

## HAMPDEN ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

The Hampden Arts Lottery Council wish to report \$2,378 was awarded to the following in 1987:

Scantic Senior Citizens Travel Club visited the Metropolitan Museum in New York; Hampden Historical Society placed Centennial speeches and the 1978 parade on modern VCR tapes and copied Civil War diaries of Samuel Chapin; Hampden Public Library purchased classics for children and adults; Carol Gauthier, art instructor at Thornton Burgess School presented a Visual Arts Workshop and the students at Green Meadows School received funds for transportation to attend the Springfield Symphony Young People's Concert.

This year, as in the past three years, the children from Thornton Burgess School submitted drawings for the 1987 Annual Town Report cover. This particular project is also funded through an Arts Lottery Grant. Students were asked to illustrate "the rights the people of Hampden enjoy under the United States Constitution". The Hampden Arts Lottery Council would like to especially thank Sue Haller, art instructor at Thornton Burgess School, for lending her assistance to the students on this project. Her help, guidance and cooperation helped make this project successful again this year. Special thanks to Ginger Green for taking time from her busy schedule to interview the students who participated in this contest and to Joan Letendre for her professional assistance in setting up the drawings as they appear in the Town Report. The Arts Lottery Council is particularly proud of the success of past winner Earl Schofield and wish to send our congratulations to him. Earl won Second Prize in 1984 and Third Prize in 1985. He is a student at Minnechaug and his art work has been entered in the Western Regional Preliminary Show of the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards. Good Luck, Earl! Again, congratulations to all students both winners and participants in the 1987 Cover Contest on a Job Well Done!

The PASS (Performing Arts Students Series) has been very successful this year. This program enables public school children to attend cultural events, such as theater, ballet, opera, symphony, and other performing arts. Daisy Girl Scout Troop #666 attended the Mount Holyoke Children's Theater and the students from Green Meadows School attended the children's performances at the Springfield Symphony and Stage West.

The Hampden Arts Lottery Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Ruth Woods. Ruth worked on the Arts Lottery Council since its inception in 1982 assisting the newly appointed members with the mounds of paperwork and forms and was later appointed a member of the Arts Lottery Council. She served on the Council for four years as Secretary. Thank you Ruth and we will miss you.

The Hampden Arts Lottery Council is looking forward to a very active and successful 1988 and encourage all individuals, groups and organizations to participate in this program. The deadline for submission of applications for the July 1988 allotment is April 8, 1988 for both Arts Lottery and PASS applications. Applications may be obtained at the Selectmen's office.

Respectfully submitted,

Flora Chechile, Chairman  
Mary Berrett  
Pauline Booth  
Janet Brehaut

Frances Brown  
Beth Burger  
Ann Byron  
Laura Chaffin

Joseph Charron  
Elizabeth Fenn  
Ruth Woods  
Joan Letendre, Advisory  
member

ANIMAL INSPECTOR  
ANNUAL REPORT -- 1987

As Animal Inspector for the Town of Hampden, I would like to report the following for the year 1987:

<u>Number of</u>		<u>Number of</u>	
Barn inspections	93	Horses	130
Dairy cows, over 2 years	26	Ponies	37
Dairy heifers, 1-2 years	10		
Dairy calves, under 1 year	15	People who own horses	67
Dairy bulls	5		
Dairy herds	2	Goats	19
Beef cows, over 2 years	41	People who own goats	8
Beef heifers, 1-2 years	27		
Beef calves, under 1 year	37	Sheep	45
Beef bulls	9	Sheep flocks	12
Beef steers	15		
Beef herds	19	Swine	5
		Swine herds	2
		Poultry	33
		(Farms consisting of	
		25 birds or more)	
		Poultry flocks	1

In addition there were 7 dog bites reported and under quarantine during 1987.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Warner, Animal Inspector

VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT

In 1987 there were two families aided by the Veterans' Services Department.

The total amount expended during the year was \$4,279.07 of which 75% is reimbursed by the State, the Town's share being: \$1,069.77.

Under the provisions of Chapter 115 of the General Laws as amended, veterans and their dependents were granted financial assistance.

The Veterans' Service Office not only processes applications for financial assistance but also assists in filing applications for all VA benefits which can result in bringing thousands of dollars in Federal Funds to applicants.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn F. Bolaske, Director of Veteran's Services

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Hampden's senior population is now at 750 and we are in our 10th year of service from the Council on Aging. The Council works very hard to keep the goals set forward in enhancing the lives of Seniors and to help keep the frail elderly in their own homes as long as possible.

We recently received approval to hire another Senior Aide who will work at the Council on Aging office from 12 noon to 4 PM allowing us to have longer hours and more accessibility for the public. Muriel Ryan continues to work the morning hours. Both aides will be responsible for telephone referrals service, reservations, keeping records, and many other clerical duties.

Transportation remains as one of our top priorities for elders as well as for those who are handicapped. Our new driver, Fran Goebel logged 4564 rides for 93 different individuals for various needs from medical appointments and therapy, to clinics, meals, food shopping and others. Reginald Temple and Carl Hatch were again willing to substitute driving when needed. We contract with PVTa for our mini-bus and hope to have a new bus sometime in 1988.

