

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

1996



HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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IN MEMORIAM

Arthur A. Booth, Sr.
Chairman, Council on Aging

Eleanor Hapgood
Hampden Historical Society
Volunteer Senior Meals Program

William Donnelly
Hampden Housing Authority

Robert D. Crane
Highway Department

Theodore Kullberg
Hampden Recreation Association

Harriet E. Hulse
Council on Aging Board Member

Geneva H. Smith
Scantic Senior Citizens Club

Walter W. Lunden
Board of Appeals
Hampden Historical Society

Patrick E. Kirk
Volunteer Senior Meals Program

Warren A. Reed
Volunteer Fire Department

Joseph Simon
Scantic Senior Citizens
Hampden Historical Society

C. Kilbourne Bump
Planning Board
Library Trustee

INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN

Federal Census	1/1/91	4,709
State Census	1/1/85	4,762
Town Census	1/1/96	4,978

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

19.64 square miles

COUNTY

Hampden County

TAX RATE

\$17.56 for Fiscal Year 1997

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Last Monday in April at 8:00 p.m.

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: 566-2151,2152

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

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office Hours: Every Wed 4:30pm-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; 2nd & 4th Sat each month

LAUGHING BROOK HOURS

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

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meet as Posted

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS -- 1996

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

John M. Flynn, Chairman	1997
Arthur A. Booth, Jr., Chairman Health	1998
Richard R. Green	1999

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

Secretary to Board of Selectmen/Health
Doreen M. Rauch

MODERATOR

Richard Patullo	1997
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TOWN CLERK

Rita A. Vail	1998
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TOWN TREASURER

Donna Easton-Vicalvi	1998
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Rita A. Vail	1998
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Stanley W. Witkop, Chair	1998
Henry P. Baush	1997
Richard A. Jalbert	1999

Clerk to Assessors
Diane Hildreth

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Mary Ellen Glover	1997
Douglas F. Boyd	1999

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Elaine Kingsbury, Chairman	1998
Kathleen Hutchinson	1997
Beth E. Burger	1999

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman, and State Appointee	
Charles T. Schmitt	1999
William G. Joy	2001
Mildred E. (Betsy) Grant	1998
Aline Burt	2000

CONSTABLES

Paul A. Bouchard	1998
Miles M. Hapgood, Jr.	1998
George K. Stone, Jr.	1998

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Robert F. Sazama, Jr.	1999
Henry W. Dunwoody	1998
Elizabeth Wells	1997

PLANNING BOARD

Joseph A. Dolben, Chairman	1998
John D. Flynn	1999
Mark Casey	1997
Joseph Kruzel	2000
Duane Mosier	2001

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Representative, Duane Mosier
Alternate-Joe Kruzel
Clerk to Planning Board
Judith M. Jackson

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Glennice Flynn, Chair	1999
David Kingsbury	1999
Dennis Herchel	1997
Kathleen Duquette	1997
Mary Zamorski	1997
Clerk to Park Commissioners Lorraine Aloisio	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1996

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Clifford Bombard 1998

DOG OFFICERS

Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control 1997

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Lawrence Hatch 1997

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Margie Bergeron 1997

SUPT. OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

Dana Pixley 1997

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Donald G. Kipetz 1997

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Richard Wiencek 1997

VETERANS' BENEFITS AGENT

Marilyn Bolaske 1997

ACTING CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

John M. Flynn 1997

SUPT. OF STREETS

Dana Pixley 1997

TREE WARDEN

Dana Pixley 1997

FENCE VIEWERS

John H. Field, II 1997

William H. Patric 1997

TOWN COUNSEL

Bruce D. Clarkin 1997

PARKING CLERK

Rita A. Vail 1997

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Patricia Smith 1997

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mark Feeney 1997

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Robert Lague 1997

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

William P. Patullo 1997

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Richard Jones, Chairman 1999

James D. Smith, Vice Chairman 1999

Richard J. Fadus 1998

Richard Moriarty 1997

Yorke P. Phillips 1997

Evelyn Schmidt, Clerk

BOARD OF APPEALS

L. Jed Berliner, Chairman 1997

Richard Patullo, Vice Chairman 1998

Helena L. Kullberg, Clerk 1999

Kenneth Lefebvre 1999

Dalton Philpott 1999

Judith Jackson, Clerk

BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES

David Scott 1997

James E. Stone 1997

Mary C. Cesan 1997

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

Dorothy Fritts, Chairman 1997

Marilyn Abbott 1997

Aline Burt 1997

Reginald Johnson 1997

Doris Ouimet 1997

Carol Smith 1997

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

John Bethel 1997

Robert L. Burger 1997

Samuel Hanmer 1997

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

Samuel Hanmer, Chairman 1997

Jim Moriarty 1997

John D. Flynn 1997

Robin Warner 1997

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1996

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bonnie Geromini, Chairman	1997
Camilla J. Desmarais	1999
William Wilson	1999
Richard Gouvan	1999
Jack Matthews	1998
Wayne Meisner	1999
Michael Raimer	1999
Patricia Smith, Clerk	

CONSERVATION, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Arthur Thiboutot	1997
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COUNCIL ON AGING

William T. Olmstead, Chairman	1997
Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman	1998
Albert L. Ouimet, Treasurer	1997
Larry Blake	1998
Brian MacLeod	1999
Patricia Clark	1998
George Lavallee	1997
Virginia Schneider	1998

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

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Carolyn Brennan	1999
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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE

George K. Stone, Jr.	1997
Richard Hatch	1997
Raymond Shankel	1997
Guy Bartolucci	1997

ENERGY COMMISSION

George Audren	1997
Walter Johnson	1998
Brian McQuillan	1999
Frank Krzanik	1997
Toi Graham	1997
Al Perusse	1998

COMPUTER STUDY COMMITTEE

John. D. Flynn	1997
Richard Rediker	1997
Jim Moriarty	1997

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	1997
Elizabeth M. Wells	1998
Janet M. Redin	1999
Rita A. Vail, Clerk	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

Philip J. Adams	1997
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SERGEANTS

Mark Reisner	1997
James Collins	1997
Jeff Farnsworth	1997

POLICE OFFICERS

Anna Joubert	1997
Michael J. Cooney	1997
Scott Trombley	1997
William Joy	1997
Todd Ely	1997

DISPATCHERS, full-time

Sandra Gregoire	1997
Linda J. Ely	1997
Laurie Ryder	1997
Verna Caney	1997

DISPATCHERS, part-time

Radcliffe Kenison	1997
John DiMaio	1997

RESERVE OFFICERS

Fred Lewenczuk	1997
Harlan Cross	1997
Ronald Corriveau	1997
Laurie Ryder	1997
David S. Bertera	1997
Robert D. Robinson	1997
Lewis Gordon	1997
Joseph Henry	1997
Michael Gralinski	1997
John DiMaio	1997
James W. Collins III	1997
Steven LeClair	1997
Kristen Marciniac	1997
Christopher Doyle	1997

POLICE MATRON

Sandra Gregoire	1997
Linda Ely	1997
Laurie Ryder	1997
Verna Caney	1997
Debra Martel	1997

SECRETARY TO POLICE DEPT.

Kathy Zannetti	
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APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 1996

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lawrence Hatch, Chief	1997
Howard Cutting, Assistant Chief	1997
Ronald Warner, Deputy Chief	1997
Thomas Poulin, Captain	1997
Peter Hatch, Lieutenant,	1997
William Brown, Jr.	1997
James Burns, Sr.	1997
James Burns, Jr.	1997
Gordon Casey	1997
Donald Dickinson	1997
Edwin Dunlea	1997
Michael Gorski	1997
Richard Harris	1997
Richard Hatch	1997
Joseph Grant	1997
Daniel R. Isham	1997
Keith Isham	1997
Albert Jones	1997
Matthew Loveling	1997
Henry Managre	1997
David Markham	1997
Michael Mauier	1997
Wayne Meisner	1997
Art McCarthy	1997
William Patric	1997
Robert Sazama	1997
Todd Schneider	1997
Robert Short	1997
Michael Sicbaldi	1997
Thomas Smith	1997
David Sutcliffe	1997
Charles Thans	1997
Richard Thayer	1997
Irving Witkop	1997

Auxiliary Firemen

Daniel J. Isham
Harold House
Garrett Brant

**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**

George K. Stone, Police Chief

Donald Snow, Police Officer

Kenneth Andres, Reserve Police Officer

Everett Walker, Reserve Police Officer

Donna Vickery, Reserve Police Officer

Steven Hoadley, Volunteer Fire Department

Sandra Rovelli, Park Commissioner

Albert H. LaPlante, Building Inspector

Kathryn Henriques, Council on Aging Director

Donald Dorn, Associate Member Conservation

Betsy Grant, Council on Aging

Dorothy Kibbe, Council on Aging

Robin Warner, Animal Inspector

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: Mark Feeney 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:** Perc Season is April 1st thru May 31. 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 three 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: Mark Feeney-566-2204
12. **Electrical, Plumbing, Gas, Oil Burner, Smoke Detector, and Wood Stove 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 -MARK FEENEY-566-2204-566-8315 (H)	
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/sqft
Swimming Pool.....	\$20
Solid Fuel Stoves.....	\$15

ELECTRICAL PERMITS Robert Lague, tel 566-8472	
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 (New/House).....	\$15
Smoke Detector Inspection (Real Estate Transfer).....	\$15
Oil Burner inspection.....	\$15
Blasting Permit, Fire Chief.....	\$10
Renewal of Smokeless Powder (Fire Chief).....	\$5
L.P 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	
Well Permit.....	\$20
Percolation Test Permit.....	\$100.
Septic Tank Installation Permit(new or repair).....	\$100.
includes one revision,each additional revision.....	\$50.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

We would like to thank all citizens of the Town of Hampden for their support over the past year. Our appreciation goes to the town officials, committees, employees of the Town Offices, Highway, Fire, Police Departments and all organizations in the public area for their cooperation and service to the community.

The Board of Selectmen has been, is and will be concerned with the proposed pipeline route through the Town of Hampden sponsored by the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company. Though the route would only effect a small number of the residents of Hampden, the arbitrary placement of a pipeline within community effects everyone in the community. Not only is the gas pipeline a concern, but the expansion of this service could be, in the long haul, a reality. We have met with the Massachusetts Siting Council, the Corps of Engineers and kept our Town Counsel and Town Engineer apprised of the situation. At the time of the official filing by MMWEC, the Board of Selectmen will file as an intervener in support of the abutters affected by the proposed route. Comments and support on this important issue are encouraged.

Before Proposition 2 ½ the Town of Hampden had a paving program for all the town road maintenance. The reductions in available funds brought this program to a standstill. This past Town Meeting we received funds for our resurfacing program and the first year went quite well. The Board of Selectmen will be back to this upcoming Town Meeting with an article to continue this project. It should be noted that State Aid that was originally available for paving has been curtailed substantially, though during this last election year some funding was made available.

Chief George K. Stone, Jr., Hampden's Police Chief for over twenty-five years and a member of the Police Department for nearly thirty, retired in the Fall of 1996. The residents of the Town of Hampden feel the loss of George as our Chief of Police but do wish him the best in his retirement and future endeavors. Phil Adams, a longtime member of the East Longmeadow Police Department, was appointed to fill the Chief of Police vacancy. Phil has an outstanding record in East Longmeadow and has been well received. We ask all to give Phil the warm Hampden welcome.

The regional school system has had a replacement with the retirement of Dr. Brian Halleron. He was replaced by Dr. Brenda Dietrich who has assimilated into the community rapidly and is a great addition to our regional school system. Again, when you meet Brenda do give her a welcome and do wish her well.

Our ambulance service continues, as in the past, in cooperation with the Town of East Longmeadow. We have been able to maintain a favorable subsidy rate even though the original server has changed.

In the Spring our Adopt a Road Program went very well thanks to several of the organizations within the community that support this program. We look forward to continued cooperation from these organizations and welcome other groups who would be willing to commit to a road. Please contact the Board of Selectmen's Office for any further information.

The 2nd year of the Hot Dog Roast, for the community, which was held at the Fire House on Memorial Day, was a smashing success. Volunteerism is what makes this activity possible, both in service and food. Though attendance is not required, we do welcome everybody to the Hot Dog Roast on next Memorial Day.

Board of Selectmen

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Late winter saw the Town of Hampden, as well as most of the communities, inundated with severe snowfall. Outages were experienced as well as some devastating consequences concerning trees and shrubs. Every ten years seem to bring a local disaster and we do want to assure all our citizens that a response plan has been and is in place. To those without power or heat, alternate locations are available. Contact may be made through the Board of Selectmen and the Police Department. If there is an emergency, all departments are immediately available to assist you. The Highway, Fire and the Council on the Aging are on standby on a twenty-four basis.

1996 has been a good year. We look forward to an even better year in 1997.

Respectfully,

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

Selectmen/Board of Health fees, licenses, permits, etc.	\$ 30,995.44
Building Department fees	\$ 19,470.50
Police Department permits, reports, etc.	\$ 1,561.00
Fire Department smoke alarm inspections, oil burner permits, etc.	\$ 2,360.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 11,938.35

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board Of Health is comprised of the Board of Selectmen and a part time professional, Mr. Donald Kipetz, who provides technical support to the Board and oversees health issues that concern our town.

The Board Of Health retains oversight of all health related matters concerning the town and continues to act diligently to assure any and all matters that may adversely affect the town are addressed immediately and brought to a satisfactory conclusion. General activities that involve the Board of Health consist of food service permits, inspections, state and local reporting requirements, septic system repairs and new system installations, flu vaccine clinic, rabies clinics, water testing and oversight of the landfill transfer station and recycling facility.

Tax credit legislation anticipated for enactment for calendar year 1996 has not occurred yet, however a low interest loan program administered by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission is in place and is available to any resident. Information and/or applications may be obtained by calling the PVPC at (413) 781-6045.

The Hampden Sanitary Landfill, a.k.a. the dump, is finally a thing of the past. After a long and sometimes difficult three years of Town Meetings, negotiations with the Department of Environmental Protection, coordinating efforts of consulting engineers and contractors, all technical requirements for final closure have been complied with. The end result is a user friendly Transfer Station and Recycling Facility that has a side benefit of some of the best country and woodland views in this part of Western Massachusetts. There are some paperwork details that remain open but are administrative in nature only and do not affect operation. Several important points that are worth mentioning are the State Grant authorizing issuance of \$165,000 to the Town of Hampden upon receipt of the Certificate of Closure and several smaller grants that were provided for our efforts in recycling. Moneys become available from time to time and Hampden will pursue receipt of additional sums. Participation by town residents in the recycling program will go a long way in insuring these additional funds. Our annual recycling volumes continue to increase but more effort is required if we want to take advantage of the additional money. Increasing your recycling efforts is easy, saves weight and volume in landfills and saves Hampden money by reducing hauling costs from the Transfer Station. Refinements to both the Transfer Station and the Recycling Station will continue as we receive comments and suggestions from those who use these facilities. Hours of operation remain as posted. The Transfer Station is open every Saturday 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM and the Recycling Facility is open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. While we have now employed an attendant, volunteers are still needed to assist in the operation of the recycling activity.

Bulk item disposal will continue twice per year, spring and fall, and as usual notification will be provided in advance for those who wish to avail themselves of this service.

Hampden cooperates with Longmeadow, Wilbraham and East Longmeadow in monthly regional meetings that have served to exchange ideas beneficial to our mutual interest. One such benefit was an Hazardous waste collection day, which was very successful. Our town could not have afforded the services realized that day without the participation of the regional effort. More of these programs will be made available to the participating towns in the future and you will be notified by flier of specifics.

The Board of Health would like to thank the townspeople for their support and if anyone needs assistance please call the office at 566-2151.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MILL POND

The Mill Pond reclamation project is alive and well. Although reclaim operations did not start during calendar year 1996, all the paperwork, engineering and permitting has been accomplished. The wet year was primarily responsible for the lack of activity and as a result the Mass. Department of Environmental Management has extended the grant through June 1997. As we have previously noted, even with matching funds and pro bono engineering support, some volunteer effort will be required. Please call or write the Board of Selectmen and indicate your interest in supporting the project in whatever way you feel you can contribute. The end product will be something to be proud of as Hampden Citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Annual Activities provided by the Board of Health

Activity	1995	1996
Annual Flu Clinic (11-7-96)	233	247
Pneumonia Clinic	NA	NA
Annual Rabies Clinic (Dog & Cat)	60	65
Water Tests Taken (10/23/96)	45	83
Percolation Tests Taken	73	80
Septic Systems Installed and/or repaired	60	37
Installer Permits Granted	15	20
Septic Removal Permits Granted	6	7
Well Permits	36	21
Health Complaints	22	26
Court Actions	2	5
Food Service Permits	26	33
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1
Food Establishment Inspections	- twice yearly for established businesses	

Recycled during 1996 under the volunteer program

	1995	1996
Newspaper	95 tons	95 tons
Combined cardboard, plastic, tin cans, glass bottles & jars, metal and white goods	172.81 tons	163 tons
Bulk item Collection	19 tons	18 tons
Hazardous Collection		130 gallons

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 and fourth Saturday of each month.	Perc Season for 1997 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.

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NO HAZARDOUS ITEMS ARE ALLOWED.

DUMP STICKERS ARE REQUIRED.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MODERATOR 1996

As life gets more complex we have to make choices, and citizens have been making those choices. They have chosen not to attend town meeting unless there is a issue that is of special importance. Now I admit that I have a certain warm feeling for the town meeting process, it does after all represent pure democracy, and I wish attendance was better at routine meetings. The reality however exists that people are busy and the business conducted particularly at a special town meeting is just not enough of a motivation to rearrange their lives. It is for this reason that the Town Clerk and I have sponsored a bylaw change to reduce the quorum at town meetings from 75 to 50. Too many times meetings have started late because we had to wait for up to a hour while phone calls were made to voters to get a quorum. I think the time has come to accept that many people are too busy for the routine business of the town, but that does not mean that people do not care or will not show up when the issue is important and relevant to them.

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 assisted 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 Police Department has implemented a state-of-the art Police Management System, which brings the Town on-line with other local, state and federal agencies. This system, both hardware and software, were primarily funded with grant money and have already proved to be a valuable tool for the police personnel.

The Committee has a master plan that 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

Case -1	Special permit Section 4.3 to allow the addition of a sunroom on a house with less than the required front setback.	Granted
Case - 2	Special Permit to allow the removal of earth to improve the land for agriculture.	Granted
Case - 3	Special Permit to allow the building of a warehouse and garage to house two oil trucks in the Commercial District.	Granted
Case - 4	Variance to allow the placement of an accessory building closer to the front property line than required in the R-6 District.	Rescheduled to 1997

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF APPEALS

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

Alternates:
David R. Scott
Mary Chris Cesan
James E. Stone

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The composition and officers of the Board remained the same as last year. Members are: Charlie Dolben, Chair; John Flynn, Vice Chair; Duane Mosier, representative to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission; Joe Kruzel, alternate representative to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission; and Mark Casey. Duane Mosier was re-elected to a five-year term in May.

Using funds from the subdivision bond, the Town completed final paving of Hampden Woods I.

The Board's decision disapproving the Hampden Woods II subdivision was upheld in Land Court on appeal by the developer. The Court agreed with the Board that concern about extending Sessions Drive, already a dead-end road, with the addition of another dead-end extension was a reasonable cause to deny the subdivision application.

Country Club Estates (along with the Hampden Country Club) was foreclosed by the lender, Beal Bank of Dallas, Texas, before the final work on the subdivision road could be completed. The Board is working with the Bank to finish the final details of the project.

Hampden Heights I & II was purchased from Fleet Bank by a local developer. The final paving of the existing roads was completed late in 1996, enabling future development of the remaining lots in the subdivision.

Steepleview Estates, a residential subdivision at the east end of Main Street was approved and construction commenced in December.

The Professional Office Building, a 20,000 sq. ft. office development at the intersection of Somers Road and Wilbraham Road was proposed and approved by the Board. The project required a zone change from R-6 (residential) to Business of 4 acres back land; the zone change was approved at April's Town Meeting.

The subdivision regulations were reviewed and amended to deal with deficiencies and inconsistencies; in particular the rules governing dead-end roads were clarified.

The Board meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month and welcomes the input of Town residents.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph A. Dolben
John D. Flynn
Mark Casey
Joseph Kruzel
Duane Mosier

REPORT OF THE RIDGELINE AND HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

The Ridgeline and Hillside Committee provide 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.

1996 saw only three reviews by the Ridgeline and Hillside Board, possibly due to the overly generous exceptions allowed in the bylaw. Both the Planning Board and the Ridgeline subcommittee feel that this bylaw needs to be reviewed on a periodic basis.

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

HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING

"The Commonwealth's 347 Councils on Aging are the front line of services to elders. COA's provide, coordinate and link a wide variety of resources to help meet the needs of Seniors. With programs ranging from information and referral, outreach, transportation and health screening to intergenerational activities, community education and social day care, COA's serve more than 400,000 individuals annually." Franklin Olivierre, Secretary of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

Programs sponsored and coordinated by the COA include:

Outreach: Outreach Worker, Helena Kullberg visits elders in their homes to provide information and referral and advocacy in utilizing services available to help elders remain independently at home.

The Scantic Scribe: This monthly newsletter is the COA's most effective and attainable outreach tool. The Scribe provides updated and useful information covering all areas that effect older adults.

Nutrition : The Title III-C Nutrition program funded through Greater Springfield Senior Services and managed by Janis DeGrandpre, provides 20-25 meals each week day at Centennial Commons. 15-20 meals are delivered to frail, home-bound elders by volunteers.

Health Services: Monthly Blood Pressure and Glucose Screening takes place free of charge at the Council on Aging and at Centennial Commons. The Senior Information and Health Fair was held in conjunction with the annual flu shot clinic in the Town House Auditorium. Over 275 elders visited the fair this year. Foot Care Clinic also is held at the Council on Aging and Centennial Commons.

SHINE: is a free and confidential health benefit counseling service for senior citizens , sponsored by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Ed Schenk, a trained volunteer holds monthly appointments to help Hampden elders with their health insurance, health care options and problem solving in those areas.

New programs and events initiated in 1996

SHARE HAMPDEN: SHARE is a community way for people to have access to good, affordable food. SHARE's unique system of distribution relies on the hard work and goodwill of people from richly varied backgrounds and means. This resource exchange is both a practical way to stretch the food dollar and a catalyst for positive change. This program is open to all Hampden residents regardless of income. Participants pay \$14.00 and commit to two hours of volunteer work (anywhere), and for that participants get a food package that is worth double at retail prices. None of the food is donated. Registration is ongoing at the Council on Aging and Distribution Day (D-Day) takes place once a month at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

THE HAMPDEN FALL FESTIVAL: The most successful event the Council on Aging and the Parks and Recreation co-sponsored was this year's 1st outdoor festival which drew an astonishing 3,000+ residents and friends. All ages enjoyed various activities, entertainment and crafts. Area restaurants took part in serving the guests their finest cuisine at extremely reasonable prices. Special thanks to the Highway Department and the Police Department for all of their assistance.

