

Highway Maintenance .....	36,746.66	
South Road .....	36,700.06	
Resurface Recreation Driveway .....	2,330.66	
Chapter 90 Maintenance		
1976 Money		
Wages .....	\$ 823.20	
Expenses .....	1,666.73	
1977 Money		
Wages .....	157.85	
Expenses .....	1,470.56	4,118.34
Main Street		
Town, 1973 Money		
Wages .....	1,215.20	
Expenses .....	4,559.80	5,775.00
Town, 1974 Money		
Expenses .....		1,528.12
State, 1973 Money		
Wages .....	5,422.21	
Expenses .....	6,127.79	11,550.00
County, 1973 Money		
Wages .....	3,153.41	
Expenses .....	2,621.59	5,775.00
Somers Rd. & Main St. Intersection .....	2,427.58	146,382.89
Snow and Ice		
Wages .....	8,903.32	
Expenses .....	10,975.36	19,878.68
Public Grounds		
Wages .....	12,543.46	
Expenses .....	1,256.48	13,799.94
Street Sweeping .....		1,815.60
Street Lighting .....		9,700.00
Town Garage		
Electricity .....	268.07	
Telephone .....	257.06	
Heating .....	666.38	
Maintenance and Supplies .....	1,251.77	
Gasoline .....	39.98	2,483.26
Road Machinery		
Wages .....	2,446.32	
Expenses .....	6,474.44	8,920.76
Gasoline .....		12,613.61
TOTAL HIGHWAYS .....		\$215,594.74

**VETERANS BENEFITS**

Veterans Benefits .....	11,697.48	
Veterans Service Dept. ....	<u>2,090.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL VETERANS BENEFITS .....</b>		<b>13,787.48</b>

**SCHOOLS**

Administration		
Wages .....	45,067.54	
Other .....	<u>7,113.18</u>	52,180.72
Instruction		
Wages .....	781,803.68	
Other .....	<u>30,773.91</u>	812,577.59
Other School Services		
Wages .....	29,560.51	
Other .....	<u>100,927.61</u>	130,488.12
Operation and Maintenance of Plant		
Wages .....	66,787.53	
Other .....	<u>80,722.40</u>	147,509.93
Community Services .....		512.66
Programs, Other Districts .....		8,031.45
Preventive maintenance .....		1,623.03
Acquisition of fixed assets .....		1,320.45
Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School .....		554,194.72
Negotiating fees .....		500.00
Mass ESEA Title IVB .....		2,192.07
Metco .....		45,152.00
Block Grant .....		2,040.84
PL94-142 Spec. Serv. ....		9,068.95
Chapter 766 .....		172,112.04
Hot Lunch		
Wages .....	27,763.66	
Food and supplies .....	<u>43,929.76</u>	71,693.42
Green Meadows Leach Field .....		14,720.00
Vandalism .....		<u>3,194.59</u>
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS .....</b>		<b>2,029,112.58</b>

**LIBRARY AND RECREATION**

Library .....	12,138.83	
Books and periodicals .....	5,532.29	
Expenses .....	<u>997.07</u>	18,668.19
Library trust .....		29.60
Recreation		
Wages .....	6,636.75	

Electric and telephone .....	837.27	
Supplies and materials .....	5,963.75	
Vandalism .....	845.00	
Improvements .....	1,772.24	
Summer recreation program .....	4,344.33	20,399.34
RAH .....		6,256.43
TOTAL LIBRARY AND RECREATION .....		45,353.56
UNCLASSIFIED		
Memorial Day .....		500.00
Insurance-Property and Liability .....		34,690.35
Employees insurance .....		32,130.50
Town Reports .....		5,082.06
Cemetery .....		36.60
Conservation Committee .....		500.00
Conservation Fund .....		1,000.00
Refunds		
Personal Property .....	151.02	
Real Estate .....	7,854.43	
Excises .....	5,134.61	
Other .....	122.70	13,262.76
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED .....		87,202.27
MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST		
School debt and interest .....	115,345.00	
TOTAL MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST .....		115,345.00
STATE AND COUNTY CHARGES		
State Parks .....	20,303.46	
State Motor Vehicle Excise Billing .....	720.90	
County Tax .....	85,495.06	
County Retirement System Assessment .....	33,727.00	
Pioneer Valley .....	619.86	
TOTAL STATE AND COUNTY CHARGES .....		140,866.28
AGENCY AND TRUST		
Federal Withholding taxes .....	183,081.44	
State Withholding taxes .....	62,616.62	
Retirement contributions .....	22,499.48	
Health insurance .....	36,218.81	
Dog licenses .....	1,817.05	
United Way .....	66.00	
Community Savings Bank .....	2,644.05	
Occidental Insurance .....	506.18	
Bresette land/to Savings Acct. ....	10,000.00	319,449.63

Trust		
Centennial Celebration .....		10,530.01
TOTAL AGENCY AND TRUST .....		329,979.64

