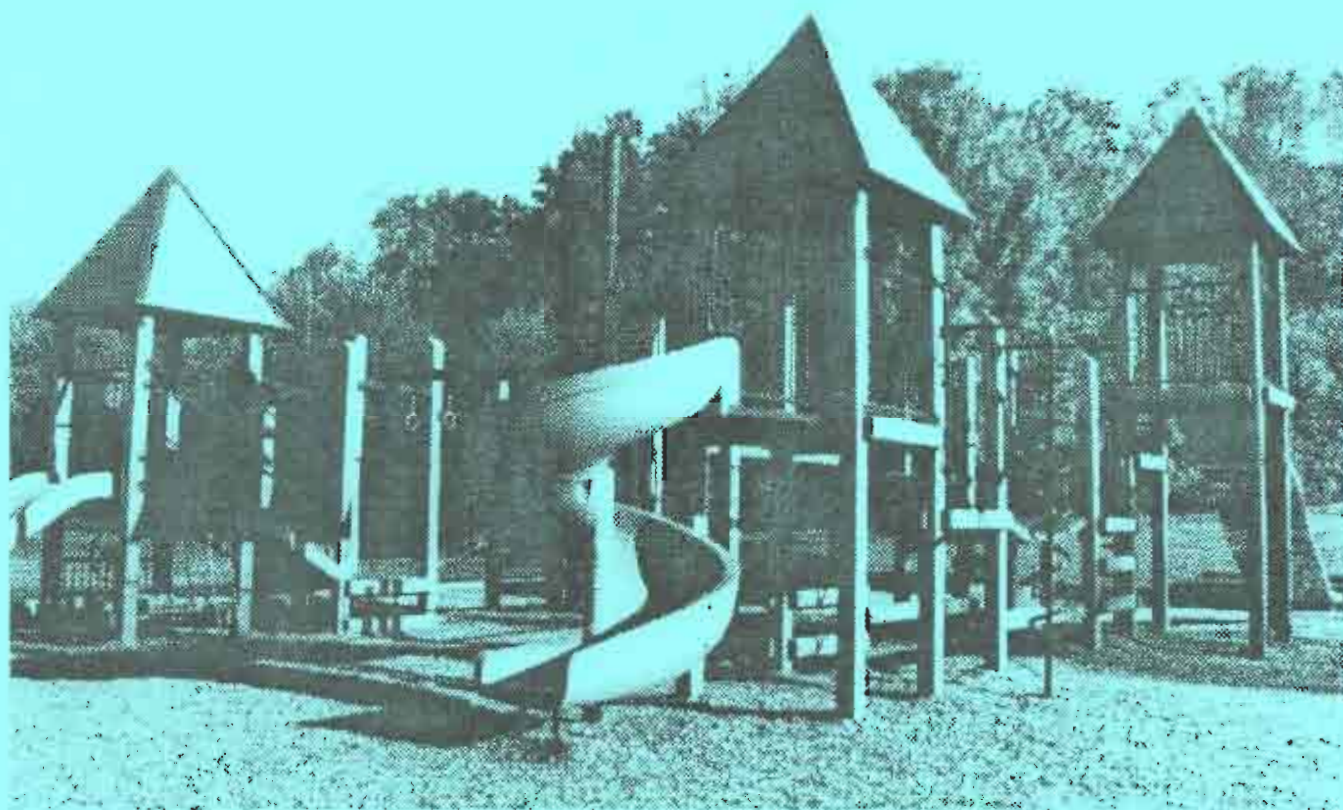


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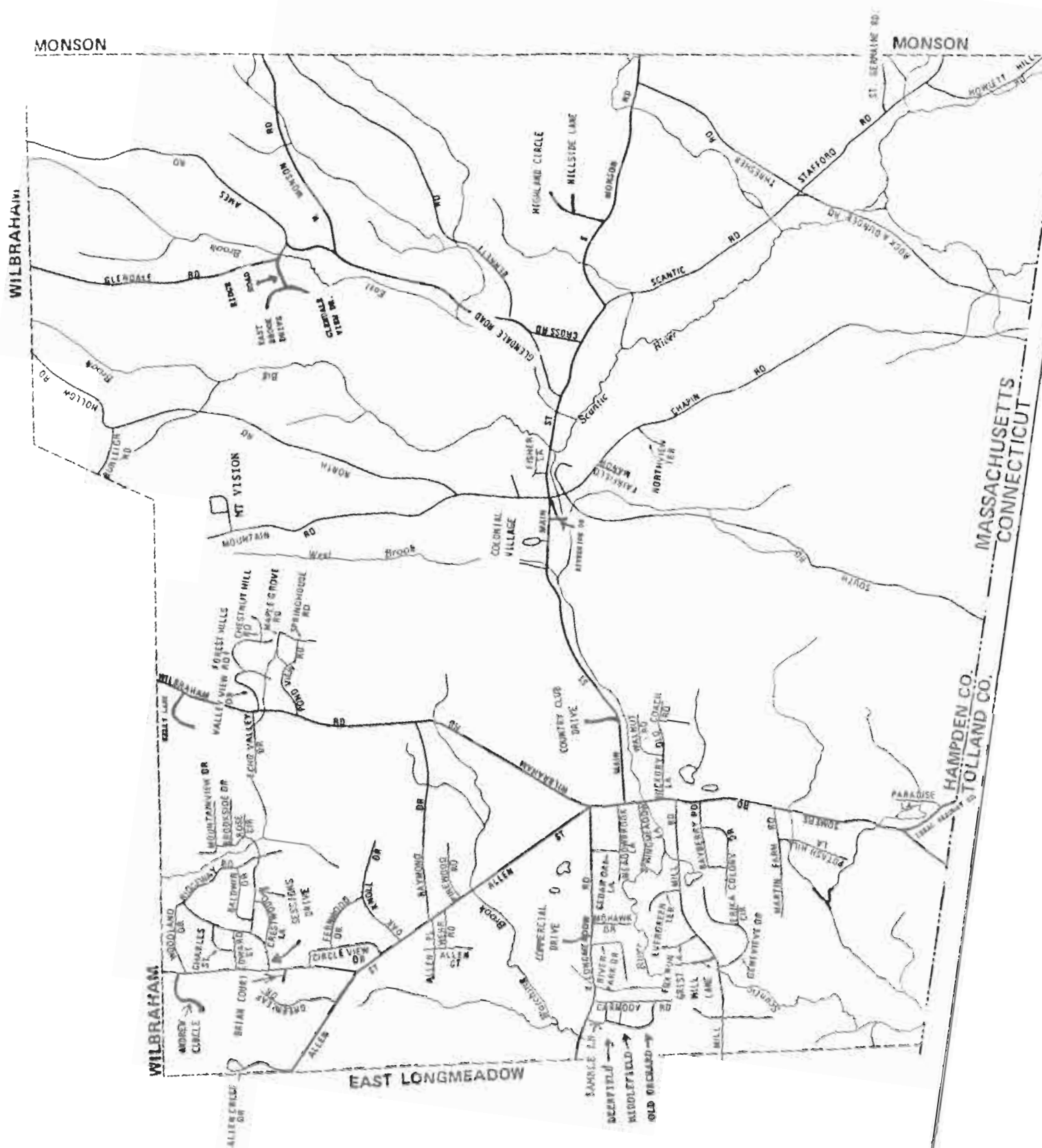


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IN MEMORIAM

MIRIAM BRYANS

Hampden Garden Club
Hampden Historical Society, Hampden Library Trustee

EMELINA I. CARDER

Scantic Senior Citizens Club

EUNICE F. CARROLL

Hampden Historical Society

KATHRYN M. CONWAY

Scantic Senior Citizens Club

BERNADETTE R. FOOTE

Seniors Citizens Meal Program

LILLIAN J. HAYNES

Hampden Historical Society
Hampden Garden Club

REGINALD H. ISHAM

Scantic Senior Citizens Club

ALBERT W. MIREAULT

Hampden Electrical Inspector

CATHERINE T. MORIARTY

Hampden Council of Aging
Hampden Historical Society
Hampden Garden Club

FABIOLA E. STONE

Friends of Seniors
Scantic Senior Citizens Club

LESLIE F. WOODS

Hampden Historical Society
Town Bookkeeper, Accountant, Auditor

INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN

Federal Census	1/1/91	4,709
State Census	1/1/85	4,762
Town Census	1/1/94	4,952

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

19.64 square miles

COUNTY

Hampden County

TAX RATE

\$16.16 for Fiscal Year 1995

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Last Monday in April at 8:00 pm

ANNUAL ELECTION TOWN OFFICERS

First Monday in May, 8:00 am-8:00pm

GOVERNOR

William F. Weld
Office of the Governor
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-727-3600