The backbone of all of these programs both new and existing are the 80+ volunteers that dedicate their time, unique gifts and talents. The Council on Aging would like to express their appreciation and gratitude to these individuals.

This year the Council on Aging was saddened by the death of one of it's longest members, Harriet Hulse. Harriet had been a member of the Board since its beginning in 1977.

This year saw the return of Carolyn Brennan as the full-time Director of the Council on Aging. The Council members, as well as all citizens, welcome her back to the position she held for four years. Carolyn brings to the seniors of Hampden the expertise, imagination, and energies to assure that their interests and needs are recognized.

The need for a Senior Center to accommodate the activities for our elder population is increasingly evident as the COA expands its role as a service provider. The current facility is simply not adequate nor accessible. The congregate meal site was moved to Centennial Commons in 1995 and operates efficiently at that location. However, it impinges somewhat on the lives of the residents there and the Community would be better served with a central center with meal service for all our seniors. Lack of a satisfactory center requires our seniors to travel to neighboring towns and share with them the programs and activities they require.

The Council on Aging urges the people of Hampden to plan for a senior - or community - center before the year 2,000.

The Council on Aging holds membership in the National Council on Aging, Massachusetts Association of Council on Aging Directors and Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Olmstead, Chairman
Dalton Philpott, Vice-Chairman
Al Ouimet, Treasurer
George Lavallee
Patricia Clark
Virginia Schneider
Larry Blake
Brian MacLeod

GREATER SPRINGFIELD SENIOR SERVICES, INC. (GSSSI)

Compared with '95, '96 showed little change in total Federal (20%) and State funding (\$7 million) distributed as services by GSSSI. These support GSSSI's objectives, to:

- *provide lower-cost in-home alternatives to nursing-home care,
- * assist elder's "money-management" problems, and
- * provide protection, and soon, a "safe-haven" for abused elders, of whom the Springfield area has the highest incidence in this state.

Of these funds, Hampden's share remains at 1.4%, to provide services to Hampden's elders. Hampden's "match-fund" contribution, as stipulated in the renewed Federal "older Americans Act" will be \$302 for FY 98, compared with \$310 for FY 97. Improved economics for the Greater Springfield area has led some cities and towns to pay all or part of their respective "match-funds" after several years of not responding to this need.

Other factors have changed. A new Executive Director was chosen; after only a few months as Finance Director, he provides strong financial and general management skills, to cope with Federal and State accounting rules. Also, the recent "Evening of Olympic (gymnastic) Stars" and last year's Mark Russell Show, indicate GSSSI's reaching for greater local public and business recognition and support.

Looking ahead, these changes are needed to cope with increasing elder needs and reducing Federal and State funding. Recent drastic changes in Federal health and welfare laws and funding are forcing major shifts in the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs activities, with impact on regional programs, such as GSSSI's. Also, the rapidly expanding "HMO's" (Health Maintenance Organizations) are creating sometimes troublesome situations for the more fragile elders. To find solutions to these problems and opportunities to help elders in this shifting scene, GSSSI has created a "New Strategies" committee, on which your representative serves.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ingle

TENANTS ORGANIZATION

This organization has its own budget and by-laws. The committee consists of President, Aline Burt, Vice President, Claire Zykoski, 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 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 was 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.

The tenants are having a wonderful time with the new "Staff Supper" being offered by William Joy and the staff. This is a nice event especially for the winter months.

Many of the tenants have formed card groups and craft classes. The crafts are being made to put on sale at the Annual Bazaar and everyone is welcome to join in.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole A. Robert
Executive Director

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

At present, the elected members of the Hampden Housing Authority are Dalton E. Philpott, Vice Chairperson and State Appointee, William G. Joy, Chairperson, Charles T. Schmitt, Treasurer, Mildred E. Grant, Assistant Treasurer and Aline Burt, Secretary. 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 8:15 A.M. in the Centennial Commons Community building and holds special meetings as warranted. Regulations require meeting dates and times to be posted 24 hours in advance with the Town Clerk.

Tenants Organization - This group has its own officers and budget and plans its own meetings and programs throughout the year. Some of the tenants also attend the Authority meetings which are public and open to everyone.

Executive Office of Communities and Development - The Authority is under direct supervision of this unit in conjunction with our contract for 40 years, entered into in 1976 with HUD in Washington, D.C. We are also in contract for the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan. Centennial Commons is financed and subsidized through HUD and EOCD. Our goal is to provide safe and sanitary housing to all moderate income categories. All utilities except telephone and cable are included in the rent. The water is tested monthly by the DEQE lab and our water is safe through the monthly monitoring.

Inspections - These are done annually by the Director.

The Authority is always in the process of finding new sites for housing and as of this time, no grants have been issued.

The Authority would like to graciously thank the Police, Fire and Highway Departments for their efforts keeping our safety at all times and Dana Pixley for painting our arrows and street sweeping our roadway.

The Authority would also like to extend a special thanks to Bill Kulle for lighting our very tall Christmas tree for us this year. Thanks to Bill Joy for working on this also. The tenants were very happy to see the tree lit. We also had our first annual tree lighting ceremony with the Girl Scouts carolling. This was enjoyed by all.

The Authority may be reached at the office at 26 Springmeadow Lane, Monday-Friday, 8AM-12Noon at 566-8157.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole A. Robert
Executive Director

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Town of Hampden depends entirely on private wells and septic systems, therefore the integrity of bordering vegetated wetlands, swamps, wet meadows, streams, rivers, ponds, and floodplains is critical. The Conservation Commission, composed of seven appointed volunteers and associate members are charged with the responsibility of administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. 131 sec. 40) and the Town of Hampden Wetland Bylaw and Regulations.

During 1996, the Conservation Commission held thirteen regular meetings on the second Monday of each month. We also held four special meetings on May 2, July 1, August 1, and August 15. This year the Commission issued paperwork on two Notices of Intent, ten Request For Determination, three Violation Notices and one Certificate of Emergency.

Under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, Conservation Commissions have jurisdiction over a one hundred foot buffer from any protected area under the Act. (M.G.L. 131 sec. 40). It is strongly recommended to contact the Commission concerning any work to be done within the buffer. Paperwork, if needed, is available at the Town House. Most violations occur because people are not aware of the scope of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and the Town of Hampden Wetland Bylaw and Regulations. The town now has a separate booklet entitled Town of Hampden Wetland Bylaw and Regulations. It can be bought at the town clerks office.

We thank Patricia Smith for her clerical assistance and advice. She can be reached at the Town House 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 associate member.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Associate Member
Arthur Thiboutot

HAMPDEN LAND PROJECT

Hampden Land Project (HLP), a local non-profit land trust, is now in its fifth year. It serves landowners and residents interested in conservation options on their land.

As a member of the Mass Assn. of Land Trusts, HLP has access to experts in the fields of land management and estate planning. On a local level, HLP acts as a resource for information through open meetings and selected mailings, and assists when questions concerning conservation issues arise.

One goal of HLP is to inform people about conservation easements. A conservation easement is a permanent deed attachment that preserves open space, while maintaining the ownership and full use of the land by the owner. The land can be passed on to one's heirs or sold, with the conservation easement attached. Conservation easements provide local and federal tax benefits, and are a valuable tool in estate planning. For inheritance purposes, land is appraised at maximum possible development. Conservation easements lessen estate taxes, and allow heirs the option of living on the land and/or selling part of the land for income (as opposed to selling off the estate just to pay the taxes).

The open spaces of Hampden - its wetland marshes, open fields, forest, and mountain vistas - contribute to its scenic beauty and rural atmosphere. By balancing new development with conservation, we protect our air, our water, our wildlife, and we leave a legacy for future generations.

Please direct any inquiries to : HLP, Box 455, Hampden.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Himmelstein

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The year of 1996 was an extremely busy one for the Historical Society's membership of volunteers. We have continued to carry out our mission as stated in our by-laws as follows:

"The purpose of this Society is to pursue and express the historical interests of Hampden and its people in all suitable ways,

- ***obtaining and preserving historical data;

- ***collecting, holding, and exhibiting artifacts of special interest;

- *** making these memorabilia available for study by any bona fide individual under appropriate conditions. (See attached "Rules Governing the Use of the Library/Archives/Museum") (per Article II)

During 1996 our volunteers worked on two projects in May. Our annual American Flag Sale and Tag Sale on Memorial Day, was a great success.

Started in 1995 and all through October this year work was done on publishing a historical reference book. On November 5th we held our first sale of our book entitled "Hampden, Massachusetts Postcards", and then on November 7th we again sold our books. What a wonderful response it was!

The book contains 219 Hampden postcards. Some were part of our Museum collection, others were donated for the book, and some were loaned.

The success of our book is due to all the townspeople who helped us, especially the committee, the businesses, and the Hampden Cultural Council whose grant was for partial funding of the book. Also our thanks to Dick Patullo at the Hampden Hardware Store who volunteered to sell our books there. And, our thanks too for Marta Willey's offer to sell our books at the Library.

The Postcard Book is still available and may be purchased by calling any member of the committee, the Hardware Store, or the Library.

In order to finance the special needs of the museum such as office supplies, telephone service, preservation materials, microfilming, and repair work, etc. we are indeed grateful for the results of our projects this year.

The landscaping work at Academy Hall was completed with the help of Dana Pixley and his crew, the Hampden Garden Club, and the Hampden Nursery.

Our Curator, Beryle Doten has had a busy year including setting up the Microfiche Reader in our Research Center. Here history buffs can delve into town history, old merchant records, old Post Office records, town scrapbooks, and the federal census through 1920. Through Mrs. Doten's efforts representatives of the Church of the Latter Day Saints spent time in Hampden taping Hampden Vital Records and the copy was given to the Town.

Mrs. Doten completed an extensive Archeology Study on Native American Sites in our area and sent a copy of her report to the Mass Historical Commission in Boston. She also opened the Museum for two special groups, i.e., one the Hampden Cub Scouts and the other a group of Agawam Historical Society Members.

In August our open house Sunday shared Academy Hall with the Scantic Valley Artists Group that presented an Art Show on the main floor.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Our regular meetings had varied and interesting programs thanks to Chrissie Cesan and Martha Patullo.

In closing we appeal to all Townspeople interested in helping us with historical work to make our Museum an especially fine source of knowledge about Hampden's past. Get on our membership list! Visit our Museum! Come to our meetings!

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy B. Hill, Secy. Pro Tem

Board of Directors

Officer	Dorothy B. Hill, Pres.
	Helen Dickinson, V. Pres.
	Linda Krawiec, Rec. Secy
	Althea Woods, Cor. Secy
	Beth Simons, Cor. Secy Pro Tem
	George Ingle, Treasurer

Trustees:
Walter Johnson
Frederick Maher
Beryle Doten

HAMPDEN COUNTY REGIONAL DOG CONTROL PROGRAM TOWN OF HAMPDEN

The Town of Hampden has a Canine Service Contract with Hampden County, as a participating member of the Hampden County Regional Dog Control Program (Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control Center.) 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 Center has a contractual veterinarian, Richard Vincunas, D.V.M., who is responsible for the general health of all impounded dogs, including administering Rabies vaccinations.

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

Their past October the Center celebrated its TENTH ANNIVERSARY of canine and public service. An open house celebration was held and the general public and municipal officials were invited. Our volunteers raised all funds to sponsor this event and conduct a pet show of dogs available for adoption. The event was a huge success, attracted media coverage, and raised a good sum of money for shelter improvement, as well as donations of needed equipment for Center use.

During this period, the following list indicates duties conducted by Dog Officer Nick Dominik and other dog officers on emergency call:

Investigation of loose dog complaints	105
Investigation of barking dog disturbances	30
Stray dogs captured and impounded at center	20
Dog bite investigations	5
Vicious/loose dog complaints	4
Stray dogs brought to the center by Hampden residents	4
Stray dog complaints	24
Sick and or injured dogs	8
After-hour emergency calls	20
Impounded	24
Returned to owners	10
Adopted to new owners	10
Euthanized	4
Transported to Rowley Animal Hospital for medical treatment (County billed \$20.00)	1
Licenses sold at Center	10
Board of Selectmen's Meeting attended	4
Complaint follow-up calls	33
District Court Filing	1

The H.C.R.D.C.P. has the capacity for formal quarantine of possible rabid dogs and is a team member for immediate laboratory testing, if required. The Center held three Rabies Clinics (Spring, Summer and Fall) during 1996, providing reduced cost rabies vaccine, for dog and cats, and offering some vaccines free to financially needy owners. Additional preventive vaccines are administered to dogs impounded at the shelter. The Center is computerized and is able to track repeated violations. We also participate in computer chip scanner for quick owner identification.

HAMPDEN COUNTY REGIONAL DOG CONTROL PROGRAM

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

Our staff wishes to compliment the citizens of Hampden for their concern in canine matters and their cooperation in canine law enforcement.

Submitted by

Roberta M. Panuccio, Director

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Hampden Cultural Council is responsible for distributing funds allocated to the local cultural council by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. We try to distribute this money for projects and activities planned locally for the education and enjoyment of all the town's residents. Applications for funds are submitted to the local council in October each year and the council meets in November and early December to consider these requests. In October 1996, we had requests for a total of \$8,402, but our allocation from the state was \$3150. As a result many requests were denied altogether. Those approved are seldom awarded the full amount requested. The grant applications are then forwarded to the Massachusetts Cultural Council for review, final approval and release of funds. We receive these results in March and then confirm awards given locally and distribute grant money. Local groups or individuals who would like to request funds can get more information and grant request applications from the Selectmen's Office.

Projects and activities awarded grants in December 1996 include:

BRAVO arts newspaper for help in printing and distribution of this publication available to town residents free

- summer art programs for children conducted at the Hampden Town Library
- a trip to the Springfield Symphony Orchestra by Green Meadows School children
- senior drawing and painting classes sponsored by the Hampden Council on Aging
- the Hampden Historical Society for help with preparation of a postcard book
- Hampden/Wilbraham Diversity Committee for a Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday celebration to which all Hampden residents were invited.
- Help for preparation of a series of readings of children's bedtime stories by the Radio Reading Service of Western New England
- High School art awards sponsored by the Town Gallery including Minnechaug student
- Hampden Town Library for summer reading programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Fritts, chairperson
Aline Burt
Carol Smith
Doris Ouimet
Reginald Johnson
Marilyn Abbott

VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR TOWN OF HAMPDEN

In 1996 there were two families aided by the Veterans' Services Department.

The total amount expended was \$4,115.46 of which 75% is reimbursed by the State, The Town's share being \$1,028.87.

As a result of the VA service work performed by the area office in Monson, veterans and their dependents in Hampden received \$380182.00 in Federal Benefits. The awards cover veterans non-service connected pensions, service connected compensation, retroactive 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.

The Veterans Services Department can be found in the Town Administration Building, 110 Main Street, Monson, MA 413-267-4140.

Respectfully submitted;

Marilyn F. Bolaske
Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1996 was a terrific year for our department. New programs were implemented and old programs were updated. Our staff worked very hard to make sure that all our programs ran smoothly. We would like to thank Sandy Rovelli for her years of service on our board.

Memorial Park Summer Camp and the Pool had a great summer. Stephanie Roj and her staff try to be sure that everyone who uses our facilities has a good experience. Family Night at the Pool was fun. Watching the children do the Limbo and the Macarena was really entertaining! The children seemed to like swimming in the dark, although I did not see many adults swimming.

This fall we sponsored line dancing by Marie B.. Come down to the Town Hall on Tuesday nights and have some fun!

The Fall Festival was a cooperative effort sponsored by the Park and Recreation Commission and the Council on Aging. Our goal was to create a festival to celebrate and enjoy our beautiful community. Being able to sample foods from local restaurants and caterers, crafts, and lots of inexpensive games for children made for a really enjoyable day. We also had music, clowns, contests, and baseball games. As always, working with Carolyn Brennan and her staff was a real pleasure.

RAH did a wonderful job coordinating youth sports programs for the community. This group of dedicated volunteers devotes untold hours to the organizing and running of our soccer, baseball, and basketball programs. If your child plays youth sports, you should be involved with this group.

Our programs could not exist without our volunteers. Hundreds of hours are expended to ensure a smoothly run program. With everyone's schedules becoming more complicated, volunteering is more difficult. With this in mind, the Park and Recreation Commission has decided that it is necessary to hire a part-time Recreation Director. This position will take over some of the functions that are being done by volunteers. This will make the Sports Coordinators jobs much easier and make the overall programs run more cohesively. We urge you to support the Commission in this endeavor.

We would like to thank all the people in Hampden who help and support our efforts. As we operate almost solely through the efforts of volunteers, there would not be enough space to name you all, but please know that you are appreciated.

Our meetings are held at the Town Hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month and we welcome all interested participants.

Thank You

Park and Recreation Commission

Glennice Flynn
Dave Kingsbury
Mary Zamorski
Dennis Herchel
Kathy Duquette

RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF HAMPDEN

The Recreation Association of Hampden [RAH] provided a youth athletic program to 914 young athletes this year. As anticipated this was an increase from the previous year and the resultant financial and facility demands increased. The programs included the traditional soccer, basketball, and baseball/softball programs.

Fall Soccer	277 athletes	192 league/59 instructional
Basketball	223 athletes	158 league/65 instructional
Spring Soccer	213 athletes	
Baseball/Softball	201 athletes	90 T-Ball 71 East/Pony/Bronco 40 Softball

Coordinated with the Parks and Recreation Department and in cooperation with the Highway Department, two size appropriate soccer fields were added, one at each school. All fields were fitted with new sets of JayPro Portable Aluminum Goals to facilitate practice and game requirements. The portable nature of these goal sets enables RAH to periodically rotate fields to enhance field conditions, and maximize space to address facility issues. A greater proportion of home games were played in Hampden this year minimizing travel and ensuring safety concerns. In addition, the lower field at Memorial Park was refurbished to host the softball program and town baseball programs.

The operating budget to finance RAH programs is presented below.

	General	Soccer	Basket	Baseball	Softball	Total
Income	87.42	18505.27	9750.00	5032.00	682.00	34056.69
Debits	785.49	13976.61	9869.95	6219.99	265.36	31117.40
Total	-698.07	4528.66	-119.95	-1187.99	416.64	2939.29

Uniforms, equipment, league fees, and officiating costs predominate the debit side of our spreadsheet. Participation fees and town line item revenue fuel the income side. The RAH budget ended the year in an overall positive position.

RAH wishes to thank all the sport coordinators Alan Walder -Soccer, Gary Weiner-Basketball, Paul Snopek-Baseball] and all coaches for their tireless efforts toward our town youth. We sincerely hope the program was positive for all, and encourage your comments and concerns. Your involvement is imperative on all levels

Respectfully submitted,

The RAH Board

CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Commissioners have been active in overseeing the maintenance of Prospect Hill and Old Cemeteries. 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 monument vendors. Nineteen interments were made during the year. Several lots have been sold in Old Cemetery and lots are still available there. However, within a few years no burial plots will be available there. We are working with the Selectmen to develop plans for this contingency.

This year brush was removed from the southwest corner of Prospect Hill Cemetery and grading and seeding have been accomplished on part of this area. The rest of it is expected to be done in the spring. The old rotted fence running up the middle of Old Cemetery has been removed with the expectation that a wooden fence similar to that at Prospect Hill will be erected along the front of the Cemetery.

Once 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 7:30pm. 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:	0
Dwelling	14
Additions:	12
Garage:	10
Sheds:	2
Alterations	14
Barns:	3
Pools:	14
Stove permits:	6
Demolition:	1
New commercial:	1
Greenhouses:	1
TOTAL:	112
DEMOLITIONS:	1

TOTAL PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

Building	78
Electrical	137
Plumbing & Gas	75

Respectfully submitted

Mark J. Feeney,
Building Commissioner

1996 REPORT OF THE LIBRARY

The mission of the Hampden Public Library is to provide materials of popular interest to our adult and juvenile patrons, and to provide materials and services to help local residents satisfy their informational and educational needs.

1996 was a great year for the Hampden Public Library. Circulation of traditional print and non-print materials continued to increase. Use of the library's electronic resources also grew steadily throughout the year. These resources include the CD ROM reference titles: Grolier, Encarta, Compton's and Bookshelf; and a subscription to a magazine index and partial text CD ROM product called EPSCO Middle Search. The library's new connection to the automated resource-sharing network, CWMARS, was also used heavily in 1996 for reference and Inter-library loan requests.

In 1996 the library began offering a public access Internet connection. This connection was made possible through a state grant which provided a new Pentium computer. The library is responsible for all operating costs except for the Internet connection which is generously donated by a local Internet provider, the Spa. The Internet connection is provided free of charge to the public and is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The theme of the 1996 Summer Reading Program was "Catch the Summer Spark! Read!" Over 100 boys and girls reported on books over the summer and attendance at weekly programs averaged over 75 people each week! We would like to thank the Friends of the Library and the Hampden Cultural Council for sponsoring our weekly programs. The library also received donations from Friendly Ice Cream Corporation and the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System. A special thank you to Kerry Cesan for creating the beautiful bulletin boards for the Children's Room.

During the summer the library also offered art classes, taught by members of the Hampden Scantic River Artists and funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and a Red Cross Baby-sitting class, taught by Red Cross Instructors and partially funded by the Hampden Lions Club.

We would like to thank the members of the Friends of the Library for their constant support; our wonderful Wednesday volunteer, Bea Margeson; our library patrons; and finally staff members Margaret Rochford, Lynn Shay and Maria Yacovone for their dedication and hard work.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	11AM - 8PM
Tuesday	11AM - 5PM
Wednesday	11AM - 8PM
Thursday	11AM - 5PM
Saturday	10AM - 3PM

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

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LIBRARY STATISTICS

General Services

Circulation:

Print Material - Adult	14,306	Volumes Added	1357
Print Material - Juvenile	14,828	Volumes Discarded	320
Non-print Materials	10,311	Total Collection	20,963
Inter-library Loan	547	Magazine Subscriptions	64
TOTAL	39,992		

Finances FY96

Receipts

Municipal appropriation	\$55,354
State Aid	<u>2,333</u>
TOTAL	\$57,687

Expenditures

Wages	\$45,085
Books & Materials	11,131
Supplies	<u>1,471</u>
TOTAL	\$57,687

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Kingsbury, Trustee chair
Beth Burger, Trustee
Kathleen Hutchison, Trustee
Marta Willey, Library Director

HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department responded to 80 calls this past year. We had two serious fires that required assistance from our neighbors through Hampden County Fire Mutual Aid Association. Many thanks to Wilbraham, Monson, East Longmeadow and Somers, CT Fire Departments for their assistance.

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 five 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 \$2,360.00 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 10:00am 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 material. Burning permits are issued on a daily basis, depending on the weather conditions. You may obtain a permit by calling 566-3314 after 9:00 am on the day that you wish to burn. Last year 1,485 burning permits were issued during the burning season. In 1996 we responded to 12 brush fires.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Hatch
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The activities of the Highway Department were numerous in 1996. We experienced record snow falls along with record paving projects. Before I outline the completed work for the past year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Kibbe for his many years of dedicated service to the Town of Hampden. On behalf of the community, we wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

Winter finally ended in mid April with a total of 28 storms that left approximately 120" of snow. A special thanks is owed to both the dedicated members of the Highway Department, many times working around the clock, and the residents who approved the purchase of the two new trucks we needed desperately to perform this work.