Health Services is another top priority and we had monthly Health Clinics through the Visiting Nurse Association, monthly Foot Care Services by the nurses and podiatrist, Dr. Axton. The Mercy Hospital Hearing Van gave free hearing and hearing aid tests and the Springfield Optometrics gave free eye exams to those who were income eligible. Over 200 reservations were made for the Flu Clinic and Vivian Cole has volunteered to do monthly blood pressure checks. We also were able to help with referrals for homemakers, health aides to the Greater Springfield Senior Services as well as some of our own people.

Our loan closet was a big help to those who were looking for wheelchairs, canes, commodes, walker, bath chairs, etc.

Through the Greater Springfield Senior Services, 5586 meals were served in the Milville Room by 13 volunteers. 3408 home meals were delivered to shut-ins by seven volunteers. Janis DeGrandpre, site manager along with our "lunch bunch" celebrated their meal site's 10th anniversary this past summer with a celebration party which was appreciated by all who attended.

Surplus government cheese, powdered milk, flour, rice, cornmeal and butter was distributed to eligible families of ALL AGES three times during the year. We also handled Fuel Assistance intakes for the Valley Opportunity Council and had Hall Wentworth several times for Food Stamp signups. We ran a program for a discount on Cable TV rates and also did outreach through a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs which acquaints seniors with various services offered to them.

One of the new programs started this year through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in the SHINE program. SHINE stand for Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders. It is designed to develop a network of volunteers as health benefits counselors. Volunteers have been trained and certified and ready to help. Our volunteer is Ed Riley from East Longmeadow who has already helped several people with various problems. Ed will be at the Council on Aging

office at least once a month, more if necessary, to help anyone who may be having a problem with their health care options and coverage.

We had a variety of programs for people to participate in such as: Exercise Class, Line Dancing, a Walking Club, Oil Painting, Crochet, Quilting, and a Bowling League. An Income Tax Service was available through the AARP.

The Scantic Scribe newsletter was mailed to all Seniors in Hampden as well as to many out of town folk. The expense for this is shared between the Scantic Senior Citizens Club and the Council on Aging. It is edited by the director and collated by volunteers. The Scribe is mailed at a reduced rate through the non-profit organization--Friends of Hampden Seniors who also held several suppers, put on by Lorna Cox and many volunteers, to help raise monies for a new Senior Center.

Monthly bus trips were held and they went to many various places like: Alaska, Sturbridge Village, Aster Mansion in Newport, R.I., the Metropolitan and Guggenheim Museums in New York, Lake Sunapee, N.H., Hawaii, Ottawa Tulip Festival, Bingo in White River Junction, Vermont, Cape Cod Canal Cruise, Country Music Festival in Hunter Mountain, New York, Saratoga, New York and Penn. Dutch country. The trips are under the direction of Lorna Cox and Dot Pulsifer.

The Director and the Council Board members went to many informational meetings of the Mass. Association of Council on Agings, the State Directors' Association, Greater Springfield Senior Services, Area Agency on Agency Advisory Council and the Mass. Council on Aging and PVTa. There is much to learn in order to best serve the townspeople of Hampden.

The Council on Aging in cooperation with the Hampden Public Library has placed reference materials in the library for better access to the public. The material consists of information on nursing homes, day care, Medicare and Medicaid, Medicare and Medicaid claim forms, alcohol abuse, energy, food stamps, Social Security, etc. This information is free for you to take and we hope that you take advantage of this and visit the library.

Our records show that we serviced 376 (out of 750) different seniors with at least one of our programs.

Thanks to all our volunteers who have helped during the past year and to the Selectmen and Townspeople for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mikkola, Director for the Council on Aging Board

COA BOARD MEMBERS: Arthur Booth, Sr., Dalton Philpott, Albert Ouimet,  
Ida Lamb, Ed Lombard, Vivian Cole, Harriett Hulse, Joan  
Patric (deceased), John Sullivan and Caroline Harris (resigned)

# HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

## THE YEAR 1987 --

At present the elected members of the Hampden Housing Authority are Florence E. Kirk, Chairperson, Sherwood W. Cronk, Vice Chairman and State Appointee, William J. Donnelly, Secretary, Clifford E. Attleton, Treasurer and Charles T. Schmitt, Ass't. Treasurer.

THE STAFF: Carole A. Robert, Executive Director and Rental Manager, Gary DePace, Accountant, Irving A. Morse, Sr., Maintenance Custodian, and Michael and John Voight as part-time assistants.

MEETINGS: The Authority meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Centennial Commons Community Hall, 26 Springmeadow Lane, with intermittent special meetings when warranted. All meeting dates and time are posted on the Town House Bulletin Board according to regulations 48 hours prior to meeting time.

TENANT'S ORGANIZATION: This group has its own officers and budget, plans its own meetings and programs throughout the year. There is always something for every one who wishes to participate. Some of the tenants also attend our meetings from time to time.

AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES: One of our main functions is to be alert to the well-being of the tenants at all times and their various requirements, continuing the monthly water sample testings -- making progress in due season on the landscaping program -- being alert to any revisions in the Tenant's Handbook, etc. Then there is always the process of communications with the Executive offices of Community Development in Boston. The Authority is under the direct supervision of the above unit in conjunction with our contract for 40 years, entered into in 1976, with the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, and also in Contract for the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan.

SECTION 8 - Housing and Urban Development -- Brenda King and Warren Bamberg, Section 8 Co-ordinators from the Executive offices of Community Development, made their yearly spot check visiting 5 varying apartments. They were impressed with their findings. The Authority then went over a management review with them.

YEARLY INSPECTION OF OUR 56 UNITS: Our own Executive Director and Rental Manager Carole Robert, makes these inspections on all of these apartments in the spring.

THE GENERATOR: We are making progress. Architects have been secured and approved. The process of installation will start soon.

**\*\* ADDITIONAL HOUSING:** The Authority is in the process of locating other sites for affordable housing units. A number of contacts have been made to land-owners of possible sites; but return contacts are slow coming through. We appreciate the need and are working diligently in this area.

**POLICE, FIRE AND HIGHWAY DEPTS.** The Authority and the tenants are ever so thankful for these three Units and their ever giving of themselves for the benefit of others. It is greatly appreciated!

**\*\* AN ADDED ITEM TO THIS CATEGORY:** During the week of Jan. 25th in Northampton, MA the Director of the Bureau of Housing Development, Arthur P. Kimber, will be having a Western MA review session on the Request for Proposals and Application forms for Round 11 of the public housing grants award program. The Authority Chairman and Executive Director will attend that session.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

## CENTENNIAL COMMONS TENANT'S ORGANIZATION

While we were still basking in the warm glow of the holiday spirit, family gatherings, and our own delightful Christmas party, it was time to settle in and be thankful for these warm cozy apartments in this pretty village.

Activities really slow down to a snail's pace during the cold weather, but thinking Spring we get in gear for our housing meetings to see how we can get our tenants interested in volunteering for the birthday parties, pot luck suppers, picnics, bingo and other social events.

Hopefully, knowing that this year will be the tenth anniversary of Centennial Commons, much can be planned to celebrate this milestone. Many of us who came here ten years ago, will probably remember the contest for naming this area. Beverly Turnberg, who is now the wife of Brian Kirk, won that award.

We did have a luncheon early in the year with a good turn out. Our cooks always out do themselves with delicious food. A sing-a-long after lunch kept everyone busy. It was a fun event.

By now, thoughts of gardening and getting the ground ready, depends a lot on the weather. At one time every inch of the land was used. Now our farmers have dwindled to a few. Last year only four people had a garden. However, the yield was excellent and the bounty shared by all. Our Gladiola farmer helps keep our community room in bloom all summer long.

Though we don't expect to win any ribbons, raising vegetables, we do have many talented folks here at the Commons who have won blue, red and white ribbons. Also, Certificates of Achievement and Merit this past year in different areas.

Last but not least, our Annual Bazaar continues to improve with each passing year. Our bake table with all the goodies goes almost within the hour. However, the crafts, plants, books and finally the white elephant sales keep the ladies busy until the closing. We do have dedicated people here which counts for the success of the Bazaar.

Thanks to the generosity of everyone our Open Pantry box was overflowing for the needy during the holiday season. This has become an annual event at the Commons.

Our meetings are held quarterly and our Officers are Harriet Hulse, President, Muriel Ryan, Vice President, Pauline Booth, Secretary and Louise Groll, Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pauline Booth  
Secretary  
Tenant's Organization



## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners have been active in overseeing the maintenance of Prospect Hill and Old Cemeteries. Regular mowing of both cemeteries, filling of sunken graves and some grading and seeding was accomplished. Several graves were sold during the year and there are still some grave sites available in Old Cemetery.

This year again we are requesting that all winter decorations and all dead plants and pots be removed from the graves by April 15 in preparation for the redecoration of the graves for Memorial Day.

Henry Dunwoody was appointed by the Selectmen to fill the vacancy left by the death of Corinne Dunwoody. Connie put in a lot of effort to bring the records up to date and this is greatly appreciated. We will endeavor to continue her good work.

Quarterly meetings of the Cemetery Commissioners are held at the Town House the second Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at 7:30 P. M. Commissioners may be contacted at this time or at the telephone numbers listed below to conduct cemetery business.

Respectfully submitted,

Cemetery Commissioners

Robert Sazama, Jr.	3304
Richard Hatch	3963
Henry Dunwoody	3357

1986-1987  
Report of the Parks and Recreation Commission

The Hampden Parks and Recreation Committee met regularly during the 1987 fiscal year.

The year started with the resignation of long-time board member and Chairman Jim Whipple. We thank Jim for his many years of dedicated service to the town of Hampden. He was replaced as Chairman by Art Thomas. Maureen Coughlin, a former member, was appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to serve a one (1) year term as Jim Whipple's replacement. Rudy Longtin was elected to a two (2) year term and Ron Morrisette and Art Thomas were elected to new three (3) year terms. Former Chairman Willie Jenkins was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve a one (1) year term.

