative as well as legislative functions, but the judicial and administrative functions were soon transferred to regular courts and to the selectmen and others. The town was also the "tap spring" of the Revolution and town meeting resolutions initiated the convention which drafted the Massachusetts Constitution.

Ironically, the constitution which the towns initiated and ratified established a court which proceeded to rule that towns are subordinate creatures of the Commonwealth, and may exercise only such powers as the legislature may grant.

It is man who makes monarchies and establishes republics, as the foregoing attests. The political bureaucracy we so bitterly protest received its authority by the consent of the governed at some former town meetings.

We are again in an active age of further encroachment into our local government by state and federal agencies. The selectmen have appointed a legislative committee to scrutinize legislative proposals which might affect local action and to keep us informed so that we may voice an opinion and in a small way influence the outcome. I urge your support of this committee and the selectmen in this endeavor.

The ordinary man may or may not be the best judge of his own interests, but if he does not exercise effective authority over matters that are in his immediate range of interest and competence, he may be a well-tended animal, but he will not be a free man. Freedom in the concrete, freedom as it is experienced in daily life, is the experience of having a hand in the determining of issues that touch the individual closely and intimately.

Dalton E. Philpott, *Moderator*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Number of registered voters Jan. 1, 1975.....	2,076
Number of new voters during 1975.....	178
	2,254
Number of voters dropped from voting list during the year .....	96
Number of registered voters December 31, 1975.....	2,158
Voter attendance at elections during the year:	
Republican caucus.....	1974 93 1975 44
Democratic caucus .....	26 40
Town election .....	908 746
State Primary .....	529
State election.....	1,248

Respectfully submitted:

Faye W. Flynn, *Chairman*  
Margaret C. Rochford  
Frank J. T. Kirk  
Marie V. Krook, *Clerk*

## REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the year 1975 the Fire Department responded to 59 calls. In the latter part of 1975 delivery was made to the Town of our custom built Maxim pumper. This truck is powered by a diesel motor and is equipped with a 750 gallon per minute pump; it carries 700 gallons of water and has proved to be a valuable piece of apparatus for our Department. Many thanks should go to the fire truck committee, who put in many hours of their time, and also to the Board of Selectmen for their cooperation so that we could get the best piece of fire fighting apparatus available for our needs.

Members of the Fire Department, as well as attending monthly business and training sessions, were active in taking First Aid training. Many members also attended a fire training school held in Ware. The Fire Department represented the Town in several parades and musters during the year.

The Fire Department was active again this year in the Hampden County Mutual Fire Aid Association; members of our Department have attended every meeting held throughout the year and we served as host town for a fall meeting of this organization.

I would like to thank the Police and Highway Departments for their cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
James A. Reardon  
*Chief of Fire Department*



Officers of HAMPDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT: (l to r) Richard Hatch, Chief; Lawrence Hatch; Richard Boynton; Robert Zeppe; Thomas Smith; Howard Cutting

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY: (L to R) Clifford Attleton, William Olmstead, Donald Wilcox, F. Evelyn Kirk, George Kealy



## **REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL**

(January 1, 1975 to January 1, 1976)

The Town of Hampden's legal involvements in 1975 were, as usual, a busy and numerous mixture of the old and the new.

As in every year there were Zoning violations; decisions of the Board of Appeals to review; matters of land titles and easement; drains and other public works; Revenue Sharing rules; subdivision approvals by the Planning Board — not to mention the preparations for numerous Board Meetings and the Town Meetings.

Keeping up with newer laws and first-time opinions, we gave our attention to peddlers; Blue Cross employee-dividends; By-Law amendments; Park traffic controls; contracts for a police radio system and a Town collective bargaining agent; a curfew; budget voting; environmental hearings and procedures; a smoke-warning statute — and even a Sunday Turkey Shoot.

The Elderly Housing project; Tax Appeals; Bus storage facilities; the land-fill; and Police Union voting, all used legal time, as did Court cases about a gravel pit; a misplaced garage, an illegal auto junk-yard; the street widening damage case involving the Mall and the Bank; and the alleged violation of the Wetland Law at Oak Knoll Drive.