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Anti Recession funds .....	3,881.64	
Revenue Sharing .....	67,891.24	
Departmental bills .....	8,561.92	
Council for elderly .....	2,093.00	
Town common .....	49.23	
Loans .....	600,000.00	
Lower Pioneer Valley Plan. Comm. ....	548.64	
County Co-op. Extension Service .....	125.00	
Bressette Property .....	30,117.34	
Sanitary Landfill Acquisition .....	10,000.00	
Architects fees .....	4,083.75	
Fire Call System .....	7,590.40	
Unemployment compensation .....	705.00	
Speed Zone Survey .....	4,465.00	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS .....		740,112.16
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS .....		4,009,394.63

### TOWN OF HAMPDEN STATUTORY BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1979

#### ASSETS

##### CASH:

In Banks and Office .....	284,735.59	
Invested in Cert. of Deposit .....	109,819.95	394,555.54

##### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

##### TAXES:

Levy of 1976		
Real Estate .....		15.05
Levy of 1977		
Real Estate .....	16,685.52	
Personal Property .....	432.00	17,117.52
Levy of 1978		
Real Estate .....	36,860.36	
Personal Property .....	3,069.09	39,929.45
Levy of 1979		
Real Estate .....	86,954.34	
Personal Property .....	7,227.47	94,181.81

##### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:

Levy of 1976 .....	145.20	
Levy of 1977 .....	201.30	
Levy of 1978 .....	10,249.62	
Levy of 1979 .....	96,761.94	107,358.06

**TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS:**

Tax Possessions .....	2,374.16	
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**AID TO HIGHWAYS:**

State .....	111,866.00	
County .....	13,475.00	125,341.00

**UNPAID FOR ACCOUNTS:**

Town Common Fund .....	31.87	
Unemployment Compensation .....	705.00	736.87

<b>LOANS AUTHORIZED:</b> .....	125,341.00	
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**BUDGET REVENUE FISCAL  
YEAR 1980:**

Total Appropriated .....	3,146,712.63	
Less Available Funds:		
State Aid to Libraries .....	1,781.63	
Stabilization Fund .....	69,566.00	3,075,365.00

<b>DUE FROM STABILIZATION FUND:</b> .....	69,566.00	
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b> .....	4,051,881.46	
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**LIABILITIES****PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:**

Blue Cross - Blue Shield .....	3,942.80	
Occidental Group Life .....	125.72	4,068.52

<b>DOG LICENSES DUE COUNTY</b> .....	328.75	
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<b>SALE OF REAL ESTATE FUND</b> .....	600.00	
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<b>CENTENNIAL REVOLVING FUND</b> .....	200.00	
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<b>SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM</b> .....	4,612.99	
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<b>ENGINEERING FEES</b> .....	400.00	
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**TRUST FUND INCOME:**

Bumstead Cemetery Fund .....	148.65	
Cemetery Perpetual Care .....	700.00	
Holt Library Fund .....	220.11	
Day Fund Income .....	6.94	1,075.70

**APPROPRIATIONS****CONTINUED:**

Revenue .....	4,465.92	
Non-Revenue .....	9,819.95	14,285.87

**OVER ESTIMATES:**

State Parks .....	824.71	
County Tax .....	3,045.26	
Pollution Control .....	27.20	3,897.17

RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR  
APPROPRIATION:

Libraries .....	1,781.63	
Road Machinery .....	2,742.17	4,523.80

OVERLAYS RESERVED FOR  
ABATEMENT:

Levy of 1976 .....	15.05	
Levy of 1977 .....	12,292.43	
Levy of 1978 .....	18,945.11	
Levy of 1979 .....	20,462.07	51,714.66

OVERLAY SURPLUS: ..... 23,611.25

REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL  
COLLECTED:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax .....	107,358.06	
State Aid to Highways .....	125,341.00	
Tax Title & Possessions .....	2,374.16	235,073.22

LOANS AUTHORIZED  
& UNISSUED ..... 125,341.00

BUDGET & APPROPRIA-  
TIONS 1980 ..... 3,144,931.00

UNAPPROPRIATED:

Anti-Recession .....	1,980.29	
Revenue Sharing .....	16,228.09	
General Fund (Surplus Revenue) .....	419,009.15	437,217.53

TOTAL LIABILITIES: ..... 4,051,881.46

The books of the Town of Hampden are maintained according to generally accepted accounting principles. We have a systematic method consisting of various checks and balances with which we keep a strict watch on all appropriated funds.

Every six months I verify the Tax Collectors records of uncollected taxes. The figures shown in the Statutory Balance sheet are exactly the same as those shown in the commitment books of the collector as of 6/30/79. Assessor abatements are also checked in the same manner.

Every six months I verify the cash and securities in the custody of both the Town Treasurer and also the Library Trustees. The figures shown in the respective reports of these departments is in exact accord with the Town Ledger.

Every month the cash in the Treasurers accounts is reconciled with the cash as shown on the Ledger.

