

The police department yearly report for 1978 showed a greater number of calls coming into the department. Even though the number of calls received in 1979 were less, the number of complaints received has increased. This can be reflected in the number of arrests and the number of complaints filed in the courts during 1979. As the Town of Hampden increases in population, the complaints received by the department also increase. In figures available from the state on crime in the town of Hampden for 1978, approximately 35.6% of each 1000 inhabitants report a crime to the police department. Of these, approximately 13.5% were cleared by the police department. At the present time the Hampden Police Department is operating on one officer for each 1000 persons. The national average is 2.2 officers per 1000 and the state average is 2.5. In 1977 I submitted a masterplan for the police department growth to the Board of Selectmen. At that time it was recommended that a sergeant be appointed in 1979 to give an additional ranking officer to the department. It was also recommended that during 1980 an additional patrolman be appointed to fill the vacant position created by the promotion to sergeant of the patrolman on the department. In 1979 Officer Donald Bouchard was promoted to sergeant. I have this year, in my police department budget, requested an additional patrolman to fill this vacancy. The additional position of patrolman would be for the split or overlap shift during the busiest time for the department. This is normally between the hours of 7:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M. Most of the activity of the department and the arrests take place during these hours. This is also the time when most serious motor vehicle violations are occurring especially operating under the influence. This would also give us an additional man to fill in for vacations, which total approximately 18 weeks and to cover shifts for men assigned to schools for 1 week at a time as mandated by the state requiring an additional 8 weeks of coverage. With the sergeant assigned to the second shift, it would also provide a commanding officer for that shift. He would be able to follow up and continue investigations which, in this last year, have taken us to many western Massachusetts communities and Connecticut. I feel that by adding a man at this time we will keep the department's strength in line with the growth of the town thus eliminating the need to add a considerable number of men at a later date. We are asking for your support in this matter and hope that the residents will attend the advisory board's hearing at which time this will be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,
George K. Stone, Jr.
Chief of Police



Planning Board — Left to right: Chip Keeney, LPVRPC Representative; John Mikkola; Judith Jackson, Clerk; Carl Libby, Chairman; John Partyka; Frederick Maher, Jr. Karl Sternberg not present when picture was taken.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has always been made up of volunteers donating their time to the common good. As times get more and more complicated, we often find it necessary to seek out "expert advice", such as that provided by the Town's Consulting Engineer and Town Counsel. Hampden is fortunate to have a Planning Board made up of members whose full-time jobs touch areas commonly dealt with by the Board.

There has been concern by Town Boards again this year about solving water problems. It is recalled that at the time of early subdivision development, controls were few and it was "buyer beware". In a then very rural town, there were lots of places for water to go. After a very dry period, building continued and many natural areas became blocked causing unforeseen problems.

At the request of individual citizens and due to member concern, there has been several discussion periods devoted to avoiding future water problems in sections of town currently being developed.

A subdivision showing 12 lots off Mill Rd. and called Riveredge Dr. was presented in Feb. by builder Wilfred Lemieux. Ending in a cul-de-sac adjacent to Fox Run Lane, these lots underwent careful scrutiny, as although the lots are high, dry and buildable, the area has wetlands around it and is bordered by the Scantic River.

In answer to a request from the Fire Dept. that the name of this subdivision be changed, a new policy was developed whereby no new streets can be named in a manner similar to an established street name. Due to the similarity of the streets named Riverpark Dr., Riveredge Dr., and Riverside Dr., the Fire Dept. had the experience of responding to a brush fire on the wrong street. The name of the new subdivision was changed from Riveredge Dr. to Michelle Dr.

Construction work in Dutil Village has been completed and the road paved. There will be some finish grading in the spring.

The Commercial Drive subdivision has changed owners. Owned by E. N. Christianson, it was purchased by Third National Bank. Mr. Bud Imler has purchased one of the lots facing East Longmeadow Rd. and plans to operate a Real Estate Office and an Auction Barn on the site. The new owners are actively seeking buyers now that this parcel has been sold.

The Zoning Subcommittee is currently involved in the Master Plan review. They have also been asked to review the Subdivision Regulations booklet before they can be reprinted. The owners of the Hampden Country Club discussed the concept of 50 to 60 condominium units to be built on their Wilbraham Rd. property, which meant the sub-committee was also charged with reviewing the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning. Still under study is wording for trailer/mobile home zoning.

Carl F. Libby, *Chairman*
Frederick Maher, Jr.
Karl D. Sternberg
John M. Mikkola
John L. Partyka
Judith M. Jackson, *Clerk*

MELVILLE ROOM NAMED IN HONOR OF FORMER SELECTMAN

The Board of Selectmen presented a special award in recognition of outstanding and lengthy service to the Town of Hampden to Charles R. Melville, Sr. on May 21, 1979. In addition to having served as Selectman for 18 years, Mr. Melville was our first building inspector, electrical inspector, and also served on the original Recreational Field development committee, being Treasurer of the fund drive for the purchase of that original piece of property.



Presentation of special award to Charles R. Melville, Sr. (left) and making presentation John M. Flynn, Chairman, Board of Selectmen (right).

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Keeping a finger on the pulse of the community is one of the prime requisites for being both responsible and responsive Selectmen. Toward this goal, during 1979, your Selectmen held or attended 104 distinct and separate meetings. In addition to the 46 regularly scheduled meetings of our office, the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting of Oct. 15, 1979, 55 additional meetings were attended — either with other departments or with townspeople with special concerns. It is through these meetings that we are made aware of any problems that exist or might be foreseeable and, as a result of this awareness, can direct our energies toward better Town Government.

All directives charged to us by vote at Town Meeting have been carried through to completion with the exception of three instances, which, by their nature, are still ongoing. These are the finishing of the work to be done on Main St., the Fire Station addition, and the actual installation of Cable TV. As soon as all danger of Winter is past, our Highway Dept. will again tackle the stone work still to be continued on Main St., as well as repaving of the area. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation as this project continues. The building of the addition to the Fire Station is proceeding on schedule and when completed will be a plus to the efficiency of that Department.

