

1978 TOWN REPORT

HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS



ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMPDEN



AND OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1978

Please Bring with You to Town Meeting.

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INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

Polpulation of Hampden, January 1, 1970

Federal Census—4,572

State Census, January 1, 1975—4,751

Geographic Area

19.64 sq. mi.

County

Hampden

Senators in U.S. Senate

Edward Kennedy

United States Senate

Washington, D.C., 20510

Paul E. Tsongas

437 Old Senate Office Building

United States Senate

Washington, D.C., 20510

or

Paul E. Tsongas

Senator in Congress

80 Mansur Street

Lowell, Mass. 01852

Tel. (617) 458-0435

State Senate

Robert Wetmore

Worcester, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire District

State House

Room 409

Boston, Mass. 02133

Tel. (617) 727-1540

or

Hubberston Road

Barre, Mass. 01005

Tel. (617) 355-2337

Representative in General Court

Iris K. Holland

2nd Hampden District

State House

Republican Leadership Office—Room 448

Boston, Mass. 02133

Tel. (617) 727-2375

or

38 Hazelwood Avenue

Longmeadow, Mass. 01106

Tel. 1-567-1529

Annual Town Meeting

Last Monday in April

Annual Election of Town Officers

First Monday in May

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

Town Clerk	Mondays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Wednesdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Saturdays 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Available at her home	Tel. 566-3214 Tel. 566-3214
Town Treasurer	Tuesdays 12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. Thursdays 12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. Fridays 12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Collector of Taxes	Mondays 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Thursdays 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Fridays 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Board of Assessors	Meets second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. Clerk in office every Monday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Friday 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Board of Selectmen	Meets every Monday at 8:00 P.M. Secretary in office every Mon., Tues., and Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., every Wednesday and Friday 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon.	Tel. 566-3713
Advisory Committee	Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Conservation Commission	Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Planning Board	Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
Park Commission	Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3214
School Committee	Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-8814
Regional School Committee	Meets 2nd and 4th Monday of each month	Tel. 596-3884
Hampden Free Public Library	Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month	Tel. 566-3047
Council on Aging	Meets 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30 P.M.	Tel. 566-3023

Hours of Hampden Free Public Library

Monday	11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
Wednesday	11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
Thursday	11:00 A.M. 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
 Closed Mondays except Holidays
 Tuesday thru Sunday
 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
 Tel. 566-3571

Hours of Town Landfill
 Tuesday 12 Noon to 6:00 P.M.
 Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Recycling

Sponsored by Boy Scouts of America
 Saturday at Landfill area from 9-4
 Tuesday 12-6

For Special Pickups Call: Mr. Sherman 566-8554
 Mr. Talbot 566-3993
 Mr. Govan 566-8543

Welfare Agent

Springfield Office Tel 781-7670
 John R. Jackson

Publications Available from the Town Clerk

Subdivision Control Laws	\$1.50
Zoning By-Laws	3.00
Zoning By-Laws (if mailed)	3.50
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
Zoning map	3.00

Telephones

Police	566-8011
Fire	566-3260
Burning Permission	566-3935
Ambulance	
Gold Cross	781-3781
Paramedic	733-3147
Highway Department	566-8842
Library	566-3047
Welfare Department, Springfield Office, 828 State Street	781-7670
Veterans Service Department, 200 Main Street, Monson, Mass.	1-267-9903
Dog Officer, Mr. Raymond Schmuck, Allen Street, Hampden	556-8509
Council on Aging	566-3023

Schools

Green Meadows Elementary School, North Road	566-3263
Thorton W. Burgess School, Wilbraham Road	
Principal's Office	566-3931
Superintendent's Office	566-8814
All Other Calls	566-8950
Minnechaug High School, Main Street, Wilbraham	596-9011
Superintendent's Office	596-3884

Utilities

New England Telephone, Business Office	736-9911
New England Telephone, Repair Office	566-8001
Bay State Gas Company	781-3610
U.S. Post Office	566-3752

Churches

Federated Community Church, Main Street	566-3711
Mr. Sanford Fasth, Minister	566-3402
St. Mary's Church, Somers Road	566-8843
Father Edmund Walsh, Pastor	566-8843

Town Inspectors

Building Inspector, Gordon Willcutt	566-3971
Electrical Inspector, Albert Mireault	566-8698
Plumbing Inspector, William Patullo	566-3332

IN MEMORIAM

NEIL S. KIBBE

Selectman for 30 Years

HARRY N. SQUIRE, JR.

