

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

In 1979, legal matters involving the Town included the pending Special Education (Chapter 766) Cases; a serious injury case, involving day campers, at Fenway Golf Course; the land damage case for street widening at the Mini Mall (damage claim now in excess of \$250,000); the Home Education Court action; and miscellaneous Court proceedings involving the Town; as well as numerous tax appeals involving the Board of Assessors - especially seven of the same related to Northeast Land Company; continued attention to White Birch Apartments' sewerage disposal; flood control easements and related Housing Court Case; Christianson Subdivision and tax collection matters; Hollow Hills Subdivision; cable television; Board of Health and Board of Appeals matters.

Town Counsel also rendered separate opinions on a multitude of matters to the Selectmen, Planning Board, Town Treasurer, Board of Appeals, Assessors, Conservation Commission, Building Inspector, and the Moderator in connection with preparations for Town Meetings; also upon the tax cap; Regional School Budget; alcoholic beverage licenses; sanitary landfill; personnel problems; Parks & Recreation; zoning amendments; application of the Sunday law; collective bargaining; ambulance service; etc.

As in any Massachusetts community, the quantity of necessary legal services and advice increases with each passing year.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph R. Jennings
Town Counsel

REPORT OF THE MODERATOR

Those attending last year's Town Meeting are well aware of the confusion created by the 4% TAX CAP. Even the delay in holding our Annual Town Meeting was insufficient to clarify and interpret all the issues surrounding this Legislative Fiasco. We can expect another such CAP this year.

In hindsight, isn't this a little bit unnecessary? The townspeople of Hampden are perfectly capable of determining how much they can afford and desire to spend to support their local government and programs. Capable yes.....willing, questionable. As long as only one in ten registered voters attend Town Meetings we are sending a message loud and clear to the Governor and Legislature that we are just not interested. It lends credence to the belief that Town Meeting action represents a minority opinion and the Legislature feels compelled to represent the majority in any way they see fit.

Unless this trend is reversed, our generation will be the last to enjoy even the limited self government that now exists. We do not have to be very astute to accurately predict that within the lifetime of many who will attend this year's Town Meeting, there will be state appointed Assessors, Regional Planners who will dictate all zoning and related activities, complete take over of the school systems and finally Selectmen and Town Meeting members acting only as administrators of the state mandated programs. Our only privilege will be to pay the highly inflated bill.

Special interest groups will be well represented at this year's Town Meeting, all trying for a larger slice of the financial pie. Will you as a taxpayer be as well represented? After all, you can still determine how large the financial pie will be. Please, if future generations are to criticize us, let it be for something we did rather than for something we failed to do. Freedom must be exercised to remain strong and viable. See you at TOWN MEETING.

Dalton E. Philpott
Moderator



TOWN MODERATOR: Dalton E. Philpott

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 1979 there were one hundred and eighty six permits granted:

These were as follows:

Building:

New houses	13
Educational Center	1
Barn	1
Sheds	2
Garages	3
Additions to houses	18
Addition to fire station	1
Alterations to houses	3
Repair storm damage to house	1
Additions to garages	2
Additions to barns	2
Swimming pools	11
Remove houses	2
Remove sheds	3
Remove swimming pools	2
Stoves	18

Electrical:

New houses	17
Commercial	1
Additions and alterations	19
Services changes	12
Appliances and pools	8

Plumbing:

New houses	14
Alterations and Additions	16
Gas	16

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon J. E. Willcut, Sr.
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

The Cemetery Commissioners wish to report the following: Both cemeteries were mowed as often as needed. Sunken graves were filled at both cemeteries and seeded.

Three meetings were held by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,
Homer Fuller, *Chairman*
Arthur Gerrish
Robert Sazama, Jr.



TAX COLLECTOR: Dorothy S. Flynn

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Fiscal 1978 Real Estate Taxes	
Balance due January 1, 1980	\$ 8,907.94
Fiscal 1978 Personal Property Taxes	
Balance due January 1, 1980	2,469.04
1978 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	
Balance due January 1, 1980	692.75
1979 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	
Total Commitments	260,968.94
	Refunds 3,353.20
	<u>264,332.14</u>
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$203,248.07
Abatements	<u>27,183.53</u>
Balance due January 1, 1980	<u>33,890.54</u>
Fiscal 1979 Real Estate Taxes	
Balance due January 1, 1980	28,361.69