At any time I would be pleased to answer any question with respect to the financial transactions of the Town all of which are a matter of public record.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cliff Bombard  
*Town Accountant*



**TOWN CLERK: Marie V. Krook**

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Dogs licensed in 1979 - 573 at .....	\$1,919.00
Clerk's fees paid to Treasurer .....	
Sporting licenses (572 at \$4.85) .....	125.75
Dog and kennel licenses .....	201.45
Recordings .....	320.00
Certified copies .....	445.00
Marriages .....	160.00
Trade in Name (business certificates) .....	8.50
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	\$1,260.70

## VITAL STATISTICS

	1977	1978	1979
Births recorded .....	43	48	46
Deaths recorded .....	32	53	45
Marriages recorded .....	51	39	47

Respectfully submitted,  
 Marie V. Krook  
*Town Clerk*

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

1979 saw the Council on Aging complete its second full year of providing services and activities to Hampden's senior citizens.

In the area of service fiscal 1980 witnessed the continuation of a mini-bus service - financed for the most part by the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, together with an appropriation of \$2,100 for two days of service by the Town of Hampden. The mini-bus service, recently expanded to three days a week — at the initiative of the Council

and at no cost to the Town — provides transportation at a small fee for senior citizens and handicapped residents of any age for the purposes of reaching medical appointments and shopping and getting out to meet people, as well as providing transportation to and from the nutrition site at the Town Hall. For the past three months the mini-bus logged a total of 1,008 rides — 336 in November, 1979, 323 in December, 1979, and 349 in January, 1980. In this period 68 different persons took advantage of this service. The third day of service for these months (which will continue for the balance of fiscal 1980) and 1981 was made possible when the Council applied for, and received, a grant for this purpose from the Hampden County Commissioners. These funds, together with the share added by the P.V.T.A., met a vital need of senior citizens in a time of rising gasoline prices. For fiscal 1980 the number of different persons making use of the mini-bus has thus far been 77.

In 1979 the Council continued a monthly foot clinic which provided 107 instances of treatment at the Town Hall or the person's home. The expenses for the foot clinic were met entirely by those receiving the service.

During the past calendar year the hot meals program, administered by the Home Care Corporation of Springfield, again proved to be a very popular one. A total of 8,558 meals were served — 6,906 at the congregate site in Town Hall, and 1,652 delivered to homes of those not physically able to get to the nutrition site. The number of different persons reached by this program was 97. Meals going to the home-bound persons were delivered by a corps of Hampden volunteers organized by the Council.

Monthly health clinics, conducted by the Visiting Nurses Association of Springfield under contract from the Home Care Corporation, resulted in 254 visits by Hampden senior citizens in 1979. Other services provided by the Home Care Corporation included homemakers and home health aides, chore service, nursing visits, legal aid, mental health counseling, case manager visits, and information and referral service.

Other services, provided directly by the Council, were an information and referral telephone service, an outreach program conducted by the Council's Director — G. Ralph Forrstrom, a handyman service, transportation by volunteers using their own vehicles, a daily phone contact for those wishing to have their health status monitored, and a friendly visitor program. Such services would not have been available without the loyal cooperation of many local volunteers organized by the Council.

In regard to activities the Council continued an exercise class, a bowling league of eight teams, and classes in art and swimming. Instructional expenses for the swimming and exercise programs came chiefly from the participants. Instruction for the art class was given voluntarily by Mrs. Helen Tower. The bowling league was also operated without any cost to the Council.

Monthly bus trips to museums, parks and other places of interest were maintained under the co-sponsorship of the Council. The cost for such trips was borne by the participants.

The *Scantic Scribe*, a monthly newsletter of six pages including a calendar of activities and menus for the hot lunches, was sent to all households with a resident of 60 years of age or older. The annual expenses for the production and mailing of the newsletter are borne equally by the Council and the Scantic Senior Citizens Club. Aili Sullivan served as Editor and also donated her time for the tasks of layout and typing. The newsletter was duplicated at the Thornton Burgess School through the courtesy of the Hampden School Committee.

The Council again applied for, and was awarded, a grant of \$900 by the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs in order to aid the support of the Council's outreach program in fiscal 1980.

During 1979 the Council continued "The Vial of Life" program which is designed to aid personnel responding to emergency medical calls by senior citizens. This service has been developed with the cooperation of the Hampden Lioness Club and the Springfield Quota Club.





**COUNCIL ON AGING** — Seated left to right: Kathryn Conway, Ethel Evans, Muriel Ryan, Catherine Moriarty. Standing left to right: Nancy Zebert, Dalton Philpott, Robert H. Bohlke, G. Ralph Forsstrom, Joyce Libby.

In addition to its own meetings The Council participated in the work of other organizations related to its functioning. The Council continued to send delegates to the quarterly meeting of the Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging and was represented at a public hearing in Springfield on the plan of the Home Care Corporation for the coming fiscal year. The Council's Chairman — along with some members of the Council — also attended many other meetings and public hearings related to the needs of senior citizens, as well as serving as President of the Rural Project Council whose function is to serve as an advisory group to the nutrition program of the Home Care Corporation.