CONGRESSMAN

Richard E. Neal
437 Cannon House Office Building
Washington DC 20515
Phone: 202-225-5601

OR

District Office:
Federal Building, Room 309
1550 Main Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Phone: 413-785-0325

U.S. SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy
U.S. Senate
Russell Senate Office Bldg. Room 315
Washington DC
Phone: 202-224-4543

OR

2400 JFK Building, Room 409
Boston, MA 02203
Phone: 617-565-3170

John F. Kerry
U.S. Senate
Russell Senate Bldg. Room 421
Washington DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-2742

OR

145 State Street, Room 504
Springfield, MA 01103
Phone: 413-785-4610

STATE SENATOR

Brian Lees, Hampden District
State House, Room 308
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-722-1291

OR

District Office: 10 Parker Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151
Phone: 413-543-2167

REPRESENTATIVE

Mary Rogeness, 2nd Hampden District
State House, Room 43
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-722-2030

OR

Residence: 22 Warren Ter, Longmeadow
Phone: 413-567-5480

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS
BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES & COMMITTEES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm

Meet every Monday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2151

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd Wednesday each month, 7:30pm

TOWN CLERK - Rita A. Vail

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm
Phone: 566-3214

TOWN TREASURER - Donna Easton-Vicalvi

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm
Phone: 566-2401

TAX COLLECTOR - Rita A. Vail

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm
Phone: 566-2206

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-2:30pm
Meet 2nd Tuesday 7:30pm to 9:00pm
Phone: 566-3223

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meet 2nd Monday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2206

PLANNING BOARD

Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2403
566-8591 for appointment

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd Wednesday each month at 7:00pm

PARK COMMISSION

Meet 2nd & 4th Thursday at 7:30pm
Park Hours 8am-9pm, Apr. 1-Oct.31
Pool Hours July 1-Labor Day, 10am-6pm

BOARD OF APPEALS

Meet 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm
Applications available from Town Clerk

VETERANS' SERVICES -- Marilyn Bolaske

Office: 200 Main Street, Monson
Phone: 267-4140

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd Monday at TWB
Meet 4th Monday at Minnechaug
Phone: 596-3884

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Meet 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July
& October at 7:30pm
Phone: 566-3304, 3357, 3963

COUNCIL ON AGING

Office Hours: Mon-Friday, 8:30am-4:00pm
Meet 2nd Monday of month at 9:00am
Phone: 566-5588 office
566-2157 transportation

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Meet 3rd Wednesday each month, 9am at
Centennial Commons
Phone: 566-8157

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office Hours: Every Wed 4pm-6pm
Phone: 566-2204

HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Meet 3rd Wednesday each month
Phone: 566-3047

HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 11:00am -- 8:00 pm
Tuesday: 11:00am -- 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 11:00am -- 8:00 pm
Thursday: 11:00am -- 5:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00am -- 3:00 pm

Library CLOSED Saturdays from June 15th
thru September 15th

SANITARY LANDFILL HOURS

Saturday: 7:00am -- 5:00pm
RECYCLE; second Sat each month

LAUGHING BROOK HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00am --5:00pm
Phone: 566-8034, 566-8035

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS -- 1994

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

Arthur A. Booth, Chairman	1995
Richard R. Green, Chairman Health	1996
John M. Flynn	1997

Administrative Assistant to
Board of Selectmen/Health
Katharine D. Ashe

Secretary to Board of Selectmen/Health
Doreen M. Rauch

MODERATOR

Richard Patullo	1995
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TOWN CLERK

Rita A. Vail	1995
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TOWN TREASURER

Donna Easton-Vicalvi	1995
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Rita A. Vail	1995
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Stanley W. Witkop, Chair	1995
Henry P. Baush	1997
Richard A. Jalbert	1996

Clerk to Assessors
Laura Green

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Mary Ellen Glover	1997
Barbara MacKenzie	1996

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Kathleen Hutchinson, Chairman	1997
Beth E. Burger	1996
Elaine Kingsbury	1995

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman, and State Appointee	
Charles T. Schmitt	1999
William G. Joy	1996
Mildred E. (Betsy) Grant	1998
William Donnelly	1995

CONSTABLES

Paul A. Bouchard	1995
Miles M. Hapgood, Jr.	1995
George K. Stone, Jr.	1995

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Robert F. Sazama, Jr.	1996
Henry W. Dunwoody	1995
Elizabeth Wells	1997

PLANNING BOARD

Joseph A. Dolben, Chairman	1998
George Romano	1996
John D. Flynn	1999
Mark Casey	1997
Joseph Kruzel	1995

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Representative, Mark Casey

Clerk to Planning Board
Judith M. Jackson

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Mary Zamorski, Chair	1995
David Kingsbury	1996
Glennice Flynn	1996
Sandra M. Rovelli	1997

Clerk to Park Commissioners
Lorraine Aloisio

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1994

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Clifford Bombard 1995

DOG OFFICERS

Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control 1995

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Lawrence Hatch 1995

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Robin Warner 1995

SUPT. OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

James A. Reardon 1995

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Donald G. Kipetz 1995

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Richard Wiencek 1995

VETERANS' BENEFITS AGENT

Marilyn Bolaske 1995

ACTING CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Arthur A. Booth, Jr. 1995

SUPT. OF STREETS

Dana Pixley 1995

TREE WARDEN

Dana Pixley 1995

POUND KEEPER & FIELD DRIVER

Robin Warner 1995

FENCE VIEWERS

John H. Field, II 1995

William H. Patric 1995

TOWN COUNSEL

Bruce D. Clarkin 1995

PARKING CLERK

Rita A. Vail 1995

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Patricia Smith 1995

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Albert H. LaPlante 1995

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Scott Southworth 1995

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

William P. Patullo 1995

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Richard Jones, Chairman 1996

James D. Smith, Vice Chairman 1996

Eileen T. Robitaille 1995

Richard Moriarty 1997

Yorke P. Phillips 1997

Evelyn Schmidt, Clerk

BOARD OF APPEALS

L. Jed Berliner, Chairman 1997

Richard Patullo, Vice Chairman 1995

Helena L. Kullberg, Clerk 1996

Kenneth Lefebvre 1996

Dalton Philpott 1996

Judith Jackson, Clerk

BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES

David Scott 1996

Duane Mosier 1995

Mary C. Cesari 1996

ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

Diane Knecht, Chairman 1996

Mary Grasseti 1996

Aline Burt 1996

James Hughes 1996

Dorothy Fritts 1996

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

John Bethel 1995

Robert L. Burger 1995

Samuel Hammer 1995

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

Samuel Hammer, Chairman 1995

Jim Moriarty 1995

John D. Flynn 1995

Robin Warner 1995

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1994

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bonnie Geromini, Co-Chairman	1997
Richard Hatch, Co-Chairman	1997
William Wilson	1996
Richard Gouvan	1996
Camilla J. Desmarais	1996
Jack Matthews	1995
Wayne Meisner	1996
Patricia Smith, Clerk	

CONSERVATION, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Donald Dorn	1996
Mary Ann Hoyt	1996

COUNCIL ON AGING

William T. Olmstead, Chairman	1997
Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman	1995
Albert L. Ouimet, Treasurer	1997
Dorothy Kibbe, Secretary	1996
John Sullivan	1995
Janice Gallivan	1996
Betsy Grant	1997
Harriet Hulse	1995

George Ingle, Hampden Rep to Board
of Directors, Greater Springfield
Senior Services Inc.

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Kathryn Henriques	1996
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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE

George K. Stone, Jr.	1996
Richard Hatch	1996
Guy Bartolucci	1996
Raymond Shankel	1996

ENERGY COMMISSION

George Audren	1997
Walter Johnson	1995
Brian McQuillan	1996
Frank Krzanik	1997
Toi Graham	1997
Al Perusse	1995

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	1997
Elizabeth M. Wells	1995
Janet M. Redin	1996
Rita A. Vail, Clerk	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

George K. Stone, Jr.	1995
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SERGEANTS

Mark Reisner	1995
Raymond A. Schmuck	1995

POLICE OFFICERS

Jeffrey Snow	1995
James Collins	1995
Anna Joubert	1995
Harold Swift, III	1995
Jeff W. Farnsworth	1995
Michael J. Cooney	1995
Scott Trombley	1995

DISPATCHERS, full-time

Paula Courtemanche	1995
Linda J. Ely	1995
Laurie Ryder	1995

DISPATCHERS, part-time

Faith Gentile	1995
Laurie Ryder	1995
Debra Martel	1995
Radcliffe Kenison	1995

RESERVE OFFICERS

Fred Lewenczuk	1995
Scott Mikkola	1995
Todd Ely	1995
Donna Vickery	1995
Richard Tardy	1995
Harlan Cross	1995
Everett Walker	1995
Ronald Cormiveau	1995
Laurie Ryder	1995
David S. Bertera	1995
Robert D. Robinson	1995

SECRETARY/CLERK TO POLICE DEPT.