Fiscal 1979 Personal Property Taxes		
Balance due January 1, 1980		4,869.59
1979 Farm Animal Excise Taxes		
Total Commitment		148.95
Collected and paid Town Treasurer		148.95
Fiscal 1980 Boat Excise Taxes		
Total Commitment		1,922.00
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$ 162.00	
Abatements	1,020.00	1,182.00
Balance due January 1, 1980		740.00
Fiscal 1980 Real Estate Taxes		
Total Commitment		1,882,197.67
	Refunds	227.50
		1,882,425.17
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$841,633.87	
Abatements	12,230.00	853,863.87
Balance due January 1, 1980		1,028,561.30
Fiscal 1980 Personal Property Taxes		
Total Commitment		102,173.26
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$33,785.03	
Abatements	199.33	33,984.36
Balance due January 1, 1980		68,188.90
Items collected and paid Town Treasurer but not committed		
Fees on delinquent taxes		3,290.45
Interest on delinquent taxes		15,702.05
		18,992.50

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy S. Flynn
Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

The tree warden wishes to report the following trees were removed:

- 2 large Maple trees on Wilbraham Road
- 2 Maples and Elm tree on Allen Street
- 2 Maples removed on Somers Road
- 1 Maple tree on Main Street
- 1 Maple tree on Scantic Road

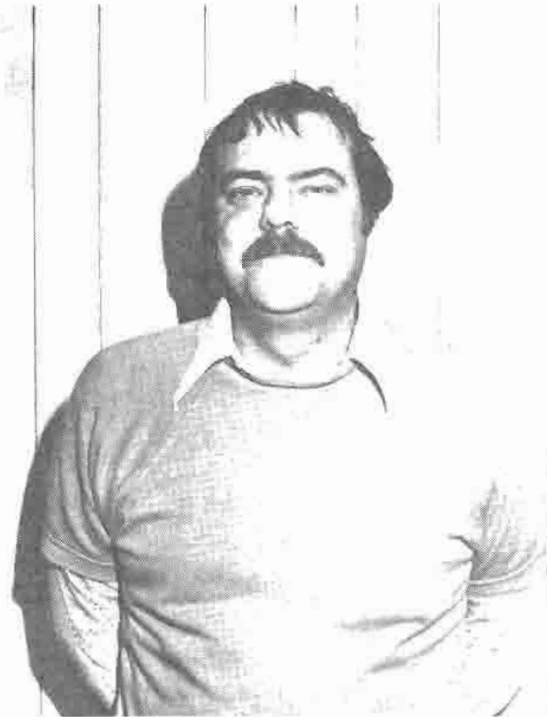
Dead wood was trimmed on Main Street, Scantic Road, and Glendale Road. Trees were planted on Main Street, Town Common and Wilbraham Road.

Respectfully submitted,
Homer L. Fuller
Tree Warden

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

During 1979, a total of 80 dogs were impounded, these dogs were all in violation of the restraining order and most of these dogs were also unlicensed. Of the 80 dogs impounded, 9 dogs were sold at \$5.00 each; 41 were redeemed by their owners at \$7.50 each; the remaining 33 were kept the required number of days and then destroyed at a cost to the Town of \$1,501.50. Reimbursement from the County amounted to \$734. I caution all dog owners in Hampden that there is a restraining order in effect and all dogs are to be kept under control of owners at all times.

Raymond B. Schmuck, Dog Officer of 65 Allen Street can be reached at 8509 by anyone with dog problems.



Dog Officer: Raymond B. Schmuck

REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The Animal Inspector wishes to report that he has inspected the barns and animals which are required by State Law.

The following number of animals were found:

Dairy Cattle	86
Beef Cattle	74
Horses	110
Ponies	45
Swine	6
Goats	9
Sheep	20
Donkeys	2

Respectfully submitted,
Homer L. Fuller
Animal Inspector



TREASURER: Jane M. Wyman

TREASURER'S REPORT — FISCAL 1979

Cash Balance as of 7/1/78 \$ 341,057.16

Receipts

Loans	\$ 600,000.00
Revenue Sharing Funds	63,538.00
Revenue Sharing Interest	2,611.32
Antirecession Interest	300.41
Interest on Remaining Available Funds	6,412.58
Remaining Receipts	3,389,430.20
Total Receipts	4,062,292.51

Disbursements

Repayment of Loans	600,000.00
Interest Paid on Loans	2,455.39
Principle Paid on Debt	85,000.00
Interest Paid on Debt	30,345.00
Revenue Sharing Warrants	67,891.24
Antirecession Warrants	3,881.64
Remaining Disbursements	3,219,717.36
Total Disbursements	4,009,290.63
Balance as of 6/30/79	\$ 394,059.04

Cash as of 6/30/79

Certificate of Deposit	\$ 9,819.95
Certificate of Deposit	100,000.00
Savings - Available Funds	244,488.55
Checking - Available Funds	22,038.66
Antirecession	1,483.79
Revenue Sharing	16,228.09
Total	\$394,059.04

REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

A Federal and State grant plus funds from twenty four surrounding communities have been used during recent years to develop a police radio system under the direction of Chief Stone. Additional funds are collected yearly for maintenance of the System. Accounting records and funds are kept entirely separate from those of the Town. The balance in this account as of 6/30/79 is \$5,500.39.