This started us off with one of the most active and concerned Commissions in recent years. A concerned effort was put into improving conditions at Hampden Memorial Park and helping to restructure the Recreation Association of Hampden (RAH), so that anyone concerned with the youth of Hampden would be able to have a say in their activities.

Improvements at the Park included the construction of a new playing area for the kids, new equipment, and a major cleanup of the pool and swimming area.

Additional equipment will be added to the playground area this spring and work will begin on the ball fields.

Norm Proulx, who has served for a number of years as our Recreation Director, has resigned and we are presently seeking a replacement. Anyone interested in applying for the position should contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

Respectfully submitted,

*A. L. Thomas*  
Art Thomas, Chairman  
Ron Morrisette  
Rudy Longtin  
Maureen Coughlin  
Willie Jenkins

## RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF HAMPDEN

On July 28, 1987 a special meeting was held for the purpose of election of officers and members at large. The results of this election are as follows:

### Officers:

President	Bill Crum
Vice President	Dick de Sousa
Treasurer	Sue Walbridge
Secretary	Linda Lovell

### Members At Large:

Joe Noonan  
Bill Bailey  
Russ Morton  
Valerie Semanie  
Earl Weller

We are pleased to report that the number of children participating in Hampden sports are increasing each year. During the past year we have introduced a new instructional basketball program which will help develop the basic skills before a more advanced play is introduced.

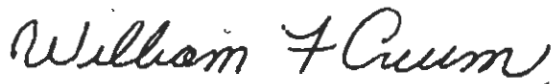
The following programs are presently being sponsored by R.A.H.:

Boys and Girls Soccer  
Boys Baseball  
Girls Softball  
Boys and Girls Basketball  
Co-ed T-Ball  
Instructional Basketball

We would like to invite you to attend our monthly meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of each month in the Town Hall.

On behalf of the R.A.H. board we would like to express our thanks to all those who have made the sports activities in Hampden a great success.

Respectfully Submitted,



William F. Crum  
President

## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is a regulatory board consisting of seven appointed volunteers who administer the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act within the Town of Hampden.

During 1987 the Commission held 15 meetings. Within these meetings 13 public hearings and 5 continuations were held to review and receive public input on Notices of Intent to perform work within a wetland area. Eight public meetings were conducted to review filings and make Determinations of Applicability for work proposed within the 100 foot buffer zone of a wetland area.

On site inspections were conducted for each of the above filings as well as for numerous other situations which come under the jurisdiction of the Commission such as siltations of waterways, fill placed in wetlands or flood plains, erosion of road shoulders into wetlands, possible grey water contamination of a stream, a no flow situation in Watchaug Brook, preliminary site inspections for 6 proposed developments as well as inspections of numerous lots on which perc tests were requested.

Other areas of concern were waste oil disposal, a property boundary dispute where work was proceeding under a wetlands permit, review of cutting plans, bylaw revision, and progress reports for a 1986 oil spill clean-up along with preparation of comments on the Environmental Notification Form to be filed for Allen Village. Members also attended educational seminars and hearings sponsored by D.E.Q.E. and MA Association of Conservation Commissions.

On November 1, 1987 the Wetlands REgulations were revised to add wildlife habitat as an additional interest to be protected under the Act. This inclusion did not extend the jurisdiction of conservation commissions. Thus, the regulations continue to protect unconnected wetlands and land subject to flooding only if they meet the minimal area/depth requirement of a  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre/foot with an average depth of at least 6 inches. Areas smaller than this in area or depth are not regulated leaving many local amphibian breeding areas unprotected. These temporary, small woodland ponds (vernal pools) occur as a result of spring thaws and rains. They hold water for the 8 to 12 weeks necessary for frog, toad and salamander eggs and larvae to develop. Eggs laid in permanent ponds have far less chance for survival as they become a food source for fish and other predators. The Department of Fish and Wildlife is currently developing acceptable methods for confirming the importance of such pools as breeding habitat. Towns may choose to protect those areas that meet confirmation standards and are mapped. Persons aware of amphibian breeding ponds may bring them to the attention of the Commission.

Any citizen interested in learning more about the Commission is welcome to attend our meetings as an observer or associate member. Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Field  
Howard Gilson  
Richard Gouvan  
Barbara Ogonowski

Paul Robitaille  
Lynn Shay  
William Wilson

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY- 1987

The Hampden Public Library had another successful year. All age groups in the community were provided with increased services. Attendance and circulation were strong especially in the new areas funded by grants, and in programs improved by the availability of the new children's room.

In a cooperative venture, Hampden and other area libraries are now sharing a grant made by the state for Large Print Books and Books on Tape. This has greatly increased the library's resources for Senior Citizens and others with low vision.

A second cooperative grant in 1987 made it possible for the library to improve its selection of Video Cassettes. This new collection will revolve with several other libraries.

A third grant received by Hampden alone provides for the purchase of new reference material. In the year ahead the library hopes to strengthen its reference service for children, young people and adults. The new computer and the beginnings of these reference books are now in the area made available when the children's room moved across the hall. This will be an important and exciting venture in 1988.