Sandra Ely-Gregoire	
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APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1994

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lawrence Hatch, Chief	1995
Howard Cutting, Assistant Chief	1995
James Burns, Deputy Chief	1995
Ronald Warner, Captain	1995
Thomas Poulin, Lieutenant	1995

William Brown, Jr.	1995
James Burns, Jr.	1995
Gordon Casey	1995
Donald Dickinson	1995
Edwin Dunlea	1995
Michael Gorski	1995
Richard Harris	1995
Peter Hatch	1995
Richard Hatch	1995
Steven Hoadley	1995
Joseph Grant	1995
Daniel R. Isham	1995
Keith Isham	1995
Albert Jones	1995
Henry Managre	1995
David Markham	1995
Michael Mauier	1995
Wayne Meisner	1995
Art McCarthy	1995
William Patric	1995
Edward Poulin	1995
James Reardon	1995
Robert Sazama	1995
Robert Short	1995
Michael Sicbaldi	1995
Thomas Smith	1995
David Sutcliffe	1995
Charles Thans	1995
Richard Thayer	1995
Irving Witkop	1995
Matthew Loveling	1995

Auxiliary Firemen

Daniel J. Isham

**IN RECOGNITION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE**

TO THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE
THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS**

Nancy Joy, Secretary Police Department

Margaret Rochford, Art Lottery Council

Carolyn E. Brennan, Council on Aging Director

Claudia Elguero, Council on Aging

William J. Chechile, Sergeant, Hampden Police Department

Pam Harris, Dog Officer

Florence E. Kirk, Hampden Housing Authority

Richard J. Rediker, Regional School Committee

Richard A. Hatch, Cemetery Commission

Eileen Nelson, Hampden School Committee

Richard D. Gilday, Hampden School Committee

Albert J. Hebert, Jr., Hampden School Committee

Todd Schneider, Volunteer Fire Department

Joseph Grant, Auxiliary Fireman

Martin D. Artioli, Auxiliary Fireman

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A BUILDING PERMIT

The following is an outline of the steps that must be taken in order to secure a building permit, including the necessary supplementary permits or approvals, as may be required. The Board of Selectmen hopes that this procedure will eliminate confusion which might otherwise arise. Specific questions or a more in-depth review of a particular department's requirements may be discussed with each inspector.

1. **Application to Building Department:** Complete the building permit application and submit to the Building Inspector with 2 sets of site plans prepared by a professional engineer or Registered Land Surveyor, along with the application fee, in accordance with Zoning Bylaw 8.1.3. If you have questions, contact: Al Laplante: 566-2204

2. **Planning Board:** The application and plot plan will be submitted to the Planning Board. Petitioner will verify that this is a registered lot, with the proposed building meeting all zoning requirements (which may include application to the Ridgeline & Hillside Committee - Zoning Bylaw 7.12). Contact the clerk to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting: Judy Jackson: 566-8591.(Home Phone).

3. **Highway Department:** If the driveway requires the crossing of an open ditch, contact the Highway Superintendent for sizing and proper installation of the culvert. When any new driveway is installed (entering off of a paved roadway), the builder will be required to pave an apron from the edge of the pavement back to the front property line (usually 7-10 feet) at the driveway entrance. If you have questions, contact: Dana Pixley: 566-8842.

4. **Conservation Commission:** Verify with this Board if you are near or part of your property is in or near the Wetlands Area. If you have questions contact the clerk. Pat Smith: 566-2206.

5. **Percolation Test:** for 1995 only April 1 thru May 31 due to new Title V regulations. Next year revert to normal season. The Owner/Engineer arranges appointment for percolation with the Board of Health Agent and pays fee. Percolation test is valid for two (2) years from date of issue.

6. **Well Permit:** Well installer submits to the Board of Health a permit and plan of property with well, septic system and house shown, at the time of application and with the permit fee.

7. **Well Installation:** After the well is installed, the installer must file a Well Water Completion report with the Board of Health. Property owner must then have the water tested, with results sent to the Board of Health before a building permit will be issued.

8. **Septic Application:** Engineer must submit septic design application to the Board of Health, signed, stamped and with the fee paid. A septic permit which is approved shall expire two years from the date of issue unless construction of the approved system is begun before the expiration date.

9. **Septic Installation:** Septic Installer must be licensed by the Town of Hampden and must advise Board of Health before installation starts. Installation must be inspected by Board of Health Agent and Design Engineer before system is covered.

10. **Septic Compliance:** Engineer and installer must sign Certificate of Compliance after the final inspection.

11. **Building Department:** Building plans must be submitted for review by the Building Inspector. A building permit will not be issued until all prior steps have been successfully gone through. The permit is valid for three (3) years from date of issue. Construction work must begin within six months of receiving building permit, and work must be finished within three years. If you have questions contact: Al LaPlante: 566-2204

12. **Electrical, Plumbing, Gas and Oil Burner Permits:** Requests for the above permits are to be submitted to the Building Department, with the necessary Building Permit fee. The applicant contacts the appropriate inspector with the inspection request. An Occupancy permit will be issued only after the Building Inspector checks with other inspectors to make sure all the above procedures have been completed, as well as insuring that the house number is permanently found on the property and easily readable from the street.

If you have questions, or if the Board of Selectmen may be of service, please contact us at the Town House, 566-2151.

ALL FEES ARE PAYABLE TO THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN

FEES FOR BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, GAS, FIRE & HEALTH PERMITS

BUILDING PERMITS Al LaPlante, tel.5662204, 525-2506

Application for Building Permit.....	\$10.
Commercial/Industrial Building (\$100 minimum).....	10 cents/sq.ft.
New House (\$60 minimum).....	10 cents/sq.ft.
In the event of more than one unit per building, an additional fee of \$4 per unit will be charged in addition to normal fee for new house.	
Alterations/Additions/Accessory Buildings(\$25 min.).....	10cents/sq.ft.
Swimming Pool.....	\$20.
Solid Fuel Stoves.....	\$15.

ELECTRICAL PERMITS Scott Southworth, tel 566-2151

Commercial/Industrial Building and Additions.....	\$60.
New House.....	\$40.
In the event of more than one unit per building, an additional fee of \$4 per unit will be charged, in addition to normal fee for new house.	
Alterations, Re-wiring Existing Structure.....	\$40.
Alterations, Change of Service, Temporary Service.....	\$20.
Additions-added rooms, breezeway, garage, etc.....	\$20.
Swimming Pool, Appliance.....	\$20.

PLUMBING PERMITS Bill Patullo, tel 566-8118

Commercial/Industrial Building.....	\$75.
New House.....	\$50.
An additional fee of \$2 per fixture over 10 fixtures will be charged, in addition to the normal fee of \$50 per building	
Additions - additional charges as above.....	\$30.
Swimming Pool.....	\$20.
any swimming pool with a permanent plumbing connection is subject to a permit fee.	

GAS PERMITS Bill Patullo, tel 566-8118

All Gas Permits.....	\$20.
In the event of multiple occupancy or multi-unit dwellings, the charge will be \$20 per meter up to five fixtures; above that, the fee will be \$2 per fixture.	

SOLAR PERMIT

Permits for solar installations will be based on the categories contained in the columns for Building, Electrical & Plumbing.

FIRE PERMITS Chief Larry Hatch, tel. 566-3314

Smoke Detector Inspection(NewHouse).....	\$15.
Smoke Detector Inspection (Real Estate Transfer).....	\$15.
Oil Burner Inspection.....	\$15.
Blasting Permit (Fire Chief).....	\$10.
Renewal of Smokeless Powder (Fire Chief).....	\$5.
LP Gas Storage Permits (Fire Chief).....	\$15.
Underground Storage Tank Installation (Fire Chief).....	\$10.
Underground Storage Tank Removal (Fire Chief).....	\$40.
Tank and Burner Inspection.....	\$15.

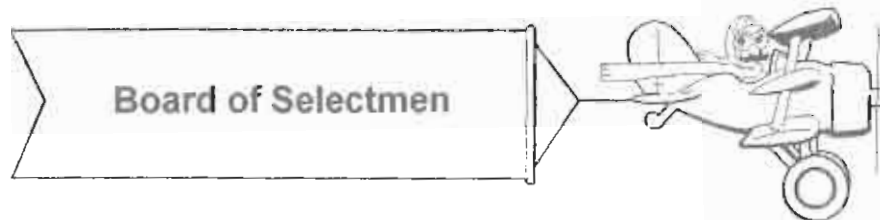
CALL- BACK FEES

Call-back fees for Electrical, Plumbing, Building & Fire Inspectors.....\$15.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Donald Kipetz, tel. 566-2151

Percolation Test Permit.....	\$35.
Septic Tank Installation Permit (new or repair).....	\$50.
Well Permit.....	\$20.