In the coming year the Council — in addition to its regular functions — will be giving attention to three important matters. One relates to the need for a new site for the hot meals program inasmuch as the present location in the Town Hall will not be suitable when the 1980 federal guidelines governing physical accessibility to programs supported by federal funds become effective.

The second need is for a building that would serve as a Senior Center, designed and equipped for recreational, educational and therapeutic day-care purposes. In this connection the Council hopes that residents in considering the disposition of estates and formulation of bequests would give thought to such a need which is being recognized by an increasing number of communities throughout the Commonwealth and the nation. In a further effort to move toward the goal of a Senior Center, the Council will give continued attention to the formation of a private group, such as "Friends for a Senior Center," empowered to raise funds and, in particular, to secure capital funding from individuals, private foundations, and/or governmental agencies.

The third need — a crucial one in view of the expansion of the activities of the Council — is for a person to serve as a part-time paid Director to aid the Chairman in handling the many existing worthwhile programs benefitting the senior citizens of Hampden.

In conclusion, the Council would like to express its appreciation for the support we have received from the Selectmen and from the people of Hampden. Suggestions for additional services and activities, or questions about our on-going program, should be directed to the Council at its monthly meetings (the second Friday of every month).

excluding July and August), or to individual members at any time. Finally, we welcome persons of any age who wish to volunteer their services for any of the Council's activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Bohlke

*For the Hampden Council on Aging*

C. Ralph Forsstrom ..... *Chairman and Director*

Robert H. Bohlke ..... *Vice Chairman*

Kathryn Conway ..... *Treasurer*

Catherine Moriarty ..... *Secretary*

Nancy Zebert ..... *Corresponding Secretary*

Ethel Evans

Joyce Libby

Dalton E. Philpott

Muriel Ryan

## WARRANT

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Hampden

Town of Hampden

To: *Either of the Constables of the said Town of Hampden in said County.*

#### GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at Thornton Burgess School, Wilbraham Road, Hampden, on Monday, April 28, 1980, at eight o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

**REPORTS** ARTICLE 1. To hear the Annual Reports of all the officers of the Town and any committee whose duty it may be to report at said meeting, and act thereon.

**BUDGET** ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums to cover same; and to raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the period July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981.

**PREVIOUS BILLS** ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year 1978-79 or previous years, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

**SOUTH ROAD** ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the reconstruction of portions of South Road as follows—Drainage work beginning at Pole 32 and continuing southerly approximately 600 feet to Pole 36; paving work beginning at Pole 38 and proceeding northerly approximately 2500 feet to Pole 29, or take any other action relative thereto.

**GLENDALE ROAD** ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money to be used for general reconstruction of a portion of Glendale Road, beginning at Pole 1 and proceeding northeasterly to Pole 18½, a distance of approximately 2500 feet; the Town's portion to be 25% and the State's portion to be 75%; said funds to be returned to the Town Treasury when reimbursed by the Commonwealth, under the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 34 and or Chapter 480 of the Acts of 1979, or take any other action relative thereto.

**STATE MONEY** ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept any money received from 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 Acts of 1974; or Highway and Transit Development, Chapter 825, Section 3 Acts of 1974; or any other Highway Fund Reimbursements or Distributions; and deposit said money in the General Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

<b>COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR</b>	ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to hire a Director for the Council on Aging, said Director to work 20 hours per week for 52 weeks per year, or take any other action relative thereto.
<b>TOWN HOUSE</b>	ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, to be used with any monies which may become available from the State, for design and installation of a modern heating system for Town House, or take any other action relative thereto.
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>	ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the purchase of a communications system for the Highway Department, to consist of one base unit, six remote units and an antenna, or take any other action relative thereto.
<b>CONSERVATION FUND</b>	ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Conservation Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, said purchase to be voted on at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase, or take any other action relative thereto.
<b>REVENUE SHARING</b>	ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer any balance unused on June 30, 1980 in the Landfill Maintenance, Library, Road Maintenance and or Snow & Ice Removal accounts back into General Revenue Sharing account; these sums having been allocated from General Revenue Sharing monies at Annual Town Meeting of 1979, or take any other action relative thereto.
<b>REVENUE SHARING</b>	ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to designate funds from General Revenue Sharing Account to the 1980-1981 appropriations for: Landfill Maintenance Library Road Maintenance Snow & Ice Removal or take any other action relative thereto.
<b>REGIONAL SCHOOL</b>	ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the "Agreement between the Towns of Wilbraham and Hampden, Massachusetts, with respect to the Formation of a Regional School District," dated August 1, 1956, so that in the future the following sections shall read as amended: In Section IV, paragraph E, first sentence, Change "calendar" to "fiscal" on the second line. In Section IX, paragraph B, first sentence, Change "November 1" to "January 1" and "calendar" to "fiscal". In Section IX, paragraph B, change the accounting classifications listed as 1-9 to read as follows: 1. Administration (1000 series) 2. Instructional Services (2000 series) 3. Other School Services (3000 series) 4. Operation and Maintenance of Plant (4000 series) 5. Fixed Charges (5000 series)