INVESTMENT AND TRUST FUNDS—FISCAL 1979

	Balance 7/1/78	Amount deposited	Amount withdrawn	Interest gained	Balance 6/30/79
Library—Newell Fund	590.03	60.18	0	33.30	683.51
Day Library Fund	671.95	0	0	40.24	712.19
Holt Library Fund	659.15	0	0	35.93	695.08
Kindergarten Library Fund	4,935.09	0	0	265.96	5,201.05
Bumstead Cemetery Fund	3,624.11	0	0	217.46	3,841.57
Town Common Fund	1,017.91	0	0	60.19	1,078.10
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	17,446.68	0	0	1,047.17	18,493.85
Stabilization Fund	127,941.21	0	40,000.00	5,997.63	93,938.84
Council On Aging-Senior Center ..	219.44	0	0	11.81	231.25
Conservation Commission	1,011.78	1,000.00	0	132.03	2,143.81
Bressette Account	0	10,000.00	10,117.34	117.34	0

TREASURER'S REPORT — 6 MONTH PERIOD July 1, 1979 — December 31, 1979

Cash Balance as of 7/1/79 \$ 394,059.04

Receipts

Loans	\$ 450,000.00
Revenue Sharing Funds	16,122.00
Revenue Sharing Interest	962.96
Interest on Remaining Available Funds	7,396.69
Remaining Receipts	1,664,412.52
Total Receipts	2,138,894.17

Disbursements

Repayment of Loans	450,000.00	
Interest paid on Loans	2,158.46	
Principle Paid on Debt	85,000.00	
Interest Paid on Debt	14,280.00	
Revenue Sharing Warrants	0	
Antirecession Warrants	1,320.00	
Remaining Disbursements	1,489,481.07	
Total Disbursements		2,042,239.53
Balance as of 12/31/79		490,713.68

Cash as of 12/31/79

Combination Checking and Savings Account	\$246,920.39
Certificates of Deposit	209,819.95
Antirecession Account	660.29
Revenue Sharing	33,313.05
Total	\$490,713.68

REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

The balance as of 12/31/79 is \$7,265.04

INVESTMENT AND TRUST FUNDS**6 Month Period — July 1, 1979 - December 31, 1979**

	Balance 7/1/79	Amount deposited	Amount withdrawn	Interest gained	Balance 12/31/79
Library Newell Fund	683.51	31.60	0	19.44	734.55
Day Library Fund	712.19	0	0	21.02	733.21
Holt Library Fund	695.08	0	0	19.61	714.69
Kindergarten Library Fund	5,201.05	0	0	144.99	5,346.04
Bumstead Cemetery Fund	3,841.57	0	0	113.56	3,955.13
Town Common Fund	1,078.10	0	50.00	30.35	1,058.45
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	18,493.85	0	0	546.92	19,040.77
Stabilization Fund	93,938.84	0	66,441.20	1,462.56	28,960.20
COA Senior Center	231.25	0	0	6.44	237.69
Conservation Commission	2,143.81	1,047.52	0	138.07	3,329.40

Respectfully submitted,
Jane M. Wyman
Treasurer

DUTCH ELM REPORT

Dead and diseased elm trees were cut and destroyed on the following roadsides during the year 1979; Carmody Road, Mill Road, East Longmeadow Road, Bennett Road, Main Street, North Road, South Road, Chapin Road and Wilbraham Road.

Many of the diseased elm trees removed were large.

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

BOARD OF ASSESSORS ANNUAL REPORT

The past year has been a relatively normal year presenting no major problems to the Assessors. Hampden's 1979-80 Tax Rate was an increase of \$1.50 over the previous year. This increase was the result of decreased reimbursements from the State.

On a personal note, we mourn the passing of our Clerk, Mrs. Alice Fuller, who devoted 35 years to the Assessors Office and to the Town.