Your Board of Selectmen have endeavored to implement the dictates of Town Meeting voters effectively and efficiently while conducting day to day business in the best interest of all citizens. Perhaps it is not emphasized enough but, the Board of Selectmen carry out the will of the people and to that end make themselves available to support, aid, and assist you in all your needs within the constraints of the budget. Board meetings are open and the Board is always amenable to listening and assisting whenever possible where matters of urgency or concern arise with any citizen of Hampden. Our agenda is flexible, our office is open and we work for you.

Some salient items worthy of note for 1994 consist of changes in the method of canine control, cable TV contract completion addition of the BayBank ATM facility and completion of various bonded projects such as the Thornton Burgess roof replacement.

We are pleased to report that the Thomas J. O'Conner Dog Control contract entered into during this report period is working well. Our dog incident report is down significantly along with the cost to enforce our restraining order. Budgeted amounts of \$6,500 in FY 95 will be underrun slightly due to negotiated contract costs with the County Dog facility costing the town \$1.00 per capita. This is one budget item that will reflect a decrease in FY 96.

Cable Television contracts were also completed this year with the able assistance of our Cable Vision Committee. Our most recent contract with Greater Media expired in December 1994 and our committee completed all hearings and filing of reports as required by Federal and State law. Final agreements were concluded on schedule culminating in a contract that will bring additional channels, enhanced technology and training aids for Police and Fire personnel. Construction on upgraded fiber optics is scheduled to begin within 18 months from contract signing.

We all were concerned when Hampden was left without the resource of a community bank last year. The Board has not stopped working on your behalf to regain that resource and have been successful with BayBank installing an ATM at the Mini Mail. With the activity the ATM is getting, along with positive changes in the economy it should not be long before our needs are realized. We will keep working this issue.

The Thornton Burgess School roof was in dire need of repair and the Town Meeting vote provided the direction to rectify the problem. To date we are 99% complete with the refurbishment and are working detail items with the contractor toward final completion on or before April 95.

We will continue to celebrate Memorial Day as we have in the past along with the well received "Hot Dog Roast" and the annual "Adopt A Road" program which always provides for a well groomed town we can all be proud of.

It goes without saying that your Board will continue the best management practices possible to assure the Towns administration and infrastructure remain in the best possible condition. We feel an outstanding job was done by all departments in FY 95 maintaining our tax rate at a low 1.8% or 29¢ above last year. A job well done.

Board of Selectmen Pg2

We enlist your support, criticism and help to continue to retain the uniqueness that we have come to enjoy in our Town of Hampden. A special note of recognition is appropriate in acknowledging the efforts of our Greenleaf Drive residents in bringing the excitement of the Christmas Holiday Season to everyone around them.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.
Richard R. Green
John M. Flynn

Selectmen/Board of Health fees, licenses, permits, etc.	\$ 18,713.50
Building Department fees	\$ 19,470.50
Police Department permits, reports, etc.	\$ 2,987.00
Fire Department smoke alarm inspections, oil burner permits, etc.	\$ 2,755.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 9,813.55

Memorial Day--1st Annual Hot Dog Roast



Board of Health

The Board of Health has focused the majority of it's time this year on the closure of the former Sanitary Landfill. As noted in last years Town Report the project began with the construction and operation of the transfer station while simultaneously bringing in construction and demolition (C&D) material in order to fill out and shape the old landfill. This was completed in August. It is worth noting that the C&D revenues were \$407,000 and have gone a long way in reducing the total cost of closure. Further as noted last year the C&D material saved the town several hundred thousand dollars as it replaced fill that would have been used for this same purpose. Bids were opened in August of 1994 for the Final closure of the landfill. These bids ranged from \$950,000 to \$1,200,000 considerably more than previous estimates used by ourselves, engineers and even the Dept. of Environmental Protection. Needless to say no contract was awarded and it was agreed to attack the closure in stages using alternative cost cutting measures and procedures where possible. To this point we are 1/3 of the way closed and tens of thousands of dollars ahead of previous bids. We will have more information for town meeting.

The Transfer station and soon to be reconstructed recycling center have proven to be beneficial to our community. We have seen more people returning to the municipal refuse collection center due to savings over private collection, and also that the new system is cleaner, safer and easier than before. The FY 1996 budget request includes funding for a paid person to assist the recycling volunteers. We are also working on a plan which would allow us to recycle twice monthly.

The community for the first time ever has had to deal with a serious outbreak of rabies that will be of concern to all of us for quite some time to come. Input was sought from many sources in developing a procedure, which has proven effective, in dealing with this most serious disease. Our thanks to Robin Warner (Animal inspector) and Dr. Richard Hersman D.V.S. for all their time and hard work in dealing with this particular problem. In the event that you come into contact with or suspect an animal to rabid contact the Police Department immediately.

As always the Board wishes to thank the many volunteers who help us all when they give their time to projects such as recycling, flu clinic, and the rabies clinic just to name a few. If you are interested in volunteering for a project or committee please contact our office or any one of us anytime.

The Board of Health is involved in the following activities: flu & pneumonia clinic, dog and cat rabies clinic, water tests, food service and food establishment inspections, public swimming pool inspections, septic and well repairs and installations, septic and well installer licensing, health complaints and related court actions.

Respectfully,

HAMPDEN BOARD OF HEALTH

Richard R. Green, Chairman
John M. Flynn
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.

Annual Activities provided by the Board of Health

Activity	1993	1994
Annual Flu Clinic (10-14-93)	247	222
Pneumonia Clinic (10-14-93)	152	NA
Annual Rabies Clinic (Dog & Cat)	55	35
Water Tests Taken (10/19 & 10/20)	89	54
Percolation Tests Taken	65	58
Septic Systems Installed and/or repaired	60	58
Installer Permits Granted	17	14
Septic Removal Permits Granted	5	7
Well Permits	43	44
Health Complaints	28	28
Court Actions	0	0
Food Service Permits	33	41
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1
Food Establishment Inspections	twice yearly for established businesses	

Recycled during 1994 under the volunteer program

	1993	1994
Newspaper	69 tons	90 tons
Combined cardboard, plastic, tin cans, glass bottles & jars, metal and white goods	66.12 tons	126tons
Bulk item Collection		15tons

Board of Health Telephone Number: 566-2151

Board of Health Hours: 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

LANDFILL	PERCOLATION TESTS
Hours are Saturday, 7AM to 5PM Recycling is the second Saturday of each month.	Perc Season for 1995 April 1 thru May 31 due to new Title V regulations. Next year revert to normal season. Percolation tests require an appointment with the Board of Health agent and the property owner's engineer performing the test.



All containers must be washed so there is no residue left inside. NO containers that held hazardous material will be accepted.

CASH ONLY|||||

DUMP STICKERS ARE REQUIRED.

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Annual Report of the Moderator 1994

The proceedings of the town meetings are documented elsewhere in this town report thanks to the thorough job done by the Town Clerk, so this report is, as usual, just my rambling.

I want to take a minute to thank the Advisory Committee for the excellent job they do in preparing a budget for the town meeting. They expend an awful lot of time meeting with department heads and trying to balance the need of the town with the restraints of prop 2 1/2.

The trend seems to be for the Town Meeting to have less and less controversy each year. Departments fight it out with the Advisory Committee beforehand, rather than try a floor fight at Town Meeting. Town Meetings are now shorter, and have lower attendance as a result of the lack of controversy.

It may now be time to consider lowering the quorum requirement for meetings. The bylaws state a minimum of seventy-five voters must be present currently to call a meeting to order. This number is getting increasingly hard to attain especially at meetings other than the annual.

Respectfully,

Richard E. Patullo
Moderator

Report of the Computer Study Committee

The Computer Study Committee is an ongoing task committee organized by the Board of Selectmen in 1986. Since that time, it has assist the Town departments in purchasing, installing, and maintaining their computer systems. We have stressed a practical and consistent approach to implementing these systems with an emphasis on productivity and good value.

In the past year the Committee has assisted the Selectmen's office and the Tax Collector's office with their systems, as well as the Town Library. This year, we are asking the Town to support the acquisition of a Police Management System, which we feel is well supported and will provide all of the features needed to bring the Town on-line with other local, state and federal agencies.