6. Community Services (6000 series)
7. Acquisition, Improvement and Replacement of Fixed Assets (7000 series)
8. Debt Retirement and Service (8000 series)
9. Programs with Other School Systems (9000 series)

In Section IX, paragraph C, first sentence, Change "December 1" to "March 1" and "calendar" to "fiscal", or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **AUDIT**

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for an audit of the financial books and accounts of the town, in accordance with Section VIII of the General By-Laws of Hampden, Mass. and authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for the same, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### **RESURFACE TENNIS COURTS**

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to resurface 4 tennis courts at Thornton Burgess School and repair fence surrounding the tennis courts, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ASSESSORS**

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Board of Assessors for the purpose of re-evaluating the Real Estate of the Town.

#### **SCHOOL STUDY**

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a long range planning committee to consider future alternatives for the Hampden Public Schools, and to report on such alternatives at the next Annual Town Meeting, said committee to consist of seven members, one of whom shall be a member of the Hampden School Committee.

#### **RESERVE FUND**

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer, from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money from the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **STABILIZA- TION FUND**

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **LIBRARY STATE AID**

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Library Fund the amount of \$1,781.63 (State Aid) to be used by the Library Trustees at their discretion.

#### **REDUCING TAX RATE**

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal 81, or take any other action relative thereto.

**BORROWING** ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1980, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

**APPROPRIATIONS AND LEVY LIMIT** ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to override the certified appropriations limit and or Levy Limit by the amounts made necessary by the appropriations at this Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in elections of Town Officers to meet at Hampden Town House, 625 Main Street, Hampden, on Monday, the fifth of May, AD 1980 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the election officers of said Town for the following officers, to wit:

To choose for the term of one year the following: One Moderator, one Free Warden.

To choose for the term of three years the following: One Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Selectman, one Assessor, two members of the School Committee, one Trustee of Hampden Free Public Library, one Collector of Taxes, three Constables, one Cemetery Commissioner, one Park Commissioner.

To choose for the term of five years the following: One member of the Planning Board, one member of Hampden Housing Authority. Also to choose all other necessary Town Officers.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at each of the five places designated by the Town. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this nineteen day of February, 1980.

Jeannette S. Green  
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.  
John M. Flynn  
*Selectmen of Hampden, Mass.*

## REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Where the money comes from -- !

One of the primary functions of the annual town meeting is the adoption of the operating budget. The budget for fiscal 1981 is submitted on pages immediately following this report. In addition to the operating budget there are articles in the Warrant which require appropriation of monies in order to accomplish the desired results. Your action (vote) at the Annual Town Meeting will provide the monies to perform the services, acquire the equipment, etc., the total of which is called "the appropriations".

### Where the money comes from -- !

To determine a community's tax rate in any given year, the annual appropriations are measured against the available revenues. The available revenues include State and Federal Aid, grants and miscellaneous fees collected. After deducting these items from the appropriation we obtain the sum necessary to be raised by property taxes.

### Where the money comes from -- !

Whether the money comes from State and Federal Aid, grants, fees or property taxes - The money comes from you! Do you realize how much money comes from you and do you know for what or how this money is spent? You do have an opportunity to be a part of the decision process on the spending of your tax dollar - attend Town Meeting. To prepare you for actively participating in the Town Meeting, the Advisory Committee will hold a public hearing on March 24, 1980 at 8:00 P.M. in the Thornton Burgess School. Plan now to attend this hearing and bring questions with you where you can obtain answers.

### Where the money comes from -- !

The requested operating budgets are up over one-half million dollars from last year. It should be noted that the budget requests do not include funds to cover salary increases where labor contract negotiations are in progress - regional and local schools and police department. In addition, the articles in the Warrant require funds which if approved will total over \$150,000.

The Advisory Committee in its review of the budget and warrant feels that the following items should be noted for your attention. Several departments have requested funds which if voted will add manpower which means an expense that will occur this year and increase each year as wage increases are authorized.

- Police Department has requested an additional Patrolman.

- Selectmen have requested a new position of Office Clerk.

- Library Department has requested an additional Library Assistant.

- Council on Aging has requested a Director.

You should also note the following requests for funds to allow for construction work, a major purchase or a service to be performed

- Town House Heating system.

- Communication radios for Highway Department.

- Resurface tennis courts.

- Rebuild section of South Road.

- Real Estate revaluation.

- Audit the books and records.

The total budget increases, special items requested in the Warrant articles and amounts needed to cover salary increases from new labor contracts could add \$9 to our tax rate. This would mean approximately a 25% increase in your tax bill. Do we need to ask "Where the money comes from -- !!!"