Member, Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

LEO GUIMOND

Teacher

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS—1978

	<i>Term Expires</i>
<i>Moderator</i>	Dalton E. Philpott
<i>Town Clerk</i>	Marie V. Krook
<i>Town Treasurer</i>	Jane M. Wyman
<i>Board of Selectmen</i>	John M. Flynn, <i>Chairman</i>
	Jeannette S. Green
	Arthur A. Booth, Jr.
<i>Board of Health</i>	Jeannette S. Green, <i>Chairman</i>
	John M. Flynn
	Arthur A. Booth, Jr.
<i>Secretary to Selectmen and Board of Health</i> —Ruth Woods	
<i>Assessors</i>	Henry Baush, <i>Chairman</i>
	Richard A. Jalbert
	Stanley W. Witkop, Jr.
<i>Clerk to Assessors</i> —Alice Fuller	
<i>School Committee</i>	Roland P. Fawthorp, <i>Chairman</i>
	Judith A. Witkop
	Carl A. Sabin
	A. Stuart Fuller

	Ellen Clark	1979
	Donald Davenport	1979
	Emory Ford	Resigned
<i>Secretary to School Committee—Dr. Maurice Hefferman</i>		
<i>Hampden-Wilbraham</i>		
<i>Regional School District</i>		
<i>Committee</i>	Yorke Phillips	1981
<i>Trustees of the Hampden</i>		
<i>Free Public Library</i>	Miriam Bryans, <i>Chairman</i>	1979
	Helen S. Dickinson	1980
	Ann M. Byron	1981
<i>Collector of Taxes</i>	Dorothy S. Flynn	1980
<i>Hampden Housing</i>		
<i>Authority</i>	George J. Kealy, <i>Chairman</i>	1981
	Charles T. Schmitt, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1979
	Clifford E. Attleton	1983
	William T. Olmstead	Resigned
	Florence E. Kirk	1980
<i>Constables</i>	Paul A. Bouchard	1980
	Miles M. Hapgood, Jr.	1980
	Peter A. Markhard	1980
<i>Cemetery Commissioners</i>	Homer Fuller, <i>Chairman</i>	1979
	Arthur Gerrish	1980
	Robert F. Sazama, Jr.	1981
<i>Planning Board</i>	Carl F. Libby, <i>Chairman</i>	1983
	Frederick Maher, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1980
	John L. Partyka	1982
	Karl D. Sternberg	1981
	John D. Mikkola	1979
<i>Clerk to Planning Board—Judith Jackson</i>		
<i>Tree Warden</i>	Homer Fuller	1979
<i>Park Commissioners</i>	James Whipple, <i>Chairman</i>	1979
	Helene Hesser	1980
	Mark Willcutt	1981
	Stephen T. LeClair	1979
	Steven R. Hoadley	1981
<i>Clerk to Park Commissioners—Lucille McGuill</i>		

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS—1978

<i>Town Accountant</i>	Clifford Bombard	1980
<i>Dog Officer</i>	Raymond A. Schmuck, Jr.	1979
<i>Forest Fire Warden</i>	Richard J. Boynton	1979
<i>Inspector of Animals</i>	Homer Fuller	1979
<i>Superintendent of Insect</i>		
<i>Pest Control</i>	James A. Reardon	1979
<i>Veteran's Graves Officer</i>	Richard Wiencek	1979
<i>Board of Health Agent</i>		
<i>and Investigator</i>	Gary Weiner	1979