The Committee has a master plan which we feel represents a prudent, fiscally responsible path for the Town to follow. In these tough economic times, it is sometimes difficult to recognize the advantages of capital investment in computers and software. We are always available to respond to any questions or inquiries that residents may have. We wholeheartedly welcome any suggestions and advice.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Flynn, Chair
Jim Moriarty
Richard Rediker



Report of the Board of Appeals

The following listing summarizes the activity for 1995.
These Decisions are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

1994-1A	Frontage Variance to allow a lot to be cut off with less than the required 170' frontage left.	Denied
1994-1B	Special Permit to create a large substandard frontage lot with under 8 acres.	Denied
1994-2	Side Setback Variance Under 7.2.4.	Withdrawn
1994-3A	Frontage Variance to allow division of lot to leave 60' frontage for new 8 acre parcel	Granted
1994-3B	Special Permit to allow large substandard frontage lot of 8 acres.	Granted
1994-4A	Side Setback Variance to allow building a deck	Granted
1994-4B	Extension of Use Variance to allow building of deck on a membership club	Granted
1994-5	Special Permit to remove excess earth for agricultural purposes	Granted
1994-6	Variances to invade side and front setback to add playroom and porch	Denied
1994-7A	Special Permit to build a home on a 15 acre lot with less than 200' frontage	Granted
1994-7B	Variance to allow relief from 7.2.4 side setback to build a horse barn	Granted
1994-8	Variance to provide relief from 75' front setback to build a single family home	Denied

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF APPEALS

L. Jed Berliner, Chair
Richard E. Patullo, Vice Chair
Helena Kullberg, Clerk
Kenneth E. Lefebvre
Dalton E. Philpott

David R. Scott
Duane E. Mosier
Mary Chris Cesan

Report of the Planning Board

The composition and officers of the Board remained the same as last year. Officers are: Joseph A. Dolben, Chair; John Flynn, Vice Chair; Mark Casey, representative to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission; and former member Paul Robaitaille, alternate representative to the PVPC.

Building construction continued to be strong in Hampden over the past year.

Hampden Woods I was completed during the year except for the paving of the top coat and final landscaping. Road acceptance at Town Meeting was deferred pending completion of these items.

Hampden Woods II was submitted for subdivision approval in February 1994 and, after considerable review and associated design changes, was disapproved in November. The developer is appealing the Planning Board's decision in Land Court.

The Board reached agreement with the developer of Country Club Estates on steps needed to complete development of the subdivision. Unfortunately, construction will be delayed until Spring.

Hampden Heights I & II remain a problem. The development was foreclosed by the mortgagee in Spring 1994. As a result of the failure of the bank issuing the letter of credit, there is no bonding covering the remaining work to be completed before the road is acceptable to the Town. The Board has agreed that letters of credit will no longer be acceptable surety for subdivision development in the future.

The Board is proposing several Zoning Bylaw changes at the Annual Town Meeting in response to various concerns expressed by residents over the past years. We are constantly reviewing our regulations to find areas for clarification and conformity.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Dolben, Chair
John D. Flynn, Vice Chair
Mark Casey
George Romano, Jr.
Joseph Kruzel
Judith Jackson, Clerk to Planning Board

Report of the Ridgeline and Hillside Committee

The Ridgeline and Hillside Committee provides an advisory function to the Planning Board. Applications for development in this overlay district are reviewed by the members; site visits and progress reviews are held; and a recommendation is then passed to the Building Inspector.

1994 saw twelve reviews by the Ridgeline and Hillside Board, up from nine in 1993. We feel that the extra level of oversight given to development of these sensitive areas benefits all in the town.

All residents are welcome at any meeting and any volunteer help is greatly appreciated. We encourage all residents to make suggestions and comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Hanmer, Chair
Robin Warner
John D. Flynn
Jim Moriarty

Dutch Elm Disease

In the past year Elm trees that were infested by the Elm bark beetle were cut down and destroyed on the following roadsides, North Monson Road, Chapin Road, Wilbraham Road, Main Street and Allen Street.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Readon, Supt.



Gypsy Moth Report

During the year 1994, the town saw very little damage caused by the Gypsy moth, the past fall was one with a very low egg cluster count, less than 100 egg clusters were found and destroyed.

The town did have a large number of tent caterpillars along the roadsides, tent caterpillars do very little damage to the mainly young trees that they nest in.

A large number of these nest were cut out and disposed of.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Readon, Supt.

Hampden Council On Aging

Hampden's elder population, officially those over 60 years, are represented by the Council on Aging, a municipal agency whose function is to advocate for and serve their particular interests. Most important are the daily requirements to permit one to live as comfortably as possible with the least dependence on others. To support this, the Council on Aging offers assistance in areas of nutrition and health care, social activities, transportation, financial and legal information, caregiver support, as well as a reference source for any number of inquiries.

The Council doors are also open to residents under 60 who have faced changes in their lives such as layoffs, unemployment, and/or unexpected medical expenses. Information on fuel assistance, financial aid, or referrals for legal assistance is available through the Council on Aging.

The Council on Aging office is located in the Town House and is open five days a week, from 8:30 - 4:00. A full time Director manages the office, assisted by an Activity Coordinator and an Outreach Worker. A volunteer citizens committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, oversees the administration of the agency. Funding of the Council is provided by the town, supplemented by grants from the state and federal government.

Volunteers are the lifeline of the Council on Aging and Hampden is fortunate to have many residents ready to give of their time and talents. Over 70 volunteers participated in the various activities during the past year. The COA recognizes their devotion and is indebted to them for their invaluable service.

Carolyn Brennan, our Director for several years, left the Council this past year and Kathryn Henriques was appointed her successor as Executive Director. Carolyn contributed much to Hampden's seniors during her tenure and leaves an enviable legacy from her work with them. Kathryn has continued the momentum and has instituted her own innovative programs and activities in her short time as Director.

A major activity of the COA is the hot meal program provided by Greater Springfield Senior Services and administered in Hampden. Hot lunches have been served daily in the Melville Room of the Town house until November of this year, when it was relocated to Centennial Commons to permit more people to participate. This resulted in doubling the number of meals served, in addition to the approximately 20 home delivered meals brought to elders not able to get to the Commons.

The Council on Aging continues to be the central administrative and dispatching office for a regional paratransit service. Tri Town Trolley is subsidized by Pioneer Valley Transit Authority and serves elderly and handicapped residents of Hampden, Wilbraham and East Longmeadow. Rides are \$.50 to medical appointments, dialysis, adult day care, therapy, and shopping. In 1994, approximately 18,000 trips were made with about 4200 of those trips for Hampden residents. In the upcoming year, Tri Town Trolley will be expanding by incorporating Longmeadow into its operation. This merge will not only improve the amount of transportation services we currently offer but could also provide more flexibility in scheduling. The COA expects a smooth transition and anticipates maintaining the high quality service we presently offer.

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is offered twice a month at the Council on Aging. SHINE is a free and confidential health benefit counseling service for seniors. Its commitment is to ensure that seniors are provided with accurate information concerning health insurance and health care options. The Tax Assistance program is also available during tax season. This program is sponsored through AARP and provides free income tax preparation assistance to elders.

Monthly foot care clinics and blood pressure screenings are ongoing and the COA will be offering various monthly health screenings which will offer seniors the opportunity to monitor their health concerns in between doctor visits and also would enable seniors to learn about and seek answers to health issues from a training Nurse Practitioner. In cooperation with the Hampden Board of Health and several volunteers, the Council on Aging was able to administer a flu clinic where over 250 shots were given to older adults as well as younger residents who suffer from chronic breathing disorders.

The Council on Aging continues its memberships in the National Council on Aging, Massachusetts Association of Council on Aging Directors and Western Massachusetts Association of Council on Aging. It works cooperatively with the Friends of Hampden Seniors and the Scantic Senior Citizens Club.

The Board of the Council on Aging acknowledges the support of the people in Hampden, as well as the Town Departments with whom we work, in our efforts to make Hampden an enjoyable place for all our citizens.

Bill Olmstead, Chair
 Dalton Philpott, Vice Chair
 Dorothy Kibbe, Secretary
 Al Ouimet, Treasurer

Betsey Grant
 Harriet Hulse
 John Sullivan
 Janice Gallivan

GREATER SPRINGFIELD SENIOR SERVICES (GSSSI)

As Hampden's representative on GSSSI's Board of Directors, I aim to improve understanding between this Area Agency and Hampden's Council on Aging. Nominated by COA and appointed by the Board of Selectmen, I believe all Hampden voters, especially seniors and those younger, but caring for senior family members, now or later, should know the links between COA and GSSSI. A key part of these are the changes in the flow of Federal and State funds to meet seniors' needs in the GSSSI area.

GSSSI and other Area Agencies were created in 1972 by the Federal Older Americans Act of 1965 (OAA) and the Home Care Regulations of the State's Office of Elder Affairs (OEA). Their aim is to distribute- in response to the varying needs of towns and cities defined by their COA's - administered services paid by Federal and State funds. These total about \$7.5 million per year for GSSSI. Hampden's share, about 1/4%, was spread over these services:

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>FY'93</u>	<u>FY'94</u>
Adult Health Care	\$4,855	\$7,163
Homemaker	36,465	35,086
Personal care	23,599	26,158
Social Day Care	3,120	3,120
Transportation	3,661	2,588
Home Meals*	16,930	14,878
Congregate Meals*	17,983	21,770
Tri Town Trolley*	6,000	6,000
COA Health Screenings (ended 9/30/93)	<u>1,000</u>	<u> </u>
Total	\$113,613	\$116,763

*Federal "Title III", Older Americans Act.