We have tried, day or night, to be helpful on calls from your public officials and, in turn, we commend them for their cooperation and sincere efforts in your Town's behalf.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph R. Jennings  
*Town Counsel*

## **FOREST FIRE REPORT**

There were twenty-six forest and grass fires in the year 1975. I would like to remind the residents of Hampden that there is a state law prohibiting outside burning. I thank the townspeople for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard J. Boynton  
*Forest Fire Warden*

## **Report of the Hampden Housing Authority**

In the 1974 Town Report it was indicated that an Application for Financial Assistance together with a Preliminary Site Plan and a request for funding had been submitted to the Department of Community Affairs. Action on these requests was delayed for many weeks because a court order, arising out of an action brought against the Boston Housing Authority, enjoined the Department from entering into any contracts for Financial Assistance with local Housing Authorities.

It was not until September that approvals were received which permitted the project to move ahead. Since that time contracts for Well Drilling and Wash Borings were let and completed. Meetings were held with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission to review project plans. There have also been



reviewed with the Police Chief and the Superintendent of the Highway Department for their opinions and suggestions.

The sale of notes, guaranteed by the Commonwealth, which provides funds for the project came at a time when conditions in the municipal securities market were extremely unfavorable. The financial problems of New York City were daily highlights in the news. Notes in the amount of \$1,400,000, maturing in fifteen months were sold at an 8.8% rate.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE — January 1, 1975 to January 1, 1976

INCOME:

Proceeds of Notes, First Series (Project 667-1) payable March 10, 1977, issued December 9, 1975 .....	\$ 1,400,000.00
Interest from Reinvestment .....	3,796.02
	<u>\$ 1,403,796.02</u>

EXPENSE:

Land Appraisals .....	\$ 1,050.00
Architect Fees (1st & 2nd Instalments) .....	22,226.40
Services by Contractors .....	4,328.04
Bid Advertising .....	130.80
Bond Costs .....	1,726.45
	<u>\$ 29,461.69</u>

NET INCOME OVER EXPENSE: \$ 1,374,334.33

DISTRIBUTION OF NET INCOME:

Cash in Bank .....	\$ 5,584.33
Mass. Gen'l Obligation Notes — Trans. Issue.....	500,000.00
Certificates of Deposit — 90 Days .....	40,000.00
Certificates of Deposit — 181 days .....	828,750.00
	<u>\$ 1,374,334.33</u>

The Authority continues to receive the names of persons who request that they be listed as applicants for apartments when they become available. The total number on file at the end of 1975 is shown below:

Couples	31
Singles	52
Total Units	83

These are not yet formal applications and have not been screened as to eligibility.

"Seed" money appropriated by the Town was \$500. for the 18 months period ended June 30, 1974 and \$100. for the 12 month period ended June 30, 1975. Prior reports have itemized expenditures made through June 30, 1974.

Total expended through June 30, 1974: \$304.17

Itemized expenditures from June 30, 1974 to June 30, 1975:

250 Postage stamps @ 10¢ each .....	\$25.00	
P.O. Box Rental — 1 year .....	<u>5.00</u>	30.00

Total amount due the Town: \$334.17

Respectfully submitted,  
George J. Kealy, *Chairman*

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 1975 there were one hundred and seventy nine permits granted.

These were as follows:

### Building:

Houses.....	23
Barns.....	4
Sheds.....	6
Garages .....	4
Dog house and run.....	1
Additions to houses.....	18
Alterations to houses.....	5
Finish store.....	1
Remodel stores .....	2
Addition to barn.....	1
Addition to garage.....	1
Swimming pools .....	10
Remove barn.....	1

### Electrical:

Houses.....	22
Restaurant .....	1
Store.....	1
Additions and alterations .....	21
Service changes .....	8
Appliances .....	3
Swimming pools .....	4

### Plumbing:

Houses.....	18
Store.....	1
Alterations and additions .....	7
Gas .....	16

There were 10 Certificates of Inspection for places of public assembly issued under the Massachusetts State Building Code which went into effect Jan. 1, 1975.

Respectfully submitted;  
Gordon J. E. Willcutt, Sr.  
*Building Commissioner*

## REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

During 1975, 50 stray dogs were picked up and confined to the pound at Palmer Kennels in East Longmeadow. 32 dogs were redeemed by their owners or sold with the Town receiving \$5 for each dog sold. 18 dogs were destroyed, after being kept at the pound for the required 7 days.

Income to the Town Treasury was as follows:

\$150. in pound fees and dogs sold

\$278. in reimbursement from County Commissioners.