<i>Agent for Veteran's Benefits</i>	Bert Nietupski	1979
<i>Acting Civil Defense Director</i>	George K. Stone, Jr.	1979
<i>Superintendent of Streets</i>	Homer Fuller	1979
<i>Pound Keeper and Field Driver</i>	Homer Fuller	1979
<i>Fence Viewers</i>	Donald E. Dickinson	1979
	William H. Patric	1979
<i>Town Counsel</i>	Joseph R. Jennings	1979
<i>Building Commissioner</i>	Gordon J. E. Willcutt, Sr.	1979
<i>Electrical Inspector</i>	Albert W. Mireault	1979
<i>Plumbing Inspector</i>	William P. Patullo	1979
<i>Board of Appeals</i>	Clifford E. Keeney, <i>Chairman</i>	1979
	Dalton Philpott, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1981
	Frances T. Buckley	1981
	Bert Nietupski	1979
	Bryce Norwood	1980
<i>Alternates</i>	Charles Schmitt	1981
	Lawrence Smith	1981
	<i>Clerk to Board of Appeals</i> —Norma Buckley	
<i>Advisory Committee</i>	Rollyn Hatch, <i>Chairman</i>	1979
	John L. Matthews, Jr., <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1979
	Judith Hanmer	1981
	Robert Burger	1981
	Daniel Flynn	1980
	<i>Clerk to Advisory Committee</i> —Evelyn Schmidt	
<i>Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee</i>	Carl Sabin	1979
<i>Board of Registrars</i>	Marie V. Krook, <i>Town Clerk</i>	
	Fay Flynn, <i>Chairman</i>	1979
	Frank J. T. Kirk	1980
	Royal Cady	1981
<i>Fire Chief</i>	Richard Hatch	1979
<i>Conservation Commission</i>	Rita Vail, <i>Chairman</i>	1981
	Benjamin Bump, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1979
	Franklin E. Prouty	1981
	Louis Sicbaldi	1980
	Major Benton	1979
	Arthur Gerrish	1981
	Patty Ann Fritze	1981
<i>Council for the Aging</i>	Ralph Forsstrom, <i>Chairman</i>	1980
	Ethel Evans, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1981
	Catherine Moriarty, <i>Secretary</i>	1980
	Kathryn Conway, <i>Treasurer</i>	1979
	Rosalind Reardon	1980
	Gertrude Lyons	1979
	Robert Bohlke	1981

	Nancy Zebert.....	1981
	Virginia Schneider	1979
<i>Insurance Committee</i>	Gerald Hinch, <i>Chairman</i> William T. Olmstead Bernice Baker	
<i>Chief of Police</i>	George K. Stone, Jr.	
<i>Acting Sergeant</i>	Donald Bouchard	
<i>Patrolmen</i>	James Kirk Robert A. Newton Robert Toulson Richard L. Alexander	
<i>Dispatcher</i>	Alfred Taylor William Chechile	
<i>Secretary/Clerk</i> <i>To Police</i>	Nancy Joy	
<i>Reserve Officers</i>	William Batchelor Michael Bowen William Chechile Carol Chaput Anthony DiNoia Michael Doyle Edward Jodoin Mary Kupec Peter Markhard	Thomas Messier Philip Morin Dana S. Pixley Mark Reisner John Reynolds Michael Weiner
<i>Special Police Officers</i>	Miles Hapgood Donald Chaput	
<i>Energy Commission</i>	W. Harry Burns Janet Case Frances C. Righi Karl D. Sternberg Earl A. Connors Neal M. Sleeper Bruce Libby	Steven Hoadley Patty Ann Fritze Alfred Perusse Philip Covelli William Benedict Chesley Metcalf John L. Partyka
<i>Town Report Commission</i> ...	Norma Buckley, <i>Chairman</i> Jacqueline Munsell Toi Graham Annette Tryon Marion Lloyd Alfred Taylor, <i>Photographer</i> Donald Safford, <i>Photographer</i>	



To the Residents of Hampden:

It is a pleasure to be a part of the Town Report this year and to bring you a review of the 1978 session of the Massachusetts Legislature.

I want to tell you, too, how proud I am to be representing the Town of Hampden. Last summer I spent a few hours of every day that I was not in Boston walking through the Town of Hampden, knocking on doors, talking with people about their concerns. It was a beautiful experience for me, and so worthwhile, for you have continued to respond with your calls and letters expressing your opinions, asking your questions, sharing your comments.

I find that three searching questions are being asked by citizens: how do we stop inflation? How much of our total income should go to government? And what should we spend it on?