Note the \$3,100 increase in FY'94 services; occasionally there are decreases. One town's higher need may be offset by another's decrease. The GSSSI had a small FY'93 deficit, but a similar surplus in FY'94. To manage such changes, operating accounts, under Federal and State accounting procedures, hold surplus funds to meet deficits. These accounts hold funds from direct mail appeals, grants, interest earned and "match funds" paid by towns and cities, as invited by the Federal OAA. The OAA "match fund" aims to pay for the approximately 16% of service costs NOT paid by Federal funds. Hampden's share of the "match fund" was \$389 in FY'93 and is \$279 for FY'94. OAA permits paying this in cash or "in kind" but requires detailed records of the "in kind" products or service, and prior agreement of market value, by area agencies. Massachusetts strongly prefers cash payment. Hampden's share is not tied directly to Hampden's needs. Payment is pooled with those from other GSSSI towns. Hampden's share would help pay for increasing needs in another town, and the latter's would help pay for increasing needs in Hampden.

Since the meals program has moved from the Town House, to the State-chartered Hampden Housing Authority's Centennial Commons, Hampden has an opportunity to pay its share in case, to aid this service to its seniors. The Selectmen proposed a line item in the Town's FY'95 budget, for the \$279. This is not in the COA budget, since the OAA requires payment by "general purpose local government", further defined as a "political subdivision of the state".

Respectfully submitted, George W. Ingile

Hampden Housing Authority

At present, the elected members of the Hampden Housing Authority are Dalton E. Philpott, Vice Chairman and State Appointee, William G. Joy, Secretary, Charles T. Schmitt, Treasurer, Mildred E. Grant, Assistant Treasurer and William Donnelly. Florence E. Kirk who was our Chairperson since the beginning of the Housing Authority has retired after many years of dedicated service to the Town and the residents of Centennial Commons. The staff is composed of Carole A. Robert, Executive Director, Gary DePace, Fee Accountant, Frank Hull, Maintenance Supervisor, and Reginald Temple, Maintenance Aide.

The Authority meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM in the Centennial Commons Community Building and holds special meetings as warranted. Regulations require meeting dates and times to be posted 48 hours in advance at the Town House bulletin board with the Town Clerk.

Tenants Organization - This group has its own officers and budget and plans its own meetings and programs throughout the year. There is always something for all who wish to participate and some tenants also attend the Authority meetings.

Executive Office of Communities and Development - The Authority is under the direct supervision of this unit in conjunction with our contract for 40 years, entered into in 1976 with HUD in Washington, DC. We are also in contract for the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan. Our main function is to be alert to the well-being of the tenants at all times, being alert to any revisions in the Tenants Handbook and guidelines from EOCD following through on our monthly water sample testing.

Inspections - Inspections are done annually by the Executive Director and the Maintenance Supervisor.

The Authority is conducting ongoing efforts in this area and as of this time no new grants have been offered.

Police, Fire and Highway Departments are graciously thanked by the staff and tenants for their efforts keeping our safety at all times.

The Congregate Meal Site has moved to the Commons and has become a wonderful event. Attendance has picked up dramatically since the Lunch Bunch has arrived. We also have included many of the activities such as card playing, scrabble, jewelry classes, etc.

The Authority may be reached at the office at 26 Springmeadow Lane, Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon, the telephone number is 566-8157.

Respectfully submitted,
Carole A. Robert, Executive Director

TENANTS ORGANIZATION

This organization has its own budget and by-laws. The committee consists of President, Mildred Grant, Vice President, Marjorie Tierney, Secretary, Pauline Booth, and Treasurer Louise Groll.

Many events are planned throughout the year by this organization. An annual Bazaar and Bake Sale is one of the big events that also realizes a profit for the tenants. Some of the monies earned are used for the Christmas Party that is attended by all the tenants and Board members. We have a wonderful dinner catered usually with entertainment and Christmas cheer is enjoyed by one and all.

In the past few years a summer barbecue is enjoyed by everyone and new tenants are welcomed at this event and the Christmas party also. Many of the tenants join the garden growing flowers and vegetables. Last year this became a community garden with many of the towns people taking part. Everyone at the Commons has an active part in the events offered through the Tenants Organization and we look forward to each new year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole A. Robert
Executive Director

1994 Report of the Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission is comprised of seven appointed volunteers who are charged with the responsibility of administering the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. 131, SEC 40) and the Town of Hampden Wetland Bylaw and Regulation. The integrity of bordering vegetated wetlands, swamps, wet meadows, streams, rivers, ponds and floodplains is especially critical in a town that depends entirely on private wells and septic systems.

During 1994, the Conservation Commission held 12 regular meetings on the second Monday of each month. We also had four special meetings held in April, July, August and October 1994. This year the Commission issued paper work on seven Notices of Intent (some contained adjoining lots in Hampden Woods phase I), nine Requests for Determination, and two Certificates of Compliance. We also had to issue six violation and enforcement orders. Site inspections were conducted for each of the filings as well as numerous other situations which came under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

The Town of Hampden Wetland Bylaw enabled the Commission to request a Wildlife Evaluation to be done at Hampden Woods Phase II, even though this area is not included in the Natural Heritage Mapping for State listed rare and endangered species. This is now one more tool we can use in evaluating the feasibility of a project. This Bylaw also requires filing and consultant fees. The money collected from those fees enables us to hire professional consultants to assist us in our project reviews. We work closely with the Town Engineer and Town Counsel. The Commission is budgeted fifteen hours per month for clerical assistance, which is served by Patricia Smith. She can be reached at the Town House on Monday through Thursday at 566-2206.

Any citizen interested in learning more about the function of the Commission is encouraged to join our meetings as an observer or an associate member.



Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Geromini, Co-Chairman
Richard Hatch, Co-Chairman
Camilla Desmarais
Richard Gouvan
Jack Matthews
Wayne Meisner
William Wilson
Patricia Smith, Clerk

Associate Members:

Donald Dorn
Mary Ann Hoyt

Hampden Land Project

Hampden Land Project, a local non-profit trust, aims to interest Hampden landowners in preserving their open land, or some portion of their open land, through conservation easements. Conservation easements are deed attachments that permanently protect open space while providing local and federal tax benefits, and important inheritance tax advantages.

Currently, according to the Mass. Dept. of Environmental Management, residentially developed land costs a town \$1.37 for every tax dollar paid, while open space costs \$0.40 for every tax dollar paid. Therefore, strategies to encourage the preservation of open space will help all residents by holding down costs, as well as by preserving our town's beauty and protecting critical environmental areas.

Sherry Himmelstein

The Historical Society of the Town of Hampden, Inc.

The Historical Society meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from February through November, at 7:30 PM. We invite all town residents to attend our meetings.

On the fourth Sunday of the months February to November there are "Open House" days from 2pm till 5pm when persons may see our extensive collections.

Suggestions have been made to have Historical Walks around town.

We wish to especially acknowledge the dedication of several who have spent many hours in making our museum a "show-place for Hampden artifacts.

Mrs. Beryl Doten
Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis
Mrs. Leona Isham
Mrs. Dorothy Hill



Respectfully submitted,

Helen R. Kennedy
Corresponding Secretary

Hampden County Regional Dog Control Program Town of Hampden

June 1, - December 31, 1994

On June 1, 1994 the Town of Hampden entered an agreement with the County of Hampden, to become a member of the Hampden County Regional Dog Control Program. Therefore, the H.C.R.D.C.P., represents Hampden in licensing and keeping of dogs, and provides a regional shelter for stray and abandoned dogs.

The H.C.R.D.C.P. represents Hampden in matters arising out of enforcement of the Town's Dog Control Ordinances and the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Sections 137A-175, (including amendments through 12/31/78).

During this period, the following list indicates duties conducted by Dog Officer Nick Dominik and Kevin Smith:

Investigation of Loose Dog Complaints	21
Investigation of Barking Dog disturbances	4
Strays picked-up and impounded at shelter	6
Dog Bite Investigations	3
Vicious/loose dog complaints	1
Hampden Dogs brought to Center and impounded	1
Stray dog complaints	2
Sick and or injured dogs	2
After-hour emergencies	3

Impounded	
Returned to owners	7
Adopted to new owners	2
Euthanasia	1

Transported to Rowley Animal Hospital
(County billed \$40.00) 2

Temporary licenses sold at Center 5

The staff attended on Town Open Meeting concerning Rabies in Western Massachusetts, and two public Rabies - Clinics were held at the Center.