As in past years, the Highway Department performed most of the necessary work on dead trees throughout the town, for a complete list please see Tree Warden's Report. Other maintenance jobs done in the spring of 1996 included: painting of all traffic markings, grading of all dirt roads, cleaning ditches, replacing deteriorated culverts on Bennett and Chapin Roads, and the general maintenance type of patching of holes on all roads in town.

With the positive vote of the residents, the first of a six year paving plan was approved. As proposed, all of the work outlined at Town Meeting was completed. The following roads were paved:

Stony Hill Road, Oak Knoll Drive, Fernwood Drive, Circle View Drive, Mountainview Drive, Rose Circle, East Longmeadow Road (from Allen Street to Riverpark Drive) and the top coat of Mill Road (from Somers Road to Grist Mill Lane).

The Massachusetts Highway Department each year provides funds for rehabilitation and construction projects. In 1996 project requests were accepted and approved for work on several roads. State funded projects performed by the Highway Department included:

Ames Road - cleaned, shimmed and resurfaced with asphalt and stone.
Glendale Road (from North Monson Road to the town line) - cleaned, shimmed and resurfaced with asphalt and stone.
Chapin Road (for a distance of 2,000 feet) - drainage installed, shoulders loamed and seeded and resurfaced with asphalt and stone.
Mill Road (from Somers Road to Grist Mill Lane) - reclaimed, graded, and base-coat paved.
Potash Hill Lane - catch basins adjusted, road cleaned and paved.
Martin Farms Road - catch basins adjusted, road cleaned and paved.
Allen Street (from the town line to Circle View Drive) - cleaned and paved.

This past year we brought to completion two subdivisions which are now up to general town standards. Kelly Lane was prepared, paved and trees were planted. Hillside Lane and Highland Circle were cleaned, paved and a cul-de-sac was reconstructed in that area. A cul-de-sac was also constructed at the end of Hickory Lane Extension. These three projects were privately funded.

Other significant projects completed throughout the year were the cleaning and paving of Prospect Hill Cemetery roadways, and the construction of the recycling area at the Transfer Station.

Various duties which are performed when necessary include: Maintenance of various trucks and equipment. Landscaping was done at Academy Hall. Material was hauled to the ball fields, bleachers were repaired and the swimming pool was cleaned for the Parks Department. Handicapped zones, crosswalks and no parking areas were marked at the schools.

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As many of you are aware, Bob Crane, a longtime seasonal employee of the Department passed away in December. Bob worked on Public Grounds for the past 8 years. His absence will be truly missed by all of us.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectman, their secretaries, the various members of the Town Hall, the Police and Fire Departments along with the members of the Highway Department (Patrick Markham, Robert Richards, Albert Rosati, Richard Brown and Matthew Frederick) for their continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

As you will see in the following report, activity in 1996 was up considerably from previous years. It began with record snow falls which made it impossible to trim roadside brush, but yet allowed for the removal of larger trees that were in poor condition. This resulted in a greater number of stumps (34) which had to be ground down in order to keep high visibility areas presentable. Later in the year, Kelly Lane was completed and 36 trees were planted along the tree belt there. Finally, due to concerns for public safety, three intersections that had a poor "line of sight" were improved. Several trees were removed from the intersections of Woodland Drive, Edward Street, and Sessions Drive where they intersect with Stony Hill Road. The changes made in those locations greatly improved visibility and therefore make for a much safer intersection. I would like to thank all the land owners at those locations for their understanding and cooperation with that project.

The year ended with a total of 219 trees being cut down and cleaned up. Most of these were done solely by the Highway Department. Occasionally a tree service is called upon to help in the removal of the more dangerous trees.

Trees removed by the Highway Department were as follows:

Allen Street - 8	Mountain Road - 6
Ames Road - 2	North Road - 17
Burleigh Road - 3	North Monson Road - 2
Carmody Road - 10	Northview Terrace - 3
Chapin Road - 7	Old Coach Road - 1
Cross Road - 1	Pondview Drive - 1
East Longmeadow Rd - 5	Raymond Drive - 3
Glendale Road - 18	Scantic Road - 1
Hollow Road - 9	Somers Road - 3
Isaac Bradway Road - 2	South Monson Road - 3
Kelly Lane - 2	South Road - 5
Main Street - 25	Stony Hill Road - 25
Meadowbrook Lane - 1	Thresher Road - 1
	Wilbraham Road - 30

Trees removed with the assistance of a professional tree service were as follows:

Ames Road - 1	North Road - 7
Bennett Road - 1	South Road - 1
Chapin Road - 2	Stafford Road - 1
Glendale Road - 9	Wilbraham Road - 3

If anyone has questions regarding a tree or would like to report a tree on town property in poor condition, please feel free to contact me at the Highway Department office (566-8842).

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1996 was a year for change for the Hampden Police Department. Chief George K. Stone Jr. retired in September, after serving this community for 29 years of dedicated service. Officers James Collins Jr. and Jeff Farnsworth were promoted to the position of Acting Sergeant in July and August. Sergeant Collins is working a split shift, first & second shift, (7AM-3PM & 3PM-11PM), and is helping in administrative duties for a smooth transition for the Police Chief. Sergeant Farnsworth has been assigned to the third shift, (11PM-7AM) and is in charge of our new computer system that has been on line since September of this year, with other local, state and federal agencies. Officer Todd Ely, a Reserve Officer for nine years, was promoted to a Regular Officer and is assigned to the third shift, (11PM-7AM). Two new Reserves Officers joined our Department, Michael Gralinski and James Collins III. Officer Gralinski graduated from the Reserve Academy and is currently working as needed, and Officer Collins is currently attending the Reserve Academy.

The Police Department through Sergeant Reisner's efforts was able to obtain funds from the State through a Community Policing Grant (\$4,500) and a Block Grant (\$2,500). These grants will be able to provide needed services to the community. Officer Bill Joy our D.A.R.E. Officer was also responsible for obtaining funds from the State in the amount of \$6,000 that will help this Police Department in working closely with the schools and parents in teaching our kids to stay away from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

As you can see from above, for a small Police Department, we certainly have been exposed to numerous changes this year. I am please to inform all Town residents that because of the dedicated people working for this Police Department, in the past and present, I feel right at home and hope to continue to provide the type of police service you have come to expect and deserve.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, their staff, and all other town hall employees for their confidence, support and cooperation during my first year with the Hampden Police Department. A "THANK YOU" to all of the Police Officers, Reserve Officers, and civilian employees of the Police Department for welcoming me into their Department. I would also like to thank the Fire Chief and members of his department, the Highway Superintendent and members of his department, all elected and appointed town officials for their help and support this year. Special thanks to all the members of the Computer Study Committee in implementing our computer system. Finally, to all the citizens of Hampden many thanks for your ongoing support of the Hampden Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip J. Adams
Chief of Police



REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I submit herewith, the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending, December 31, 1996.

During the year, the Police Department recorded 5,223 log entries. Of these, 2,467 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.

Ambulance assists	192	Illegal dumping complaint	4
Animal complaints	101	Larceny over \$250.00	38
Annoying phone calls	26	Larceny under \$250.00	37
Assault	7	License plate recovered	1
Assist by highway department	69	License plate reported stolen	2
Assist other agencies	17	Liquor law violation	1
Assist other police departments	83	Missing persons	14
Attempted suicide	1	Motor vehicle complaints	240
B&E attempted forcible entry	5	Noise complaints	20
B&E forcible entry	35	Obscene phone calls	2
Bikes reported stolen	8	Officer wanted	2
Buildings found open	30	Protective custody	7
Burglar alarms answered	296	Recreational vehicle complaint	15
Bylaw violation	1	Shoplifting	1
Citizen assists	125	Soliciting	1
Death	5	Stolen cars recovered	2
Disturbance	22	Stolen cars reported	5
Dog bites	2	Stolen merchandise recovered	8
Dog complaints	55	Suspicious activity	240
Environmental police assists	6	Threat report	4
Family problems	56	Threatening phone calls	9
Fire complaint, no fire depart. assistance	15	Trespassing complaint	19
Fire department assists	117	Vandalism	133
General services	1,723	Weapons, carry, shooting, possession	18
Harassment complaint	2		

During the year, 176 persons were arrested or summonsed and a total of 372 complaints were filed against them in the following categories:

Allowing attaching plates	1	No child restraint	2
Allowing uninsured m/v to be operated	1	No license in possession	1
Allowing unregistered m/v to be operated	1	Number plate violation	9
Altered inspection sticker	6	Number plate violation to conceal ID	1
Assault	1	Operating motorcycle without headgear	1
Assault and battery	11	Operating m/v in violation of license class	1
Assault and battery with dangerous weapon	1	Operating m/v with license revoked	7
Attaching plates	9	Operating m/v with license suspended	40
Attempt to commit a crime	1	Operating recreational vehicle on public way	2
B&E daytime with intent to commit felony	9	Operating to endanger	3
B&E into a motor vehicle	2	Operating under influence of alcohol	7
Defective equipment	7	Operating uninsured motor vehicle	28

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Discharge firearm within 500 feet	1	Operating unregistered motorcycle	1
Disorderly person	1	Operating unregistered motor vehicle	11
Domestic violence	11	Operating without a license	9
Failure to be in right lane	1	Plate light not lit	2
Failure to change address	1	Possession of ammunition without FID	5
Failure to dim headlights	2	Possession of firearm without a license	7
Failure to display lights	1	Possession of fireworks	1
Failure to keep right to oncoming vehicle	1	Possession of marijuana	7
Failure to stay in marked lanes	9	Possession of stolen license plate	1
Failure to stop for police officer	2	Procuring alcohol to minors	3
Failure to wear seat belt	1	Procuring obscene materials to minors	1
Failure to yield right of way	2	Receiving stolen property	1
False information to a police officer	3	Reckless operator of a motor vehicle	1
Fugitive of justice warrant	1	Revoked registration	20
Improper passing	1	Speeding	17
Larceny of ammunition	3	Stalking	1
Larceny of firearms	9	Stop sign	5
Larceny over \$250.00	7	Threat to commit a crime	2
Leaving scene property damage accident	1	Uninspected motor vehicle	7
Minor in possession of alcohol	13	Violation of 209A restraining order	2
Minor transporting alcohol	11	Wanton destruction of property over \$250.00	2
Mutilation of firearms serial numbers	1	Warrants	32

There were 86 motor vehicle accidents involving 91 motor vehicles with 20 people requiring medical treatment.

There were a total of 913 citations issued with 454 on radar.

Warning Citations

Bald tires	1	No license in possession	27
Cracked windshield	4	No registration in possession	7
Defective equipment	73	No seat belt	2
Failure to dim headlights	1	Number plate violation	96
Failure to drive in right lane	1	Operating m/v in violation of license class	1
Failure to use directional signal	3	Operating without headlights	1
Failure to yield at intersection	1	Plate light not lit	9
Failure to yield to oncoming traffic	1	Registration sticker not displayed	3
Harsh noise	1	Speeding	241
Improper passing	4	Stop sign	30
Loud muffler	1	Studded tires	3
Marked lanes	5	Uninspected motor vehicle	30
Misuse of repair plates	1	Unregistered motor vehicle	7

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Civil Citations

Allowing unlicensed person to operate	1	Marked lanes	2
Cracked windshield	1	No child restraint	1
Defective equipment	20	No license in possession	8
Failure to change address	1	No registration in possession	2
Failure to dim highbeams	1	Number plate violation	11
Failure to grant of right of way	2	Operating out of restriction	1
Failure to stop for bicycle	1	Restricted hours	1
Failure to wear seat belts	8	Speeding	223
Failure to yield at intersection	2	Stop sign	20
Harsh noise	1	Studded tires	1
Improper passing	2	Uninspected motor vehicle	19
Loud muffler	1	Unregistered motor vehicle	30

Criminal Citations

Allowing operation with attaching plates	1	No child restraint	1
Allowing uninsured m/v to be operated	1	Number plate violation	6
Allowing unregistered m/v to be operated	1	Operating without a license	8
Altered inspection sticker	1	Operating with revoked license	4
Attaching plates	5	Operating with suspended license	26
Defective equipment	3	Reckless operation	1
Failure to change address	1	Revoked registration	16
Failure to stay right	1	Speeding	12
Failure to wear seat belt	1	Stop sign	1
Failure to yield right of way	1	Uninspected motor vehicle	3
Failure to yield to traffic	1	Uninsured motor vehicle	20
Improper passing	1	Unregistered motor vehicle	8
Marked lanes	2		

Dispositions

Adult alcohol program	4
Community service	80 hours
Court cost, fines	\$12,551.32
Driving school	1
House of correction, direct	7 years, 8 months, 30 days
House of correction, suspended	5 years
Minor alcohol school	3
Probation	21 years
Protective custody	7
Showcause hearings	125
Victim witness program	\$1,555.00

During the year, \$1407.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits and reports. The town received \$13,492.00 from the Registry of Motor Vehicles, which was the town's share of fines collected.

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**621 Main Street
Wilbraham, Massachusetts 01095**

1996 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TOWN REPORT

"Excellence First, Learning Always"

The work of a school district can be compared to that of an alchemist: The careful combination of various components, when handled properly, can produce something magical, something "golden."

A school district is more than buildings filled with students and teachers. It is also a blending of philosophies and commitments in an ongoing process. It is an organization more complex than the sum of its many parts--thousands of students and staff members interacting, all with one simply stated goal:

Quality Education

While the goal may be "simple," accomplishing it is not.

In 1994, the HWRSD was formed and a strategic planning effort begun. The Strategic Plan, a blueprint for action, was developed during the spring and summer of 1994. Since that time, the strategic planning process has provided a framework for excellence that has continued to improve as our school community has grown.

All schools now develop School Improvement Plans that derive from conducting a Needs Assessment and then formulating an Action Plan to target several educational initiatives and school climate issues. The School Council in each building works closely with the staff and administration to provide a vehicle for parents, teachers, and community members to help shape the policies and programs of the school. The School Councils' School Improvement Plans are submitted to the local, elected School Committee for review and approval. Many innovative and creative programs have been developed by School Councils.

The School Department has also developed a District-Wide Improvement Plan that is linked to accomplishing the goals of the original Strategic Plan formulated two years ago. A quality school system enhances the quality of the community and is accountable to the community. The combination of talent, hard work and dedication has established the HWRSD as a model of educational excellence.

It is the mission of the HWRSD to educate all students in a nurturing, challenging, and disciplined environment so their performance is a credit to themselves, their family, their community, and society.

This report will focus on the educational initiatives that have been implemented in 1996 and the program changes that have enriched our curriculum.

District Initiatives

Technology

In July 1996, the HWRSD completed its five-year technology plan. The Mission of the plan was to provide students with access to a variety of information through various technologies that are integrated into the

curriculum. We want our students to be proficient in the use of technology and to acquire the skills necessary to be successful in the 21st Century.

This year, the HWRSD has provided students with several new computers and printers in all buildings. Mile Tree and Green Meadows Schools participated in the state-wide NET-Day Initiative and were the first buildings to be completely cabled for access to the Internet. Through the efforts of parents, business, staff and community volunteers, all four elementary schools in Hampden and Wilbraham will be cabled by May 1997. This community effort provided a considerable cost savings to the district. We received over \$126,000 in additional state funds this year for technology purchases and training of staff. The District hired a Technology Specialist to guide our efforts in putting more technology in the hands of our students and staff and to provide necessary training. The HWRSD was one of the first 25 school districts eligible to receive funding from the Massachusetts Technology Bill.

Curriculum

The Reading Recovery Program, an early intervention reading program for selected Grade 1 students that began at Green Meadows, has now been made available for all Grade 1 students at Green Meadows, Memorial and Mile Tree Schools. A full-time, trained reading specialist works with students in a one-to-one model in the morning and then works with small literacy groups during the day to ensure that all students have the skills necessary to become successful readers.

All elementary students had an additional curriculum enhancement in Math and Science in 1996. A special Science and Math resource teacher is in place at Soule Road, Memorial, Mile Tree and Green Meadows. Students leave their classrooms to "journey" to a Science lab where the entire class is actively engaged in the scientific process: observing, investigating, calculating, recording and drawing conclusions.

Another curriculum innovation at the elementary level was the implementation of the Investigation Math Program which was piloted in Grades 1-5. The goal of the program is to provide a quality Mathematics program that would afford students an opportunity to learn Mathematics within a real-world environment where math is seen and used effectively in problem solving situations. With the reorganization of the elementary specials' schedules, students now have 50% more Art and Music in their program of studies.

Curriculum alignment (all grade level instruction consistent at all schools) is still a top priority in the HWRSD. Curriculum Framework Committees are continuing to work on developing curriculum K-12 in Social Studies and Math. Our goal is to have a K-12 sequenced (subsequent grade instruction builds on prior year curriculum), aligned curriculum in place within 5 years.

School Based Initiatives

Green Meadows School piloted the 1996 Houghton Mifflin Reading series and purchased the Addison Wesley Math series for students in Grades 3 and 4. The Green Meadows staff was also involved in a 36-hour staff development program entitled, "Research for Better Teaching," and selected staff participated in Leadership I Training during the year. Green Meadows also forged a school/business partnership with Moriarty and Primack P.C., an accounting firm whose senior partner is Richard Moriarty, a Hampden resident. The VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools) program continued to make a difference at Green Meadows and Thornton Burgess by initiating a Read Aloud Program where "special" readers visit each classroom and brings a gift of a book for the classroom library.

Memorial Elementary School has become affiliated with Lesley College's Early Literacy Learning Initiative. The ELLI project provided training for the school-based team over a year-long professional development program. The Initiative is an instructional model for teaching children that is organized around child-centered education, language-based and process-oriented learning. It also includes a component of Reading Recovery and literacy groups as a support mechanism. The instruction is based on the elements

of reading aloud to children, shared reading, guided reading, independent reading, and writing, letter/word study, themes and extensions. Documentation was a large part of this program.

Mile Tree School has had the unique opportunity of being a Professional Development School in collaboration with Springfield College. Seven pre-practicum and practicum students were at Mile Tree this year receiving practical experience in the classroom. Mile Tree staff also received workshop opportunities through Springfield College as a benefit of this partnership. The students at Mile Tree have had many enriching experiences this year as they visited the historic Deerfield community, attended the Symphony and were visited by the New England Aquarium Tidal Pool program that allowed children to handle small sea animals and learn about the mysteries of the ocean.

Soule Road School emphasized implementing community out-reach programs at the classroom level this year. The twenty classes were responsible for identifying a community project that included working with nursing homes and hospitals. An example of the success of the program was seen in "Operation Christmas Child." Soule Road School, through "Operation Christmas Child," sent 312 shoe boxes filled with gifts for the children in Bosnia and Rwanda. It was a tremendous community service project. Soule Road students sent over a hundred more boxes than any other school in our area.

The staff at Soule Road are continuing to implement open-ended questioning techniques to assist students in honing their critical thinking skills as part of their School Improvement Plan. Another area Soule Road staff emphasized was increased communication with parents through PAC newsletters, Principal newsletters and quarterly newsletter from teachers.

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School for the third year has continued with their advisory program. It has an academic focus with several activities occurring through the year that relate to adolescent growth and student behavior. Seventh grade students used a new literature series entitled, "Literature and Integrated Studies," and the Family and Consumer Science classes utilized Computer Technology to access information from the Nutrition On-Line Service. The King Arthur Flour Company and students at TWB teamed together to bake bread and donated it to local charities in December which tied in with their unit of "Planned and Random Acts of Kindness."

Wilbraham Middle School implemented a new curriculum for the Advisor/Advisee period dealing with study skills, conflict resolution and a variety of other life skills. A highlight of the year was the visit by the national touring group, "The Young Americans." WMS was the first stop on their 18-city National Music Outreach tour. Students sang and danced and performed programs for their parents and the community after two days of intensive practice that began at 8:00 a.m. and ended at 8:00 p.m. each day. Twenty-six staff members, including administrators, also participated in the Professional Development Program, "Research for Better Teaching," and five staff members attended Leadership I Training in 1996. The school was the recipient of 15 new computers this year, which allowed students to access technology in all classrooms, including the specials' teacher rooms, and the library.

Minnechaug Regional High School's English Department developed and implemented the Freshman Composition and Literature program this year. All freshmen now use journals, process writing, and respond to literature through the use of reflective writing.

The staff devoted much of 1996 to researching Block Scheduling in order to implement the Time and Learning Mandates required by the Massachusetts Department of Education to be in place by September 1997. The Time and Learning Mandates require students spend more time on academics; secondary schools are to have 990 hours of structured time during the 180-day student year.

Several new courses were developed for implementation in 1997, and the staff has been involved in professional development activities to ease the transition between the traditional teaching experience of a 7-period day, and the new Block Scheduling format of four 85-minute classes each day.

Student accomplishments were also notable this year. MRHS had four National Merit Scholarship Finalists in 1996 and five students were named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Examinations. The Science Olympiad Team competed in five regional and state events, winning first in our region and eleventh in the state. The Chemistry Olympiad Team earned second place in the annual competition at the University of Massachusetts. Two Honors Physics students won the physics competition held in Boston this year.

The Mock Law Team completed its regular season undefeated and qualified for the Massachusetts Bar Association Championship Tournament. Additionally, the *Emeralds* student literature publication at MRHS was rated "excellent" by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Student Activities increased their offerings to a record number 48 activities available throughout the year. Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District had much to be proud of both academically and athletically in 1996.

Athletic Team Accomplishments 1996

Cross Country - Boys - League Champions; PVIAC Team Champions
 Gymnastics - Girls - PVIAC Team Champions; MIAA Western Sectional Champions
 Cheerleading - PVIAC Champions
 Swimming - Boys - League Champions
 Swimming - Girls - League Champions
 Lacrosse - Boys - Western Mass. Runners-up
 Boys' Track - Western Mass. Champions
 Boys-Tennis - Western Mass. Champions; State Champions

MRHS successfully fielded a new Girls' Lacrosse Program and continues to maintain the largest selection of athletic offerings in the Pioneer Valley.

SAT Accomplishments

1995-96 COMPARISON OF SAT AVERAGE

Verbal		Math
520	Minnechaug	520
507	Massachusetts	504
505	National	508

The Class of 1996 placed 56% of its members in four-year colleges and over 16% in two-year colleges. Over 70% of Minnechaug graduates continued their education beyond high school.

Staff News

Several staff received recognition from state and national organizations this year. Among those recipients are:

Dr. Richard Brown, Science Department Chairperson, was named 1996 Massachusetts Chemistry Teacher of the Year by the New England Institute of Chemists. Susan Moon won a writing award given by the National Council of Teachers of English. Arthur Tipaldi received an award in journalism for "Keeping the Blues Alive" and was a presenter at the Southern Studies Teachers' Institute in Mississippi. Susan Kline and Mary Lou Brewer presented the American Studies Curriculum to the NCTE Convention in San Diego.