Cable TV will soon be a reality in Hampden, after two years of behind-the-scenes meetings and legal formalities. As of this writing final contracts have been signed between our Town and the Greater New England Cablevision Co. and, if all goes well, by July 1980, we should see installation within your homes.

While 1979 may have been "The Year of the Child" for the rest of the United States, for the little Town Hampden it became the "Year of the River." Unusual weather patterns of January and February 1979, with continuous sub-zero temperatures coupled with heavy intermittent rainfall, caused extensive ice build-up in the river, particularly in the West side of Town. The result of this was flooding of some of the properties in that area. Many discussion meetings and hearings with those concerned and with representatives from Tighe & Bond Engineers, the Conservation Commission, as well as on-site meetings have been held throughout 1979. Fortunately, Nature has been with us so far this Winter, and the situation has not repeated itself. As it stands now, the Conservation Commission is awaiting approval of an Order of Conditions from the DEQE which will spell out what steps may be considered to help prevent such flooding in the future in the Mill Road area.

Also, as an aid toward preventing overflowing of the banks of the Scantic, a river cleanup and maintenance program has been a major project of this past year. With the cleaning out of debris, a resultant free flow of water should reduce flooding problems considerably.

Ambulance service, which was approved at last Town Meeting, has been instituted with very satisfactory results. So far the ambulance has responded to 102 calls, with response time being approximately 8-10 minutes. A very comforting thought to know that help is only minutes away when you need it most, and for a very small part of our tax dollar.

The Energy Crisis has not skipped by Hampden — we, too, saw lines beginning to form at our service stations and "NO GAS" signs on occasion. However, immediately that word was received that the State would order allocation of extra gasoline to those stations that would stagger their hours, this Board was on the telephone to Boston, and together with our strong Energy Commission, and the cooperation of both stations in Hampden, inconvenience to our townspeople was minimal. We have continued to work closely with the Energy Commission on all phases it encompasses and appreciate the work the Commission has done under the direction of its Chairman, Earl Connors. We also extend our thanks to both Nancy Zebert and Sandy Gray who have given time "above and beyond" to help with energy saving forums and ideas. The problems of energy conservation is very real as costs continue to spiral out of sight and we must all sacrifice during these trying times if we are going to make it.

We must soon consider replacement of the heating system in our Town House. The system is old and obsolete and very wasteful of fuel as it presently operates. With this in mind, we have engaged R. W. Hall Consulting Engineers, Inc. to do an engineering study of the building and to come up with suggestions and dollar estimates so that we might present them to the Town for consideration. This is a real need and we will keep you advised.

Through our Newsletters we have been striving to bring to the voters the urgency of attending not only the Annual Town Meeting, but also the Advisory Board's pre-meeting hearing on the Warrant. It is at this meeting that the Town Meeting Warrant is explained and discussed and gives you an opportunity to do your "homework" so that you can come to Town Meeting with intelligent, meaningful questions.

The Town Meeting is, after all, the single most important act of government in Hampden, and is a strong medium of communication about town affairs. The more of you who attend the stronger that communication becomes, and the more representative becomes the vote on various issues. It does not solve anything to sit at home and complain — come to Town Meeting to complain! We will listen to your concerns. But remember that it is you — the voters — who make the final decision, and you cannot vote at home!

As the Town grows, so does its problems and complexities. Some of this stems from State inroads on Home Rule, some of it from legislation, some from greater sophistication of our society itself, and some from the increased sheer numbers themselves. All of this involves more time and closer study by your Selectmen and their office. We find it increasingly necessary to have close communication between

departments, particularly as new laws and potential liabilities come up for study. We find we more frequently have to make use of the specialized knowledge of Atty. Jennings, Town Counsel, and of Mr. Couture of Tighe & Bond, in making decisions. We feel that we have had good rapport with all departments this past year and thank them all for their input.

We especially want to thank our secretary, Mrs. Ruth Woods, for the efficient and cheerful way she has shouldered her increasing work load. This attitude is a great advantage to any office which deals with the public.

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

Building Permit Fees	\$ 2,053.00
Tax Collector Fees	3,290.45
Selectmen's Fees Licenses, etc.	6,572.50
Police Department	1,593.00
Town Clerk	1,260.70
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$14,769.65

As a final note we would like to mention the loss to our Town of some of its oldest citizens — among them, Mrs. Vera Melville, Mrs. Alice Fuller, Mrs. Estella Howlett, Mr. Clinton Foote, Mr. Carl Howlett, and Mr. E. Clark Warren, for in their passing is the echo of the footsteps of a passing era.

Their feet were firm on the ground, their heads held high, their sites always ahead and hard work was the symbol of their mark. It was an enviable era, and one of which to be proud.

To assist you in effectively reviewing the Annual Town Report, we have included a list of definitions which have appeared previously.

CHAPTERS 81 AND 90 - HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES

Pertain to State and County reimbursements to the Town for construction and maintenance of Town Roads. The amount of reimbursement is based on certain formulas applicable to the work involved - some on a matching basis, some on a per mile of roads basis.

In all cases, the Town must first provide the total funds for the job and receive reimbursement later by State and County.

CHERRY SHEET

So called because of its color. It is the official tally provided each Town by the State Dept. of Corporations and Taxation, and established the amount of money which the Town must provide for certain State and County services and amount the Town will receive in State subsidy for schools, sales tax share, etc. It is a major factor for determining the yearly tax rate.

E & D (EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY)

Known outside of municipal finance as "surplus"; the amount by which cash, accounts receivable, and other assets exceed liabilities.

FREE CASH

Not, as is sometimes thought, the amount of cash on hand. Free cash is the amount of surplus revenue less uncollected taxes of previous years. It is determined by the Bureau of Accounts as of January 1st of each year, and constitutes the "unappropriated available funds", from which we frequently draw to finance equipment or services. Withdrawals from this account must be voted.