The assessors meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, except August; and we wish to remind the Taxpayers of our new Office hours which are as follows:

Mon. - 9:00 - 3:00
Tues. - 12:00 - 8:00
Wed. - 9:00 - 2:30
Thurs. - 9:00 - 2:30

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley Witkop, *Chairman*
Richard Jalbert
Henry Baush



Board of Assessors — Standing left to right: Richard Jalbert, Henry Bausch.
Seated: Stanley Witkop, Jr., Chairman.



Clerk to Board of Assessors: Lori Green

Total appropriation to be raised by taxation	\$2,852,466.83
Total appropriation to be taken from available funds	144,094.44
Offsets to Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	
School Lunch	6,915.00
Free Public Library	1,782.00
Racial Imbalance Program	45,152.00
Other Amounts to be Raised	
Veterans Service District	2,166.00
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District	685.80
Amount certified by Treasurer for tax title foreclosure	—
County Tax	98,136.92
State Recreation Areas	19,093.06
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	710.55
Air Pollution Control District	932.55
Special Education Chapter 766	—
Overlay of Current Fiscal Year	52,898.35
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$3,228,285.42

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

1980 Fiscal Year Estimated Receipts Certified by the Commissioner on Cherry Sheet	776,870.00
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	215,599.00
Licenses	9,219.00
Fines	5,957.00
General Government	4,362.00
Protection of Persons and Property	391.00
School: (Local receipts of School Committee)	775.00
Libraries (Local receipts other than State Aid)	325.00
Recreation	1,770.00
Interest: On Taxes and Assessments	15,542.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Available Funds Taken	144,094.00
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise	145.00
Dump Sales	—
Dog Pound Fees	215.00
Overestimates on Cherry Sheet	3,897.17
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$1,244,052.61
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	1,984,232.81
Personal Property Valuation	\$ 2,915,426.00 x \$35.00 102,039.91
Real Estate Valuation	\$53,776,940.00 x \$35.00 1,882,192.90
TOTAL	
Additional Real Estate Tax Due to Revision of Valuation	—
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,984,232.81
Taxes Abated in 1979	
1978 Personal Property (Fiscal)	\$ 180.56
1979 Fiscal Personal Property	280.38
1978 Fiscal Real Estate	2,106.20
1979 Fiscal Real Estate	7,471.35
1980 Fiscal Personal Property	199.33
Statutory Exemptions Granted in 1979 on Real Estate	
1979 Fiscal Real Estate	2,430.69
1980 Fiscal Real Estate	12,230.00
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise	148.95
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Committed in 1979	
1977 Commitment	104.79
1978 Commitment	9,379.80
1979 Commitment	260,968.94

Commissioner's Value of Vehicles

1977 Commitment	5,850.00
1978 Commitment	586,250.00
1979 Commitment	4,527,700.00

Motor Vehicles Excise Abatements granted in 1979

1976 Commitment	184.80
1977 Commitment	596.01
1978 Commitment	7,111.62
1979 Commitment	27,071.09

The Town owns the following real estate:

Ames Road	6.00 Acres	1,350.00
Baldwin Lot #122	1.06 Acres	1,585.00
Cross Road (Dump)	13.42 Acres	2,375.00
Main Street .....	.29 Acres	75.00
Martin Farm Rd. (Lot #50) .....	.78 Acres	930.00
Martin Farm Rd. (Lot #51) .....	.80 Acres	955.00
Mill Rd.	1.50 Acres	2,670.00
Mill Rd.	4.00 Acres	510.00
North Rd. ....	.25 Acres	805.00
Sessions Dr. ....	.71 Acres	1,825.00
Thresher Rd.	4.00 Acres	635.00
Wilbraham Rd.	22.00 Acres	1,740.00

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Most of the 1979 Highway money was spent for general maintenance of all roads such as scrapping, drainage, brush cutting, patching, etc.

The middle of March we started construction on Main Street. First, we had to dig the banks for a distance of about fifteen feet to the North side of the road. Next, we had to build retaining walls to hold the banks. Materials used were large rocks to hold the banks in place. There was a large amount of blasting to be done which required a lot of time and money. Later the Bressette house was taken down and taken to the Sanitary Landfill.

Another project was the cleaning of the Scantic River from Somers Road bridge to Mill Road bridge of trees, brush and debris which required more time of the Highway Department.

South Road was reconstructed from Station 11 South to 17 with drainage and catch basins and surfaced with pea stone and asphalt. The berms were installed for a distance of 1700 feet on each edge of road. Shoulders were graded and seeded.

In August we had a small tornado which required about a week to clean up the trees and debris.

We, also, corrected the problems on Forest Hills Road by installing two catch basins and 200 feet of pipe. The road was resurfaced with Bituminous concrete for a distance of 1,000 feet. Also, Allen Street was resurfaced from Stony Hill Road to the East Longmeadow line.