The Advisory Committee has set for itself a goal of keeping the total appropriations within the scope of the Governors "Tax Cap" program. The tax cap legislation requires that our total appropriation not exceed an increase of more than 4% over last year. The Advisory Committee recognizes it must consider wage increases to town employees of an amount that will help them meet the increased cost of living which we are all facing in today's rapid inflation. Therefore, to keep within the "Tax Cap" legislation requirements serious consideration must be given to increasing the number of town employees, to expending funds for major construction, services, etc., and maybe even ask ourselves to reconsider some of our previous voted services.

The Advisory Committee suggests you thoroughly study the 1981 Fiscal Budget, the Warrant Articles and the reports contained within this Annual Report. Armed with the knowledge obtained from this data and your concern for "Where the money comes from --!", we look forward to your questions and participation at our Public Hearing on March 24, 1980 at 8:00 P.M. at Thornton Burgess School.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rollyn H. Hatch, *Chairman*  
Judith R. Hanmer  
Robert L. Burger  
Peter C. Neff  
John P. Dushney



# BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1981

Item No.	Fiscal 1979 Expended	Fiscal 1980 Appropriated	Fiscal 1981 Requested	Fiscal 1981 Recommended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
1.0 Accountant				
1.1 Salary	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,371	\$ 3,641	
1.2 Clerical	1,050 (1)	1,124	1,214	
1.3 Expenses	515	364	364	
Total Accountant	4,715	4,859	5,219	
2.0 Advisory Committee				
2.1 Clerical	700	780	870	
2.2 Expenses	225 (2)	300	300	
Total Advisory Committee	975	1,080	1,170	
3.0 Appeals, Board of	166	450	450	
4.0 Assessors, Board of				
4.1 Salaries	2,135	2,435	2,605	
4.2 Clerical	4,386	4,708	5,035	
4.3 Expenses	1,154	1,175	1,300	
4.4 Conferences and Schools	450	644	1,010	
4.5 Out of State Travel	148	—	—	
4.6 Data Processing	1,330	1,000	1,000	
Total Assessors	9,603	9,962	10,950	
5.0 Building Department Expenses				
5.1 Code and General Enforcement	500	500	500	
5.2 Commissioner and Inspectors	2,147	2,400	2,400	
Total Building Department	2,647	2,900	2,900	
6.0 County Retirement	33,727	47,811	33,696	

(1) Includes \$175 transfer from Reserve Fund

(2) Includes \$ 75 transfer from Reserve Fund

Item No.	Fiscal 1979 Expended	Fiscal 1980 Appropriated	Fiscal 1981 Requested	Fiscal 1981 Recommended
7.0 Insurance				
7.1 Property and Liability .....	34,690	42,192	40,275	
7.2 Employee Benefits .....	32,131	36,000	30,000	
Total Insurance .....	66,821	78,192	70,275	
8.0 Law and Claims				
8.1 General .....	1,410	2,500	2,500	
8.2 Town Counsel .....	11,855 (3)	7,000	10,000	
8.3 Town Prosecutor .....	2,400	2,508	2,709	
8.4 Labor Contract Negotiations .....	—	—	—	
8.5 Chapter 766 .....	740	2,000	2,000	
Total Law and Claims .....	16,405	14,008	17,209	
9.0 Moderator				
9.1 Salary .....	—	40	40	
9.2 Expenses .....	—	15	15	
Total Moderator .....	—	55	55	
10.0 Planning Board				
10.1 Engineer .....	250	250	250	
10.2 Clerical .....	1,200	1,200	1,200	
10.3 Expenses .....	796 (4)	500	500	
10.4 Map .....	500	500	500	
10.5 Master Plan .....	—	400	400	
Total Planning Board .....	2,746	2,850	2,850	
11.0 Registrars, Board of (Voters)				
11.1 Salaries .....	325	325	325	
11.2 Election Expenses .....	1,442	2,390	1,925	
11.3 Street Lists .....	2,200 (5)	2,166	2,400	
Total Registrars .....	3,967	4,881	4,650	

(3) Includes \$5,855 transfer from Reserve Fund

(4) Includes \$ 400 transfer from Reserve Fund

(5) Includes \$ 186 transfer from Reserve Fund

Item No.	Fiscal 1979 Expended	Fiscal 1980 Appropriated	Fiscal 1981 Requested	Fiscal 1981 Recommended
12.0 Selectmen				
12.1 Salaries	1,629	1,629	1,629	
12.2 Secretarial	8,225	8,801	11,400	
12.3 Clerical	—	—	6,370	
12.4 Expenses	1,718	1,788	2,000	
12.5 Legal Advertising	304 (6)	300	300	
Total Selectmen	11,876	12,518	21,699	
13.0 Taxes, Collector				
13.1 Salary	6,060	7,223	7,800	
13.2 Expenses	3,143	2,700	3,150	
13.3 Out of State Travel	—	—	—	
Total Tax Collector	9,203	9,923	10,950	
14.0 Town Clerk				
14.1 Salary	4,100	5,216	5,633	
14.2 Expenses	640	640	1,000	
14.3 Out of State Travel	100	—	—	
Total Town Clerk	4,840	5,856	6,633	
15.0 Town Report	5,082 (7)	5,000	5,500	
16.0 Treasurer				
16.1 Salary	4,085	4,548	5,100	
16.2 Expenses	898	900	900	
16.3 Out of State Travel	—	—	—	
16.4 Payroll Service	1,811	1,900	1,800	
16.5 Certifying Notes	50	50	50	
16.6 Interest on Loan (Short Term)	2,448 (8)	2,000	2,000	