MACHINERY FUND

The Town charges the State for the use of town trucks and other equipment on Chapter 81 and 90 work at rates set by the Mass. D.P.W. The income from this is deposited in the Machinery Fund and may be used, by a vote of the Town, for the purchase of equipment.

OVERLAY

The amount the Assessors add to the fixed appropriations to cover tax abatements granted throughout the year.

OVERLAY RESERVE

The accumulated amount of overlay remaining after abatements of prior years. The Overlay Reserve Fund may be used by vote for extraordinary or unforeseen purposes or as is most common, voted into the Reserve Fund.

RESERVE FUND

A contingency account, held by the Advisory Committee, for unforeseen expenditures not covered by normal departmental appropriations. This account may be disbursed at the discretion of the Advisory Committee.

STABILIZATION FUND

A "savings account", which the townspeople vote to create and to which funds may be added at any Annual Town Meeting or under certain circumstances, a Special Town Meeting. Money for the Stabilization Fund may be appropriated through taxes or transferred from Free Cash. Capital expenditures may be financed from this Fund, although the most common use of this money for school construction, since the State will match dollar for dollar up to \$100,000 of such a project. All disbursements from the Fund must be passed by vote of the Town.

REVENUE SHARING

Money received directly from Federal Government, based on combination of census, taxes collected, and income tax information.

Jeannette S. Green, Chairman

Arthur A. Booth, Jr.

John M. Flynn



JEANNETTE S. GREEN

Chairman

Board of Selectmen



ARTHUR A. BOOTH, JR.

Board of Selectmen



JOHN M. FLYNN

Board of Selectmen



RUTH W. WOODS
Secretary
Board of Selectmen and
Board of Health

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

The Board of Health is entrusted with overseeing all areas and functions which may effect the public health. Each year brings new concerns and greater involvement in health related activities. Your Board of Health endeavors to provide the services necessary for our small community while keeping budget requirements as low as practicable. With the exception of the additional ambulance service, which costs we share with East Longmeadow, the Board of Health budget has remained relatively stable.

Major areas of concern for this report period included not only the normal percolation tests, reviews of food dispensing establishments and the handling of general health complaints as well.

Your board dealt with bat removal from residential structures, possible well contamination due to foreign matter and or chemicals used to treat homes for termites and the new state law banning the use of urea formaldehyde foam (UFF) or foam insulation. Major causes requiring Board of Health assistance or monitoring include the possible lice infestation in the schools, a statewide phenomena this year, and the possible contamination of Centennial Commons water supply. In both cases the Board of Health agent acted in an advisory capacity and provided assistance where and when possible to support both school and Hampden Housing Authority officials.

A matter requiring more and more time of our Board of Health agent is the examination of new well installations to insure they are properly located in relation to the existing septic tank facilities. This new requirement will insure that future septic tank repairs, and/or installations are maintained at a safe distance from the water supply.

The landfill continues to consume a major portion of Board of Health time and justifiably so. Our facility is a model to to be admired by surrounding towns. More important however, it behooves us to insure the longevity of our landfill since any viable alternative open to us would be far more costly to the taxpayer. With longevity in mind the Board has established a policy of not accepting material from any one source that could conceivably shorten the life of the landfill, specifically tree stumps have not been accepted since in most cases they can be easily buried and / or disposed of (burned) on site.

A two year contract has been signed for the landfill this past year. The operator is Mr. Thomas Woloshchuk now under contract with the Town thru July 1, 1981.

Your Board of Health Agent is Mr. Gary Weiner. He is available usually after 5:00 P.M. in the evening at 566-8194 for information and aid in dealing with health problems. In the event of an emergency, he can be reached by contacting Mrs. Ruth Woods at the Town offices. The continued good health of the people of Hampden is of primary importance and we will continue to address all problems and questions. If we do not have the answers to your questions we will attempt to get them for you.

A Flu Clinic was held on November 7, 1979 at Thornton Burgess School under the direction of Dr. Boucher, assisted by Nurses Jane McCarthy, Judith Hatch and Beatrice Moriarty. Vaccine and syringes were provided free of charge and 92 people availed themselves to the service. Our thanks go out to the above individuals who unselfishly volunteered the time for this worthwhile program.

STATISTICS — BOARD OF HEALTH - 1979

1. Percolation Tests	
A. Approved	18
B. Denied	0
2. Septic System Installer's permits granted	15
3. Septic Removal Permit	5
4. Septic Removal Frequency	144
5. Complaints - Nuisances, Wells, etc.	9
6. Court Action	0
7. Food Service Permits	8
8. Public Swimming Pools Permits	1

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur A. Booth, Jr., *Chairman*

Jeannette S. Green

John Flynn

Gary Weiner, C.E. *Board of Health Agent*

Ruth W. Woods, *Secretary*



CONSERVATION COMMISSION — Seated left to right: Frank Prouty; Rita Vail; Patty Ann Fritze, Chairman; Louis Sicbaldi; Major Benton; Arthur Gerrish; Benjamin Bump, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Please remember to check with the Hampden Conservation Commission before beginning any work near a wet area. The Conservation Commission has responsibility for administering the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40. This law is designed to protect the interests of people by protecting water supplies, guarding against flood and storm damage, and preventing pollution. If it is determined that the work you propose is subject to review by the Commission, you will need to file a Notice of Intent form. These are available from the Commission. In Hampden, where wetlands, or land abutting wet areas and rivers occupy nearly 1/4 of our present land, it is particularly important to manage our water systems, these being a system of interconnected ground and surface water supplies.

The Conservation Commission initiated the current efforts underway for updating Hampden's Master Plan. Working with other townspeople, including the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Parks and Recreation, and citizen volunteers, the Master Plan is being completed. This project has been tackled wholly by local people with assistance from other governmental agencies. Unlike Hampden, in most cases, communities use resident's tax revenues to contract with a consulting firm to undertake master plan work.