Last winter was cold with ice jams on the Scantic River which caused flooding in the areas of Mill Road, Mohawk Dr., River Park Dr., and Colony Drive.

Respectfully submitted,
Homer L. Fuller
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF LIBRARY — 1979

The Sessions room continues to serve the community as a meeting room. Energy Fair, Health Fair, Scanticook Pony Club, and pupils of Miss Jack's Art class displayed their talents to name a few. Senior citizens also have bimonthly movies in this room.

30 children completed the summer reading program and received a paperback and certificate. Mrs. "Bunny" King made the appropriate bulletin board to go along with the theme: "Homer Price and the Doughnuts".

Coupons, paperbacks, and patterns are still popular on the "swap basis".

Our sincere thank you to Gerald A. Hinch of Bourbeau & Hinch, General Insurance, for ten (10) new magazine subscriptions: Camping, Cycle World, Down Beat, Horse & Rider, Money, Photography, Sport, Tennis, Womans' Day and Weight Watchers. A nice boost to our magazine section.

A sincere thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Melville, Jr. who gave to the library two books: American Brilliant Cut Glass by Bill & Louise Boggess, and the Fine Furniture of Early New England by Russell Hawes Kettell in Memory of Vera C. Melville.

A set of World Book Encyclopedias was purchased for the reference section. World Book seems to be the most popular among the students.

With soaring prices, we have more patrons borrowing books, records, and magazines.

The Library Staff attended a five session work shop on Book Selection and Collection Development given by Western Regional Public Library System.

A thank you to Mrs. Bittner's 4th grade class for their art work which decorates the library at different times throughout the year. We all enjoy their talents.

Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Julia Bouchard for her volunteer work and to the many patrons who donated books, paperbacks, coupons, puzzles, and sewing patterns.

The Library trustees meet on the third Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam P. Bryans, *Trustee*
Helen Dickinson, *Trustee*
Ann Byron, *Trustee*
Elizabeth J. Curtis, *Librarian*



Hampden Public Library: Standing left to right: Elizabeth Curtis, Librarian; Margaret Rochford. Seated: Adina Johnson

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	11 A.M. to 5 P.M.	7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
Wednesday	11 A.M. to 5 P.M.	7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
Thursday	11 A.M. to 5 P.M.	
Saturday	12 A.M. to 5 P.M.	

Closed Saturday — July and August thru Labor Day

LIBRARY STATISTICS

General Services

Circulation	
Books	21,448
Paperbacks	862
Periodicals	2,452
Recordings	<u>1,387</u>
	26,149
Volumes Added	654
Volumes Discarded	584
Total Collection	13,039
Magazine Subscriptions	56
Total Attendance	12,970
Inter-Library Books Borrowed	78
Bookmobile	<u>2,046</u>

Finances

Receipts	
Revenue Sharing	\$15,055.00
State Aid (2 years)	1,781.63 + 1,714.50
Dog Tax	<u>119.40</u>
	\$18,670.53
Expenditures	
Wages	\$12,139.00
Media Materials	5,515.00
Supplies, Telephone, Incidentals	<u>1,016.00</u>
	\$18,670.00

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

During the year 1979 gypsy moth infestation showed no appreciable increase from the past few years.

Over 425 clusters were found and destroyed during 1979.

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Reardon
Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Veterans' Service office is under the control of the State Commissioner of Veterans Services and governed by Chapter 115 of General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The present Massachusetts laws relating to veterans and their dependents are administered by state and local departments of Veterans Services providing two major programs. One pertains to services and the other to financial aid and assistance to eligible veterans and dependents.

In 1979 there was financial aid given to 7 families from this Department involving 19 people.

Total amount expended during the year 1979 was \$15,872.22 of which 50% is reimbursed by the state, the town's share being \$7,936.11.

All veterans and dependents should feel free to contact this office whenever their need arises.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert Nietupski
Director of Veterans' Services

1979 - 1980 FISCAL YEAR REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

The Hampden County Extension Service is a unique partnership of local, county, state, and federal governments established to provide continuing education programs to all residents of Hampden County. Essentially, it is an Extension of the University of Massachusetts with the special mission of introducing the the results of research and improved knowledge for practical application. Areas of special focus include child development and family relations, 4-H Youth Development, human nutrition, clothing and textiles, food and fiber production, preservation, marketing and utilization, horticulture as it affects the home and community, and community resource development.

In accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth - Chapter 128 the Trustees For County Cooperative Extension Service are empowered to receive, on behalf of the County, money appropriated by any town or by the Federal Government to support programs.