Sherrill Caruana was selected to attend a two-week summer workshop at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, along with exemplary teachers from many different countries. The workshop was to train

teachers to become peer trainers and increase teachers' scientific literacy of the physical aspects of the study of the ocean. The program was taught by U. S. Naval Oceanography professors.

A number of new staff joined us this year. They are:

Dawn Anderson	Susan Deputy	Patricia Pearson
Tracey Coleman	Lori Mooney	Kelly Penfield
Elizabeth Contant	Lois Pawlowski	Noel Pixley
		Valerie Ross

Superintendent J. Brian Halloran retired this year after a long and notable career in education. He is a highly respected educational leader in the state, having served as President of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents in 1986, and has been a superintendent for 21 years. Mr. Halloran was Superintendent of Schools in Wilbraham and the Regionalized Hampden-Wilbraham School District for 12 years. He is most noted for his devotion to the students in Hampden and Wilbraham, as well as his compassion, intellect, skills at consensus building and strong support of public education. Superintendent Halloran will be greatly missed, but we wish him and his wife, Mary Jane, and their children best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous retirement.

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School Committee voted unanimously at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 1996, to appoint Dr. Brenda S. Dietrich as Superintendent.

Dr. Dietrich was the Assistant Superintendent at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, prior to coming to the HWRSD. She was an administrator for 12 years in Kansas schools. Dr. Dietrich received her doctoral degree in Educational Administration from the University of Missouri in 1991. Her classroom experiences have included elementary teaching in Sydney, Australia, and seventh, eighth, and ninth grade English and science in Kansas and Missouri schools. Dr. Dietrich has enthusiastically embraced the challenges of the HWRSD and has enjoyed her first few months working with the staff, patrons, and community members of Hampden and Wilbraham.

RETIREES:

J. Brian Halloran, Superintendent
Bruce C. Kurtz, Physical Education, Soule Road School
Virginia Mahaney, Grade 3, Green Meadows School

Student Enrollment

The Hampden and Wilbraham schools continue to increase in enrollment each year. As our student population increases, our current building capacities are pushed to the limit. A Building Study Committee was formed to make a recommendation regarding the inability of our current buildings to adequately accommodate our growing student population. The fourth grade at Green Meadows will be relocated at Thornton Burgess Middle School in 1996-97 due to lack of space at Green Meadows.

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FIVE-YEAR ENROLLMENT HISTORY

GRADE	1992-93			1993-94			1994-95			1995-96			1996-97		
	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T
K	64	170	234	55	136	191	59	159	218	62	135	197	82	149	231
P-1	0	25	25	0	29	29	0	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	65	188	253	64	192	256	72	167	239	70	200	270	75	183	258
2	63	187	250	69	192	261	70	209	279	81	176	257	73	208	281
3	76	182	258	67	210	277	70	202	272	77	210	287	83	191	274
4	61	189	250	75	178	253	73	195	268	75	209	284	81	208	289
5	73	190	263	57	188	245	82	196	278	75	205	280	68	207	275
6	63	180	243	72	190	262	63	198	261	87	195	282	80	205	285
7	73	164	237	63	179	242	70	197	267	72	202	274	86	202	288
8	62	167	229	70	179	249	66	171	237	71	194	265	67	205	272
9	63	172	235	67	162	229	71	179	250	71	173	244	77	203	280
10	56	162	218	56	152	208	53	160	213	76	164	240	63	168	231
11	51	152	203	63	162	225	53	154	207	54	160	214	61	159	220
12	51	152	203	51	145	196	61	156	217	49	140	189	52	149	201
Gr. 9-12															
Other			10			75			83			82			64
TOTAL	821	2280	3111	829	2294	3198	863	2360	3306	920	2363	3365	948	2437	3449

School Councils

The committee wishes to acknowledge the effectiveness of the School Councils and to thank them for volunteering their personal time to pursue a commitment to the education of our young people. We would also like the community to recognize the services rendered by these parents and citizens of the HWRSD.

GREEN MEADOWS SCHOOL

T. Jeff Sullivan, Principal
Marilyn (Manny) Abbott
Douglas Boyd
Marsha Dilk
Carol Gauthier
Mary Grasetti
Mary Beth Lanoi
Katherine Nardi
Patricia Pastoreck

MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Ruth Tichenor, Principal
Stephen Brochu
Denise Cargill
Irene Kraft
Dennis LaPlante
Gloria Lash
Laura Mecham
Sue Petzold
Jane Robinson
Marty Toomey

MILE TREE SCHOOL

M. Jane Leone, Principal
Virginia Freed
Donna Pugh
Lorrie O'Connor
Beverly Sawyer
Mejken Theurer

SOULE ROAD SCHOOL

Robert D. Lash, Principal
Kelly Beran
Roberta Bosworth
Andrew Cohen
Charity Marlatt
Julie Phelps
David Putnam

THORNTON BURGESS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Michael Rooney, Principal
Corinne Ballas
Susan Gorski
George Ingle
Karen Kielb
Rod Larsen
Kris Tower

WILBRAHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Robert Dionne, Principal
Susan Bunnell
Mary Cauley
Susan Fitts
Lois Hedberg
Peter Ledoux
Ellen Liebel
Catherine Levesque
Bill Mahoney
Linda Robinson
James Shea
Michael White

MINNECHAUG REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Robert Johnson, Principal
Joseph Carr
Anne Davidson
Wilbur Jenkins
Kimberly Kisner
Brenna Leahey
Charity Marlatt
F. Navab
Constance Shea
Karl Sternberg
Diana Taeger
Marge Ziencina
Curtis Wing

The next school year will find the School Committee dealing with many educational and facilities issues including the ramifications and implications of the restructuring of the high school through the 4x4 Block Schedule; the alignment of the curriculum K-12; meeting the state mandates for Time and Learning; evaluating the recommendation of the Building Study Committee; reassigning Grade 4 at Green Meadows to Thornton Burgess Middle School; and increasing the use of technology to facilitate teaching and learning.

The School Committee thanks all those HWRSD citizens who have generously volunteered to contribute their time and expertise for the benefits of students.

School Committee

Ellen K. Leritz, Chairperson
Mary Ellen Glover, Vice-Chairperson
Michele Agahigian
Joel A. Berman
Douglas F. Boyd
Michael J. Flynn
Paula R. Tingle

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's office is kept busy on a weekly basis paying the Town's bills and processing the payroll for Town employees. Before the bills are mailed and paychecks are delivered we have be sure we are financially prepared to pay these obligations. Safety and liquidity are two important factors in investing Town funds. We use local institutions as much as possible, although as banks merge there are less options. The Town Stabilization Fund as well as some of the many trust funds we hold are invested in certificates of deposits. In such instances where liquidity is not an issue we wanted to take advantage of higher interest rates.

Interest rates have worked to the Town's advantage when it came to borrowing over the last two years as we financed the Thornton W. Burgess School roof replacement and the Landfill closure. The final bonds for these two projects were issued on August 15, 1996 in the amount of \$1,390,000.00 at the rate of 4.507%.

Tax title is another area that this office has to concentrate on throughout the year. Presently, the Town has sixteen(16) properties in Tax Title. Thirteen (13) have been filed in the Land Court and will be auctioned by the Treasurer as soon as the Town receives clear title. As I have stated in the past I am always willing to work with anyone with a property in Tax Title before the situation moves to the Land Court. If anyone is interested in Tax Title properties, I will be advertising these auctions as they are to take place.

If any resident has any questions please feel free to contact me at 566-2401.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Easton-Vicalvi
Town Treasurer

City, Town, County or District TOWN OF HAMPDEN

QUARTERLY REPORT OF RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Quarter Ending December 31, 1996

PART I:

A. Cash and checks in office

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B. Non-Interest Bearing Checking Accounts *

Collat - eral'd Y/N	Comp. Bal. Y/N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Balance
—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—
Total				—

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C. Interest Bearing Checking Accounts *

Collat - eral'd Y/N	Comp. Bal. Y/N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance
N	N	Bank of WMA	General Fund	3.75	417081.70
—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—
Total					417081.70

417081.70

D. Liquid Investments *

Collat - eral'd Y/N	Comp. Bal. Y/N	Financial Institution	# of Accounts	Interest Rate	Balance
Y	N	Bay Bank	1	3.75	229466.33
N	N	Bank of WMA	1	1.53	2120.18
N	N	State Street	1	—	4536.67
N	N	Fleet	1	4.15	2560.98
N	N	MMDT	1	5.25	3407.94
—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—
Total					242092.10

242092.10

E. Term Investments *

Certificates of Deposit

<u>Collat -</u> <u>eral'd</u> <u>Y/N</u>	<u>Comp.</u> <u>Bal.</u> <u>Y/N</u>	<u>Financial</u> <u>Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Bank of WMA</u>	<u>Stabilization</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>100,893.56</u>
<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>BayBank</u>	<u>Trusts</u>	<u>5.50</u>	<u>29,968.01</u>
<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Fleet</u>	<u>Trusts</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>32,937.84</u>

Total

U.S. Treasury Bills

Repurchase Agreements

Others

Total

163,799.41

F. Trust Funds

<u>Collat -</u> <u>eral'd</u> <u>Y/N</u>	<u>Comp.</u> <u>Bal.</u> <u>Y/N</u>	<u>Financial</u> <u>Institution</u>	<u># of</u> <u>Accounts</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>BayBank</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4.25</u>	<u>11,180.63</u>
<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Fleet</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>43,375.43</u>
<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Bank of WMA</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>1,003.17</u>

Total

55,559.23

Total of all Cash and Investments

878,532.44

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The start of 1996 brought the challenge and responsibility of the Board of Assessors to meet the demands of a recertification for the coming fiscal year 1997.

The Board of Assessors came before the town meeting requesting funding to gain certification and to look forward to producing a full scale measure and list revaluation. With the approval by taxpayers to fund a \$78,000 dollar contract, the Board of Assessors set into motion first the recertification for FY 97 and the first phase of a total revaluation which is to be completed for fiscal year 2000. The board thanks the taxpayers for their confidence and support.

The recertification values were published and placed on the FY 97 tax bills on time in December of 1996. Prior to sending tax bills a complete listing of all property values, their increases and decreases, were printed and displayed in the Town House. Viewing of this material was active and well accepted by many interested people. For those persons wishing to see this listing the Board of Assessors will continue to display this material in their office.

A very confusing and difficult subject to explain is the quarterly tax bills which Hampden has adopted following approval of town meeting vote in 1992. The good side of quarterly tax bills is they give a good cash flow to the town and have drastically reduced the need to borrow money to run the town, hence drastically reduced high interest payment. The down side is we see tax bills coming due without end. Quarterly taxing means we pay our annual taxes four times a year, under normal circumstances the first and second tax bills are mailed to us in June and the first payment is due prior to August 1st. The second tax bill also sent to you in June is due prior to November 1st, these two tax bills are calculated based on the value of the prior years assessment and are referred to as preliminary bills. The third and fourth tax bills are normally sent out in December, the third payment is due prior to February 1st, and the fourth bill which is mailed with the third bill is due May 1st, these two bills are referred to as the actual bills. Lets talk "Preliminary" and "Actual". Because the early demand for the annual tax the assessment for the current year has not been established or the tax rate been set. Therefore the prior years value and tax rate are used and the first two quarterly bills are sent...that is the Preliminary tax bill! In the autumn months the tally of any property value changes and additions are put on the tax rolls and a new tax rate is set with this information the third and fourth tax bills are prepared and presented. Keep in mind that the sum of your third and fourth quarter tax bills must amount to your annual taxes minus the sum of your preliminary tax bills.

We hope this dispels some of the confusion of quarterly tax billing and their purposes. To reference see back of tax bills.

The Board of Assessors wish to thank all the people in the Town House which have aided and assisted our Board in performing our task for the Town of Hampden in 1996.

And that bright light in the Assessors who with warmth and confidence has brought many compliments of a very efficient environment- thank you Diane Hildreth, you are appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley W. Witkop, Chairman
Henry P. Baush
Richard A. Jalbert

BOARD OF ASSESSORS P2

Total appropriations to be raised	\$5,613,908.00
Other local expenditures	125,473.45
State and County Cherry sheet	37,254.00
Allowance for abatements and Exemptions (overlay)	<u>74,269.74</u>

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED \$5,850,905.19

1996 Estimated Receipts by Cherry Sheet	\$489,205.00
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Motor Vehicle Excise	\$339,355.00
Penalties and Interest on Taxes and Excises	21,260.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	16,366.00
Departmental Revenue-Schools	16,000.00
Departmental Revenue-Libraries	656.00
Departmental Revenue-Cemeteries	25.00
Other Departmental Revenue	32,503.00
Licenses and Permits	5,670.00
Fines and Forfeits	16,757.00
Investment Income	36,746.00
Miscellaneous Recurring	<u>437.00</u>
Total	\$ 485,775.00

Revenue Sources (other)	\$161,054.00
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Total Estimated Receipts	\$ 1,136,034.00
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Total amount to be raised by Taxation	
Real Estate	\$ 4,554,736.11
Personal Property	<u>160,135.08</u>
Grand Total	\$ 4,714,871.19

Total Valuation	\$ 268,500,637.00
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Fiscal Year 1997 Tax Rate	\$ 17.56
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Statutory Exemptions Granted on Real Estate

1996 Exemptions	\$11,457.04
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Motor Vehicle Excise Committed in 1996

1996	\$ 365,825.79
1995	<u>6,023.31</u>
Total	\$371,849.10

Motor Vehicle Excise Abated in 1996

1996	\$ 14,432.98
1995	<u>2,308.41</u>
Total	\$ 16,741.39

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The year 1996 was the first full year using the state wide Voter Registration Information System. Qualifying residents may register to vote at the Registry of Motor Vehicles and various other state agencies. The information is then electronically transmitted to Hampden.

Using this system, the Town Clerk's office printed census information on state approved forms and mailed them January 3, 1997. Residents are asked to verify the information, correct any information necessary and return the forms to the Town Clerk's office. The state system is constantly being upgraded and improved. It is a challenge to stay current with the changes.

The number of registered voters on January 1, 1996 was 2863. On December 31, 1996 the number had increased to 3090.

Voter attendance during the year 1996:

Republican Presidential Primary, March 5, 1996	306
Democratic Presidential Primary, March 5, 1996	50
Republican Party Caucus, March 28, 1996	27
Democratic Party Caucus, March 29, 1996	8
Special Town Meeting, April 29, 1996	190
Annual Town Meeting, April 29, 1996	190
Annual Town Election, May 6, 1996	610
Republican State Primary, September 17, 1996	63
Democratic State Primary, September 17, 1996	46
Presidential State Election, November 5, 1996	2,491

Poll Workers for 1996:

WARDEN	Helena Kullberg
DEPUTY WARDEN	Henry Dunwoody
CLERK	Helen Lavalley
DEPUTY CLERK	Virginia Schneider

INSPECTORS AND TELLERS

Republican	Democratic
Mary Berrett	Brenda Ahlberg
Beth Burger	Gloria Belanger
Edith Casey	Marilyn Blizard
Andree Crowley	Ann Burian
Irene Cutting	Mary Cesan
Beryl Doten	Carol Collins
Mary Dunklee	Sophie Davenport
Barbara Dunwoody	Nancy Downey
Kathleen Duquette	Gloria Fabbri
Rebecca Gibb	Sheila Flynn
Miles Hapgood	Sandra Gray
Marion Joyce	Judith Jackson
Joyce Libby	Sally Kealy
Elaine Kingsbury	George Lavalley
Chesley Metcalf	Michelle Lavalley
Philip Schneider Jr	Ronald Lech
Sheila Slawiak	Gail Lefebvre
Thomas Slawiak	Janet Redin

Patricia Smith
Sharleen Thayer
Elizabeth Wells
Robert Wells
Carolyn Whipple
Richard Willis

Kathleen Rochford
Margaret Rochford
Evelyn Schmidt
Rita Southworth
George Walsh

Unenrolled

Jeffery Barnes
Mary Lou Black
Carolyn Brennan
Aline Burt
Mildren Davis
Catherine Herchel
Diane Hildreth
Nancy Joy
Duane Mosier
Deborah O'Brien
Doris Ouimet
Doreen Rauch
Donna Easton Vicalvi
Lynn Zanolli
William Zanolli

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Registrars
Arthur Booth Jr
Janet Redin
Elizabeth Wells
Rita Vail, Clerk

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

The tax office welcomes questions regarding excise, real estate and personal property taxes. We do not have answers to questions related to Hampden County Commissioners, the Registry of Deeds, probate court, traffic court, Hampton Beach, Northampton, Hampden Hardware, Hampden House Café, Mary Lyons Nursing Home, the Sheriffs' office, Hampden Engineering, Superior Court and Hampden Savings Bank. Not only are we unable to answer questions for the above offices/towns/facilities, but we cannot transfer calls to them. Furthermore, we do not know their phone numbers nor their area codes.

Other questions we cannot answer are:

How long has a particular house been on the market?

Why did the Registry of Motor Vehicles leave a digit out of a car registration?

What did the previous owner pay for a house?

Where did I leave my wallet?

my car keys?

my four year old?

Some of the questions that we get must be rhetorical, and so are answered with a shrug of the shoulders (even if it's a telephone question). One man complaining about his taxes asked, "We just had our third child so what are you going to do about that?" Another sent a check and wrote, "Here's my tax money; when are you going to pave Stony Hill Road?"

A couple of years ago, a young person sent a note: "I would like if someone can check and see about a birth certificate, I've live in Hampden Mass all of my life, I am not able to get a drivers licenses because I am unable to drive." And from Springfield, a letter came, "Likes therobread dogs if anyone wants to leave me a house with some woods around."

In summary, we welcome questions but admit that there are some beyond our help.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita A. Vail, Collector of Taxes

TOWN CLERK

In June of 1996 legislation was passed requiring hunters to show a previous license (hunting or sporting) in order to purchase a new one. Initially this was to begin July 1, 1996 giving hunters no advanced notice. Town Clerks were incensed; about ninety-five of them boycotted, refusing to sell fish and game licenses. As a result, new legislation postponed the date to January 1, 1997 which at least gave some notice to hunters.

Beginning January 1, 1997 hunters in Hampden must obtain landowners' permission ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. Anyone who previously obtained permission is NOT GRANDFATHERED. Everyone must annually complete landowner permission forms, obtain the landowners' signatures and submit them to the Town Clerk's office. The main reason for this change is that landowners are changing their minds and they have no idea whom, previously, they allowed on their land for hunting.

The money collected in 1996 and submitted to the Treasurer is as follows:

Fish and Game		
Gross	\$7,348.55	
fees (to Town)		134.55
Dog Licenses		1,257.00
UCC Recordings		565.00
Certified Copies and Publications		1,052.80
Trade Names and Marriages		420.00
Miscellaneous		<u>1,295.00</u>
		4,724.35 Total

Available in the Town Clerk's office:

Subdivision Control Law	5.00
Zoning By-Law	7.00
Zoning Map	7.00
Certified Copies (vital statistics)	5.00
Marriage License	15.00
Trade Name in Business (dba)	20.00
Street List	7.00
Voters' List	7.00
Voters' List on disk	20.00
Voter Registration Card	5.00
Hampden Street Map	no charge while supply lasts

Vital statistics recorded in Hampden are: 1994 1995 1996

Births	36	42	31
Deaths	71	56	82
Marriages	24	16	16

Respectfully submitted,
Rita A. Vail, Town Clerk

Moderator Richard Patullo opened the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Adjourned for the Special Town Meeting at 8:15 and reconvened at 9:00 PM.

Article 1. The Town Voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 1995 be accepted as printed.

Article 2. The Town voted that the sums of money shown in the column entitled Fiscal 1997 Recommended of the Supplementary Report and Recommendations of the Hampden Advisory Committee, as amended, be granted and appropriated for the specific purposes designated and that the same be expended only for such purposes. Each number being considered a separate appropriation and that the Town raise and appropriate such sums as may be required to defray said charge for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1997.