This plan will provide a comprehensive look at the future of Hampden and establish patterns for growth. Under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission, updating of the open space and recreation plan will enable Hampden to apply for federal funds to acquire land areas for public recreation and other uses. In conjunction, the Natural Resources Planning Program of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service will provide data necessary for acquiring funding assistance.

The Conservation Commission maintains active memberships in the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC), the Hampden County Division of MACC, and the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

Last year, the Commission published an informational brochure describing the Wetlands Protection Act and the regulations governing work in wet areas. This brochure also explains how land can be preserved by the private and/or public sector. It was distributed to all town residents. If you haven't received a copy, please contact a commissioner and we can send one to you.

If you are wondering whether a project you plan to undertake in any area of Hampden is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act, please feel free to give the Commission a call. We can tell you if you will need to file a Notice of Intent. Beginning this process before undertaking work can eliminate unnecessary delays later.

In closing, we ask that citizens take extra care when disposing of hazardous materials such as used motor oil and anti-freeze. Motor oil can be reused and recycled - a valuable resource - however when dumped on driveways, in the woods or swamps, it becomes a potential threat to clean water supplies. Creative uses for motor oil abound in the home. For example, it can be used to coat garden tools to prevent rust. It can also be left for recycling at Grant's Arco Station and at Hampden Gulf and Tire.

Anti-freeze is a poisonous material. Animals, including our cats and dogs are attracted to it, therefore it should be kept out of their reach, as well as the reach of children. Proper disposal of anti-freeze poses a problem however, since there are no hazardous waste disposal sites in the area.

The Conservation Commission welcomes any questions, comments, or suggestions. Its members are available to you, please don't hesitate to call.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Ann Fritze, *Chairman*
Benjamin Bump, *Vice-Chairman*
Major Benton, *Treasurer*
Rita Vail, *Secretary*
Arthur Gerrish
Frank Prouty
Lou Sicbaldi



HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE — Left to right: Roland Fawthrop; Mary "Ellen" Clark; Judy Witkop, Chairwoman; Carl Sabin; Dr. Maurice F. Heffernan, Superintendent of Schools; Benedetto J. Pallotta, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Donald Davenport.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Hampden School Committee is pleased to present its report for the year 1979.

ENROLLMENT

The October 1, 1979 enrollment was 799 pupils. This is a decrease of seventy pupils from October 1, 1978. Projected enrollment at year end for the 1980-81 school year is 734. Projections indicate that the declining enrollment trend will continue through the early 1980's.

BASIC SKILLS

The State Department of Education has mandated that all school systems be in compliance with the Basic Skills regulations by October 1, 1980. Over the last year the Basic Skills Study Committee has addressed this issue, and thanks to the efforts of this group, the Hampden program will be fully developed prior to the compliance date. Serving on the Basic Skills Committee are Benedetto Pallotta, representing the School Administration; Carl Savin, representing the School Committee; Mrs. Gelinas, Miss O'Malley, Mrs. Gerrard, Mrs. Fregeau, Mrs. Godek and Miss O'Sullivan, teacher representatives. Parent representatives are Mrs. Frances Brown, Mrs. Rita Vail and Mrs. Alicia Desrosier. Mr. Leo Coughlin represents the business community. The School Committee recognizes and appreciates the contribution that this Committee has made to public education in Hampden.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Energy conservation has been a major concern of the schools over the past year. As the price of energy escalates, there are essentially only two options — one is to modify existing structures to make them more energy efficient, the second is conservation. As building modification will require capital outlays, it is a long range solution. Conservation is the appropriate and essential immediate step. As an integral part of the conservation effort, the schools have sent Mr. John Farrell, Thornton Burgess Vice-Principal, to a series of workshops on energy conservation in the schools, sponsored by the Main Office of Energy Resources. Through this process, Mr. Farrell has been certified as an energy auditor and has been appointed the System Energy Coordinator. His specific charge is to monitor energy usage, to study the schools for all low cost and no-cost measures which may be implemented, and to recommend areas of major change.

The results of the conservation process have been gratifying. A comparison of the September through December energy factors between last year and this shows electrical usage at 49,920 KWH less. This represents a reduction of 25.9% with a \$962 or 8.9% reduction in cost. Oil consumption over the same period shows 8900 gallons or a 32.4% reduction.

CHAPTER 766

As of December 1, 1979 120 students were receiving services under Chapter 766. 110 are involved in programs within the school system, 10 are in out-of-district placements. In addition to these, there are presently 10 students who are involved in the pre 766 induction process.

The sum of \$207,866 has been budgeted for the Chapter 766 program for the 1979-80 school year.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

The major item in the area of building maintenance was the repair of the Green Meadows School roof. This project included extensive work on the original roof, including the removal of all skylights and a complete replacement of the roof on the addition. Total budgeted for this project was \$69,566. Payments to date have been \$49,023. Upon certification by the Architect, the final bill will be paid and the project concluded. An important part of the project was the increase in insulation that was placed under the new roof. This should appreciably increase the energy efficiency of the building.

A substantial project that must be addressed in the immediate future is the Thornton Burgess roof. Extensive work must be done around the edge of the roof — large sections of the roof are substantially deteriorated and all of the expansion joints have to be repaired.

VOLUNTEERS

Again during 1979, many parents and residents served the schools as volunteers. The Committee is pleased to recognize this community support for public education and takes this opportunity to thank the many people who served for their service to schools and to public education. For your many contributions, the Committee extends a sincere thank you.

OUTLOOK

There are at present two major concerns that the School Committee must address. The first and perhaps most significant is the matter of declining enrollment. Indications are that this will continue over the next five years with a September 1984 enrollment estimated to be in the 550-600 pupil range. There are important ramifications here involving educational programming, housing, energy conservation, staffing and school district reorganization which must all be thoroughly

examined. To fully address these matters, the School Committee will request at the next Town Meeting that the Town appoint a special Long Range Planning Committee.