The H.C.R.D.C.P. has the capacity for formal quarantine of possible rabid dogs and is a team member for laboratory testing, if a dog is suspect of the disease.

Dog Officers respond to complaints and service requests by interacting with local police, town officials, State Animal Inspector, Board of Health and State agencies, to ensure public safety.



Submitted by
Roberta M. Panuccio, Director

Animal Health Inspector

As the Animal Health Inspector for the Town of Hampden, it is my responsibility to make regular and thorough inspections of all livestock facilities (cattle, sheep, swine, goats and horses) as required by Chapter 129, Section 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws. These inspections are done in the fall of each year and include 1) an examination of the animals to ensure they are free from contagious disease, and 2) an inspection of the premise where the animals are kept in regards to adequate food, water, shelter, cleanliness, light, ventilation, and general management practices. Also, any dog or cat that has bitten or scratched a person is to be quarantined for 10 days regardless of vaccination status.

A reminder, we are still in the middle of a RABIES epidemic. Please vaccinate ALL PETS for the rabies virus. Please check with your veterinarian to make sure your pet has been immunized correctly. It is a state law that all cats are to be immunized for rabies by 3 months of age subject to a \$150 fine per cat/kitten for failure to do so. This is for your protection as well as your pets.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU; to the Police department who have been the first responders to the hundreds of rabies calls that have come in over the past year; to the Highway Department to all the road time they have put in this year; to Dr. Hersmans office for all their help; and to the Selectmen's Office who have been so helpful and patient, especially at 4pm on a Friday afternoon!

The State of Mass Department of Public Health and the Town of Hampden have a written procedure for the event of different Rabies exposures. Any questions for more information, please feel free to contact myself or the Selectmen's Office.

My animal inspection report for the year 1994 is as follows:

	GRADE	PUREBRED
Number of Dairy Cows over two years	4	
Number of Dairy Heifers one to two years	1	
Number of Dairy Calves under one year	0	
Number of Dairy Bulls	1	
Number of Dairy Steers	0	
Number of Dairy Herds (one animal constitutes a herd)	1	
Number of Beef Cows over two years	21	11
Number of Beef Heifers one to two years	2	2
Number of Beef Calves under one year	6	11
Number of Beef Bulls	1	1
Number of Beef Steers	4	
Number of Beef Herds (one animal constitutes a herd)	9	
Number of Oxen	0	
Number of Horses (work & saddle)	166	
Number of Ponies	30	
Number of Goats	21	
Number of Sheep	23	
Number of Llama	2	
Number of Swine	1	
Number of Swine Hens (one animal constitutes a herd)	1	
Number of Poultry (farms consisting of 25 birds or more)	0	
Number of Poultry Flocks	0	



There were 9 dog bites and 1 cat scratch reported. There were also 16 dogs and 2 cats in various quarantines for exposure to a rabid or suspect rabid animal. And 7 raccoons tested positive for the rabies virus which were submitted for testing due to a human or domestic animal exposure.

Respectfully submitted,

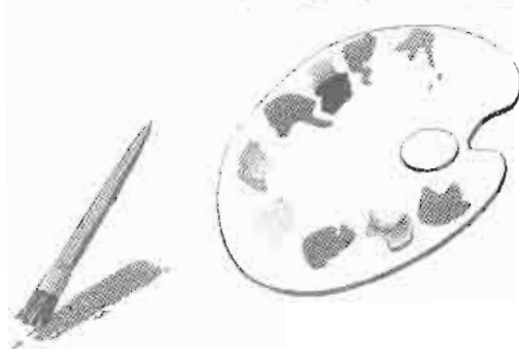
Robin Warner, Animal Inspector

Hampden Arts Lottery Council

The HAMPDEN ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL approved funds in the amount of \$2000.00 for the 1994 Cycle. The grants were approved in Boston and Awarded as follows;

1994 Summer Reading Program	- Hampden Public Library	\$500.
Cultural Enrichment Event	- Hampden Public Schools	\$400
Blues Demonstration by T.J. Wheeler	- Minnechaug Regional HS	\$100
Tower Saxophone Quartet	- Green Meadows School	\$350
Tower Saxophone Quartet	- Thornton Burgess School	\$350
Microfilms & Microfiches for Opening Research	- Hampden Historical Society	\$300

Mrs. Margaret Rochford finished her term on the Council, Thank you, Peg for all your help and support. Our new member replacing Peg is Aline Burt. Welcome Aline.



Diane Knecht, HALC, Chairperson

HAMPDEN ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

Mary Grassetti
Dorothy Fritts
James Hughes
Diane Knecht
Aline Burt

Veterans' Services Department Annual Report for Town Of Hampden

In 1994 there was one family aided by the Veterans' Services Department.

The total amount expended was \$1,913.04, of which 75% is reimbursed by the State, the town's share being, \$478.26.

As a result of the VA service work performed by the area office in Monson, veterans and their dependents in Hampden received \$409,741.00 in Federal Benefits. The awards cover veterans non-service connected pensions, service connected compensation, retro-active awards and burial benefits.

Not only does the Veterans' Services Office process 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
Veterans' Agent

Report of the Parks and Recreation Department

Many people worked together this year to make a huge contribution to our community. After two years of fundraising, the Kids Castle became a reality. It definitely takes a whole community to make a project like this successful, and we are grateful for everyone's help and support. Particular thanks need to go to the Kids Castle Committee and to Joyce Dunklee and Montura Moriarty as chairpersons.

Memorial Park Summer Camp was well attended. Campers enjoyed a wide variety of projects, including Arts and Crafts, Science, Sports and Pool Time. Swimming lessons were added this year, taught by Evan Coppola. Anyone who saw the lessons taking place could not help but see how much fun the children were having, thanks to Evan. Stephanie Roj was our Summer Director and she did a marvelous job, managing both the Pool and the Summer Camp.

August 6 was the long-awaited Kids Castle Day. Work began at 6:30AM with volunteers wielding hammers, shovels, rakes and drills all day long. Volunteers also helped provide food and drink for the workers. What an amazing day, watching the playground grow out of the ground.

Family Day was held on Sept. 4, to help celebrate the installation of Kids Castle. A great crowd enjoyed the free popcorn and Trevor the Gamesman and the clowns.

In November, the Parks and Rec Dept. teamed with the Council on Aging to sponsor the Hampden Fine Arts and Crafts Fair. Over forty exhibitors and demonstrators took part. It is wonderful to see so many talented people (and get some early holiday gifts!).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many people who help make us a more effective department. Kate and Doreen from the Selectmen's office deserve a huge thank-you. From fielding phone calls to handling paperwork, they help our programs run smoothly. Dana Pixley and the Highway Department are always cooperative. Thanks also to RAH - hundreds of children participate in their sports programs through the efforts of these volunteers. A special thanks to the coaches who volunteer their time and effort on behalf of our children.

The best thing about this year is seeing the many people now taking advantage of our beautiful park. Vandalism has been way down, thanks in part to the number of people at the park.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. The meetings are held at the Town Hall and all town residents are encouraged to attend. We would also like residents to come forward with some new ideas on programs for the children during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Glennice Flynn
Mary Zamorski
Dave Kingsbury
Sandi Rovelli
Jim Hughes

Report for Kids Castle

The Hampden Memorial Park Playground Committee was formed in February of 1992 by a group of Hampden residents. Its focus was to purchase and install new playground equipment for the Town of Hampden. Two years, and many obstacles later, the Town of Hampden exhibits an up-to-date playground facility entitled the Kid's Castle.

The project began with an examination of what the playground should consist of. The equipment had to fulfill several criteria to be considered satisfactory. It had to be as safe as possible, have a high degree of visibility, accommodate a wide range of age groups and stimulate physical development. Kids Castle members visited other playgrounds, studied photographs, and analyzed blueprints to determine which aspects would be the most beneficial. The projected cost: \$30,000 with an installation goal of July 1994.

The Kids' Castle campaign was launched at the 1993 Memorial Day parade. Volunteers constructed a float depicting their version of the Kids' Castle. Children handed out informational literature to spectators and generally tried to achieve an awareness of the project.

Village Food Mart and Guida Dairy Products had already joined forces. They had decided to contribute a portion of the proceeds from Guida milk sales to Kids' Castle. Their generous effort yielded the cause over \$1500.00.

The children of Hampden were also consulted. They were asked to do drawings of what they would like to see in their playground. The ideas were fantastic and were displayed at the park on Family Day.

The next year and half was filled with organizational meetings, fund-raisers and corporate solicitations. Candy bar and T-shirt sales were instituted at the onset and continued throughout the campaign. Also available were engraved clay bricks that will be used at the site.