The new children's room was a busy place in 1987. The room made the children more comfortable and allowed for many activities. These included a Summer Reading Program with 117 children signed up and over 80 completing the reading requirements. With the help of Mrs. Elinor King the room was decorated with wild flowers and bumblebees. The theme was "Wild about Reading". At the final awards ceremony a magician performed, sponsored by the Friends of the Hampden Library.

In the fall, storyhours and classes for 3rd and 4th graders began again. In addition, another cooperative grant for children's programming provided funds for the visit of a puppeteer, a juggler and a storyteller. More live shows are planned in 1988.

The library would like to thank the Friends of the Library who this year generously bought a television, VCR, video tapes and a globe for the library. The trustees also thank its former director, Marta Willey, who has left to become the Assistant Director of the Wilbraham Public Library. She gave several years of fine leadership and will be missed.

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

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	11:00 AM to 8:30 PM	Thursday	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Wednesday	11:00 AM to 8:30 PM	Saturday	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The library is closed Saturdays during July, August and September.

## REPORT OF LIBRARY P2

### LIBRARY STATISTICS

#### General Services

##### Circulation:

Books.....	22,377
Periodicals.....	2,558
Media.....	1,911
Inter-library loan.....	<u>532</u>
	27,378

Volumes Added.....	823
Volumes Discarded.....	423
Total Collection.....	14,970
Magazine Subscriptions.....	62
Bookmobile.....	2,217

#### Finances

##### Receipts

Municipal Appropriation.....	\$28,677
State Aid.....	<u>2,372</u>
	\$31,049

#### Expenditures

Wages.....	\$20,721
Media materials.....	8,680
Supplies, telephone, incidentals....	<u>1,648</u>
	\$31,049

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Barkhuff, Chairman, Trustee  
Miriam Bryans, Trustee  
Beth Burger, Trustee  
Nancy Wissemann, Librarian

## REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department responded to 36 calls this past year. We participated in mutual aid to surrounding towns.

In November, the Hampden County Mutual Aid had their monthly meeting here and enjoyed a delicious meal that the firemen prepared.

For many years the firemen have sold flowers at Easter time to raise money. This year they also held the third annual firemen's raffle. A great big thanks goes out to all of you who supported your fire department by buying flowers or raffle tickets. Any donations that are made to the fire department go into a scholarship fund. Scholarships are given to all firemen's children who are furthering their education.

When you sell or re-finance your home, you must have your smoke detectors inspected before the closing. Because this is a volunteer department, we ask you to contact us several weeks before your deadline to set up a date for inspection. We also ask that you make sure that they are properly installed and in working order. For information on where to install smoke detectors or to make an appointment for inspection please call 566-3314 between 8 AM and 4 PM.

Anyone who is at least 21 years old and can pass a physical exam is eligible to join the fire department. We work hard, but we also have lots of good times!

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Hatch  
Fire Chief

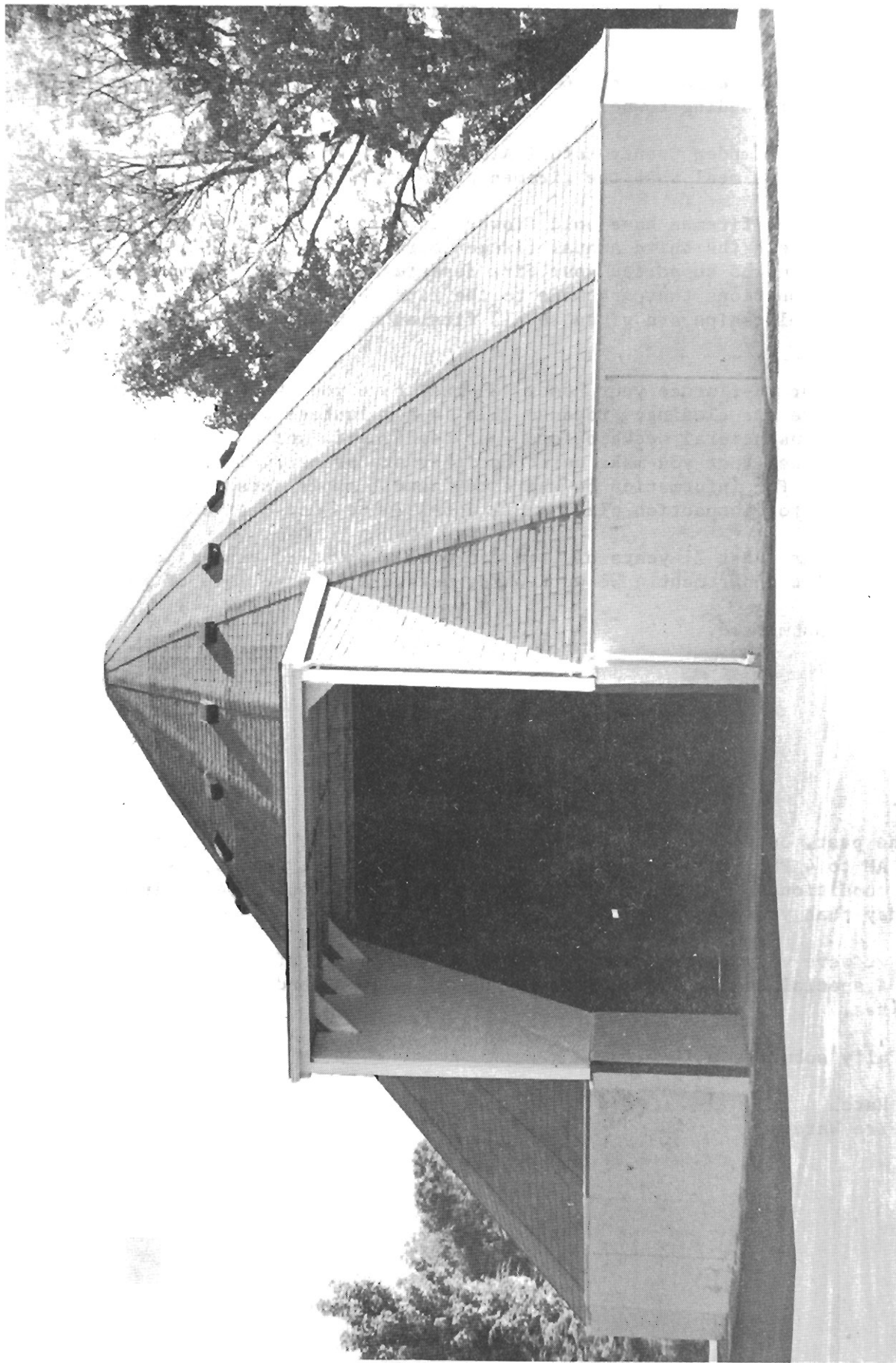
## REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