The second concern of the School Committee is the matter of energy.

Present attention is in the area of conservation and important gains are being made in terms of reducing consumption. Yet, reduced consumption has not been able to stabilize costs and indications are that this will not happen. Conservation is the single immediate option, but it is not the long term solution. The Committee must embark upon a long term capital improvement program that will make its' buildings energy efficient. It must reduce substantially the energy demand of its' facilities.

The Committee is cognizant of the fact that both of these issues are long term issues and that both will require community input, understanding, and support. The Committee is confident that these challenges can be met.

IN APPRECIATION

Over the year the Committee has sought the advice and assistance of the Board of Selectmen, the Advisory Committee, the Police Department, the Highway Department, several other town departments and the Community. For this advice, assistance and good counsel, the Committee is most appreciative.

Respectfully submitted,
HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 Judith Witkop, *Chairman*
 Mary Clark
 Donald Davenport
 Roland Fawthrop
 Carl Sabin

Superintendent of Schools
 Dr. Maurice F. Heffernan

Assistant Superintendent of Schools
 Benedetto J. Pallotta

COMPARISON OF PUPIL ENROLLMENT

Year	Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1976	90	95	96	108	109	128	119	138	123	1006
1977	59	103	96	96	101	112	130	121	133	951
1978	52	70	103	96	98	96	109	125	121	870
1979	46	64	66	102	103	97	91	111	119	799

Projection of future school enrollments based on static October 1, 1979 enrollment figures and pre-school census figures.

1980	.....	54	46	64	66	102	103	97	91	111	734
1981	.....	60	54	46	64	66	102	103	97	91	683
1982	.....	60	60	54	46	64	66	102	103	97	652

PROJECTION OF HAMPDEN STUDENTS ATTENDING MINNECHAUG HIGH SCHOOL BASED ON OCTOBER 1, 1979 ENROLLMENT

Year	Grade	9	10	11	12	Total
1979	115	126	109	102	452
1980	119	115	126	109	469
1981	111	119	115	126	471

PERSONNEL — HAMPDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:

Dr. Maurice F. Heffernan, *Supt.*
Lexie Guertin, *Executive Secretary*
Patricia Stuart, *Secretary*

PUPIL SERVICES (Both Schools):

Mary-Stuart Cosby, *Adjustment
Counselor/Core Chrm.*
Barbara Walsh, *Guidance Counselor*
Helen McGettrick, *Admin. of Spec.
Education*
Sandra Schneider, *Speech Therapist*
Helen Green, *Executive Secretary*

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES (Both Schools):

William F. Boucher, Jr., M.D. *School
Doctor*
Jane McCarthy, RN, *School Nurse*

THORNTON BURGESS SCHOOL:

Emilie Steere, *Principal*
John Farrell, *Vice-Principal*
Anita D'Amours, *Secretary*
Rita Southworth, *Secretary*

Teaching Staff:

Wm. Anderson, Math Phys. Ed.
Patricia Downes, Math, Reading
Raymond Drury, Music
Roger Farrell, Social Studies
Margaret Flaherty, Science
Katherine Foley, English
Johanna Fregeau, English, Reading
Ann Gatti, Learning Ctr. (Mat. leave)
Kathryn Grollman, Learning Center
Nancy Gerrard, English
Thomas Goodman, Math
Morrison Gray, Science
Sandra Jarvis, Phys. Ed.
Kenneth Ketchum, Social Studies
Janina Luczek, English, Reading
Virginia Midyette, Art
JoAnn Miner, Home Economics
Craig Nakashian, Math
Cecelia Nicholas, Math, Soc. Studies
Ann O'Malley, Reading Resource Rm.
Kenneth Peterson, Soc. Studies, Science
Normand Proulx, Industrial Arts
Arthur Roberts, Science, Math
Sarah Shtrax, Library Skills, Reading
Carolyn Siano, Science, Math
Jean Smith, English, Reading
Florence Viens, Foreign Language

Aides:

Eleanor Hapgood, Lunch Room Aide
Mary Voight, Lunch Room Aide
Phyllis Walsh, Learning Center Aide

Hot Lunch Staff:

Yolanda Esposito, Program Supv.
Marsha Dinoia
Eleanor Hudon
Catherine Marini
Ann Niquette
Susan Wojcik

Custodial Staff:

William Nevins, Custodian Maint.
Byron Brooks
Albert Ward
Mark Willcutt

GREEN MEADOWS SCHOOL:

Benedetto J. Pallotta, *Asst. Supt.
Principal*
Ann Kane, *Secretary*

Teaching Staff:

Mary Bittner, Grade 4
Norma Buchholz, Grade 1
Helen Colling, Grade 3
Helen Dickinson, Grade 4
Helen Geary, Grade 1
Judith Gelinis, Grade 4
Jean Godek, Learning Center
Joyce Goldberg, Grade 3
Phyllis Hultstrom, Grade 3
Kathryn Leary, Music (K-4)
Irene Kielbasa, Grade 2
Juhan Laurits, Phys. Ed. (Both Schools)
Virginia Mahaney, Grade 3
Claire Merrill, Grade 2
Charlotte Miller, Grade 4
Judith Moriarty, Kindergarten
Cynthia O'Sullivan, Grade 2
Elizabeth Phillips, Kindergarten
Doris Vierthaler, Grade 1

Aides:

Carol Davis, Teacher Aide
Barbara Ingraham, Teacher Aide
Elinor King, Art Aide
Barbara Moore, Teacher Aide
Fran Brown, Lunch Room Aide
Elaine Robbins, Lunch Room Aide

Hot Lunch Staff:

Linda Marini
 Carol Schneider
 Mary Specht

Custodial Staff:

Stanley Herring, Senior Custodian
 William Manegre
 David Whipple

Transportation:

Palmer Motor Coach Service, Inc.
 West Springfield Servi-Car Co.