During the past year Extension staff have conducted programs in your community. A total expense of \$27.00 was incurred for either travel or purchase of material needed by local leaders to carry out programs. The appropriation made by your town was used only for residents of the town.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1979-80 Appropriation Received	\$125.00
Total Expenditures for 12 Months	\$ 27.00
Outstanding Bills	none
Recommended Appropriation for 12 Months	none
July - December 1980	January - June 1981
none	none

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees For County Cooperative
Extension Service
Walter Melnick, *Clerk*



BOARD OF APPEALS — Front Row, left to right: Dalton Philpott; Clifford Keeney, Chairman; Norma Buckley, Clerk; Bert Nietupski. Back Row: Charles Schmitt, Lawrence Smith, Bryce Norwood, Francis Buckley. Gail Lefebvre is presently Clerk to Board of Appeals.

1979 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals held 11 public hearings during the year 1979: six were applications for variances from the Zoning By-Law, four for Special Permits, and one for permission to build in a dry portion of the Wetlands Zoning District. The decisions of the Board were as follows:

Dr. John Varley — The petitioner requested a Special Permit to convert his professional office residence into two professional offices. The petition was denied.

Mr. Austin Harris — The petitioner requested a Special Permit for moving earth from his property. The request was granted with restrictions.

Artina Corporation — The petitioner requested a Special Permit to add to a non-conforming structure by adding price pods to the presently existing sign at 498 Main Street. This petition was denied.

Mr. William L. Lemieux — The petitioner requested a Special Permit to construct 11 residences on lots which were located in the Wetlands Zoning District. The Board of Appeals convened a meeting of the Planning Board, the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission on the site of the proposed construction. Upon receiving favorable reports from all three groups the petitioners request was granted with restrictions.

Mr. Richard C. Jonelis — The petitioner requested a variance for relief from the side setback requirement in order to add to an existing barn. The petition was denied.

Mr. Richard C. Jonelis — The petitioner requested a Special Permit to alter and enlarge an existing barn which is a non-conforming structure. This petition was granted with restrictions.

Mr. Donald D. Dickinson — The petitioner requested a variance from the front set back requirement in order to convert an existing barn into a residence. The petition was granted subject to specified conditions.

Mr. Carlos Carranza — The petitioner requested a variance from the frontage requirement of the R-4 Zoning District in order to build a driveway to service one residence to be built on a 28 acre tract, part of which is in the Wetlands Zoning District. The petition was granted subject to specified conditions.

Laughing Brook Educational Center — The petitioners requested a variance from the required side set-back in order to construct an indoor facility for Nature and Environmental Education. The petition was granted subject to restrictions.

Mr. Edward Plumb — The petitioner requested a variance from the frontage requirement in the R-6 Zoning District which would enable him to build a residence on a section of his property. This petition was granted subject to specified conditions.

Mr. Wayne Goodwin — The petitioner requested a variance from the frontage requirement of the R-4 Zoning District. The petition was withdrawn without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,
Clifford Keeney, *Chairman*
Dalton Philpott, *Vice Chairman*
Francis Buckley
Bert Nietupski
Bryce Norwood
Charles Schmitt (Alternate)
Lawrence Smith (Alternate)
Gail Lefebvre
Clerk to the Board of Appeals

REPORT OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Park and Recreation Commission met regularly on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Several other special meetings were held with other organizations on other evenings. Steve LeClair met with the Master Plan Update Committee as our representative to that committee.

Our summer recreation director of the six week program at Memorial Park was Mr. Peter Vangsness. This program has many varied activities including special event days, arts and crafts, games, field trips, archery, swimming and other camp related experiences.

Mr. David Smith was our swimming director. The pool was open to the public in the afternoons and evenings. Swimming lessons were given to all those interested — from beginner to advanced swimmers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Morse ran an Annual Tennis Tournament and had a good turnout for this event. The town also had a women's tennis team that competed with other local town teams.

The annual July 4th program was held this year and the activities were very well attended. The Lion's Club ran an auction and a raffle, there was the annual AAU sponsored road race, many games, contests and baseball and softball games.

Mr. Gordon Clark was elected to a two year term. Mr. James Whipple and Mr. Stephen LeClair were elected to three year terms.

The Park and Recreation Commission sponsors year round activities under the direction of Mr. Norm Proulx, Director of Recreation. These programs include soccer, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, street hockey, men's softball, women's exercise (with the YMCA), and ski trips. These programs are for boys, girls, men and women. A listing of the dates of these events was published in the Reminder, the Selectmen's Newsletter, and a flyer that was distributed within the town at many of the businesses.