As in the past, outdoor burning is permitted from January 15th through May 1st from 10 AM to 4 PM. Burning permits are issued on a daily basis, depending on weather conditions. You can obtain a permit by calling 566-3314 after 8 AM on the day that you wish to burn.

In 1987 we were very fortunate to have had only a couple of brush-grass fires. A special thanks goes to all of you who stopped and helped put out the brush fires.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Hatch  
Forest Fire Warden



SALT SHED .....HAMPDEN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The year 1987 was an extremely busy one for the Highway Department. The last winter season ended with a total of 21 storms that required the attention of the Highway Department. Several of these storms resulted in the five-man crew (Patrick Markham, Raymond Balser, Robert Kibbe, Robert Richards and Kurt Little) working around the clock to maintain the Town's 47 miles of roads.

In early Spring we began rehabilitation and reconstruction projects. The first rehabilitation project was to prepare a construction site on the East side of the Town Garage to accommodate a 61' diameter dome structure. The Town received a salt shed free of charge from the State. This \$80,000.00 conical building enables the Highway Department to properly store bulk rock salt within the guidelines of the D.E.Q.E.

Hampden also received a grant from the State's "Small Bridge Repair Program" in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the reconstruction of the Rock-A-Dundee Road Bridge. The old plank bridge which was installed in 1936 was replaced with pre-cast box culverts. This was necessitated by the fact that the bridge's wooden underpinning had rotted and was no longer rated to support the weight of a large truck such as the Town's fire trucks. The project now completed makes this area much safer for traffic flow and easier to maintain.

A 2,000' section of North Road was reconstructed, complete with drainage and catch basins. The old road was improved with a gravel base, graded, and surfaced with asphalt and peastone. Additional drainage was installed on North Road in two separate areas. The first was a 400' drain line that ended in a basin at the bottom of Mountain Road, alleviating a problem in that area. The second was a 750' drain line with two basins which will eliminate a drainage problem on the North side of the mountain. Catch basins were added to areas on Sessions Drive and Mountain View Drive. An old collapsed drain line was replaced on Main Street leading from Big Brook West about 350' to a catch basin. We were also able to do additional work this year on three separate roads, due to funding made available through a State Aid Highway Transportation Bond Issue distribution. With the money made available, paving was done for a distance of 975' on Valley View Drive and 450' on Fernwood Drive. Chapin Road was extensively patched and areas leveled before the entire road was resurfaced with asphalt and peastone.

The Highway Department also assisted other groups and organizations. We worked this year building a play area and putting together several pieces of new playground equipment that were installed at Rec Park. Cement pads were poured at Garrish Park and new picnic tables were installed. A new 16' Soccer Kickborad was rebuilt and installed at Thornton Burgess School. We also built a handicapped access ramp in front of the Town Hall and planted trees in several areas of town. As in the past, the Highway Department responds to fire calls that are received during our normal working hours.