We know that Massachusetts has a legacy of a strong commitment to education, of expanded human services, of special assistance for the ill and the elderly, of special concern for the rights of children and the rights of women, of an appreciation for the environment and our natural resources. But it is sad to say that Massachusetts has been dubbed "Taxachusetts," and it is clear that we must look to a fairer taxation program. Those of us calling for less spending and less taxes must work with renewed vitality, commitment and confidence to the great tasks that lie ahead. We must meet with assurance the questions that must be answered, the problems that must be solved, the crises that must be met.

Among the complex issues that we evaluated during the 1978 legislative session were:

- Reduction of the Meals Tax to 5%
- Elimination of the student meals tax
- Reorganization of the State's judicial system
- Establishment of an ethics commission for State and County officials
- Establishment of policy for minimum competency standards in education
- Additional local aid to cities and towns
- Raising of the drinking age (vetoed by Governor)
- MBTA collective bargaining revision

—Progress in the solution to child abuse

—Property tax revision

When one considers that the average man or woman working eight hours a day has to work two hours and forty-two minutes a day to pay his federal, state and local taxes, that accumulated this means that he or she must work the first four months and four days a year (January, February, March, April, and the first four days into May) to pay taxes before he or she starts to work for his or her family, then there is no doubt that our nation, our state, our country and our local governments must review spending and taxation programs. This surely is our priority in the Massachusetts Legislature for the year 1979!

In order to properly serve you, I would like you to know that my district office is located in my home at 38 Hazelwood Avenue, Longmeadow. I have 24-hour around the clock telephone coverage where I welcome your call if you have a question or a problem as relates to state government. My home and district office number is 567-1529. I also would be pleased to meet with you in person—you have only to ask. My Boston office is located in room 448 at the State House and my State House phone number is 617-727-2375. I hope that I may hear from you.

Sincerely,

Iris K. Holland

IRIS K. HOLLAND



ACADEMY HALL—BUS TOURS
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1978



FLOWER SHOW
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1978



CENTENNIAL BALL
SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1978



FIDDLERS CONTEST
SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1978

TOWN FAIR
WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 28, 1978



CENTENNIAL BALL
SATURDAY,
JUNE 24, 1978

TOWN FAIR
THURSDAY,
JUNE 29, 1978





YOUTH DAY
FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1978



GRAVESTONE RUBBINGS
SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1978



GRAND FINALE PARADE
SUNDAY, JULY 2, 1978



August 14, 1978—Presentation of Citation from County Commissioners on occasion of Hampden's Centennial. Left to right: Joseph Zaher, representing County Commissioners, Jeannette Green, Selectman, John Flynn, Chairman, Board of Selectmen.

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

What a birthday party it was! Everybody said it was a smashing success. The weather was perfect. Enthusiasm built day by day culminating in a gigantic parade, the likes of which had never been witnessed in Hampden before.

To briefly recap some of the activities, it all began on March 28, 1978, and continued to April 4, 1978, with a Centennial "Kick-Off". On these two nights, the program consisted of various townspeople telling about life in Hampden many years ago. The Minnechaug Band, the Hampden Irregulars, and the Centennial Chorus were on hand to make the evenings most enjoyable. A new town seal was unveiled and later adopted at the town meeting as our official seal for the town.

Starting June 24, there were ten full days of activities. It all began with the Centennial Ball attended by over four hundred people, many of whom were in costume.

There was something to interest everyone, young and old. For the young people there were many races and contests at the Hampden Memorial Park, a road race, bicycle race, skateboard contests, tennis tournament, and horse and buggy rides. For others there was a fiddlers contest, flower show, town fair, antique engine show, crafts fair, art show, gravestone rubbings, and a fireman's muster. If you like music, there was a square dance, a dance at the Fire Department and concerts at the gazebo. For the historic minded, there were different bus tours and a walking tour. For those who like to eat, there was a delicious meal at the ball, a church supper and a beef barbeque. There were services at the churches, too, including an ecumenical candlelight service. Then to round everything out, there were fireworks, a beard judging contest, a capsule burying ceremony, and a fantastic parade.

Memories will linger for years to come. The Committee wishes to thank all the residents, organizations, businesses, churches, as well as people from other towns who helped make our birthday party such a tremendous celebration. We couldn't have done it without you.

THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—April 24-25, 1978

ARTICLE 1. Voted to accept the annual reports as contained in the annual report for the year 1977 as corrected and printed.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,785,075.00 to cover budget items 1 through 69.

ARTICLE 3. Voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 4. Voted to raise and appropriate \$125.00 for use of Hampden County Trustees for County Co-operative Extension Service in Hampden.

ARTICLE 5. Voted to borrow for one (1) year, \$23,154.00 to be used in conjunction with other money for the construction of a portion of Main Street and lower Glendale Road, in anticipation of State reimbursement of this amount.

ARTICLE 6. Voted to acquire, for highway protection, construction and slope purposes, by a taking and/or by deed a parcel of land on Main Street owned by Carol A. Bressette; and to transfer from Stabilization Funds \$30,000.00 for this purpose.

ARTICLE 7. Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,633.00 to be used with other money for re-construction of a portion of South Road.

ARTICLE 8. Voted to accept any money received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Local Aid Fund Distribution, General Laws, Chapter 29, Section 2D, Highway Fund Distribution, Chapter 81 and Chapter 492 of the Acts of 1974; or Highway and Transit Development, Chapter 825, Section 3 of the Acts of 1974 or any other Highway Aid Fund; said money to be deposited in the General Fund.

ARTICLE 9. Voted to increase the limit on the proportion of costs and expenses of Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District and to raise this proportion of cost from twelve cents (.12) to fifteen cents (.15) per capita.

ARTICLE 10. Voted to authorize Board of Selectmen to take for highway purposes together with all drainage ways, privileges, easements and other facilities beyond said streets which receive run-off, as recommended by the Planning Board—Pondview Drive, Maple Grove Road, Springhouse Road, Forest Hills Road, and Chestnut Hill Road as described in printed warrant.

ARTICLE 11. Voted to amend General By-laws of Hampden by adding to Section 7—Protection of Persons or Property, a section concerning consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property, except with a special license.

ARTICLE 12. Voted to amend General By-laws of Hampden by adding to Section 7, Protection of Persons or Property, a section concerning loitering.

ARTICLE 13. Voted to instruct our State Representative and State Senator to report in writing to the next Annual Town Meeting how they voted on State Budget, amendments, and so forth, including how and why new tax programs were voted on.

ARTICLE 14. Voted to transfer any balance, unused, on June 30, 1978 back into General Revenue Sharing Account from the following accounts—Land Fill Maintenance, Library, Road Maintenance, Snow and Ice Removal.

ARTICLE 15. Voted to designate loans from Revenue Sharing to Fiscal 79 appropriations for Land Fill Maintenance—\$20,000.00, Library—\$15,055.00, General Highway Expense—\$26,000.00, Snow and Ice Removal—\$20,000.00, total equals \$81,055.00.

ARTICLE 16. Voted to acquire Sanitary Land Fill purposes by a taking or by deed a parcel of land now or formerly of Elizabeth M. Sessions adjoining our present sanitary land fill premises, and voted to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from Stabilization Fund for this purpose.

ARTICLE 17. Voted to accept \$150.00 for the care of the lot (perpetual) of Alexander and Carl P. Larson in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

ARTICLE 18. Voted that the Dog Fund in the amount of \$119.40 be expended by Library Trustees.

ARTICLE 19. Voted to transfer from the Library Fund the amount of \$1,781.63, State Aid, to be used by Library Trustees.

ARTICLE 20. Voted to accept and transfer from the Library Fund the amount of \$1,714.50 (State Aid) received during the transitional year 1973-74, to be used by Library Trustees.

ARTICLE 21. Voted to join the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Transit Authority and raise and appropriate \$123.00 as our share of Fiscal 79 expenses.

ARTICLE 22. It was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a one year agreement with Lower Pioneer Valley Transit Authority for operation of a Mini-bus program for senior citizens and handicapped Town residents, and raise and appropriate \$1,482.00 for this purpose.

ARTICLE 23. Voted to adopt the winning Centennial Seal design choosing the scene depicting Hampden for the Official Seal for the Town of Hampden.

ARTICLE 24. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for the re-surfacing the driveway, parking lot, and access drive from parking lot to RAH building, Hampden Memorial Park.