In addition to picking up stray dogs, I have answered numerous complaints, and generally have received good cooperation from our residents. Our restraining order calls for dogs to be under the control of owners at all times.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul A. Bouchard  
*Dog Officer*

## REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

1973 Real Estate Taxes		
Balance due January 1, 1975.....		4,771.29
Collected and paid Town Treasurer .....		4,507.84
Balance due January 1, 1976.....		263.45
1973 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes		
Balance due January 1, 1975.....		4,177.46
	commitments in 1975	1,980.00
	refunds	<u>44.00</u>
		6,201.46
Collected and paid Town Treasurer .....	5,218.89	
Abatements .....	<u>926.93</u>	6,145.82
Balance due January 1, 1976.....		55.64
1973 Motor Excise payments received after abatements .....		72.60
1974 Six Months Real Estate Taxes		
Balance due January 1, 1975.....		10,357.14
	refunds	<u>403.57</u>
		10,760.71
Collected and paid Town Treasurer .....	7,474.68	
Abatements .....	<u>403.57</u>	7,878.25
Balance due January 1, 1976.....		2,882.46
1974 Six months Personal Property Taxes		
Balance due January 1, 1975.....		402.62
Collected and paid Town Treasurer .....	34.16	
Abatements .....	<u>55.76</u>	89.92
Balance due January 1, 1976.....		312.70
1974 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes		
Balance due January 1, 1975.....		16,293.32
	commitments in 1975	46,910.13
	refunds	<u>774.67</u>
		63,978.12
Collected and paid Town Treasurer .....	55,391.01	
Abatements .....	<u>7,169.76</u>	62,560.77
Balance due January 1, 1976.....		1,417.35
1974 Motor Excise payments received after abatements .....		64.63
1975 Farm Animal Excise		
Total Commitments .....		110.15
Collected and paid Town Treasurer .....		110.15
Fiscal 1975 Real Estate Taxes		
Balance due January 1, 1975.....		683,293.92
	refunds	<u>3,639.83</u>
		686,933.75

Collected and paid Town Treasurer .....	658,507.33	
Abatements .....	905.93	
Transferred to Tax Title Account.....	314.76	659,728.02
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Balance due January 1, 1976.....		27,205.73
Fiscal 1975 Personal Property Taxes		
Balance due January 1, 1975.....		43,329.92
	refunds	78.75
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		43,408.67
Collected and paid Town Treasurer .....	41,940.10	
Abatements .....	287.10	42,227.20
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Balance due January 1, 1976.....		1,181.47
1975 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes		
Total Commitments .....		149,169.98
	refunds	1,708.03
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		150,878.01
Collected and paid Town Treasurer .....	114,811.26	
Abatements .....	10,120.56	124,931.82
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Balance due January 1, 1976.....		25,946.16
Fiscal 1976 Personal Property Taxes		
Total Commitments .....		82,074.50
	refunds	48.50
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		82,123.00
Collected and paid Town Treasurer .....	38,766.33	
Abatements .....	510.84	39,277.17
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Balance due January 1, 1976.....		42,845.83
Fiscal 1976 Real Estate Taxes		
Total Commitments .....		1,319,139.38
	refunds	10,476.14
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Collected and paid Town Treasurer .....	617,234.87	1,329,615.52
Abatements .....	36,366.71	
Transferred to Tax Title Account.....	280.59	653,882.17
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Balance due January 1, 1976.....		675,733.35
Items Collected and paid Town Treasurer but not Committed		
Interest on delinquent taxes .....		3,562.34
Fees on delinquent taxes.....		1,133.00
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		4,695.34

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy S. Flynn  
Collector of Taxes

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance 1/1/75 ..... \$ 447,372.53

### 1975 Disbursements

Investments .....	\$ 645,000.00
Other .....	2,868,285.61
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,513,285.61</b>

### 1975 Receipts

Interest on Revenue Sharing Preferred Savings .....	\$ 2,334.61
Interest on Investments of Available Funds .....	2,210.00
Return of Investments .....	520,000.00
Dividends from Keystone Custodian Funds .....	53.52
Other .....	2,744,515.53
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,269,113.66</b>

Cash Balance 12/31/75 ..... \$ 203,200.58

### 1975 Debt Service

<i>School</i>	<i>Interest Paid in 1975</i>	<i>Principal Paid in 1975</i>	<i>Principal Remaining as of 12/31/75</i>
Green Meadows	960.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Thornton Burgess	43,260.00	90,000.00	940,000.00

### 1975 Building Fees Collected

Building .....	\$ 1,100.00
Electrical .....	671.00
Plumbing .....	410.00
Septic Tank .....	75.00
Gas .....	60.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,316.00</b>

### Regional Communication System Funds

A federal grant and funds from 24 surrounding communities will be used to develop a regional police radio system under the direction of Chief Stone. The receipts, which are in accounts separate from all other town funds, are itemized as follows as of 12/31/75:

Savings .....	\$ 3,405.00
Checking .....	10.00
Certificate of Deposit .....	122,000.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 125,415.00</b>

### Land in Tax Title

Two parcels of land were sold at auction on September 25, 1975 to the highest bidders. They were lots 31 & 48 Lookout Mountain and lot 82 Sessions Drive. The latter was eventually deeded to the town as a result of the bidder's failure to pay within the ten day period following the date of the auction.