Total Scheduled School Days—185
 (Schools will close after the 180th day)

Sept. 4	Teacher Orientation	Dec. 21	Schools close at end of day
Sept. 5	Schools open — Full Day		Return Jan. 2
Oct. 8	Columbus Day	Jan. 15	Martin Luther King Day
Oct. 26	Teachers' Convention	Feb. 18-22	Mid-Winter Vacation
Nov. 12	Veterans' Day	Apr. 4	Good Friday
Nov. 14-15	Half Days — Parent-Teacher Conferences	Apr. 21-25	Spring Vacation
Nov. 21	Half Day—Thanksgiving Recess	May 26	Memorial Day
	Return Nov. 26	June 24	Half Day — Schools Close

// Indicates No School

HAMPDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Hampden, Massachusetts

1979-80 SCHOOL CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
SEPTEMBER — 18 Days							FEBRUARY — 16 Days						
						1						1	2
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30													
OCTOBER — 21 Days							MARCH — 21 Days						
	1	2	3	4	5	6							1
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30	31				23	24	25	26	27	28	29
							30	31					
NOVEMBER — 19 Days							APRIL — 16 Days						
				1	2	3			1	2	3	4	5
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
25	26	27	28	29	30		27	28	29	30			
DECEMBER — 15 Days							MAY — 21 Days						
						1					1	2	3
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
30	31												
JANUARY — 21 Days							JUNE — 17 Days						
		1	2	3	4	5							1
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
27	28	29	30	31			22	23	24	25	26	27	28
							29	30					

HAMPDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1979

	1978/79	1978/79	Closing	1979/80	1980/81
	Appro.	Expenditures	Balance	Appro.	Appro.
1000 ADMINISTRATION					
1100 School Committee	1,925.00	3,989.33	(2,064.33)	1,675.00	1,725.00
1201 Superintendent	29,427.00	29,570.26	(143.26)	31,298.00	33,695.00
1202 Secretarial Salaries.....	15,295.00	15,497.28	(202.28)	16,268.00	16,269.00
1204 Contracted Services	1,710.00	1,622.00	88.00	1,760.00	2,180.00
1205 Supplies	550.00	705.68	(155.68)	550.00	600.00
1206 Other Expenses	800.00	805.32	(5.32)	800.00	800.00
2000 INSTRUCTION					
2102 Supvn.—Tea. Aides	16,827.00	16,187.65	639.35	15,711.00	16,779.00
2102 Supvn.—Tea Aides—Sp. Ed.	12,852.00	12,802.00	50.00	13,624.00	7,335.00
2106 Supvn.—Other Exp.	650.00	295.69	354.31	675.00	750.00
2106 Supvn.—Other Sp. Ed.	150.00	93.47	56.53	150.00	200.00
2201 Principal's Salaries	69,275.00	69,803.87	(528.87)	74,186.00	79,749.00
2202 Secretarial Salaries	21,240.00	21,503.10	(263.10)	22,641.00	26,928.00
2205 Supplies	600.00	632.84	(32.84)	650.00	675.00
2301 Instructional Salaries	665,575.00	653,446.92	12,128.08	668,239.00	668,239.00*
2301 Instruc. Sal.—Sp. Ed.	34,452.00	35,014.40	(562.40)	37,886.00	37,866.00*
2305 Instruct. Supp.	16,600.00	18,098.00	(1,498.00)	17,500.00	18,650.00
2305 Instruct. Supp.—Sp. Ed.	450.00	1,931.25	(1,481.25)	500.00	500.00
2405 Textbooks	9,500.00	6,088.90	3,411.10	9,500.00	9,885.00
2505 Library Supplies	650.00	590.68	59.32	700.00	700.00
2605 A.V. Supplies	1,000.00	728.67	271.33	1,000.00	1,000.00
2701 Guidance Salaries	16,758.00	16,293.00	465.00	17,701.00	17,701.00
2701 Guidance Sal.—Spec. Ed.	8,379.00	8,379.00	.00	8,850.00	8,850.00
2801 Admin. & Psychologist	8,535.00	8,534.82	.18	9,137.00	9,137.00*
2801 Admin. & Psych.—Spec. Ed.	25,604.00	25,604.45	(.45)	27,414.00	27,414.00*
2802 Clerical—Spec. Ed.	5,200.00	5,200.00	.00	5,513.00	5,823.00
2804 Evaluative Services—Sp. Ed.	750.00	2,155.50	(1,405.50)	6,750.00	6,750.00

2805 Supplies—Sp. Ed.	300.00	468.79	(168.79)	300.00	300.00
2806 Travel—Sp. Ed.	300.00	130.91	169.09	500.00	500.00
2808 Equipment—Sp. Ed.	300.00	.00	300.00	.00	.00
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES					
3101 Salary—School Adj. Couns.	8,379.00	8,379.00	.00	8,851.00	8,851.00 *
3103 Super. of Attendance	100.00	100.00	.00	100.00	100.00
3106 Attendance—Travel—Other	100.00	65.13	34.87	100.00	100.00
3201 Health Salaries	9,775.00	10,383.33	(608.33)	10,245.00	10,957.00
3205 Health Supplies	350.00	353.46	(3.46)	375.00	375.00
3206 Other Exp.—Health	100.00	103.87	(3.87)	100.00	100.00
3334 Transportation—Voc. Ed.	.00	1,523.20	(1,523.20)	2,160.00	2,160.00
3364 Transportation—Spec. Ed.	23,645.00	16,806.10	6,838.90	25,753.00	28,625.00
3374 Transportation—K-8	97,800.00	97,800.00	.00	78,240.00	85,575.00
3394 Field Trips	400.00	109.30	290.70	.00	.00
3403 Food Services—Supv.	6,048.00	4,929.80	1,118.20	5,950.00	6,466.00
3511 Athletic Salaries	6,000.00	5,623.88	376.12	5,000.00	5,000.00
3513 Athletics—Referees	500.00	244.50	255.50	750.00	750.00
3513 Transportation—Athl.	400.00	441.25	(41.25)	500.00	500.00
3515 Athletic Supplies	150.00	59.90	90.10	150.00	150.00
4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE					
4103 Custodial Salaries	57,813.00	58,254.23	(441.23)	62,134.00	66,629.00
4105 Custodial Supplies	2,950.00	4,553.39	(1,603.39)	3,150.00	3,300.00
4125 Heat (Fuel Only)	36,000.00	30,862.02	5,137.98	50,400.00	100,000.00
4135 Utilities	31,675.00	29,608.60	2,066.40	34,863.00	37,850.00
4214 Maint. of Grounds	1,000.00	510.50	489.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
4223 Salaries—Maint. of Bldg.	8,015.00	7,970.56	44.44	8,449.00	9,042.00
4224 Maint. of Bldg. Cont. Rep.	8,700.00	8,506.32	193.68	10,350.00	10,600.00
4225 Maint. Supplies	1,025.00	1,580.29	(555.29)	1,100.00	1,100.00
4234 Maint. of Equip.	1,725.00	2,068.10	(343.10)	1,850.00	1,850.00
4235 Equipment Supplies	500.00	1,017.97	(517.97)	535.00	550.00
4248 Replacement of Equip.	1,000.00	2,577.95	(1,577.95)	1,000.00	1,000.00