		FY 1997	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		Recommended	
1.0	Accountant		
1.1	Salary	10,894	
1.2	Clerical	1,822	
1.3	Expenses	3,100	15,816
2.0	Advisory Committee		
2.1	Clerical	2,996	
2.2	Expenses	170	3,166
3.0	Appeals, Board of		
3.1	Clerical	2,724	
3.2	Expenses	160	2,884
4.0	Assessors		
4.1	Salaries	9,108	
4.2	Clerical	13,257	
4.3	Expenses	2,400	
4.4	Data Processing	300	
4.5	Revaluation Update	1,705	
4.6	Mapping Maintenance	900	
4.7	Computer Maint & Supp	0	
4.8	Field Review	1,200	28,870
5.0	Building Department Expenses		
5.1	Code and General Enforcement	400	
5.2	Commissioner and Exp	0	400
6.0	County Retirement		105,922
7.0	Insurance		
7.1	Property & Liability	52,000	
7.2	Employee Benefits	91,150	
7.3	Unemployment Comp	2,000	145,150
8.0	Law and Claims		
8.1	General	820	
8.2	Town Counsel	14,223	15,043
9.0	Moderator		
9.1	Salary	0	
9.2	Expenses	100	100
10.0	Planning Board		
10.1	Clerical	7,744	
10.2	Expenses	535	8,279
11.0	Registrars, Board of (Voters)		
11.1	Salaries	678	
11.2	Election Expenses	2,570	
11.3	Street Lists	1,540	4,788
12.0	Selectmen		
12.1	Salaries	6,681	
12.2	Executive Asst	24,910	
12.3	Secretarial	17,006	
12.4	Expenses	1,600	
12.5	Legal Advertising	300	
12.6	Computer Study Comm	0	50,497

		FY 1997	
		Recommended	
13.	Tax Collector		
13.1	Salary	15,222	
13.2	Expenses	1,965	
13.3	Clerical	3,191	
13.4	Bank Charges	0	20,378
14.0	Town Clerk		
14.1	Salary	15,222	
14.2	Expenses	1,020	
14.3	Clerical	2,779	
14.4	Town Publications	200	19,221
15.0	Town Report		2,500
16.0	Treasurer		
16.1	Salary	16,373	
16.2	Expenses	900	
16.3	Payroll Service	5,400	
16.4	Certifying Notes	100	
16.5	Interest on Loans (Short term)	5,000	
16.6	Tax Title Expense	0	
16.7	Clerical	2,779	
16.8	Bank Charges	700	31,252
17.0	Veterans' Benefits		3,500
18.0	Greater Springfield Senior Services		310
		TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	458,076

GENERAL TOWN SERVICES

20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance		2,000
21.0	Cemetery Commission		80
22.0	Conservation Commission		
22.1	Clerical	1,638	
22.2	Expenses	450	2,088
22.5	Council on Aging		
22.6	Director's Salary	24,207	(amended from 22,593)
22.7	Expenses	2,610	
22.8	Mini-Bus Maintenance	0	26,817
23.0	Transfer Station		31,000
24.0	Dutch Elm Disease		200
25.0	Insect Pest Control		100
26.0	Library		
26.1	Salaries		
26.2	Expenses		
26.3	Books and Periodicals		
			63,694 (amended from 58,996)
27.0	Town Events		800
29.0	Office Equipment		
29.1	Acquisition	3,000	
29.2	Maintenance	4,300	
29.3	Supplies	8,000	
29.4	Postage	7,000	22,300
30.0	Parks and Recreation		
30.1	Salaries	17,250	
30.2	Operating Expenses	6,910	
30.3	Capital Improvements	0	
30.4	RAH - Baseball	1,252	
30.5	RAH - Softball	172	
30.6	RAH - Girls Soccer	500	
30.7	RAH - Boys Soccer	500	
30.8	RAH - Basketball	948	27,532
31.0	Public Grounds		29,370
32.0	Town House Maintenance		
32.1	Custodian	12,500	
32.2	Maintenance & Repairs	9,000	
32.3	Heat and Utilities	20,000	41,500
33.0	Tree Warden		
33.1	Expenses	2,000	
33.2	Planting Trees	450	2,450
34.0	Ambulance		12,000
35.0	Gasoline		20,000
36.0	Street Lighting		14,500
		TOTAL GENERAL TOWN SERVICES	296,431

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

40.0 Superintendent's Salary	37,347	
40.5 Superintendent's Overtime	0	
41.1 Paving		
42.0 Highway Maintenance	67,629	
43.0 General Highway Expense	59,824	
44.0 Snow and Ice Removal	33,379	
45.0 Street Sweeping and Catch Basin Cleaning	14,000	
46.0 Other Highway Accounts		
46.1 Highway Engineering	0	
46.2 Road Machinery Maintenance	10,000	
46.3 Town Garage Maintenance	3,500	
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		225,679

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

50.0 Animal Inspection		
50.1 Salary	657	
50.2 Expenses	240	
50.3 Rabies Management	0	897
51.1 Civil Defense Supplies		400
52.2 Dog Officer		
52.1 Animal Control Account	5,100	
52.2 Dog Damage Fund	300	5,400
53.0 Fire Department		
53.1 Fire Chief Salary	595	
53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1,000	
53.3 Operation	18,500	20,095
54.0 Forest Fires		1,300
55.0 Forest Fire Warden		391
56.0 Health, Board of		
56.1 Salary	2,832	
56.2 Expenses	4,516	
56.3 Septic Review	0	
56.4 Well Testing	22,000	29,348
57.0 Police		
57.1 Chief's Salary	50,491	
57.2 Salaries	492,289	
57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	9,000	
57.4 Other Expenses	19,700	
57.5 New Cruisers	22,000	
57.6 Training	13,000	
57.7 Equipment	2,000	
57.8 WMLEC	250	
58.0 Other Police Accounts		
58.1 Elections	1,912	
58.2 Towing	250	
59.0 Parking Clerk	0	
	610,892	
TOTAL PROTECTION		668,723

SCHOOLS

69.0 Regional School District		
69.1 Assessment	3,304,929	
TOTAL SCHOOLS		3,304,929

70.0 Local Government Debt		
70.1 Principal	250,000	
70.2 Interest	7,750	
70.3 Fire Truck	0	257,750

GRAND TOTAL		<u>5,211,588</u>
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Article 3. The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Article 4. The Town voted to accept \$187,808 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution pursuant to Massachusetts General Law and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
90	1

Article 5. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$110,822 for paving Town Roads, subject to a positive referendum vote on a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under Proposition 2½ so called.

Article 6. The Town voted to accept Chapter 44, Section 53E ½.

Article 7. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$78,000 to fund a contract for revaluation of town properties in FY-1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000. Such money to be paid in four equal installments in FY-1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Article 8. The Town voted to amend the zoning by-laws Section 7.5.4.1.4 of the Hampden Zoning Bylaw by adding the following:

The Planning Board, acting as a Special Permit Granting Authority, may authorize by Special Permit waiver of the foregoing setback requirements and to allow a single driveway to provide access to up to two (2) adjoining lots across the side lot line(s) or the rear lot line(s) from a single common driveway. In granting a Special Permit under this section the Planning Board must find the following:

1. The design provides satisfactory access to the affected lots and will not create a traffic hazard.
2. The design provides for adequate surface water drainage and will not negatively impact groundwater or surface water quality.
3. The address for the parcels served must be consecutive even or odd numbers assigned in relation to the lots' placement.
4. The proposed use is in harmony with the neighborhood and the general purpose of this by-law.
5. The effects of the proposed design is no more detrimental than separate driveways proposed.
6. Satisfactory easement agreements exist to provide adequate access for fire and safety vehicles during all weather conditions.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
76	2

Article 9. The Town voted unanimously to amend the zoning by-laws Section 6.1.1.7 of the Hampden Zoning By-Law by replacing "site plan approval shall be obtained as provided under paragraphs 7.7 through 7.7.10." with ". . .site plan approval shall be obtained as provided under paragraphs 7.7.2, 7.7.3, 7.7.5, 7.7.6 and 7.7.7."

Article 10. The Town voted unanimously to amend the Hampden Zoning By-Laws as follows:

Delete in its entirety, paragraphs 7.5.4.1.2 and 7.5.4.1.3 and replace with the following:

Section 7.5.4.1.2 All access and egress driveways shall intersect the public way at an angle of ninety (90) degrees for at least ten (10) feet inside the front property line and continue to the roadway's pavement edge for a minimum of twenty-two (22) feet.

Section 7.5.4.1.3 The slope of the driveway must be no greater than 8% grade for a distance of thirty (30) feet inside the front property line. The elevation of the road shall be the elevation of the driveway from the road to the property line for a minimum of twelve (12) feet before starting the distance of thirty (30) feet.

Article 11. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 12. The Town voted to approve the Conservation Commission's use and expenditure of fees received from the filing of Notices of Intent in order to defray its expenses as allowed under Section 54 of Chapter 287 of the Acts of 1989 amending Chapter 131, Section 40.

Article 13. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$500 for the Conservation Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted upon and approved at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase.

Article 14. The Town voted to transfer from the Library fund \$2,333 to be used by the Library Trustees at their discretion.

Article 15. The Town voted that in Fiscal Year 1997, if additional state aid for Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.

Article 16. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Article 17. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 PM.

Attest: Rita A. Vail Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING--April 29, 1996

Article	Raise and Appropriate	Accept	Transfer
2	\$5,211,588		
4		\$187,808	
5	110,822*		
7	78,000		
13	500		
14			\$2,333
16	20,000		
	<u>\$5,420,910</u>	<u>\$187,808</u>	<u>\$2,333</u>

* subject to a positive referendum vote.

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Hampden

Town of Hampden

TO: Either of the Constables of the said Town of Hampden in said County

GREETING: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at Thornton W. Burgess School, Wilbraham Road, Hampden on Monday, October 28, 1996 at eight o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

LONG TERM DEBT ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the interest on the Long Term Debt, Line Item #70.2, or take any other action relative thereto.

STABILIZATION FUND ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to transfer a sum of money from unappropriated available funds to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to Line Item #7.2 Employee Benefits, or take any other action relative thereto.

REDUCING TAX RATE ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 1997, or take any other action relative thereto.

GIFT OF LAND ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to accept the conveyance of real property described below from William J. Bekkering and Gwen E. VanDorp for no consideration and for conservation and passive recreation purposes in accordance with purposes set forth in General Laws, Chapter 40 §8 E, said real estate being known as Lot 2A Grist Mill Lane, Hampden, Massachusetts and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin found in the easterly line of Grist Mill Lane a distance of one hundred thirty one and 98/100 (131.98) feet from the intersection of the easterly line of Grist Mill Lane and the northerly line of Mill Road; running thence N58° - 28' - 25" E along land of Donna Hatch a distance of one hundred twenty nine and 47/100 (129.47) feet to a point thence N18° - 57' - 38"E along land of Donna Hatch a distance of forty two and 65/100 (42.65) feet to a point; thence S86° - 30' - 55"E along land of Donna Hatch a distance of two hundred seventy seven and 45/100 (277.45) feet to an iron pin found; thence N58° - 29' - 01"E along the northerly line of Mill Road a distance of thirty six and 39/100 (36.39) feet to an iron pin found; thence northeasterly along Mill Road by a curve to the right having a radius of five hundred fifty (550.00) feet an arc distance of thirty four and 96/100 (34.96) feet to a concrete bound found; thence N86° - 30' - 55"W along land of Deborah Gelinas a distance of three hundred twenty five and 44/100 (325.44) feet to an iron pin found; thence M24° - 01' - 15"W along land of Deborah Gelinas and now or formerly of Rugani a distance of one hundred seventy one and 82/100 (172.82) feet to an iron pin found; thence S72° - 28' - 45"W along land now or formerly of Rugani a distance of ninety and 70/100 (90.70) feet to an iron pin found; thence N57° - 26' - 45"W along land now or formerly of Rugani and of Mandrala a distance of one hundred twenty-eight and 67/100 (128.67) feet to an iron pin found; thence S58° - 38' - 26"W along land now or formerly of Fitzgerald a distance of seventy-one and 54/100 (71.54) feet to an iron pin found; in the easterly line of Grist Mill Lane; thence S31° - 21' - 43"E along the easterly line of Grist Mill Lane a distance of three hundred sixty one and 78/100 (361.78) feet to the point of beginning.

Said Lot 2A contains seventy thousand nine hundred ninety six (70,996) square feet.

Subject to two (2) Stormwater drain easements as shown on a plan on file in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book of Plans 259 Pages 74 & 75.

Subject to a condition of sale as noted in Book 7290 Page 155 that Lot 2A shall have no structure erected, altered, placed or permitted on said Lot and said Lot shall remain as open space/non buildable.

Subject to an Order of Conditions issued by the Hampden Conservation Commission.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at each of the five places designated by the Town. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of the meeting aforesaid, Given under our hands this 9th day of October 1996.

John M. Flynn
Arthur A. Booth
Richard R. Green
Hampden Board of Selectmen

I, George K. Stone, constable of the Town of Hampden have this day posted copies of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held on October 28, 1996, at each of the five (5) places designated by the Town.

George K. Stone, Constable
October 13, 1996

Attest: Rita A. Vail Town Clerk

MINUTES Special Town Meeting, October 28, 1996 Voters in Attendance: 79

Moderator, Richard Patullo, opened the meeting at 8:51 PM.

Article 1. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$31,944 to pay the interest on Long Term Debt, Line Item 70.2.

Article 2. The Town voted to transfer \$65,000 from unappropriated available funds to the Stabilization Fund.

Article 3. The Town voted to transfer \$25,000 from available funds to Line Item #7.2 Employee Benefits.

Article 4. The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Article 5. The Town voted to take no action on this article.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Attest: Rita A. Vail Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

CLIFFORD E. BOMBARD

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

TOWN OF HALLOWEEN
 BALANCE SHEET
 ALL FUND GROUPS
 6/30/96

	GENERAL FUND	SPEC REVENUE	TRUSTS	TOTALS
ASSETS				
CASH				
CHECKING	83,850.83	97,116.53		180,967.36
INVESTMENTS	447,846.54	36,932.30	152,682.59	636,661.43
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE				
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	4,892.42			4,892.42
REAL ESTATE TAXES	180,392.72			180,392.72
EXCISES	43,834.06			43,834.06
TAX TITLES RECEIVABLE	68,275.39			68,275.39
BONDS				
AUTHORIZED/UNISSUED	1,550,000.00			1,550,000.00
AUTHORIZED/ISSUED	250,000.00			250,000.00
TOTALS---	2,627,491.96	174,048.83	152,682.59	2,914,223.38
LIABILITIES				
PAYABLES				
WARRANTS	88,492.75	14,150.17		102,642.87
BONDS	250,000.00			250,000.00
WITHHOLDINGS	6,726.26			6,726.26
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES	1,395,000.00			1,395,000.00
DEFERRED REVENUES				
PROPERTY TAXES	140,338.96			140,338.96
EXCISE TAXES	43,834.06			43,834.06
TAX TITLES	68,275.39			68,275.39
OVERLAYS RESERVED	44,946.18			44,946.18
FUND EQUITY				
APPROPRIATION DEFICITS (1)	(44,306.25)			(44,306.25)
UNRESERVED	229,931.45	25,959.54	125,706.07	383,198.32
RESERVED	416,757.15	94,998.71	24,415.72	536,071.59
UNDER ESTIMATED	(7,544.00)			(7,544.00)
TOTALS---	2,627,491.96	174,048.83	152,682.59	2,914,223.38

1) DEFICIT SPENDING OF \$44306.25 FOR SNOW & ICE REMOVAL (1996 APPROPRIATION WAS EQUAL TO 1995 APPROPRIATION)
 AND APPROVED BY VOTE OF SELECTMEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH 44:310.

TOWN OF HANDBEN
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURE
BUDGET VS ACTUAL
5/30/96

	APPROPRIATION BUDGET	TRANSFERS IN(OUT)	TOTAL AVAILABLE	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE
ACCOUNTANT					
SALARY	10,139.00		10,139.00	10,139.00	
CLERICAL	1,695.00		1,695.00	1,695.00	
EXPENSES	3,100.00		3,100.00	3,100.00	
ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	2,787.00		2,787.00	2,787.00	
EXPENSES	170.00		170.00	170.00	
APPEALS BOARD					
EXPENSES	160.00		160.00	122.50	37.50
CLERICAL	2,534.00		2,534.00	2,533.92	0.08
ASSESSORS					
SALARIES	8,473.00		8,473.00	8,473.00	
CLERICAL	12,332.00		12,332.00	11,314.00	1,018.00
EXPENSES	2,400.00	255.90 0	2,655.00	2,664.41	0.59
DATA PROCESSING	300.00		300.00	284.29	15.71
MAPPING MAINT.	900.00		900.00	790.00	110.00
REVALUATION UPDATE	1,705.00		1,705.00	1,700.00	5.00
BUILDING DEPT.					
CODE ENFORCEMENT	400.00		400.00		400.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	104,297.00		104,297.00	104,297.00	0.00
INSURANCE					
PROPERTY/LIABILITY	60,000.00		60,000.00	46,643.85	13,356.15
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	22,300.00	2,000.00 0	25,100.00	25,100.00	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	12,000.00		12,000.00	12,000.00	
LAW & CLAIMS					
GENERAL	920.00	375.71 0	1,195.71	1,195.71	
TOWN COUNSEL	22,223.00	3,378.06 0	25,601.06	25,600.97	0.09
MODERATOR					
EXPENSES	100.00		100.00		100.00
PLANNING BOARD					
CLERICAL	7,204.00		7,204.00	7,203.96	0.04
EXPENSES	435.00		435.00	369.27	65.73
REGISTRARS					
SALARIES	630.00		630.00	630.00	
ELECTION EXPENSES	2,370.00	220.15 0	2,350.19	2,350.19	
STREET LISTS	1,540.00		1,540.00	1,392.12	147.88

SELECTMEN					
SALARIES	6,215.00		6,215.00	6,215.00	
SECRETARIAL	23,172.00		23,172.00	23,172.00	
CLERICAL	15,820.00		15,820.00	15,641.40	178.60
EXPENSES	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,600.00	
LEGAL ADVERTISING	300.00	43.37 B	343.37	330.79	12.58
TAX COLLECTOR					
SALARY	14,160.00		14,160.00	14,160.00	
CLERICAL	2,968.00		2,968.00	2,968.00	
EXPENSES	1,960.00		1,960.00	1,960.00	
TOWN CLERK					
SALARY	14,160.00		14,160.00	14,160.00	
EXPENSES	1,000.00		1,000.00	926.01	73.99
CLERICAL	2,585.00		2,585.00	2,585.00	
TOWN PUBLICATIONS	200.00		200.00	200.00	
TOWN REPORT	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	
TREASURER					
SALARY	15,231.00		15,231.00	15,231.00	
EXPENSES	900.00		900.00	900.00	
PAYROLL SERVICE	5,400.00		5,400.00	4,976.67	423.33
CERTIFYING NOTES	100.00		100.00	25.00	75.00
INTEREST(SHORT TERM)	5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00
TAX TITLES	18,000.00		18,000.00	10,384.91	7,615.09
CLERICAL	2,585.00		2,585.00	2,585.00	
BANK CHARGES	700.00		700.00	485.24	214.76
VETERANS	3,500.00		3,500.00	2,638.82	861.18
GR SPFLD SENIOR SERV	279.00		279.00	279.00	
ACADEMY HALL MAINTENANCE	2,000.00	100.03 B	2,100.03	2,100.03	
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	80.00		80.00		80.00
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	1,519.00		1,519.00	1,519.00	
EXPENSES	450.00		450.00	199.42	250.58
COUNCIL ON AGING					
DIRECTOR	18,869.00		18,869.00	18,869.00	
EXPENSES	2,610.00		2,610.00	2,610.00	
SANITARY LANDFILL	38,500.00		38,500.00	38,500.00	
DUTCH ELN DISEASE	200.00		200.00	200.00	
INSECT PEST CONTROL	100.00		100.00	100.00	
LIBRARY	57,687.00 A		57,687.00	57,570.13	116.87
MEMORIAL DAY	500.00		500.00	361.00	138.20

OFFICE EQUIPMENT				
ACQUISITION	3,000.00		3,000.00	
MAINTENANCE	4,300.00		3,530.00	770.00
SUPPLIES	8,000.00		7,695.04	303.96
POSTAGE	7,000.00		6,984.49	15.51
PARKS AND RECREATION				
SALARIES	16,047.00		16,047.00	
EXPENSES	5,710.00		5,710.00	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,200.00		1,176.75	23.25
RAH BASEBALL	1,252.00		1,252.00	
RAH SOFTBALL	172.00		172.00	
RAH GIRLS SOCCER	500.00		500.00	
RAH BOYS SOCCER	500.00		500.00	
RAH BASKETBALL	948.00		948.00	
PUBLIC GROUNDS	28,929.00		28,929.00	
TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE				
CUSTODIAN	16,036.00		16,036.00	
MAINT & REPAIRS	5,000.00		5,000.00	
UTILITIES	18,500.00	5,023.85 8	23,523.85	23,523.85
TREE WARDEN				
EXPENSES	2,000.00		2,000.00	
PLANTING TREES	400.00		400.00	
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	12,000.00		11,064.40	935.52
GASOLINE	20,000.00		19,997.24	2.76
STREET LIGHTING	14,500.00	603.17 0	15,103.17	15,103.17
SUP'T OF HIGHWAYS	35,400.00		35,400.00	
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	65,107.00		65,107.00	
GENERAL HIGHWAYS	56,132.00		56,132.00	
SNOW AND ICE	31,567.00		75,873.25	(44,306.25)C
STREET SWEEPING	14,000.00		14,000.00	
OTHER HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS				
MACHINERY MAINT.	10,000.00		9,973.54	26.36
TOWN GARAGE MAINT.	3,500.00	69.51 8	3,569.51	3,569.51
ANIMAL INSPECTION				
SALARY	611.00		611.00	
EXPENSES	240.00		240.00	
CIVIL DEFENSE SUPPLIES	10.00		10.00	10.00

DOG OFFICER				
ANIMAL CONTROL	5,500.00	5,500.00	4,709.00	791.00
DOG DAMAGE FUND	300.00	300.00		300.00
FIRE DEPT.				
CHIEF'S SALARY	554.00	554.00	554.00	
CHIEF'S EXPENSES	1,000.00	1,000.00	456.23	503.77
OPERATIONS	10,500.00	10,500.00	10,402.27	19.73
FOREST FIRES	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,100.00	100.00
FOREST FIRE WARDEN	364.00	364.00	364.00	
BOARD OF HEALTH				
SALARY	2,634.00	2,634.00	2,634.00	
EXPENSES	4,516.00	4,516.00	1,368.10	3,147.90
POLICE				
CHIEF'S SALARIES	47,675.00	47,675.00	47,675.00	
GENERAL SALARIES	450,352.00	450,352.00	457,254.53	1,097.47
CRUISER MAINT.	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,458.21	41.99
EXPENSES	17,625.00	17,625.00	17,501.05	43.95
TRAINING	12,360.00	1,525.16 0	13,885.16	
NEW CRUISER	39,000.00	39,000.00	39,000.00	
NEW EQUIPMENT	3,600.00	539.00 0	4,239.00	
LEAS	250.00	250.00	250.00	
OTHER POLICE ACCOUNTS				
ELECTIONS	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
TOWING	250.00	250.00	165.00	85.00
REGIONAL SCHOOL	3,134,505.00	3,134,505.00	3,134,505.27	
LOCAL GOV'T DEBT				
PRINCIPAL	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	
INTEREST	23,250.00	23,250.00	23,250.00	
LANDFILL	39,610.00	39,610.00	39,610.00	
PRIOR YEAR CARRY OVERS				
LANDFILL CLOSURE	141303.79	141303.79	141,303.79	
THORNTON BURGESS ROOF	72302.61	72302.61	47,391.50	24911.11 0
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES				
07 LANDFILL CLOSURE	84,697.92	84,697.92		84697.92 0
012 FIRE DEPT PAGERS	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	
019 CONSERVATION FUND	500.00	500.00	500.00	
021 RESERVE FUND	20,000.00	(15,103.05)0	4,896.95	4,896.95
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES				
SEPTEMBER 11, 1985				
01 LANDFILL CLOSURE	660,000.00	660,000.00	410,165.52	249,833.48 0
02 HIGHWAY TRUCKS	112,967.00	112,967.00	109,467.00	3,500.00
05 POLICE COMPUTER	16,250.00	16,250.00	1,507.50	14,742.42 0
08 STABILIZATION FUND	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	

APRIL 29, 1996

01 TOWN HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS	17,175.00	17,175.00		17,175.00	0
02 ACADEMY HALL	11,000.00	11,000.00		11,000.00	0
03 HIGHWAY GARAGE IMPROVEM	10,866.00	10,866.00	10,025.00		41.00
04 MILL POND RESTORATION	10,000.00	10,000.00			12,200.00
05 CEMETERY PAVING	8,930.00	8,930.00	9,081.77		897.23
07 POSTAGE MACHINE	3,500.00	3,500.00			1,522.00
	5,270,512.00	5,270,512.00	5,351,041.77		419,862.98

NOTES:

- A) INCLUDES STATE AID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,333.00
- B) ADVISORY TRANSFERS
- C) TO BE RAISED IN FISCAL 1997
- D) TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO FISCAL 1997

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
GENERAL FUND
6/30/96

TAX REVENUES*

REAL ESTATE TAXES

1996	4,141,479.28
1995	141,665.49
1994	1,648.96
1993	692.79
1992	673.42
1991	627.88

TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES	-----	4,286,787.82
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PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

1996	138,292.16
1995	940.31
1994	341.26
1993	(16.89)
1992	67.95

TOTAL PERS. PROPERTY TAXES	-----	139,624.79
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MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

1996	271,787.89
1995	62,000.03
1994	4,144.24
1993	339.49
1992	837.64
1991 & PRIOR	246.60

TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	-----	339,355.89
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COMBINED TOTAL TAX LEVIES-----	4,765,768.50
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*NET OF REFUNDS

TAX TITLES

REDEMPTIONS	24,305.12
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TOTAL TAX TITLES-----	24,305.12
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STATE REVENUES