The baseball, softball (for boys and girls ages 8-14) are funded in part by the Park and Recreation Commission budget, but are under the direction of the Recreation Association of Hampden (RAH). This is a volunteer organization that contributes many hours of time for the youth of the town in order to provide these programs.

The entire commission wishes to acknowledge and thank those who have given their time and experience throughout this past year. It is sincerely appreciated. Our goals for good parks and many varied activities for every town resident is difficult, but with the help of so many interested and dedicated people, these goals become attainable.

Respectively submitted,

James Whipple, *Chairman*

Helene Hesser, *Vice Chairman*

Mark Willcutt

Stephen LeClair

Gordon Clark

Lucille McGuill, *Clerk*



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION — Seated left to right: Gordon Clark, Stephen LeClair, James Whipple, Chairman, Helen Hesser, Vice Chairman, Lucille McGuill, Clerk.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1979.

During the year the Police Department recorded 5,317 log entries. Of these 2288 required further investigation. The calls received by the department were for assistance, complaints and the reporting of crimes. The following is a general breakdown of the types of complaints received and investigated by the Police Department.

B & E Forcible Entry	40	Dog Complaints	121
B & E Unlawful Entry	23	Dog Bites	12
B & E Attempted Forcible Entry	2	Arrests for Other Departments	3
Larceny Over \$100	38	Lost Persons Searched For	1
Larceny Under \$100	68	Peeping Toms	10
Vandalism	170	Stolen Merchandise Recovered	12
Ambulance Assists	55	Recreational Vehicle Complaints	36
Fire Department Assists	94	Suspicious Activity	257
Family Problems	57	Suspicious Motor Vehicles	21
Bikes Reported Stolen	23	Youth Problems	110
Bikes Recovered	14	Neighborhood Problems	17
Buildings Found Open	78	Motor Vehicle Complaints	248
Burglar Alarms Answered	118	Persons Assaulted	2
Stolen Cars Reported	6	Motor Vehicle Related Deaths	1
Stolen Cars Recovered	13	Stolen Motorcycles Recovered	1
Prowlers	3	Arson	1
Missing Persons	21	Protective Custody	10
Obscene Phone Calls	20	Citizen Assists	185



HAMPDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT, REGULAR OFFICERS — Standing left to right: Alfred Taylor, Robert Toulson, Richard Alexander, William Chechile, Robert Newton. Seated left to right: Sgt. Donald Bouchard; Nancy Joy, Clerk/Secretary; Chief George Stone, Chief of Police.



HAMPDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT RESERVE OFFICERS — Standing left to right: Sgt. Mary Kupec, Michael Zimmerman, John Panaia, Raymond Schmuck, Richard Roberts, Sgt. William Batchelor. Seated left to right: Peter Markhard, Michael Doyle, Mark Reisner, Carol Chaput, Edward Jodoin.

During the year 113 persons were arrested and a total of 224 complaints were filed against them in the following categories.

B & E Daytime w/intent com. felony	5	Procuring Alcohol for a minor	1
B & E night time intent misd.	4	Contrib. Delinquency of a minor	2
B & E Daytime intent misd.	1	Per. Under 20, Poss. Alcoholic Bev.	4
Enter Dwell, n/time w/o breaking	2	Proc. Alcohol for Person Under 20	1
B & E night time w/intent felony	3	Drinking in a Public Place	5
Larceny Over \$100	12	Oper. MV Under Influence alcohol	17
Larceny Under \$100	13	Hit & Run Personal Injury	1
Wilfull. Mal. Dest. Property	19	Oper. Motorcycle w/o a Helmet	1
Malicious Damage	2	Oper. Uninsured Motor Vehicle	2
Malicious Dam. Personal Property	1	Oper. Unregistered Motor Vehicle	2
Poss. Class D. Sub., Marijuana	4	Oper. Motor Vehicle to Endanger	3
Poss. Class D. Sub. Marij. Int. Dist.	2	MV Inv. in Vehicular Homicide	1
Poss. Class A Substance	1	Failure Stop for a Police Officer	2
Poss. Class B. Substance	2	Speeding	7
Attempted Larceny Under \$100	4	No Registration Possession	2
A & B on a Police Officer	4	Oper. Motor Vehicle Negligently	1
Assault & Battery	1	Oper. MV w/o Inspection Sticker	2
Assault & Bat. w/a Dang. Weapon	1	Using a MV w/o Authority	3
Threat to Murder	1	Oper. MV w/o a License	5
Disturber of the Peace	4	Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle	1
Disorderly Persons	12	Straddling Marked Lanes	2
Mal. Damage to Town Property	1	Attaching Plates	2
Tresspass. Viola. Restrain. Order	1	Oper. MV no License Possession	3
Trespassing	4	Oper. MV w/o a Muffler	1
Harras. & Annonny. Phone Calls	2	Fail. Stay in Right Lane	2
Arrest for Other P.D.'s	3	Oper. MV Defective Equipment	4
Larceny of Mass. Registration plate	1	Violation of Park Rules	3
Minor, Poss. Alcohol in a MV	4	Non-Payment of Court Fines	1
Minor, Poss. of Alcohol	29		