6000 COMMUNITY SERVICES									
6203 Salaries—Comm. Prog.	1,200.00	512.66	687.34	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00			
6205 Supplies—Comm. Serv.	100.00	.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00			
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS									
7309 Acquis. of Equip.	2,000.00	1,320.45	679.55						
9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS									
9129 Tuition—Spec. Ed.	73,574.00	68,563.42	5,010.58	80,646.00	80,646.00	100,926.00			
9139 Vocational Tuition	4,500.00	3,136.00	1,364.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,200.00			
9199 Adult Evening	1,500.00	594.00	906.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00			
TOTALS—Regular Education	1,166,722.00	1,147,583.67	18,938.33	1,185,243.00	1,185,243.00	1,268,567.00			
TOTALS—Special Education	185,956.00	177,149.29	9,006.71	207,866.00	207,866.00	225,089.00			
GRAND TOTALS	1,352,678.00	1,324,732.96	27,945.04	1,393,109.00	1,393,109.00	1,493,656.00			
Negotiating Fees	500.00	500.00	.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00			
Preventive Maintenance	5,000.00	1,623.03	3,376.97	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00			

* Salaries presently being negotiated.



HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE — Standing left to right: Paul B. Goodrich; Yorke P. Phillips, Chairman; John C. Howard. Seated left to right: Barbara A. Czepukaitis; Sarah Burke Berenson; Martha W. Cain, Vice Chairman. Mary "Ellen" Clark was not present when picture was taken.

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wilbraham, Massachusetts

The Regional School Committee is pleased to present this annual report to the citizens of the region.

ART

The Performing and Visual Arts Society (PAVAS), a school-wide service group at Minnechaug, provided funds to the Art Department to purchase large art reproductions and have them individually glassed and framed. The prints were presented to the cancer treatment section of Baystate Hospital in Springfield, where they are now on display for the pleasure of patients and staff.

One case of individual accomplishment on an environmental level is that of Bruce Witkop, a Minnechaug art student, who won first prize in the 1979 second annual Mural Project competition. In addition to receiving a cash prize, Bruce had the special gratifying experience of painting his mural design on the exterior wall of the sponsoring architectural firm's offices in downtown Springfield.

BUSINESS EDUCATION

Business colleges are expanding and students are becoming more aware of the need to take business subjects. In keeping with this trend, members of the Business Department are currently developing and updating their knowledge in computerized accounting, in order to develop an understanding and application of computer versus manual accounting. Business education teachers will enroll at Springfield Technical Community College in late January to study Computer Concepts, in order to relate this information to students in future business courses.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Over 120 students in Cooperative Education classes have been placed in full or part-time positions with local employees. A minimum of 15 hours per week is required for students to earn graduation credit for their work experience. The Community Service program developed within the department allows students to get work experience through volunteer work in fields such as nursing, teaching, church work, scouting, coaching, working with service organizations, and the like. Students are in charge of stocking and working behind the counter of the School Store. The store, located in the cafeteria area, sells clothing items such as gym shorts, sweatshirts, socks, outdoor jackets, as well as some school supplies. Students also get retail experience in local and state-wide competitions through the Distributive Education Clubs of America.

ENGLISH

The English Department offered two skills courses this year for graduation credit. Study Skills for the College Bound, a course developed with the cooperation of the Reading Department, is designed to prepare students to take the verbal section of the College Boards, and to strengthen their skills of notetaking, outlining, skimming and scanning of written material, and to teach other skills necessary for college. The Writing Lab provides individualized coaching on writing skills in order to reinforce the writing assignments of regular classroom teachers. Both these courses are taken in addition to the student's English course. The American Literature teachers took their classes to Sturbridge Village to show students the lifestyle of the United States from 1790-1840. The history and literature of that period have been incorporated into Minnechaug's curriculum as a result of summer study at Sturbridge by Mary Lou Brewer of the History Department, and Susan Jones and Art Tipaldi of the English Department. They attended a two-week workshop designed by the Cultural Educational Collaborative, and made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. David Bernstein and Gregory Trimmer, co-directors of Project Blueberry, and four of their students, presented a workshop in St. Louis at the National Cultural Journalism Convention. In the past year, the Project has produced educational tapes for Sturbridge Village, expanded to weekly cable broadcasts, sponsored a Pancake Breakfast, and has been featured on Channel 3's PM magazine. Five Massachusetts high schools adopted the Project during 1979-1980. Also, one cable show won first prize in the New England Video and Film Contest.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

The percentage of students enrolled in French, German, Latin and Spanish is approximately 40% of the school population. A large number of the students who begin language courses in grade 7 complete five years of study. In addition, five seniors are studying this year for the Advanced Placement exams in Spanish and French through an Independent Study course.