EXEMPTION REIMB/ELDERLY	5,108.00
VETERAN'S REIMBURSEMENT	1,140.18
HIGHWAY FUND	74,966.00
LOTTERY	370,163.00
EXEMPTION REIMB/VETERANS	358.71

TOTAL STATE REVENUES-----	451,735.89
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LOCAL REVENUES

PERMITS & LICENSES

LIQUOR	5,290.00
OTHER	380.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TAX COLLECTOR	21,990.40
TOWN CLERK	3,948.32

BOARD OF APPEALS	37.00	
SELECTMEN	3,017.00	
BOARD OF HEALTH	850.00	
CEMETERIES	25.00	
LIBRARIES	656.00	
CONSERVATION	212.50	
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	32,000.00	
INTEREST		
REAL ESTATE TAXES	19,408.82	
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	1,851.44	
INVESTMENTS	38,172.70	
UNCLASSIFIED		
LIEU OF TAXES	15,967.02	
SALE & USE/TOWN PROPERTY	150.00	
COURT FINES	16,757.50	
PROTECTION/PERSONS-PROPERTY		
POLICE	2,448.30	
ALL OTHER	387.16	
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES-----		163,549.16
TOTAL ALL REVENUES-----		5,405,358.67
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		
COUNTY RETIREMENT	59,170.71	
GROUP LIFE INSURANCE	1,034.55	
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	65,346.37	
CHARITABLE WITHHOLDINGS	162.00	
UNION DUES	2,828.01	
COURIER REVOLVING	462.00	
CLERK FEES	6,360.50	
TOTAL PAYABLES-----		135,364.14
DEBT		
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES	900,000.00	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE-----		900,000.00
INTERFUND TRANSFERS		
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND		
LANDFILL C&D	84,697.92	
LIBRARY AID	2,333.00	
TOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFERS-----		87,030.92
TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS--		6,527,753.73

BALANCE 7/1/95	431,534.48
WARRANTS PAYABLE	(79,637.52)

VERIFYING BALANCE	6,879,650.69
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TOWN OF HAMPOEN
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND
6/30/95

GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT

ACCOUNTANT	
SALARY	10,139.00
CLERICAL	1,695.00
EXPENSES	3,100.00

ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
CLERICAL	2,787.00
EXPENSES	170.00

APPEALS BOARD	
CLERICAL	2,533.92
EXPENSES	122.50

ASSESSOR'S	
SALARIES	8,473.00
CLERICAL	11,314.00
EXPENSES	2,664.41
MAPPING MAINT.	790.00
REVALUATION	1,700.00
DATA PROCESSING	284.29

COUNTY RETIREMENT	104,297.00
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INSURANCE	
PROPERTY/CASUALTY	26,181.00
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	12,000.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION	20,462.85
SOCIAL SECURITY	30,350.22
LIFE INSURANCE	503.25
HEALTH INSURANCE	44,912.72
BUY BACK & LONGEVITY PAY	9,333.81

LAW AND CLAIMS	
GENERAL EXPENSES	1,195.71
TOWN COUNSEL	25,600.97

PLANNING BOARD	
CLERICAL	7,203.96
EXPENSES	369.27

REGISTRARS	
SALARIES	630.00
ELECTION EXPENSES	2,350.19
STREET LISTS	1,392.12

SELECTMEN		
SALARIES	6,215.00	
SECRETARIAL	23,172.00	
CLERICAL	15,641.40	
EXPENSES	1,600.00	
LEGAL ADVERTISING	330.79	

TAX COLLECTOR		
SALARY	14,160.00	
EXPENSES	1,960.00	
CLERICAL	2,968.00	

TOWN CLERK		
SALARY	14,160.00	
EXPENSES	926.01	
CLERICAL	2,585.00	
TOWN PUBLICATIONS	200.00	

TOWN REPORT	2,500.00	
TREASURER		
SALARY	15,231.00	
EXPENSES	900.00	
PAYROLL SERVICE	4,976.67	
CERTIFYING NOTES	25.00	
CLERICAL	2,585.00	
BANK CHARGES	485.24	
TAX TITLES	10,384.91	

VETERANS BENEFITS	2,638.82	
GREATER SPFLD SENIOR SERV	279.00	
TOTAL GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT-----		456,480.03
GENERAL TOWN SERVICES		
ACADEMY HALL MAINTENANCE	2,100.03	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
CLERICAL	1,519.00	
EXPENSES	199.42	

COUNCIL ON AGING		
DIRECTOR	18,869.00	
EXPENSES	2,610.00	

SANITARY LANDFILL MAINT		
SALARIES	5,610.82	
EXPENSES	32,889.18	

OUTCH ELM CONTROL	200.00	

INSECT PEST CONTROL	100.00	
LIBRARY		
SALARIES	45,084.53	
EXPENSES	1,471.15	
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	11,014.45	

MEMORIAL DAY	361.80	
OFFICE EQUIPMENT		
ACQUISITION	3,000.00	
MAINTENANCE	3,530.00	
SUPPLIES	7,696.04	
POSTAGE	6,984.49	

PARKS AND RECREATION		
SALARIES	16,047.00	
EXPENSES	5,710.00	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,176.75	
RAH-BASEBALL	1,252.00	
RAH-SOFTBALL	172.00	
RAH-GIRLS SOCCER	500.00	
RAH-BOYS SOCCER	500.00	
RAH-BASKETBALL	948.00	

PUBLIC GROUNDOS		
SALARIES	21,811.36	
EXPENSES	7,117.64	

TOWN HOUSE		
CUSTODIAN	16,036.00	
MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS	5,000.00	
UTILITIES	23,523.85	

TREE WARDEN		
EXPENSES	2,000.00	
PLANTING TREES	400.00	

AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	11,064.48	
GASOLINE	19,997.24	
STREET LIGHTING	15,103.17	
TOTAL GENERAL TOWN SERVICES-----		291,599.40
HIGHWAYS		
SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	35,400.00	

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	
SALARIES	21,163.69
EXPENSES	43,943.31

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES	
SALARIES	43,732.58
EXPENSES	12,399.42

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL	
SALARIES	56,849.30
EXPENSES	19,023.95

STREET SWEEPING	14,000.00
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OTHER HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS	
ROAD MACHINERY MAINT	9,973.64
TOWN GARAGE MAINT	3,569.51

TOTAL HIGHWAYS-----	260,055.40
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

ANIMAL INSPECTION	
SALARY	611.00
EXPENSES	240.00

ANIMAL CONTROL	
DOG OFFICER	4,709.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT	
CHIEF'S SALARY	554.00
CHIEF'S EXPENSES	496.23
OPERATIONS	18,480.27

FOREST FIRES	
WARDEN	364.00
SALARIES	1,140.00

BOARD OF HEALTH	
SALARIES	2,634.00
EXPENSES	1,368.10

POLICE DEPARTMENT	
CHIEF'S SALARY	47,675.00
GENERAL SALARIES	457,254.53
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	8,458.01

NEW CRUISERS	39,000.00	
OTHER EXPENSES	17,581.05	
TRAINING	13,885.16	
NEW EQUIPMENT	4,239.00	
LEAA	250.00	
SPECIAL COVERAGES	1,000.00	
TOWING	85.00	
TOTAL PROTECTION PERSONS AND PROPERTY-----		620,024.35
REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT		3,134,505.00
LONG TERM DEBT		
PRINCIPAL	250,000.00	
INTEREST	23,250.00	
LANDFILL TEMP BORROWING	39,610.00	
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT-----		312,860.00
TOWN MEETING, SPECIAL ARTICLES		
ANNUAL		
#5/SCHOOL ROOF	47,391.50	
#7&8/LANDFILL CAP	226,001.71	
#12/FIRE DEPT PAGERS	11,915.00	
#19/CONSERVATION FUND	500.00	
SPECIAL 9/11/95		
#1/LANDFILL BORROWING	325,468.60	
#2/HIGHWAY TRUCKS	109,467.00	
#3/POLICE COMPUTER	1,507.58	
#8/STABILIZATION FUND	35,000.00	
SPECIAL 4/29/96		
#3/TOWN GARAGE IMPROVEMENT	10,025.00	
#5/CEMETERY PAVING	8,082.77	
TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES-----		775,359.16
TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES-----		5,850,883.34
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE		400,000.00
OTHER FINANCING USES		
VETERANS SERVICE DISTRICT	11,465.22	
PLANNING DISTRICT	706.35	
COUNTY ASSESSMENT	22,148.35	
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE BILLS	5,360.00	
REGIONAL TRANSIT	8,537.00	
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL	1,027.00	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES-----		49,243.92
PAYABLES		
COUNTY RETIREMENT	58,364.80	
GROUP LIFE	1,077.45	
GROUP HEALTH	68,474.60	
UNION DUES	2,828.01	
TOWN CLERK FEES	6,459.25	

CHARITABLE WITHHOLDINGS	160.00	
COURIER REVOLVING	462.00	
ALL OTHER PAYABLES	92.70	
TOTAL PAYABLES-----		137,918.81
COMBINED TOTAL-ALL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES---	6,438,046.07	=====
BALANCE 6/30/96	530,097.37	
WARRANTS PAYABLE	(88,492.75)	
VERIFYING BALANCE		=====
		6,879,650.69

**Town of Hampden, Massachusetts
Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash
July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996**

Balance, July 1, 1995	602,613
Receipts: July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996	7,263,276
Disbursements: July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996	<u>7,104,531</u>
Balance, June 30, 1996	<u><u>761,358</u></u>

Composition of Cash Balances:

Non-Interest Bearing Account:

State Street Bank and Trust Company

663

Interest-Bearing Accounts:

Bank of Western Massachusetts

218,047

BayBank

178,995

Fleet Bank

363,653

761,358

**Town of Hampden, Massachusetts
Schedule of Investments
June 30, 1996**

Schedule B

Composition of Investments Balance:

Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust	<u>55,471</u>
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Town of Hampden, Massachusetts
Schedule of Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes
July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 1995	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 1996	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 1996
Real Estate Taxes:							
Levy of 1996		4,357,153	39,440	4,317,713	4,141,479	176,234	176,234
Levy of 1995	149,400		3,551	145,849	141,666	4,183	4,183
Levy of 1994	1,668	697	716	1,649	1,649		
Levy of 1993		693		693	693		
Levy of 1992		673		673	673		
Levy of 1991		628		628	628		
	151,068	4,359,844	43,707	4,467,205	4,286,788	180,417	180,417

Personal Property Taxes:

Levy of 1996			6,905	142,766	138,292	4,474	4,474
Levy of 1995	1,418	149,671	27	1,391	940	451	451
Levy of 1994	710		369	341	341		
Levy of 1993			17	(17)	(17)		
Levy of 1992			(68)	68	68		
	2,128	149,671	7,250	144,549	139,624	4,925	4,925

**Total Real Estate and
Personal Property Taxes**

	153,196	4,509,515	50,957	4,611,754	4,426,412	185,342	185,342
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Town of Hampden, Massachusetts
Schedule of Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes
July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 1995	Abatements and Adjustments	Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 1996	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 1996
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:						
Levy of 1996		320,105	9,128	310,977	271,788	39,189
Levy of 1995	18,539	52,492	4,485	66,546	62,000	4,546
Levy of 1994	6,210	759	2,825	4,144	4,144	
Levy of 1993	2,236		1,896	340	340	
Levy of 1992		838		838	838	
Prior Years		247		247	247	
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	26,985	374,441	18,334	383,092	339,357	43,735

Town of Hampden, Massachusetts
Schedule of Tax Liens
July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996

Uncollected Taxes July 1, 1995	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 1996	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 1996
69,389	22,179		91,568	17,676	73,892	73,892

Tax Liens

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
 SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN BOND INDEBTEDNESS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

DESCRIPTION	INTEREST RATE	ISSUE DATE	MATURITY DATE	ORIGINAL ISSUE	BALANCE 7/1/95	PAID FY96	BALANCE 6/30/96

INSIDE DEBT LIMIT							
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	6.1-6.2%	12/89	12/1/96	1,850,000	500,000	250,000	250,000

					500,000	250,000	250,000
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AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL

1997	250,000	7,750	257,750
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	250,000	7,750	257,750

TOWN OF HAMPOEN
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
6/30/96

PVTA			
	SALARIES	89,789.84	
	EXPENSES	18,416.58	
			108,206.42
STATE AID TO LIBRARIES			
	MEG	2,998.86	
		-----	2,998.86
REVOLVING FUNDS			
	COUNCIL ON AGING	3,262.94	
	CONSERVATION	5,660.34	
	BOARD OF HEALTH	16,570.81	
	PARKS & RECREATION		
	SALARIES	9,940.24	
	EXPENSES	5,007.49	
	RECYCLING	1,992.45	
	DUMP TAG SALES	32,816.65	
	BUILDING DEP'T	16,696.32	
	ENGINEERING	62.49	
		-----	92,009.73
OTHER STATE GRANTS RESERVED			
	ARTS LOTTERY	2,545.00	
	COUNCIL ON AGING	7,781.13	
	VESTS	5,552.00	
	MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT	146.00	
		-----	16,024.13
POLICE REVOLVING FUNDS			
	DARE	7,961.19	
	POLICE OFF DUTY	25,422.94	
	TASK FORCE	737.14	
		-----	34,121.27
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND			
	LANDFILL	84,697.72	
	LIBRARIES	2,333.00	
		-----	87,030.72
RESTITUTION/INSURANCE/REFUNDS			19,688.48
HIGHWAYS			
	CONTRACT #35894		
	SALARIES	18,244.80	
	EXPENSES	92,981.74	
	CONTRACT #35539		
	SALARIES	15,724.80	
	EXPENSES	98,035.63	
		-----	224,986.97

TOTAL ALL SPECIAL REVENUE EXPENDITURES

585,066.58

BALANCE 6/30/96

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134,048.83

WARRANTS PAYABLE

(14,150.22)

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VERIFYING BALANCE

704,965.19

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
6/30/96

ASSETS		
CASH AND INVESTMENTS		134,048.83
TOTAL ASSETS-----		134,048.83
LIABILITIES		
WARRANTS PAYABLE		14,150.12
PVTA		4,641.79
STATE AID TO LIBRARIES		
RESERVED	2,333.00	
MEG	6,812.73	
		9,145.73
REVOLVING FUNDS		
COUNCIL ON AGING	1,482.19	
CONSERVATION	11,715.19	
BOARD OF HEALTH	2,186.97	
PARKS & RECREATION	7,501.13	
RECYCLING	2,361.70	
DUMP TAG SALES	14,283.29	
BUILDING DEP'T	4,651.54	
ENGINEERING		
SOUTH RIDGE	1,000.00	
HAMPDEN HEIGHTS	140.75	
COUNTRY CLUB	187.51	
HAMPDEN WOODS	1,043.65	
		46,553.92
OTHER STATE GRANTS RESERVED		
ARTS LOTTERY	4,233.85	
COMPUTER GRANT	15,000.00	
VESTS GRANT	898.00	
COUNCIL ON AGING	5,866.66	
MILL POND	10,000.00	
SEPTIC REPAIR	25,000.00	
MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT	935.09	
		61,933.60
POLICE REVOLVING FUNDS		
DARE/GIFTS	7,755.35	
POLICE OFF DUTY	5,487.39	
TASK FORCE	1,933.53	
ENFORCEMENT FORFEITS	1,719.46	
		16,895.73
RESTITUTION/INSURANCE/REFUNDS		31,748.50
HIGHWAY CONTRACT #335894		(51,020.56)
TOTAL LIABILITIES-----		134,048.83

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF REVENUES
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
6/30/96

PVTA

FEES	9,045.01	
STATE SHARE	102,690.12	
STATE GRANTS	7,500.00	
	-----	119,235.13

STATE AID TO LIBRARIES

STATE GRANT	2,333.00	
MEG	2,759.52	
	-----	5,092.52

REVOLVING FUNDS

COUNCIL ON AGING	2,971.87	
CONSERVATION	715.00	
BOARD OF HEALTH	17,947.00	
PARKS & RECREATION	14,586.81	
RECYCLING	3,172.30	
QUIMP TAG SALES	29,730.00	
BUILDING DEPT	18,521.16	
ENGINEERING	1,571.02	
	-----	89,215.16

OTHER STATE GRANTS RESERVED

ARTS LOTTERY	3,150.00	
COMPUTER GRANT	15,000.00	
VESTS GRANT	6,450.00	
COUNCIL ON AGING	3,536.00	
MILL POND	10,000.00	
SEPTIC REPAIR	25,000.00	
MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT	192.00	
	-----	63,328.00

POLICE REVOLVING FUNDS

DARE/GIFTS	8,315.36	
POLICE OFF DUTY	25,387.48	
TASK FORCE	2,670.67	
ENFORCEMENT FORFEITS	1,719.46	
	-----	38,092.97

RESTITUTION/INSURANCE/REFUNDS

44,375.10

HIGHWAYS

CONTRACT #35894	60,205.98	
CONTRACT #35539	148,636.45	
	-----	208,842.43

TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND RECEIPTS

568,181.31

BALANCE 7/1/95		160,828.90
WARRANTS PAYABLE		(24,045.02)
=====		=====
VERIFYING BALANCE		704,965.19

TOWN OF HAMPODEN
TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES WITH CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
6/30/96

	FUND BALANCE 6/30/95	INTEREST	ADDITIONS	WITHDRAWALS	NON-EXPENDABLE FUND BALANCE 6/30/96	EXPENDABLE FUND BALANCE 6/30/96
CASH AND SECURITIES IN CUSTODY OF TREASURER						
BUMSTEAD PERPETUAL CARE	9,961.85	163.88				10,064.85
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	27,452.64	1,338.97	1,825.00	2,575.86	26,621.00	7,419.81
SENIOR CENTER	12,136.32	706.67	140.00			12,982.99
MCCRAY TRUST	1,053.85	17.03				1,070.88
CONSERVATION FUND	21,413.63	356.95	500.00			22,270.58
TOWN COMMON FUND	1,457.47	23.58				1,481.05
STABILIZATION FUND		30.86	30,000.00			25,030.86
TOTAL	73,414.96	2,637.86	32,465.00	2,575.86	26,621.00	80,321.02

CASH AND SECURITIES IN CUSTODY OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES						
DAY FUND	708.51	33.77			500.00	242.28
NEWELL FUND	3,956.93	170.33			1,294.72	2,840.54
KINDERGARTEN FUND	15,878.58	657.06	1,612.00	2,083.48		16,064.16
GEORGE BALLARD FUND	721.48	39.58			500.00	261.06
CHARLES BALLARD FUND	721.48	39.58			500.00	261.06
STODDARD FUND	8,467.97	391.22	100.00	189.04		8,770.15
HOLT FUND	2,373.63	110.80			1,000.00	1,484.43
FLYNN FUND	2,660.74	115.53				2,776.27
FAYE FLYNN FUND	2,627.29	118.61				2,745.90
HELEN ENSLIN FUND			2,500.00			2,500.00
TOTALS	38,116.61	1,684.48	4,212.00	2,272.52	3,794.72	37,945.85
COMBINED TOTALS	111,531.57	4,322.34	36,677.00	4,848.32	24,415.72	118,266.87

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In the past year we seem to have found some stability in our fiscal matters. Our "Free Cash" is a little better than last year and we have been able to increase our Stabilization Fund. The bonding for the landfill project and roof repair has been completed and the pre-bonding interest costs generated in anticipation of this will not occur in the fiscal years coming.

In the 1998 budget we will again recommend salary levels to provide parity for all Town employees. It has been increasingly difficult to do this and also provide reasonable increases in the expense items in the budget but we are committed to this course.

We would like to welcome Police Chief Philip Adams, School Superintendent Dr. Brenda Dietrich, and Business Manager Richard Scortino to Hampden and to the Hampden budget process. We will be happy to provide them with any assistance that they may request.

The Advisory Committee hearing on this budget will be on Monday March 17, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. in the Town House. Please plan to attend and offer your comments. Remember, this is your budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard P. Jones Chairman
James D. Smith Vice Chairman
Richard P. Moriarty
Yorke P. Phillips
Richard J. Fadus

Evelyn L. Schmidt Clerk

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		Fiscal 1996 Expended	Fiscal 1997 Appropriated	Fiscal 1998 Requested	Fiscal 1998 Recommended	Notes
1.0	Accountant					
	1.1 Salary.....	10,139	10,894	11,493		
	1.2 Clerical.....	1,695	1,822	1,922		
	1.3 Expenses.....	3,100	3,100	3,100		
	Total Accountant	14,934	15,816	16,515		
2.0	Advisory Committee					
	2.1 Clerical.....	2,787	2,996	3,161		
	2.2 Expenses.....	170	170	170		
	Total Advisory	2,957	3,166	3,331		
3.0	Appeals, Board of					
	3.1 Clerical.....	2,534	2,724	2,874		
	3.2 Expenses.....	123	160	160		
	Total Appeals	2,657	2,884	3,034		
4.0	Assessors, Board of					
	4.1 Salaries.....	8,473	9,108	9,609		
	4.2 Clerical.....	11,314	13,257	13,987		
	4.3 Expenses.....	2,664	2,400	2,400		
	4.4 Data Processing.....	284	300	300		
	4.5 Revaluation Update.....	1,700	1,705	1,705		
	4.6 Mapping Maintenance.....	790	900	900		
	4.7 Computer Maint. & Supp.....	0	0	0		
	4.8 Field Review.....	0	1,200	1,200		
	Total Assessors	25,225	28,870	30,101		

*1 Includes \$265 Transfer from Reserve Fund

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

	Fiscal 1996 Expended	Fiscal 1997 Appropriated	Fiscal 1998 Requested	Fiscal 1998 Recommended	Notes
5.0 Building Department Expenses					
5.1 Code and General Enforcement	0	400	400		
5.2 Commissioner and Expenses....	0	0	0		
Total Building Dept.		400	400		
6.0 County Retirement	104,297	105,922	88,415		
7.0 Insurance					
7.1 Property and Liability.....	46,644	52,000	52,000		
7.2 Employee Benefits.....	85,100	116,150	88,800		
7.3 Unemployment Compensation....	12,000	2,000	2,000		
Total Insurance	143,744	170,150	142,800		
8.0 Law and Claims					
8.1 General.....	1,196	820	820		
8.2 Town Counsel.....	25,601	14,223	15,005		
Total Law	26,797	15,043	15,825		
9.0 Moderator					
9.1 Salary.....	0	0	0		
9.2 Expenses.....	0	100	100		
Total Moderator		100	100		
10.0 Planning Board					
10.2 Clerical.....	7,204	7,744	8,170		
10.3 Expenses.....	369	535	535		
Total Planning Board	7,573	8,279	8,705		

*2 Includes \$2,800 transfer from Reserve Fund

*A Includes \$10,000 Special Town Meeting appropriation.