The committee members proved their dedication to the project time and time again. They organized and implemented a number of fund-raisers including a tag sale, a tour of homes, a roller-skating party, a golf tournament and a children's theater. We were even able to utilize some of the local talent. David Casey of Casey Auto Glass hosted a car etching at the Rec. For a fee of \$10, he etched traceable numbers into each of the windows of a vehicle.

In addition, Dr. Joseph Costanzo and his associates volunteered to host a workshop concerning child abduction. It incorporated causes, parental concerns and sensible precautions into a very informative session.

Finally on August 6, 1994 the playground was installed. More people were there to help than we ever expected. All were willing to do whatever was needed. People were enthusiastic and neighborly. Hampden was there in full force. Consequently, the work was done by 7:00 p.m.

The overall project has lasted approximately 2 years. The members of the committee have accomplished a monumental task in a very short period. They all can be very proud of their accomplishment. It is the committee's hope that there will be another group that will take over where our group left off.

In closing, there is a giant thank you extended to everyone that contributed or helped out in anyway. You made all our efforts worthwhile. We hope the playground is enjoyed by all who visit. Thank you.

The Kids' Castle Committee

Joyce Dunklee, Chairperson	Karen Chabot	Pam Desrosiers
Sherry DiSanti	Mary Dunklee	Ann Feeney
Joanne Gernux	Beth & Peter Fatse	Cathy Herchel
Jeff Grasseith	Kathy Nardi	Beth Joyce
Montura Moriarty	Debbie O'Brien	Glennice & John D. Flynn

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners

The Commissioners have been active in overseeing the maintenance of Prospect Hill and Old Cemeteries, filling sunken graves, grading and seeding have been accomplished. Arrangements are also made for the excavation and refilling of the graves at time of interment and the installation of foundations for markers in cooperation with the various monuments vendors. Twenty one interments were made during the year. Several lots have been sold in Old Cemetery and lots are still available there.

This year again we are requesting that all winter decorations are removed by April 15th in preparation for the redecoration of the graves for Memorial Day. We would also request that old decorations and trimmings from shrubs be placed in or by the barrel provided for that purpose at each cemetery. Rubbish thrown into the woods or over the fence has to be picked up by someone else to avoid an obnoxious mess on the property of others.

Please be reminded that any plantings put in to decorate the graves must be kept within the bounds of the plot described in the deed and are the responsibility of the owner for maintenance. Any plantings or decorations violating this rule will be removed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Sazama, Jr.	566-3304
Henry Dunwoody	566-3357
Elizabeth Wells	566-8556

Report of the Building Commissioner

BUILDING PERMITS/INSPECTIONS

Signs:	
Houses:	29
Additions:	18
Garage:	13
Alterations:	7
Sheds:	7
Barns:	7
Pools:	10
Porch/Deck:	19
Stove permits:	2
Demolition:	0
New commercial:	0
Greenhouses:	0
TOTAL:	112
DEMOLITIONS:	3

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS	
TOTAL:	106

PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTIONS	
TOTAL:	81

Respectfully submitted

Albert H. LaPlante
Building Commissioner



1994 REPORT OF THE LIBRARY

1994 was a great year at the Hampden Public Library. The library continued to "fine tune" its automated circulation system this year, and we would like to thank all our patrons for their continuing patience as we adjust to a new system! The library took another technological giant step in 1994 by becoming an on-line affiliate member of CWMARS, an automated resource sharing network. This membership will provide internet access for the library and enable the library to offer our patrons better inter-library loan service. It is our sincere hope that all of these new systems will provide us with the means necessary to offer the best library service possible.

The library would like to acknowledge the organizations and agencies who provided funding in 1994 for the following programs:

Red Cross Babysitting Course - Lions Club
Trevor the Games Man performance - Dept. of Ed. Learning Together grant
"Read to Me" kindergarten book project - Dept. of Ed. Learning Together Grant
Singer Roger Tincknell - Dept. of Ed. Learning Together Grant
Creative writing course for adults and children - Dept. of Ed. Learning Together Grant
\$2000.00 Young Adult collection grant - Mass. Board of Library Commissioners
Puppeteer and juggler for the Summer Reading Program - Hampden Arts Lottery Council
Storyteller and singer for the Summer Reading Program - Friends of the Hampden Library

In addition to funding programs and providing refreshments for the Summer Reading Program, the Friends of the Library donated funds to purchase new videos and CDs for the library and sponsored the holiday party in early December. The financial support and advocacy of the Friends is very important to the library, and we appreciate the efforts of all associated with the group very much.

The theme for the 1994 Summer Reading Program was "Ticket to Read." Many thanks to Kerry Cesan for creating the marvelous bulletin boards for the program. We had a busy, fun-filled summer with lively weekly programs and 120 boys and girls, aged 3 - 13, participating in the book reporting! Congratulations to the 103 children who completed the program.

Other highlights at the Hampden Library in 1994 include the preschool storyhour kids visit to the firehouse during fire prevention week, new bean bag chairs donated by the Summer Young Adult Club, and the local artists' display in the library.

We would like to thank our library volunteers, Dorothy Hauser, Bea Margeson and Daniel Brewer who faithfully come to the library week after week. Their value to the library is innumerable - thank you all very much! A special thank you also to Ed Malachowski who has over the years given the library many fine homemade wooden games, puzzles and toys. Finally, to all our patrons many thanks for your ongoing support of the Hampden Public Library.

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY	11AM - 8PM	THURSDAY	11AM - 5PM
TUESDAY	11AM - 5PM	SATURDAY	10AM - 3PM
WEDNESDAY	11AM - 8PM		

The library is closed Saturdays from June 15 to September 15.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

General Services

Circulation:

Print Material - Adult	12,948	Volumes Added	1,400
Print Material - Juvenile	15,977	Volumes Discarded	n/a
Non-print materials	11,374	Total Collection	16,058
Inter-library loan	55	Magazine subscriptions	64
TOTAL	40,354		

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Finances

Receipts

Municipal appropriation	\$52,696
State Aid	2,333
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Expenditures

Wages	\$42,113
Books & materials	11,408
Supplies	1,508
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	\$55,029

(NOTE: The status of the library's trust funds are listed in the Treasurer's Report)

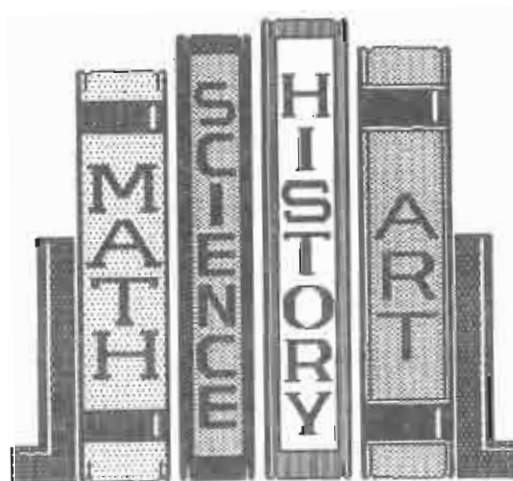
Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Hutchison, Trustee chair

Beth Burger, Trustee

Elaine Kingsbury, Trustee

Marta Willey, Library Director



Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

The Fire Department responded to 81 calls this past year. Seven of these calls were for mutual aid assistance to surrounding towns. In November, the Hampden County Fire Mutual Aid Association again held their monthly meeting in Hampden. In 1994 I was again elected Secretary and Treasurer of the county association.

When you sell or refinance your home, you must have your smoke detectors inspected before the closing. Please make sure they are properly installed and in working order before you call for inspection. For information on where to install smoke detectors or to make an appointment for inspection, please call 566-3314 between 8:00am and 4:00 pm.

This past year 14 firefighters took and passed the firefighter 1-B course sponsored by the Mass State Fire Academy.

This past year, we awarded six scholarships to firemen children who are furthering their education. We would like to thank everyone for your continued support of our flower sale and raffle, whose profit goes into the scholarship fund.

Anyone who is 19 years old, a Hampden resident and can pass a Physical exam and wants to help the town is eligible to join the Fire department, just give us a call. 566-3314.

Carbon Monoxide is on everyone's mind. Please have your heating equipment including the chimney serviced every year by a professional to make sure it is clean and working properly.

This past year I turned in \$2,755.00 to the Town Treasurer for inspections and permits.

I wish to thank the Police and Highway Departments for their cooperation in helping the Fire Department this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Hatch
Fire Chief

Report of the Forest Fire Warden

As in the past, outdoor burning is permitted from January 15th through April 30th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm daily. This is for the burning of brush and forest debris only. There is NO burning of grass, hay, leaves, stumps or construction materials. Burning permits are issued on a daily basis, depending on the weather conditions. You may obtain a permit by calling 566-3314 after 9:00am on the day that you wish to burn.

Last year 997 burning permits were issued during the burning season.

In 1994 we responded to 12 brush fires.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Hatch
Forest Fire Warden