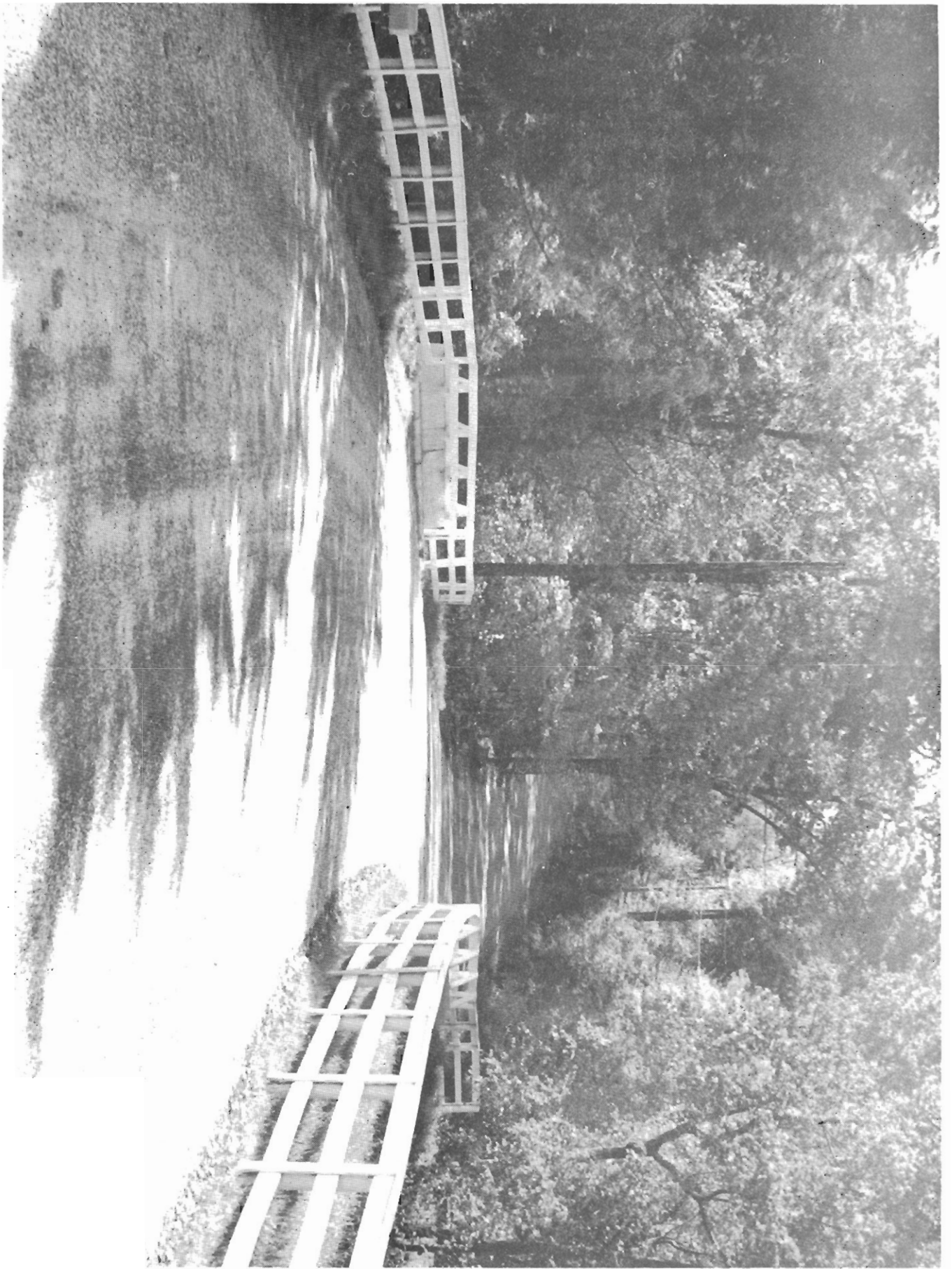
Again this year many maintenance jobs were repeated. All roads were patched as needed, the cleaning of catch basins was done, as was the sweeping of several miles of designated roads. All Highway Department vehicles were repaired and maintained. Grading of all gravel roads, shoulder cutting and roadside trimming was also completed. Last winter, the Town's trailers, stone box, and tag-a-long broom were rebuilt by the department.

During the past year the Highway Department has begun overseeing the maintenance and day-to-day operations of the Sanitary Landfill. Likewise, the Public Grounds Department was incorporated into the Highway Department. Public Grounds involves the mowing, trimming and maintenance of all public grounds which includes both schools, Prospect Hill Cemetery and The Old Cemetery, the Town Common, the Town Hall, Academy Hall, Fire House, Rec Park, Garrish Park and roadsides. As in the past, we were able to hire two temporary grounds workers to help with mowing and trimming.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and their secretary, the many members of the Town House, the Police and Fire Departments, and the members of the Highway Department for their support and cooperation they have shown over the past year.

Sincerely yours,

Dana S. Pixley  
Highway Superintendent



ROCK A DUNDEE BRIDGE PROJECT  
HAMPDEN HIGHWAY DEPT.

## **REPORT OF THE COMPUTER STUDY COMMITTEE**

The Computer Study Committee had been established by the Board of Selectmen to determine first, if there were any functions of the Town that could be more efficiently performed through some level of computerization, and second, to determine what, if any, steps could be taken to accomplish this.

The answer to the first question was yes: such functions as the Town Clerk could be much more efficiently maintained on a computer, and, in fact, it is presently being done on a computer at a local business. Also, computerization was viewed as a plus for the Tax Collector and the Town Accountant, who presently keeps the Town's books on his home computer.

We have been in contact with many other towns of all sizes to see what process they went through to find different solutions and evaluate them. In this manner we could learn from their mistakes and perhaps come across a solution presently implemented in another town that would be perfect for our needs.