*3 Includes \$376 Transfer from Reserve Fund

*4 *B Includes \$3,378 Transfer from Reserve Fund and \$8,000 from Special Town Meeting appropriation

*C Includes \$25,000 Special Town Meeting appropriation

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

	Fiscal 1996 Expended	Fiscal 1997 Appropriated	Fiscal 1998 Requested	Fiscal 1998 Recommended	Notes
11.0 Registrars, Board of (Voters)					
11.1 Salaries.....	630	678	716		
11.2 Election Expenses.....	2,350 ^{*5}	2,570	1,200		
11.3 Street Lists.....	1,392	1,540	1,540		
Total Registrars	4,372	4,788	3,456		
12.0 Selectman					
12.1 Salaries.....	6,215	6,681	7,048		
12.2 Executive Asst.....	23,172	24,910	26,280		
12.3 Secretarial.....	15,641	17,006	17,941		
12.4 Expenses.....	1,600	1,600	1,600		
12.5 Legal Advertising.....	331	300	300		
12.6 Computer Study Committee.....	0	0	0		
Total Selectman	46,959	50,497	53,169		
13.0 Tax Collector					
13.1 Salary.....	14,160	15,222	16,060		
13.2 Clerical.....	2,968	3,191	3,367		
13.3 Expenses.....	1,960	1,965	1,965		
13.4 Bank Charges.....	0	0	0		
Total Tax Collector	19,088	20,378	21,392		

*5 Includes \$280 transfer from Reserve Fund

*6 Includes \$43 transfer from Reserve Fund

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

	Fiscal 1996 Expended	Fiscal 1997 Appropriated	Fiscal 1998 Requested	Fiscal 1998 Recommended	Notes
14.0 Town Clerk					
14.1 Salary	14,160	15,222	16,060		
14.2 Clerical	2,585	2,779	2,932		
14.3 Expenses	926	1,020	1,020		
14.4 Town Publications	200	200	300		
Total Town Clerk	17,871	19,221	20,312		
15.0 Town Report	2,500	2,500	2,500		
16.0 Treasurer					
16.1 Salary	15,231	16,373	17,274		
16.2 Clerical	2,585	2,779	2,932		
16.3 Expenses	900	900	900		
16.4 Certifying Notes	25	100	100		
16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	0	5,000	5,000		
16.6 Tax Title Expense	10,385	0	0		
16.7 Payroll Service	4,977	5,400	5,400		
16.8 Bank Service Charges	485	700	700		
Total Treasurer	34,588	31,252	32,306		
17.0 Veterans' Benefits	2,639	3,500	3,500		
18.0 Greater Springfield Senior Services	279	310	302		
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	456,480	483,076	446,163		

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

GENERAL TOWN SERVICES		Fiscal 1996 Expended	Fiscal 1997 Appropriated	Fiscal 1998 Requested	Fiscal 1998 Recommended	Notes
20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance	2,100 *	2,000	2,000		
21.0	Cemetery Commission	0	80	80		
22.0	Conservation Commission					
	22.1 Clerical.....	1,519	1,638	1,728		
	22.2 Expenses.....	199	450	450		
	Total Conservation Commission	1,718	2,088	2,178		
22.5	Council on Aging					
	22.6 Director's Salary.....	18,869	24,207	25,538		
	22.7 Expenses.....	2,610	2,610	2,610		
	Total Council on Aging	21,479	26,817	28,148		
23.0	Transfer Station	38,500	31,000	31,000		
24.0	Dutch Elm Disease	200	200	0		
25.0	Insect Pest Control	100	100	169		

*7 Includes \$100 transfer from Reserve Fund

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

	Fiscal 1996 Expended	Fiscal 1997 Appropriated	Fiscal 1998 Requested	Fiscal 1998 Recommended	Notes
26.0 Library					
26.1 Salaries.....					
26.2 Expenses.....					
26.3 Books and Periodicals.....					
Total Library	57,570 ^{*8}	63,694 ^{*9}	71,482 ^{*15}		
27.0 Town Events	362	800	800		
29.0 Office Equipment					
29.1 Acquisition	3,000	3,000	6,000		
29.2 Maintenance.....	3,530	4,300	6,000		
29.3 Supplies.....	7,696	8,000	8,000		
29.4 Postage	6,984	7,000	7,000		
Total Office Equipment	21,210	22,300	27,000		
30.0 Parks and Recreation					
30.1 Salaries.....	16,047	17,250	27,250		
30.2 Operating Expenses.....	5,710	6,910	6,910		
30.3 Capital Improvements.....	1,177	0	0		
30.4 RAH - Baseball.....	1,252	1,252	1,252		
30.5 RAH - Softball.....	172	172	172		
30.6 RAH - Girls Soccer.....	500	500	500		
30.7 RAH - Boys Soccer.....	500	500	500		
30.8 RAH - Basketball.....	948	948	948		
Total Parks and Recreation	26,306	27,532	37,532		

*8 Includes \$2,333 Library Fund (State Aid).

*9 \$66,027 Available with the Library Fund (State Aid \$2333)

*15 \$73,815 Available with the Library Fund (State Aid \$2333).

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

	Fiscal 1996 Expended	Fiscal 1997 Appropriated	Fiscal 1998 Requested	Fiscal 1998 Recommended	Notes
31.0 Public Grounds	28,929	29,370	32,350		
32.0 Town House Maintenance					
32.1 Custodian.....	16,036	12,500	13,200		
32.2 Maintenance and Repairs.....	5,000	9,000	9,000		
32.2 Heat and Utilities.....	23,523 *10	20,000	20,000		
Total Town House Maintenance	44,559	41,500	42,200		
33.0 Tree Warden					
33.1 Expenses.....	2,000	2,000	4,200		
33.2 Planting Trees.....	400	450	450		
Total Tree Warden	2,400	2,450	4,650		
34.0 Ambulance	11,064	12,000	12,000		
35.0 Gasoline	19,997	20,000	20,000		
36.0 Street Lighting	15,103 *11	14,500	14,500		
Total General Town Services	291,597	296,431	326,089		

*10 Includes \$5,024 transfer from Reserve Fund.

*11 Includes \$603 transfer from Reserve Fund.

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

	Fiscal 1996 Expended	Fiscal 1997 Appropriated	Fiscal 1998 Requested	Fiscal 1998 Recommended	Notes
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT					
40.0 Superintendent's Salary	35,400	37,347	39,401		
40.5 Superintendent's Overtime					
41.1 Paving					
42.0 Highway Maintenance	65,107	67,629	78,887		
43.0 General Highway Expense	56,132	59,824	68,203		
44.0 Snow and Ice Removal	75,873	33,379	56,300		
45.0 Street Sweeping and Catch Basin Cleaning	14,000	14,000	18,600		
46.0 Other Highway Accounts					
46.1 Highway Engineering	0	0	0		
46.2 Road Machinery Maintenance	9,974	10,000	10,000		
46.3 Town Garage Maintenance.....	3,570	3,500	3,800		
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	260,056	225,679	275,191		

*D Includes \$508 Special Town Meeting Appropriation

*12 Includes \$70 transfer from Reserve Fund.

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

	Fiscal 1996 Expended	Fiscal 1997 Appropriated	Fiscal 1998 Requested	Fiscal 1998 Recommended	Notes
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
50.0 Animal Inspection					
50.1 Salary.....	611	657	693		
50.2 Expenses.....	240	240	240		
50.3 Rabies Management.....	0	0	0		
Total Animal Inspection	851	897	933		
51.0 Civil Defense Supplies	0	400	400		
52.0 Dog Officer					
52.1 Animal Control Account.....	4,709	5,100	5,100		
52.2 Dog Damage Fund.....	0	300	300		
Total Dog Officer	4,709	5,400	5,400		
53.0 Fire Department					
53.1 Fire Chief Salary.....	554	595	628		
53.2 Fire Chief Expenses.....	496	1,000	1,000		
53.3 Operation.....	18,480	18,500	19,000		
Total Fire Department	19,530	20,095	20,628		
54.0 Forest Fires	1,140	1,300	1,300		
55.0 Forest Fire Warden	364	391	413		

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

	Fiscal 1996 Expended	Fiscal 1997 Appropriated	Fiscal 1998 Requested	Fiscal 1998 Recommended	Notes
56.0 Health, Board of					
56.1 Salary.....	2,634	2,832	2,988		
56.2 Expenses.....	1,368	4,516	4,516		
56.3 Septic Review.....	0	0	0		
56.4 Well Testing.....	0	22,000	42,000		
Total Board of Health	4,002	29,348	49,504		
57.0 Police					
57.1 Chief's Salary.....	47,675	50,491	52,868		
57.2 Salaries.....	457,255	492,289	545,618		
57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers.....	8,458	9,000	6,021		
57.4 Other Expenses.....	17,581	19,700	25,289		
57.5 New Cruisers.....	39,000	22,000	54,708		
57.6 Training.....	13,885	13,000	18,498		
57.7 Equipment.....	4,239	2,000	1,000		
57.8 WMLEC.....	250	250	0		
58.0 Other Police Accounts					
58.1 Election Coverage.....	1,000	1,912	510		
58.2 Towing Clerk.....	85	250	250		
59.0 Parking Clerk	0	0	0		
Total Police	589,428	610,892	704,762		
TOTAL PROTECTION	620,024	668,723	783,340		

*E Includes \$1,878 Special Town Meeting Appropriation.

*F Includes \$13,834 Special Town Meeting Appropriation.

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

	Fiscal 1996 Expended	Fiscal 1997 Appropriated	Fiscal 1998 Requested	Fiscal 1998 Recommended	Notes
SCHOOLS					
69.0 Regional School District					
69.1 Assessment	3,134,505 *G	3,304,929	3,667,505		
SUB TOTAL	4,762,662	4,978,838	5,498,288		
70.0 Local Government Debt					
70.1 Principal.....	250,000	250,000	250,000		
70.2 Interest.....	23,250	39,694 *H	72,738		
Total Local Government Debt	273,250	289,694	322,738		
GRAND TOTAL	5,035,912	5,268,532	5,821,026		

*G Includes \$10,410 Special Town Meeting Reduction.

*H \$31,944 raised and appropriated at Special Town Meeting

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Hampden

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

TO: Either of the Constables of the said Town of Hampden in said County:

Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, Wilbraham Road, Hampden, on Monday, April 28, 1997 at eight o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

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

BUDGET **Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums to cover same, and to raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the period July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998.

**PREVIOUS
BILLS** **Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year FY-96 or previous years, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefore.

**REVOLVING
ACCOUNTS** **Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 44, Section 53-1/2, or take any other action relative thereto.

**HIGHWAYS
STATE AID** **Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, General Laws Chapter 113, Acts of 1996, Part II and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement, or take any other action relative thereto.

PAVING

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$110,822. for paving Town roads, or take any other action relative thereto.

**GASOLINE
UNDERGROUND
STORAGE
TANKS**

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for removal, replacement, and installation of underground storage tanks, or take any other action relative thereto.

**AMEND
GENERAL
BY-LAWS
2/3's VOTE**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Hampden by adding the following under Chapter II, Section 1.

h. On matters requiring a two-thirds vote by statute a count need not be taken unless the vote declared by the Moderator is immediately questioned by seven or more voters as provided in General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 15, or take any other action relative thereto.

**AMEND
GENERAL
BY-LAWS
QUORUM**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Hampden Chapter II, Section 1, third paragraph, by deleting "The number of registered voters to constitute a quorum at Town Meeting shall be 75." and adding "The number of registered voters to constitute a quorum at a Town Meeting shall be 50.", or take any other action relative thereto.

**AMEND
GENERAL
BY-LAWS
HUNTING**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Hampden by adding to Chapter VIII, Section 6, after the first paragraph, the following: "Permission forms must be renewed on an annual basis. A reasonable fee, not to exceed \$1.00, will be charged for each form.", or take any other action relative thereto.

**HIGHWAY
PICK-UP
TRUCK**

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of a 1997 ¾ ton 4WD Pick-up Truck complete with snow plow, or take any other action relative thereto.

**HIGHWAY
LOADER**

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$22,000. for the first year of a five year lease purchase of a 2-1/2 cubic yard front end Loader, or take any other action relative thereto.

**TOWN HOUSE
PARKING LOT**

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to redesign and reconstruct the parking lot at the Town House, or take any other action relative thereto.

LEGAL FEES

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for ongoing legal expenses being incurred by the Town in connection with the defense of Samuel Gibson, Jacqueline Gibson, Allen Schoolcraft, Laurie Schoolcraft, Cynthia Shults, Alice Willcutt, and Gordon Willcutt v. Town of Hampden, Massachusetts Case No. 96 30181 Federal District Court and Samuel Gibson v. Town of Hampden, Massachusetts Case No. 96 1372 Hampden Superior Court, or take any other action relative thereto.

**PUBLIC
SAFETY RADIO
SYSTEM**

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase and installation of a public safety radio system to upgrade and replace current police, fire and highway department communications equipment, or take any other action relative thereto.

**AMEND ZONING
BY-LAWS
HEIGHT
REGULATIONS**

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 7.1 Height Regulations of the Zoning By-Laws by deleting Section 7.1.3 in its entirety, or take any other action relative thereto.

**AMEND ZONING
BY-LAWS
EARTH
REMOVAL**

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 7.8 Earth Removal of the Zoning By-Laws as follows:

In Section 7.8.3 delete the words "all the members" and substitute the words, "four members" to read.

7.8.3 **RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT:** The Board of Appeals may, after a Public Hearing, issue a Special Permit for the removal of surplus material resulting from bona fide construction, landscaping, or agricultural land improvement being executed on the premises, providing that no rock crushing will be permitted in a Residential District, and also provided that permits filed for a Residential District for a stated purpose shall not exceed one year with repetitive petitions permitted only after a concurring vote of a majority of the members of the Planning Board and a concurring vote of four members of the Board of Appeals. Such permits shall be subject to the provisions of Section 7.8.5.,

or take any other action relative thereto.

**AMEND
ZONING BY-LAW
SPECIAL
PERMITS**

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 9 Special Permits of the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Hampden as follows:

In Section 9.1 delete the words in the first sentence "special permits as specified in Section 7.7 shall be issued or denied only following a public hearing held within sixty-five (65) days after filing of an application with the Planning Board, a copy of which shall forthwith be given to the Town clerk by the applicant".

In Section 9. Board of Appeals delete the last paragraph in its entirety. This last paragraph to be deleted reads, "In Sections 6.1.1.7, 6.4.1, 6.5.1, 6.5.2, 6.6.1, 6.6.2.8, 6.8.1 and 6.9.1 where Sections 7.7 through 7.7.5 are referred to, Sections 7.7.5.1 through 7.7.10 shall also be in effect."

or take any other action relative thereto.

**AMEND
ZONING BY-LAW
PARKING
SPACES**

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by replacing Sections 7.5.4.9 and 7.5.4.10 in their entirety with the following:

7.5.4.9. Minimum Parking Space Requirements:

The following are minimum parking space requirements for listed uses. In cases where a use is not specifically listed, the classification which most nearly describes the use shall be used. For cases in which there is more than one use, the minimum parking requirement for the premises shall be the total of the minimum parking requirements calculated for each use separately.

1. Residential uses:
 - Two (2) spaces for each and every dwelling unit.
2. Customary home occupations and professional offices in residential zones as provided in Section 6.1.1.2:
 - Two (2) spaces for each activity in addition to those required for the residential use.
3. Boarding and rooming houses:
 - One (1) space for each and every sleeping room used by boarders in addition to those required for the residential use.
4. Apartment houses, and other multiple housing projects:

**AMEND
ZONING
BY-LAW
PARKING
SPACES**

- Two (2) spaces for each and every family unit.
5. Nursing and convalescent homes:
One (1) space for each and every two beds.
 6. Stores, retail businesses, medical and dental offices:
Four (4) spaces for each establishment or one (1) space for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet of gross floor area, whichever is larger.
 7. Offices, banks, and other business activities described as office work:
One (1) space for each two hundred fifty (250) square feet of gross floor area.
 8. Farm produce stands:
Five (5) spaces.
 9. Places of assembly (including recreation clubs, and funeral homes):
One (1) space for each and every three (3) movable and stationary seats, based on maximum capacity; or one (1) space for each sixty (60) inches of bleachers and benches based on maximum capacity, whichever is larger.
 10. Hotels and motels:
One (1) space for each and every sleeping unit.
 11. Restaurants and places serving food and/or beverage:
One (1) space for each and every three (3) seats.
 12. Industrial, manufacturing and wholesale uses:
One (1) space per three hundred fifty (350) square feet of gross floor area.
 13. Schools:
One (1) parking space for each and every classroom and office therein; and, in addition to the above where an auditorium or cafeteria is included, one (1) space for each and every three (3) seats, movable and stationary, based upon maximum capacity.
 14. Other uses not specifically covered above:
One (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of gross floor area on the ground floor plus one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor space on other than the ground floor.

7.5.4.10 Additional Parking Requirements.

In addition to the minimum parking space requirements listed in Section 7.5.4.9, additional parking spaces shall be provided as required to provide adequate off-street parking for all customers, employees, and visitors gathered at the premises at any one time.

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by replacing in Section 6.4.1.5 the reference "paragraph 7.5 through 7.5.4.10.16" with the reference "Section 7.5";

by replacing in Section 6.8.2.10 the references to Sections 7.5.10.3, 7.5.4.10.5, and 7.5.4.10 with reference to Section 7.5.4.9;

and by replacing in Section 7.7.6.2 the reference "Section 7.5.4 through 7.5.10.14" with the reference "Section 7.5".

or take any other action relative thereto.

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PLANNED UNIT
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Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hampden by adding the following:

PLANNED UNIT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (PURD)

Add to Definitions Section (2.31):

"Planned Unit Residential Development (PURD). A residential development on a tract of ten (10) acres or more under single ownership with definite boundaries ascertainable from a recorded deed or plan, which consists of a mixture of residential uses and building types, including one family dwellings, two family dwellings, town houses, or multi-family dwellings, and open space, and which is planned and developed as an integral unit with a significant area of common open space and/or recreation land. The PURD includes streets, utilities, buildings and other site features and improvements for the common use by some or all of the occupants of the development, but which will not be provided, operated or maintained at general public expense."

6.2.1.4 Planned Unit Residential Development (PURD). Subject to the special restrictions set forth in Section 7.13. *A Planned Unit Residential Development (PURD) is a use which is allowed in the R-4 Districts by special permit from the Planning Board. It is not allowed in any other zoning district.*

7.13 **PLANNED UNIT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
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The Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, may authorize a Planned Unit Residential Development (PURD) as defined by section 2 by special permit with site plan approval in conformance with the procedures specified in section 7.13 and section 7.7. Such PURD shall be subject to rules, regulations and criteria as officially promulgated by the Planning Board.

7.13.1 Purpose

It is the purpose of this section to allow for greater variety and flexibility in the development of housing types for persons of age 55 and older and to facilitate the construction and maintenance of streets, utilities and public services in a more economical and efficient manner while at the same time conserving important natural site features and permanently preserving open space.

7.13.1.1 To provide housing targeted for elderly persons which will minimize the potential impacts in terms of noise, traffic, parking, environmental impacts and related issues of such multifamily housing on surrounding properties.

7.13.2 Application

A. The applicant for a PURD special permit shall submit to the Planning Board a written application on the prescribed form containing all the information required hereafter including the following materials:

- (1) A Development Statement listing the development team, setting forth the development concept, including in tabular form the number of units, type, size (number of bedrooms, amount of living space, gross floor area), ground coverage and summary showing the area of residential development and common open space as percentage of the total area.
- (2) A Development Site Plan of the entire tract in accordance with the requirements of this section and section 7.13.3 and meeting, to the extent applicable and with modifications approved by the Planning Board, the requirements set forth for a definitive plan in the Hampden Subdivision Regulations.
- (3) Architectural rendering of the site plans and typical structures including floor plans and elevations.

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(4) A traffic study of the area as it may be affected by the proposed development, including present and anticipated traffic counts, flow patterns, and capacity analysis of present and proposed intersections and entrances serving the development. If appropriate, internal traffic patterns should also be shown.

(5) An engineering report regarding the adequacy of sewage disposal, water supply and storm water drainage as the proposed design relates to existing utilities of the Town and Title V, with Board of Health approval.

(6) A project description including anticipated number of residents in each residential unit; unit selling prices; pre- and post-construction management methods including drafts of supporting documents and contracts; construction schedule and phasing schedule.

B. Said application shall contain sufficient information so that the Planning Board can determine the applicability of said application for the following items:

(1) Is consistent with the Master Plan of Development of the Town;

(2) Preserves and protects the character of the Town and especially the immediate neighborhood, giving due consideration to such features as public safety, including traffic control and traffic impact upon surrounding roads; development of adequate recreational facilities for the use of the residents of said proposal and/or the community; adequate fire protection; public health including sewerage disposal, drainage and water supply; and the compatibility of the size, location, and landscaping of said project with the adjacent neighborhood and the Town

(3) Minimizes potential adverse environmental impacts upon the Town;

(4) Conforms to the specific provisions of this bylaw, including the performance standards of this section.

C. Said special permit shall not be issued unless the Planning Board affirmatively determines that each of the above listed criteria is met by said applicant.

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7.13.3 Use Regulations

The following uses shall be permitted in a PURD:

- A. One family detached dwellings;
- B. Two family detached dwellings;
- C. Townhouses
- D. Multiple dwellings not exceeding four (4) units per building;
- E. Recreational uses and community facilities such as parks, gardens, swimming pools, tennis courts, clubhouses and community buildings;
- F. Accessory uses customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal uses listed above, but expressly excluding any commercial or retail enterprises.

7.13.4 Dimensional Regulations

Property for PURD use shall comply with the following dimensional requirements:

7.13.4.1 Minimum Parcel Size. The total parcel shall have a minimum area of not less than ten (10) acres. A minimum of five (5) acres of the total area required for zoning compliance shall consist of useable land as defined in Section 2.

7.13.4.2 Minimum Parcel Frontage. The total parcel shall have a minimum frontage on a public way of at least fifty (50) feet. There shall be no frontage requirements within the PURD.

7.13.4.3 Front, Side and Rear Yards. The minimum front yard (setback), side yard and rear yard requirements shall be eighty (80) feet and shall pertain only to the periphery of the PURD .

7.13.4.4 Buffer Area. A landscaped buffer strip not less than thirty (30) feet wide, as described in Section 10.2, shall be provided along the perimeter of the property. Additional buffering may be required in sensitive areas at the discretion of the Planning Board. The Planning Board may modify or waive the buffering requirement

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where variations in topography, natural features, or compatible land uses obviate the need for such a buffer.

7.13.5 Density Regulations

The maximum number of dwelling units permitted within any PURD shall be determined by the Planning Board to assure compliance with the purpose and intent of these PURD regulations, and in any event shall not exceed an average of eight (8) dwelling units per acre of usable land if connected to an approved privately owned small sewage treatment facility or four (4) dwelling units per acre of usable land if on an individual or group subsurface sewerage disposal system, subject to Title V with Board of Health approval.

7.13.6 Building Requirements

7.13.6.1 Building Character: Buildings shall be in harmony with the prevailing character and scale of buildings in the neighborhood and the town through the use of appropriate building materials, form and siting shall be used to provide visual interest and avoid monotony. Proposed buildings shall relate harmoniously to each other with adequate light, air, circulation and separation between buildings.