ARTICLE 25. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Conservation Fund, to be used for acquiring available land in Town, following favorable vote at a Special or Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 26. Voted to amend zoning by-laws to include a non-profit educational and recreational district as outlined in warrant.

ARTICLE 27. Voted to amend zoning by-laws and zoning map by changing area now zoned as R4 and R6 to non-profit Educational and Recreational District—this being the property of Massachusetts Audubon Society.

ARTICLE 28. Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for the Reserve Fund.

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

ARTICLE 30. Voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 31. Voted to authorize Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of Revenue of Fiscal year 79 and to issue notes therefore; also, to renew notes for less than one year.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—April 24, 1978

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the amount of money received under the provisions of Public Works Employment Act of 1976, and will vote to expend this money, together with other money which may be transferred for this purpose, for sweeping the main streets of Hampden and cleaning of approximately 400 catch basins, or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimously voted to accept the amount of money received under the provision of Public Works Employment Act of 1976, and voted to expend from that sum the amount of \$3,274.00 for sweeping the main streets of Hampden and cleaning of approximately 400 catch basins.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds a sum of money to be used, together with other money which may be voted for this purpose, for sweeping the main streets of Hampden and cleaning of approximately 400 catch basins, or take any other action relative thereto.

It was voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$33,367.00 remaining in Chapter 497—Gas Tax account, to be used with other money which may be voted for this purpose, for the reconstruction of a portion of South Road, beginning at Pole #39 and proceeding approximately 1500 feet, to Pole #45, or take any other action relative thereto.

It was unanimously voted to appropriate the sum of \$33,367.00 remaining in Chapter 497—Gas Tax Account, to be used with other money which may be voted for this purpose, for the reconstruction of a portion of South Road, beginning at Pole #39 and proceeding approximately 1500 feet, to Pole #45.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the repair of damage caused by vandalism at Hampden Memorial Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

It was unanimously voted to appropriate from Public Works Employment Act of 1976 Funds, the amount of \$1,319.00 for the repair of damage caused by vandalism at Hampden Memorial Park.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds a sum of money to build a pavillion at Hampden Memorial Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

It was unanimously voted to appropriate from Public Works Employment Act of 1976 Funds, the amount of \$1,200.00 to be used together with other available funds, to build a pavillion at Hampden Memorial Park.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—July 26, 1978

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year 1976-77, 1977-78, or previous years, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

It was unanimously voted to authorize the payment of two bills from Tighe and Bond, consulting engineers, for work on Stony Hill Road and Allen Street, and for Wilbraham Road, in the total sum of \$8,561.92, and it was voted to raise and appropriate this amount of money.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for reconstruction of the leach field at Green Meadows School, or take any other action relative thereto.

It was voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for repair and refurbishing of a portion of the roof of Green Meadows School, and appurtenances, or take any other action relative thereto.

It was voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975, which amend Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws (The Zoning Act), or take any other action relative thereto.

It was unanimously voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975, which amend Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws (The Zoning Act).

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to re-enact all the existing provisions of the Zoning By-law of Hampden and Zoning Plan 1968, as heretofore amended, so that the same, together with all amendments voted at this Special Town Meeting of July, 1978, shall constitute and be designated as the Zoning By-law and Plan of Hampden—1978 Revision—or take any other action relative thereto.

It was unanimously voted to re-enact all the existing provisions of the Zoning By-law of Hampden and Zoning Plan 1968, as heretofore amended, so that the same, together with all amendments voted at this Special Town Meeting of July, 1978, shall constitute and be designated as the Zoning By-law and Plan of Hampden—1978 Revision.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hampden (1968), as amended, as follows, so as to bring it into conformity with Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975: (This is too lengthy to reproduce here—copies on file with the Town Clerk.)

This article was defeated.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Hampden by incorporating into the same all areas designated 100 years flood level, to be called the Flood Plain District, as they are shown on the HUD

map entitled, "Flood Insurance Rate Map, Town of Hampden, Mass., Hampden County, Community Panel No. 250140-005 B", a copy of which is on file at the Office of the Planning Board and the Town Clerk of Hampden; or take any other action relative thereto.