(6) Includes \$ 4 transfer from Reserve Fund

(7) Includes \$ 83 transfer from Reserve Fund

(8) Includes \$970 transfer from Reserve Fund

Item No.	Fiscal 1979 Expended	Fiscal 1980 Appropriated	Fiscal 1981 Requested	Fiscal 1981 Recommended
16.7 Tax Title Expense .....	5	50	50	
Total Treasurer .....	9,297	9,448	9,900	
17.0 Veterans' Benefits .....	11,697	12,000	12,000	
Total General Government .....	193,767	221,793	216,106	
<b>GENERAL TOWN SERVICES</b>				
20.0 Academy Hall Maintenance .....	1,834	1,500	1,500	
21.0 Cemetery Commissioners .....	37	—	500	
22.0 Conservation Commission .....	500	520	540	
22.5 Council on Aging .....	1,190	1,622	1,974	
23.0 Sanitary Land Fill .....	19,017	20,000	20,000	
24.0 Dutch Elm Disease .....	2,450	2,500	2,500	
25.0 Insect Pest Control .....	1,534	2,000	2,000	
26.0 Library				
26.1 Salaries .....	11,888	13,500	14,877	
26.2 Expenses .....	998	1,040	1,113	
26.3 Books & Periodicals .....	5,782	5,700	6,099	
Total Library .....	18,668	18,458 (15)	22,089	
27.0 Memorial Day .....	500	500	500	
28.0 Mosquitoes .....	2,393	3,000	3,000	
29.0 Office Equipment				
29.1 Acquisition .....	700	700	800	
29.2 Maintenance .....	946	1,010	1,010	
29.3 Supplies .....	1,949	2,145	2,200	

Item No.		Fiscal 1979 Expended	Fiscal 1980 Appropriated	Fiscal 1981 Requested	Fiscal 1981 Recommended
	Total Office Equipment .....	3,595	3,855	4,010	
30.0 Parks and Recreation					
30.1 Salaries .....		5,500	5,950	6,200	
30.2 Organized Summer Program .....		4,344	4,100	4,310	
30.3 Operating Expenses .....		7,938	8,320	8,750	
30.4 Capital Improvements .....		1,772	1,325	2,125	
30.5 Recreation Association of Hampden - Baseball .....		3,263	3,514	4,072	
(15) \$20,240 available with Library Fund (State Aid) \$1,782					
30.6 Recreation Association of Hampden - Hockey .....		1,094	720	—	
30.7 Recreation Association of Hampden - Softball .....		1,188	1,550	2,056	
30.8 Recreation Association of Hampden - Football .....		238	442	455	
30.9 Recreation Association of Hampden - Fall Sport - Girls .....		473	412	403	
Total Parks and Recreation .....		25,810	26,333	28,371	
31.0 Public Grounds .....		13,800	15,000	16,200	
32.0 Town House Maintenance					
32.1 Custodial .....		44	5,329 (16)	7,863	
32.2 Maintenance and Repairs .....		13,203	9,500	9,500	
32.3 Heat and Utilities .....		12,782 (9)	15,000	22,060	
Total Town House Maintenance .....		26,029	29,829	39,423	
33.0 Tree Warden					
33.1 Expenses .....		2,986	3,000	3,000	
33.2 Planting Trees .....		250	250	250	
Total Tree Warden .....		3,236	3,250	3,250	
Total General Town Services .....		120,593	128,367	145,857	

Item No.	Fiscal 1979 Expended	Fiscal 1980 Appropriated	Fiscal 1981 Requested	Fiscal 1981 Recommended
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>				
40.0 Superintendent's Salary .....	13,483	14,427	15,582	
41.0 Highway Construction .....	See Special Articles			
42.0 Highway Maintenance .....	36,747	37,627	40,637	
43.0 General Highway Expense .....	25,948	27,820	30,045	
44.0 Snow and Ice Removal .....	19,879	20,000	20,000	
45.0 Street Sweeping .....	1,816	3,500	4,000	
<i>(9) Includes \$ 877 transfer from Reserve Fund</i>				
<i>(16) Includes \$3,340 voted at Special Town Meeting, October 15, 1979</i>				
46.0 Other Highway Accounts				
46.1 Gasoline .....	12,614 (10)	14,000	18,000	
46.2 Road Machinery Maintenance .....	8,921	11,500	12,000	
46.3 Street Lighting .....	9,700	10,200	11,020	
46.4 Town Garage Maintenance .....	2,483	3,000	3,000	
Total Town Highway .....	131,591	142,074	154,284	
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</b>				
50.0 Animal Inspection .....	100	100	100	
51.0 Civil Defense Supplies .....	100	100	500	
52.0 Dog Officer				
52.1 Wages .....	931	1,325	1,431	
52.2 Expenses .....	1,877 (11)	1,200	2,050	
Total Dog Officer .....	2,808	2,525	3,481	