The following is a summary of motor vehicle cases handled by the police department during the year. A total of 409 citations were issued in 1979, of these 188 were on radar.

Speeding	237	Using MV in commission of crime	1
Speed Warnings	78	Operating after license revocation	1
Using MV w/o authority	5	Hit & Run w personal injury	1
Operating recklessly	2	Straddling marked lanes	7
Offensive noise (burning rubber)	10	Key, ignition, must be removed	1
Noisy muffler	3	Operating w/expired license	1
Operating w/o a license	13	Oper. recklessly (M/V accident)	1
Operating uninsured MV	12	Leav. scene of property damage	2
Operating unregistered MV	12	Homicide by motor vehicle	1
Attaching plates	6	Defective equipment	8
Stop sign	20	Failure to stay right	5
No inspection sticker	9	Operating under the influence	19
No eye protection (MC)	2	Leav. the scene (M/V accident)	1
Oper. w/o license in possession	8	Operating w/o proper plates	1
No registration in possession	10	Operating w/too little tread	3
Operating to endanger	9	Oper. in violation (restrictions)	2
Operating negligently	10	Operating MC w/o headgear	3
Littering on a public way	1	MC, learners permit, no passenger	1
Failure to stop for police officer	8	Abandonment of M/V	1
Passing, no passing zone	8	No rear taillights	3
Impeded oper. (frnt. wheel on road)	1	No plate light	2

Warnings given out, other than speeding, are listed below.

Violation of insurance law	1	No plate light	3
Defective equipment	3	No mirrors	1
Passing, no passing zone	1	Oper. w/o license in possession	7
Noisy mufflers	1	Failure to stop (stop sign)	7
No registration in possession	2	No headlamp	2
Oper. w/o a license (dirt bikes)	4	Operating unregistered	6
Failure to stop for police officer	2	Offensive noise (burning rubber)	7
Operating MC w/o headgear	1	Operating w/o license for MC	3
No taillights	2	No inspection sticker	2
No eye protection for MC	1	MC, learners permit, no passenger ...	1
Straddling marked lanes	1	Failure to stay right	1
Parking (no safety precautions)	1	Parking (in intersection)	1

There were 100 motor vehicle accidents reported and investigated by this department. A total of 143 motor vehicles were involved in these accidents requiring 36 persons to receive medical treatment. 3 bicycle accidents were reported involving motor vehicles, and 1 accident was reported involving a moped.

1 person was killed as a result of a motor vehicle accident in 1979.

During the year \$1,593.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits, and reports for insurance companies.

Total amount of fines and sentences:

Fines	\$7,300.00
Court Costs	1,580.50
Restitution	3,227.35
House of Correction, direct	5 years
House of Correction, suspended	8 years, 3 months

Attorney Walter Raleigh handled 66 trials and 79 arraignments involving 186 complaints in his capacity of Town Prosecutor.

Under new laws established by the state involving motor vehicle and certain other types of crime, monies collected through the courts are returned directly to the towns and deposited in the general fund. Court costs are applied against witness fees and other miscellaneous court expenses. Restitution is normally returned directly to the injured party.

During 1979 our reserve police officers underwent a considerable amount of training. They have completed CPR, first aid and firearms training. New officers have also completed a state mandated criminal law examination as conducted by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. The members of the reserve police have also donated many hundreds of hours of service to the town — especially on weekends. When available, they have also covered shifts for men on vacation, out sick or in school. I wish to thank all the members of the reserve police for the time they have donated to the town and to the reserve police department.

Our Safety Officer, Reserve Sargeant Mary Kupec, has again this year presented many fine programs in our schools and to civic organizations. Many hours of preparation are required to prepare safety programs for our youngsters and for other organizations. The police department is very fortunate to have Reserve Sargeant Kupec as our Safety Officer. She takes a great interest in promoting safety to our children and the residents of our town. We are planning to continue these programs throughout the year and hope that many of our residents will take advantage of them.