7.13.6.2 Building Location. Building location and orientation shall reflect:

- A. Relationship to the street line and to other buildings in the development if in close proximity, in order to protect privacy and create visual coherence;
- B. Views, solar access, and access to common open space, in order to enhance occupant's interests;
- C. Organization of large developments into recognizable sub-areas in order to provide scale and identity;
- D. Avoidance of major topographic change and destruction of significant natural site features including removal of native trees and vegetation in order to preserve and protect the environment;

Reduction of visual intrusion into abutting properties in order to protect existing character. To the extent practicable, the multifamily units of the PURD shall be developed more towards the interior

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rather than the periphery of the tract so that the one family and two family detached residences, if any, border adjacent properties, acting as a buffer between the development and pre-existing one family neighborhoods. The development shall be integrated into the existing terrain and surrounding landscape, and shall be designed to protect abutting properties and community amenities. Building sites shall to the extent feasible: (1) minimize use of wetlands, steep slopes, floodplains, hilltops; (2) minimize obstruction of scenic views from publicly accessible locations; (3) preserve unique natural or historical features; (4) minimize tree, vegetation and soil removal and grade changes; and (5) maximize open space retention and (6) screen objectionable features from neighboring properties and roadways. Where appropriate, the provisions of section 7.12, Ridgeline and Hillside bylaw, shall be followed.

More than one structure may be placed on a lot, but no residential structures shall be placed closer to each other than 10 feet and must be visually separated by trees and plantings. In addition, each dwelling must be provided with access, drainage and utilities functionally equivalent to that provided under the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations.

7.13.6.3 **Maximum Building Height.** The maximum height of structures shall be two (2) stories and thirty-five (35) feet above the ground.

7.13.6.4 **Maximum Number of Bedrooms.** The maximum number of bedrooms or rooms used primarily for sleeping purposes per dwelling unit shall be two (2).

7.13.7 **Utilities**

A. Each dwelling in a PURD shall be provided with access, drainage and utilities that are functionally equivalent to that provided under the Planning Board's Subdivision Regulations. All utilities shall be placed underground.

B. All structures which require plumbing shall be connected to a private well or public water supply, if available, and shall meet the requirements of Title V and the Subdivision regulations, and have Board of Health approval.

7.13.8 **Parking and Circulation Requirements**

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- A. There shall be an adequate, safe, and convenient arrangement of pedestrian circulation, roadways, driveways and parking.
- B. Vehicular access to the PURD shall be provided from an existing public way which in the opinion of the Planning Board is adequate to service the proposed development. As a matter of public safety, an alternate emergency access may be required.
- C. Roads within the PURD shall be privately owned and maintained and shall be designed with sufficient width, suitable grade and adequate construction to safely provide for the needs of vehicular traffic generated by the development. Access roads shall be designed and constructed according to the requirements of the Hampden Subdivision Regulations or as otherwise modified by the Planning Board.
- D. Garages or off-street parking spaces, or a combination thereof, shall be provided for all occupants, employees, and visitors, and shall be not less than two (2) spaces per dwelling unit in accordance with Section 7.5.

7.13.9 Landscaping Requirements

- A. A coordinated landscape design for the entire project area, including landscaping of structures, parking areas, driveways and walkways, and buffer strips, shall be submitted for approval by the Planning Board.
- B. Wherever possible, existing trees and vegetative cover shall be conserved and integrated into the landscape design.
- C. Proper maintenance of the landscaping, including the buffer strip, shall be the responsibility of the owner, and shall be a condition of conformance with the Zoning by-law.
- D. No building shall be floodlit. Drives, parking areas, walkways and entrance ways shall be illuminated only by shielded lights not higher than fifteen (15) feet.

7.13.10 Common Open Space Requirements

- A. All land within the PURD which is not covered by buildings, roads, driveways, parking areas or other development, or which is not set aside as private yards, patios or gardens for the residents,

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shall be common open space. The area of the common open space shall equal at least forty percent (40%) of the total area of the PURD tract. Such land shall have a shape, dimension, character and location suitable to assure its use for park, recreation, conservation, or agricultural purposes by all the residents of the development.

B. Suitable and usable outdoor recreational area or areas shall be provided for the use of tenants. At least 2,000 square feet per dwelling unit must be usable open space for active and passive recreation. Such space shall not include wetlands as determined by the Conservation Commission. Usable open space shall be defined to include land for community gardens, hiking/jogging paths, tennis courts, swimming pools, or similar facilities. Structures or buildings accessory to recreation, conservation or agricultural uses may be erected but shall not exceed five (5) percent coverage of the common open land.

C. Further subdivision of common open land or its use for other than recreation, conservation, or agriculture, except for easements for underground utilities shall be prohibited. Provision shall be made that so that the common open space shall be owned in common and readily accessible to the owners and residents of all units in the development, or by membership corporation, trust or association whose members are the owners and residents of the units, or by the Town, or otherwise as the Board may direct. In all cases, the common open space shall be subject to a perpetual restriction running to or enforceable by the Town which shall be recorded in respect to such land. Such restriction shall be in such form and substance as the Board shall prescribe and may contain such additional restrictions on development and the use of common open space as the Planning Board may deem appropriate.

7.13.11 Community Association

A. An owners' association shall be established, requiring membership of each lot or unit owner in the PURD. The association shall be responsible for the permanent maintenance of communal water, sewage, recreational and thoroughfare facilities. An association agreement or covenant shall be submitted with the Special Permit application guaranteeing the continuing maintenance of such common utilities, land and facilities, assessing each unit a share of maintenance expenses. Such agreement shall be subject to the review and approval of Town Counsel and the Planning Board as part of the Special Permit.

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B. Such agreements or covenants shall provide that in the event that the association fails to maintain the common facilities in reasonable order and condition in accordance with the agreement, the Town may, after notice to the association and public hearing, enter upon such land and maintain it in order to preserve the taxable value of the properties within the development and to prevent the common land from becoming a public nuisance. The covenants shall also provide that the cost of such maintenance by the Town shall be assessed ratably against the properties within the development.

7.13.12 Project Identification

A. As a condition of its approval, the Planning Board may permit a sign showing the project name to be permanently affixed at each entrance to the development. Each sign shall be of a size and design to be approved by the Planning Board provided that no such sign shall exceed twenty (20) square feet in size.

B. All streets shall be posted with standard street signs and all street names shall be approved by the Planning Board. Dwelling Units shall be assigned street numbers as assigned by the Building Commissioner.

7.13.13 Enforcement

A. As a condition of its approval, the Planning Board may establish time limits for any development or phases thereof.

B. Before any building permits are issued for buildings in a given phase, the developer may be required to provide the Town with performance security in a form and amount satisfactory to the Planning Board to guarantee the construction of required site improvements.

or take any other action relative thereto.

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Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept for no monetary consideration with subject to restrictive covenants for conservation and passive recreation purposes in accordance with purposes set forth in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C.

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Certain real estate situated in Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin found in the easterly line of Grist Mill Lane a distance of one hundred thirty one and $98/100$ (131.98) feet from the intersection of the easterly line of Grist Mill Lane and the northerly line of Mill Road; running thence $N58^{\circ} - 28' - 25''E$ along land of Donna Hatch a distance of one hundred twenty nine and $47/100$ (129.47) feet to a point; thence $N18^{\circ} - 57' - 38''E$ along land of Donna Hatch a distance of forty two and $65/100$ (42.65) feet to a point; thence $S86^{\circ} - 30' - 55''E$ along land of Donna Hatch a distance of two hundred seventy seven and $45/100$ (277.45) feet to an iron pin found; thence $N58^{\circ} - 29' - 01''E$ along the northerly line of Mill Road a distance of thirty six and $39/100$ (36.39) feet to an iron pin found; thence northeasterly along Mill Road by a curve to the right having a radius of five hundred fifty (550.00) feet an arc distance of thirty four and $96/100$ (34.96) feet to a concrete bound found; thence $N86^{\circ} - 30' - 55''W$ along land of Deborah Gelinas a distance of three hundred twenty five and $44/100$ (325.44) feet to an iron pin found; thence $N24^{\circ} - 01' - 15''W$ along land of Deborah Gelinas and now or formerly of Rugani a distance of one hundred seventy one and $82/100$ (171.82) feet to an iron pin found; thence $S72^{\circ} - 28' - 45''W$ along land now or formerly of Rugani a distance of ninety and $70/100$ (90.70) feet to an iron pin found; thence $N57^{\circ} - 26' - 45''W$ along land now or formerly of Rugani and of Mendrala a distance of one hundred twenty eight and $67/100$ (128.67) feet to an iron pin found; thence $S58^{\circ} - 38' - 26''W$ along land now or formerly of Fitzgerald a distance of seventy one and $54/100$ (71.54) feet to an iron pin found in the easterly line of Grist Mill Lane; thence $S31^{\circ} - 21' - 43''E$ along the easterly line of Grist Mill Lane a distance of three hundred sixty one and $78/100$ (361.78) feet to the point of beginning.

Said Lot 2A contains seventy thousand nine hundred ninety six (70,996) square feet.

Subject to two (2) stormwater drain easements as shown on a plan on file in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book of Plans 259 Pages 74 and 75.

Subject to a condition of sale as noted in Book 7290 Page 155 that Lot 2A shall have no structure erected, altered, placed or permitted on said Lot and said Lot shall remain as open space/non-buildable.

Subject to an Order of Conditions issued by the Hampden Conservation Commission.

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Acceptance of this conveyance by the grantee is pursuant to Article 21 on the Warrant for the Town Meeting of the Town of Hampden on April 28, 1997.

Being a portion of the premises as conveyed to the grantors herein by deed of John F. Fitzgerald and Kathleen M. Fitzgerald dated October 4, 1989 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 7290, Pages 155 and 156.

or take any other action relative thereto.

**COUNTRY
CLUB DRIVE**

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take, in fee simple for highway purposes, the following street as recommended by the Planning Board, including easements relating thereto: **COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE**

Country Club Drive is particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southeasterly corner of said Country Club Drive abutting other land of the Town of Hampden thence running:

N 38° 52' 30" E one hundred ninety-eight and 01/100 (198.01) feet thence running,

NORTH along a curve a radius of 390.00 feet with an arc distance of 240.28 feet to a point thence running

N 03° 34' 30" E one hundred sixty-eight (168) feet to a point thence running

NORTHERLY along a curve a radius of seven hundred sixty-five (765) feet with an arc distance of two hundred seven and 17/100 (207.17) feet thence running

N 11° 56' 30" W one hundred seventy-three (173) feet to a point thence running

NORTHERLY along a curve a radius of four hundred forty (440) feet with an arc distance of one hundred twenty-five and 27/100 (125.27) feet to a point thence running

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N 85° 37' 47" W sixty (60) feet to a point thence running

SOUTHERLY along a curve a radius of five hundred (500) feet a distance of one hundred forty-two and 35/100 (142.35) feet to a point thence running

S 11° 56' 30" E a distance of one hundred seventy-three (173) feet thence running

SOUTHERLY along a curve with a radius of seven hundred five (705) feet a distance of one hundred ninety and 22/100 (190.22) to a point thence running

S 03° 34' 30" W a distance of one hundred and sixty-eight (168) feet to a point thence running

SOUTHERLY along a curve with a radius of three hundred thirty (330) feet a distance of two hundred three and 31/100 (203.31) feet to a point thence running

S 38° 52' 30" W a distance of two hundred forty-eight and 40/100 (248.40) feet to a point thence running

N 88° 51' 00" E seventy-eight and 35/100 (78.35) feet to the point of beginning

Being a portion of the premises described in deeds dated April 22, 1987 recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 6510, Page 547 and 554. Being the same as more particularly described in a plan recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 270, Page 20,

or take any other action relative thereto.

**HAMPDEN
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HIGHLAND
CIRCLE**

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take, in fee simple for highway purposes, the following street as recommended by the Planning Board, including easements relating thereto: **HIGHLAND CIRCLE**

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Highland Circle is particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the northerly side of South Monson Road and the westerly side of Highland Circle as shown on plan 29815D on file with the Land Court section of the Hampden County Registry of Deeds;

Thence along land N/F of Steven C. Pratte & Co. N 12° - 22' - 22"E a distance of 145.71 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence continuing along last named land by a curve to the right having a radius of 630.00 feet an arc length of 235.56 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence by Lot 31 as shown on said plan N33° - 47' - 45" E a distance of 226.16 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence by Lot 32 as shown on said plan by a curve to the left having a radius of 870.00 feet an arc distance of 204.31 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence by Lots 32, 33 and 34 as shown on said plan N 20° - 20' - 27"E a distance of 394.35 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence by Lots 34, 35, 36 and 37 as shown on said plan by a curve to the right having a radius of 530.00 feet an arc distance of 585.60 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence by Lots 37, 38 and 39 as shown on said plan by a curve to the right having a radius of 830.00 feet an arc distance of 454.31 feet to a point;

Thence across Highland Circle as shown on said plan S25° - 00' - 27"W a distance of 60.00 feet to a point;

Thence by Lots 20 and 21 as shown on said plan by a curve to the left having a radius of 770.00 feet an arc distance of 421.46 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence by Lots 21 and 22 as shown on said plan by a curve to the left having a radius of 470.00 feet an arc distance of 519.30 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence by Lot 22, Hillside Lane and Lot 23 as shown on said plan S20° - 20' - 27" W a distance of 394.35 feet to a concrete bound;

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Thence by Lot 28 as shown on said plan by a curve to the right having a radius of 930.00 feet an arc length of 218.40 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence by Lot 29 as shown on said plan S33° - 47' - 45"W a distance of 226.16 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence by land N/F of Steven C. Pratte & Co., by a curve to the left having a radius of 570.00 feet an arc length of 213.13 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence continuing by last named land S12° - 22' - 22"W a distance of 154.29 feet to South Monson Road;

Thence by South Monson Road N69° - 29' - 10"W a distance of 60.61 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with an easement having a radius of 55.00 feet located around the existing cul-de-sac located on Lots 20 and 39 as shown on said plan,

or take any other action relative thereto.

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LANE**

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take, in fee simple for highway purposes, the following street as recommended by the Planning Board, including easements relating thereto: **HILLSIDE LANE**

Hillside Lane is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a concrete bound located at the intersection of the easterly side of Highland Circle and the northerly side of Hillside Lane as shown on plan 29815D on file with the Land Court section of the Hampden County Registry of Deeds;

Thence by Lot 22 as shown on said plan by a curve having a radius of 30.00 feet an arc distance of 42.12 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence continuing along Lot 22 as shown on said plan S69° - 39' - 33"E a distance of 157.22 feet to a concrete bound;

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Thence by Lot 24 as shown on said plan by a curve to the right having a radius of 530.00 feet an arc distance of 197.57 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence by Lots 24 and 25 as shown on said plan S48° - 18' - 04"E a distance of 165.98 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence by Lot 25 as shown on said plan by a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet an arc length of 25.23 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence by Lots 25 and 26 by a curve having a radius of 60.00 feet an arc length of 289.43 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence continuing along Lot 26 as shown on said plan by a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet an arc length of 25.23 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence by Lot 27 as shown on said plan N48° - 18' - 04"W a distance of 165.99 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence by Lots 27 and 23 as shown on said plan by a curve to the left having a radius of 470.00 feet an arc length of 175.20 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence continuing along Lot 23 as shown on said plan N69° - 39' - 33"W a distance of 157.22 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence continuing along Lot 23 as shown on said plan by a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet an arc length of 47.12 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence by Highland Circle as shown on said plan N20° - 27"E a distance of 120.00 feet to a concrete bound at the point of beginning.

or take any other action relative thereto.

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KELLY LANE**

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take, in fee simple for highway purposes, the following street as recommended by the Planning Board, including easements relating thereto: **KELLY LANE**

The land constituting the road or way in Hampden, Massachusetts as shown on a plan of land entitled "Definitive Plan for Hampden Woods, Hampden Woods Associates, Owners-Developers" as drawn by Ward Engineering Associates, P.C. Consulting Engineers, dated December 1989 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 270, Pages 114-115, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on Wilbraham Road as shown on said plan and the northerly corner of land now or formerly of Robert T. and Catherine M. Mackey thence Westerly $86^{\circ}54'21''$ a distance of two hundred fifteen feet (215) along said land of Mackey to a point thence turning a radius of 260' along a course $38^{\circ}44'44''$ a distance of one hundred seventy-five and $82/100$ (175.82) feet, thence Northerly $54^{\circ}20'55''W$ one hundred fifty-nine $11/100$ (159.11) feet to a point, thence turning a radius of 200' along a course $74^{\circ}46'55''$ a distance of two hundred sixty-one and $04/100$ (261.04) feet along Lot 15 (fifteen) as shown on said plan to the northerly corner of Lots 15 (fifteen) and 14 (fourteen), thence in a radius of 200' along a course $21^{\circ}36'50''$ a distance of seventy-five and $45/100$ (75.45) feet, thence continuing in the same course along Lot 14 (fourteen) as shown on said plan a distance of one hundred forty and $02/100$ (140.02) feet to a point, thence $S29^{\circ}15'20''W$ along Lot 13 (thirteen) as shown on said plan a distance of two hundred eight feet (208.00) thence along Lot 12 (twelve) as shown on said plan a distance of two hundred twenty feet (220.00) to a point thence along Lot 11 (eleven) as shown on said plan ninety feet (90.00) to a point thence twenty-seven and $82/100$ (27.82) feet having a radius of 30° , thence turning with a radius of 70° one hundred seventy-four and $87/100$ (174.87) feet to a point thence turning in the same radius along Lot 10 (ten) as shown on said plan a distance of one hundred seventy-four and $87/100$ (174.87) feet to a point, thence turning with a radius of 30° a distance of twenty-seven and $82/100$ feet (27.82) to a point, thence $N29^{\circ}15'20''E$ along Lot 9 (nine) as shown on said plan a distance of two hundred ten (210.00) feet to a point thence, in the same course along Lot 8 (eight) as shown on said plan a distance of two hundred (200.00) feet to a point, thence along Lot 7 (seven) as shown on said plan a distance of two hundred feet (200.00) to a point thence forty-eight and $02/100$ (48.02) feet along Lot 6 (six) as shown on said plan to a point, thence turning with a

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radius of 260° along Lot 6 (six) a distance of one hundred sixty-one and 43/100 (161.43) feet to a point, thence 33°03'19" a distance of one hundred fifty feet along Lot 5 (five) as shown on said plan to a point, thence along Lot 4 as shown on said plan 27°46'00" a distance of one hundred twenty-six (126) feet to a point, thence S 54° 20' 55" E along Lot 4 (four) a distance of eighty-seven and 61/100 (87.61) feet to a point, thence along Lot 3 (three) as shown on said plan a distance of seventy-one and 50/100 (71.50) feet to a point, then turning with a radius of 200' 38° 44' 44" a distance of one hundred thirty-five and 25/100 (135.25) feet to a point then seventeen (17) feet along Lot 3 (three) to a point, thence N 86° 54' 21" E along Lot 2 (two) as shown on said plan to a point, thence turning in a radius of 30° along Lot 2 (two) a distance of thirty-six and 24/100 (36.24) feet to point on Wilbraham Road thence S 17° 41' 21" W along Wilbraham Road a distance of sixty (60) feet to the point of beginning,

or take any other action relative thereto.

**CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
RESTRICTED
FUND**

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Conservation Commission's use and expenditure of fees received from the filing of Notices of Intent in order to defray its expenses as allowed under Section 54 of Chapter 287 of the Acts of 1989 amending Chapter 131, Section 40, or take any other action relative thereto.

**CONSERVATION
FUND**

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Conservation Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted upon and approved at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase, or take any other action relative thereto.

**LIBRARY
STATE AID**

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Library fund a sum of money to be used by the Library Trustees at their discretion, or take any other action relative thereto.

**LIBRARY
ADDITIONAL
STATE AID**

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote that in Fiscal Year 1998, if additional state aid for Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion, or take any other action relative thereto.

**RESERVE
FUND**

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

**REDUCING
TAX RATE**

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 1998, or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in elections of Town Officers to meet at the Hampden Town House, 625 Main Street, Hampden, on Monday the 5th day of May, AD 1997 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the election officers of said Town for the following officers, to wit:

To choose for the term of one year the following: Moderator

To choose for the term of three years the following: one Assessor, one Cemetery Commissioner, one Library Trustee, two Park Commissioners, one Regional School Committee member, and one Selectmen

To choose for the term of five years the following: one Planning Board member

Also, to choose all other necessary Town Officers.

Also, to bring in their votes to the Election Officers for the following question.

QUESTION #1

Shall the Town of Hampden be allowed to assess an additional \$110,822 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of paving Town roads for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997.

Yes _____ No _____

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at each of the five places designated by the Town. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February 1997.

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

INFORMATION & EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

TOWN AGENCIES

POLICE Department	EMERGENCY.....	911
	Business Officer.....	566-8011
FIRE Department	EMERGENCY.....	911
	Office.....	566-3314
Highway Department	.....	566-8842
Library	.....	566-3047
Council on Aging	.....	566-5588
Dog Officer	.....	781-1484
Welfare Agent: Florence Webb, 310 State St., Spfld	.....	781-7670
Veterans' Agent: Marilyn Bolaske, 200 Main St., Monson	.....	267-9903

TOWN INSPECTORS

Building Inspector: Mark Feeney	.....	566-2204
Electrical Inspector: Robert Lague	.....	566-8472
Plumbing Inspector: William Patullo	.....	566-3332
Board of Health Agent: Donald Kipetz	.....	566-2151

SCHOOLS

Green Meadows Elementary School, North Road	.....	566-3263
Thornton W. Burgess School, Wilbraham Road		
Principal's Office	.....	566-3931
All other calls	.....	566-8950
Minnechaug Regional High School, Main Street, Wilbraham	.....	596-9011
Superintendent's Office	.....	596-3884

CHURCHES

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Allen Street: Rev. Brian MacLeod	.....	566-5572
Federated Community Church, Main Street	.....	566-3711
Parsonage: Rev. Thomas D. Howells	.....	566-3402
St. Mary's Church, Somers Road: Rev. Timothy Murphy	.....	566-8843

UTILITIES/SERVICES

Bay State Gas	Business Office.....	781-3610
	Billing	731-7668
	GAS LEAK EMERGENCY	800-792-2444
New England Telephone	Business Office, Residence	785-0500
	Business Office, Business	800-462-3010
	Repair Service, Residence	1-555-1611
	Repair Service, Business.....	1-555-1515
Greater Media Cable TV, Ludlow	.....	583-5171
U.S. Post Office, Main Street	.....	566-3752

MEDICAL

AMBULANCE: Charter Ambulance, 24 hour service	.....	782-2331
BayState Medical Center	.....	784-0000
Child Abuse & Neglect	.....	800-792-5200
Home Care Corp, Springfield	.....	781-2135
Ludlow Hospital	.....	583-8361
Mercy Hospital	781-9100
Poison Control Center	800-682-9211
Wing Hospital, Palmer	283-7651

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