Item No.	Fiscal 1979 Expended	Fiscal 1980 Appropriated	Fiscal 1981 Requested	Fiscal 1981 Recommended
53.0 Fire Department				
53.1 Fire Chief Salary .....	250	270	295	
53.2 Fire Chief Expenses .....	-	-	150	
53.3 Operation .....	8,775	9,309	12,945	
Total Fire Department .....	9,025	9,579	13,390	
54.0 Forest Fires				
54.1 Wages .....	1,568 (12)	1,560	1,560	
55.0 Forest Fire Warden .....	150	165	180	
56.0 Health, Board of				
56.1 Salary .....	975	1,043	1,127	
56.2 Expenses .....	1,819 (13)	800	800	
56.3 Ambulance .....	-	-	3,175	
Total Board of Health .....	2,794	1,843	5,102	
57.0 Police				
57.1 Chief's Salary .....	18,094	18,244	18,244	
57.2 Salaries .....	97,482	109,688	109,688	
57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers .....	3,495 (14)	2,600	2,600	
57.4 Other Expenses .....	8,131	8,579	9,455	
57.5 New Cruiser .....	4,700	6,000	7,000	
57.6 Training .....	997	-	1,500	

- (10) Includes \$ 614 transfer from Reserve Fund  
(11) Includes \$ 988 transfer from Reserve Fund  
(12) Includes \$ 68 transfer from Reserve Fund  
(13) Includes \$1,250 transfer from Reserve Fund  
(14) Includes \$ 900 transfer from Reserve Fund

Item No.	Fiscal 1979 Expended	Fiscal 1980 Appropriated	Fiscal 1981 Requested	Fiscal 1981 Recommended
57.7 New Equipment .....				
57.8 LEAA Funds .....	130	135	135	
58.0 Police Special Coverage				
58.1 Recreation .....	320	420	450	
58.2 Elections .....	351	315	420	
Total Police .....	133,700	145,981	149,492	
Total Protection .....	150,245	161,853	173,805	
<b>SCHOOLS</b>				
60.0 Administration .....	52,190	52,351	55,269	
61.0 Instruction .....	903,984	939,107	945,731	
62.0 Other School Services .....	146,923	138,274	149,709	
63.0 Operation and Maintenance .....	147,510	174,831	232,921	
64.0 Community Programs .....	513	1,400	1,400	
65.0 Acquisition of Fixed Assets .....	1,320		1,000	
66.0 Programs with Other Districts .....	72,293	87,146	107,626	
Total Local School Operation .....	1,325,366	1,393,109	1,493,656	



Item No.	Fiscal 1979 Expended	Fiscal 1980 Appropriated	Fiscal 1981 Requested	Fiscal 1981 Recommended
67.0 Special Accounts				
67.1 Preventative Maintenance Program	1,623	5,000	5,000	
67.2 Negotiating Fees	500	3,000	3,000	
67.3 Unemployment Compensation	-	9,330	12,500	
67.4 Energy Conservation	-		5,000	
Total Special Accounts	3,123	17,330	25,500	
68.0 Local School Debt Service				
68.1 Thornton Burgess Principal	85,000	85,000	85,000	
68.2 Thornton Burgess Interest	30,345	26,775	23,205	
Total Local Debt Service	115,345	111,775	108,205	
Total Local School	1,443,834	1,522,214	1,627,361	
69.0 Regional School District				
69.1 Assessment	554,195	606,784 (17)	978,234	
Total Schools	1,997,029	2,128,998	2,605,595	
Grand Total	\$ 2,593,275	\$ 2,783,085	\$ 3,295,647	

(17) Includes \$177,676 reduction voted at Special Town Meeting, October 15, 1979

## EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE DEPARTMENT	566-8011
FIRE DEPARTMENT	566-3260
AMBULANCE	
PARAMEDIC	733-3147
GOLD CROSS	781-3781
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	566-8842
MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC CO.	596-3871
BAY STATE GAS CO.	781-3610
NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE	736-9911
REPAIR SERVICE	566-8001
BAY STATE MEDICAL CENTER	787-3200
MERCY HOSPITAL	781-9100
LUDLOW HOSPITAL	1-583-8365
WESSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	787-2500
PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL	1-536-5111
WING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	1-283-7651
DOG OFFICER	566-8509

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