GUIDANCE

Guidance counselors are available to help pupils make tentative plans for their educational and career futures. Personal conferences held between students, parents and counselors throughout the school year are an effective way to develop realistic plans suitable to students' abilities and needs. Parents are encouraged to contact the Guidance Office and arrange for these conferences. The staff of the Guidance Department continues to provide evening workshops in college admissions and financial aid, and to counsel groups in career decisions. The "Counselletter" is a department newsletter published every other month and distributed to each student. New this year is a group program for students suspended for drug or alcohol abuse.

HOME ECONOMICS

Junior and senior students continue to show great interest in two Home Economics Department offerings. The first of these is the Child Study Nursery Management course, which continues with a full enrollment of four-year-olds from Hampden and Wilbraham, despite the drop in population of children at this age level. The second is the Food Technology course, where students learn fast food techniques, lunchroom management and catering. As part of the course, students again this year prepared the lasagne dinners for the "Pops" concerts. Either of these programs gives students the opportunity to investigate that particular area in terms of potential careers.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

The Industrial Arts Department continues to enroll approximately one-third of the Minnechaug student body in its courses. During a student's freshman year, Industrial Arts I is offered, providing quarter-year courses in Graphic Arts, Electricity Electronics, Metal and Technical Drawing. Students continuing in the Graphic Arts area may study photographic silk screening and offset printing; electronics students learn solid state circuitry; woodworking students become familiar with hand and power tools while making furniture projects. Courses in metalworking, power mechanics, technical drawing and home and construction maintenance are also offered during sophomore, junior and senior years, allowing students to develop and expand on what they learned in Industrial Arts I.

MATHEMATICS

In order to assess the needs of students experiencing difficulty in basic skills, Hampden and Wilbraham eight-grade students are given diagnostic tests. Alternate courses are being offered to upgrade basic skills deficiencies. Volunteer math students work in an area set aside in the math office to give tutoring assistance to students in need of this service. The Minnechaug "Mathletes" team, under the supervision of Victor Granando, has captured the Western Massachusetts championship three out of the last four years, and is on the verge of capturing its third consecutive title this year.

MEDIA CENTER (Library and Audio-Visual Department)

A wide assortment of print and non-print materials is available for student use in the library and an excellent reference section, covering a variety of topics, is also provided. Volunteer student aides assist the librarian in service to students and teachers. Sports events being taped by student aides this year include basketball, hockey and boys and girls gymnastics. These erasable tapes are used as training aids by players and coaches. Students are also assisted by the audio-visual department in preparing slide-tape classroom presentations, which are often used to supplement written reports.

MUSIC

Parents and members of the Concert Band and Wind Ensemble successfully completed another citrus fruit sale this fall, which enabled Minnechaug to purchase an acoustical shell for improved sound at both indoor and outdoor concerts. The complete shell was used for the first time at the February "Pops" concerts, and will be used outdoors at Minnechaug's graduation ceremonies also. Enrollment in the band program, under the direction of Charles D. Beeler, has grown from 65 to 103 students in one year, and an even greater growth is expected for 1980-81. The Choral groups presented an outstanding performance at the Winter Concert. The Concert Choir plans a busy year of presentation of many varied kinds of music. The Chamber Choir continues to be in demand for concerts in the local and surrounding communities for church and civic organizations. Fourteen vocal and instrumental students successfully passed auditions in competition with hundreds of students from high schools from Western Massachusetts to be chosen members of the District Orchestra, Chorus and Band.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Recent additions to the Physical Education Department curriculum include self-defense, personal fitness, paddle ball and racquet ball, cross-country skiing and the life-saving techniques of advanced first aid. These coeducational units of instruction are chosen by students at the beginning of each quarter. During the freshman and sophomore years, the large muscle activities of team sports are offered, such as field hockey, gymnastics, speed ball, flag football, swimming and track and field. Emphasis is placed during the junior and senior years on "lifetime" or "carry-over" activities a student will use in future leisure time, such as bowling, golf, horseshoes and tennis. In addition, sophomore students have enjoyed a much-expanded "Project Adventure" curriculum which challenges the students both as individuals and as group members in problem solving situations.

READING

The Reading Department at Minnechaug provides a variety of programs for students of all ability levels, as well as a program for staff development. Nine sections of Reading Skills, five sections of Development Reading and three sections of Efficiency Reading are offered each semester. In addition to the regularly scheduled classes, the Reading in the Content Area program is designed to help classroom teachers select appropriate textbooks, identify students who have reading difficulties, and adapt reading materials to meet students' needs.

SCIENCE

The Science Department continues to offer the strong traditional sequence of subjects at varying ability levels that it has for the last few years. The First Aid course now has been expanded to a one-semester course, which includes standard first aid and personal safety certification, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation certification and other contemporary practices and principles. The department also plans to offer an advanced placement chemistry course for seniors who have successfully completed biology, chemistry and physics. As an alternative to adding a terminal to our timesharing system, three Commodore PET microcomputers were purchased this fall on a special promotion from the manufacturer. The microcomputers now provide three additional teaching stations for the introductory computer programming, chemistry and biology classes. The department has begun a library of educational programs for use in these areas.

SOCIAL STUDIES

The second course of a two-year program in World History studies for students in grades nine and ten was begun this year. The course, "History of Modern Civilization," is a study of the fifteenth century up to modern times, and is an extension of the first-year course established a year ago. Some 150 sophomore students enrolled for this new course. There are also now available four-year programs of study in Social Studies for all students of varying ability. For middle to upper ability level students, a four-year study of history is possible, with electives in Psychology and Current Affairs offered in grade 12. For the non-college bound student, four years of study in history and the social studies is offered. The department curriculum has undergone slight changes and modifications during the past several years, making available new and pertinent courses and maintaining, at the same time, a basic core program of traditional and successful courses of study.