### Other Funds

The accompanying chart is a 1975 analysis of the savings accounts presently in the hands of the treasurer. Funds are withdrawn as needed and submitted to the general fund for disbursement.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane M. Wyman, *Treasurer*



## SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Balance 1/1/75</i>	<i>Amount Deposited 1975</i>	<i>Amount Withdrawn 1975</i>	<i>Interest Gained 1975</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/75</i>
Day Library .....	653.52	0	28.77	36.21	660.96
Holt Library .....	644.23	0	100.00	33.00	577.23
Kindergarten Library .....	5,411.04	500.00	940.30	349.79	5,320.53
Bumstead Cemetery .....	2,343.20	900.00	236.52	126.18	3,132.86
Centennial .....	5,291.98	500.00	0	346.87	6,138.85
Town Common .....	1,027.51	0	18.74	60.62	1,069.39
Cemetery Perpetual Care .....	12,466.15	2,139.19	0	65.19 *	14,670.53
Stabilization .....	129,094.03	0	25,000.00	6,510.10	110,604.13
Treasurer's Fund					
(Excess Funds) .....	0	75,000.00	0	492.72	75,492.72

\*\$602.16 additional interest on this account was submitted to the town in the form of monthly checks.



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: (l to r) Bruce Harris; Homer Fuller, Supt.; Russell Gurka, Raymond Balser, Patrick Markham, Neil R. Kibbe

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Most of the 1975 Highway money was spent for general maintenance of all roads, such as scrapping, drainage, brush cutting, patching, resurfacing, etc. Section 1, Chapter 825 money contributed largely to this work.

The roads resurfaced under this Chapter with liquid asphalt and pea stone were all of Thresher Road and 500 feet on Chapin Road. Chapin Road was widened and drainage installed for a distance of 500 feet.

The town's winter work has become a major problem. The public today insists upon bare pavement year round which adds to the cost of snow removal. Due to the mild winter \$2,821.94 was transferred back into the Revenue Sharing Account.

Wilbraham Road was widened to thirty feet for a distance of 1500 feet and surfaced for a distance of 4900' with Type F Bituminous Concrete. Catch basins and 1500 of drainage were stalled. The shoulders were, also, graded and seeded.

Under Chapter 90 Maintenance, Main Street was resurfaced for a distance of 800' and North Monson Road for a distance of 1500' with Type FF Bituminous Concrete.

Under the government Ceta Program, we are trimming road sides and the river banks.

Respectfully submitted,  
Homer L. Fuller  
*Superintendent of Streets*

## DUTCH ELM REPORT

During 1975 we removed 23 diseased elm trees on the following roads — South Road, Bennett Road, Glendale Road, Chapin Road, Mill Road, Scantic Road, Wilbraham Road, Allen Street and North Road.

Respectfully submitted,  
James A. Reardon  
*Supt. of Insect Pest Control*

## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

The Tree Warden wishes to report the following trees removed:

- 9 Maple trees on Wilbraham Road
- 2 Maple trees on East Longmeadow Road
- 2 Maple trees on Somers Road
- 2 Maple trees on Mountain Road
- 2 Maple trees on Main Street

Dead wood was trimmed from trees on Main Street and Somers Road.

Trees were set out on Wilbraham Road, Old Orchard Road, and Main Street. These plantings represent 5 Crimson King Maples, 10 Rock Maples and 5 Emerald Queen Maples.

Respectfully submitted,  
Homer L. Fuller  
*Tree Warden*

## REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Total appropriation to be raised by taxation....	\$2,293,713.00
Total appropriation to be taken from available funds .....	229,942.12
Deficit due to abatements in excess of overlay in 1972 .....	54.60
Offsets to Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	
School Lunch Program .....	7,376.40
Free Public Library .....	1,714.50
Racial Imbalance Program .....	50,000.00
Other Amounts to be Raised	
Veterans Service District .....	1,634.00
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District .....	548.64
County Tax .....	124,317.89
State Recreation Areas .....	17,941.90
Audit of Municipal Accounts .....	873.75
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills .....	497.10
Air Pollution Control District .....	674.91