The following types of systems were analyzed: separate personal computers, networked personal computers, and minicomputers.

A large system, mini- or mainframe, was viewed as unfeasible, both from an economical and practical standpoint.

Our recommendation is to set up, over a period of three to five years, a system of network personal computers.

Features include:

- . This architecture can be accomplished gradually
- . It allows for easy expansion
- . It is an economical solution

Any computers that were to be upgraded by advances in software or hardware could be turned over to the Hampden schools, which also have a very pressing need for quality computers for both the office and students.

Respectfully submitted,

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# REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1987.

During the year the Police Department recorded 3,211 log entries. Of these 2381 required further investigation. The calls received by the department were for assistance, complaints and for reporting crimes. The following is a general breakdown of the type of complaints received and investigated by the Police Department.

B&E forcible entry	10	Motor vehicle complaints	228
B&E attempted for. entry	9	Citizen assists	301
B&E unlawful entry	2	Suspicious activity	221
Larceny over \$100	39	Youth problems	19
Larceny under \$100	20	Assist other departments	94
Vandalism	200	Protective custody	9
Ambulance assists	80	Assist Highway Department	68
Fire Department assists	64	General services	275
Family problems	33	Assault	1
Bicycles reported stolen	6	Weapons, carrying, pos., etc.	15
Bicycles recovered	8	Violation liquor laws	1
Buildings found open	83	Noise complaints	61
Burglar alarms answered	143	Disturbance	45
Stolen cars reported	5	Arson	4
Stolen cars recovered	5	Reported death	1
Stolen property recovered	5	Recreational vehicle comp.	32
Prowlers	2	Emergency services	14
Missing persons	20	Officer wanted	8
Obscene telephone calls	10	Fireworks complaints	16
Annoying telephone calls	13	Sex offense	1
Dog complaints	68	Arrests for other depts.	13
Dog bites	19	Animal complaints	97

During the year 167 persons were arrested and a total of 263 complaints were filed against them in the following categories.

Possession marijuana	1	Attaching plates	4
Larceny over \$100	2	Failure stay in marked lanes	12
Receiving stolen property	8	Operating to endanger	4
A&B on a police officer	2	Trespass w/motor vehicle	4
Disorderly persons	6	Violation restraining order	1
Minor poss. alcoholic bev.	22	Opr m/c w/pass., learn. per.	1
Proc. Alc. bev. for minors	1	Opr m/c, no insurance	2
Warrant arrests	46	Violation of parole	1
Wil. & mal. dest. per. prop.	1	Fail. rpt. change add. on lic.	1
Fail. stop for police off.	4	Fail. rpt. change add. on reg.	1
Opr m/c w/o headgear	1	Opr after lic. revocation	6
Improper passing	1	CHINS arrest	1
No registration in poss.	2	B&E bldg int. felony	2
Opr under influence alcohol	27	Poss. burglary tools	1
Opr w/o license	9	Unclean license plate	1
Opr. m/v w/o lic. possession	2	Injury to a school	1

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Minor transp. alcoholic bev	3	Opr m/c, no registration	2
Opr m/v w/o authority	2	opr. m/v viol. restriction	1
Opr m/v after lic. susp.	28	Poss. dangerous weapon	1
Speeding	25	A&B dangerous weapon	2
Opr unregistered m/v	2	B&E day. intent felony,house	1
Opr uninsured m/v	1	Assault	2
Property damage	1	Opr expired license	2
B&E into a m/v	1	Annoying & Accosting	2
Indecent assault/child -14	1	Fail. stop at stop sign	3
Refusing stow lic. on req.	1	Disposing rubbish on highway	1
Uninspected m/v	1	Pass. no pass. zone	1
Suspended learner's permit	1		

## WARNINGS

Stop sign	6	No license in possession	5
Uninspected m/v	3	No registration in possession	3
Speeding	81	Defective equipment	5

## CIVIL CITATIONS

Stop sign	51	No license in poss.	1
Uninspected m/v	68	Studded tires	1
No registration in possess.	16	Improper passing	2
Speeding	664	Defective equipment	10
Fail. to change address,lic	2	Unattended m/v	1
Marked lanes	10	No headlights	1
No license in poss.	22	No headgear	1
Unregistered m/v	2	Seat belt	8
Uninsured m/v	2	Fail. stay right	6
Impeded operation	2	Fail. stop for school bus	2
No chock blocks	2	Objectionable noise	2
No yielding	8		

## CRIMINAL CITATIONS

Uninspected m/v	1	Opr after susp. or rev.	4
No registration in poss.	1	No license	12
Speeding	10	Defective equipment	2
No license in poss.	1	Opr to endanger	6
Unregistered m/v	31	No headgear	1
Uninsured m/v	29	No eye protection	1
Attaching plates	15	Failure stay right	1
No tail lights	1	Too little tire tread	2
Fail. stop for police off.	3	Leav. scene prop. dam. acc't	3
Improper passing	1		

## TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINES AND SENTENCES

Minor alcohol program	7
Alcohol program	20
Traffic cases pending	535