It was voted to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Hampden by incorporating into the same all areas designated floodway and all numbered and un-numbered A zones (designating areas of 100 year flood), to be called the Flood Plain District, as they are shown on the HUD maps intitled "Flood Boundary and Floodway Map, Town of Hampden, Mass., Hampden County, Community Panel #250140-0005 B" and "Flood Insurance Rate Map, Town of Hampden, Mass., Hampden County, Community Panel #250140 0005 B", and as described in the "Flood Insurance Study, Town of Hampden, Mass." copies of which are on file at the offices of the Planning Board and the Town Clerk of Hampden. Vote on this article: yes—57; no—9.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—September 25, 1978

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for reconstruction of the leach field at Green Meadows School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimously voted to raise and appropriate \$15,440, for reconstruction of the leach field at Green Meadows School.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to compensate the firm of Alderman and MacNeish for architectural services provided in connection with future repair and refurbishing a portion of the roof of Green Meadows School, and appurtenances, or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimously voted to raise and appropriate \$4,084, for the above purpose.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the 1978-79 appropriation for the Regional School District assessment, as directed by the District, or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimously voted to reduce the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional assessment for the fiscal year 1978-79 from \$742,047.00 to \$554,194.72.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to supplement the 1978-1979 local schools appropriation and raise and appropriate an additional sum of money for expenditures incurred under Chapter 766 of the General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Unanimously voted to supplement the 1978-1979 local schools appropriation, and raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$32,540.00 for expenditures under 766 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws of the Town of Hampden, as follows, so as to bring it into conformity with Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975—(complete article on record with the Town Clerk).

Article voted as written. Yes vote—84; No vote—2.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hampden as follows, so as to bring it into conformity with Federal Insurance Administration regulations for continued town participation in the National Flood Insurance Program— (complete article on file with Town Clerk).

Article voted as printed. Yes vote—74, No vote—1.

JURY LIST

Emma C. Bandoski	John C. Miller
Raymond A. Barrett	Jerry Moccio
Alan K. Bolton	John Monaghan
Bruce T. Bowens	Paul M. Palardy
Wilbur F. Brien	Eugene G. Potter
Robert Cooley	George Pyzocha
Sherwood W. Cronk	Walter Reardon III
William Own Dalton	Dimitrios P. Romanos
Raymond Duquette	John Schmuck
George Durham	Michael J. Shea
Donald E. Haraty	David G. Shelter
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Judith M. Jackson	Edward Sherman
David Kruger	R. Lee Stewart
Theodore S. Kulberg	David P. Sweeney
Dennis C. Lowell	Omer Talbot
Michael John Marco	Gerald J. Wess
Gary Stephen Mayes	Thomas R. Wilson
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Chesley Metcalf	William J. Zanolli

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Number of registered voters Jan. 1, 1978	2,402	
Number of new voters registered during 1978	160	
Number of voters dropped from voting list during the year	207	
Number of registered voters Dec. 31, 1978	2,355	
Voter attendance at elections during the year	1977	1977-1978
Republican caucus	56	34
Democratic caucus	70	67
Town election	1186	1050
State primary		462
State election		1491

Respectfully submitted

FAYE W. FLYNN, *Chairman*
FRANK J. T. KIRK
ROYAL E. CADY
MARIE V. KROOK, *Clerk*



Contestants in beard-growing contest for Hampden Centennial, 1978.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 1978

To help celebrate our Centennial Year in Hampden, the Fire Department sponsored a beard growing contest and a roast beef dinner. Shown in the picture are the contestants with their beards and the judges of the contest. The winners in the different categories were:

	1st	2nd
Best All Around	Ken Gregory	Neil Southwick
Most Original	Larry Hatch	Robert Schoolcraft
Best Mustach	Albert Jones	Jack Morse
Shortest Beard	Ted Zebert	Frank Prouty
Best Mutton Beard	Jim Burns	Boots Leone
Whitest Beard	Bill Joy	Homer Fuller
Longest Beard	Ray Simonds	Butch Claing
Oldest (Contestant)	George Hoise	
Youngest (Contestant)	Nathan Howard	



Left to right: Steven Hoadley; Arthur Booth, Selectman; John Flynn, Selectman; Jeannette Green, Selectman; Richard Hatch, Fire Chief.