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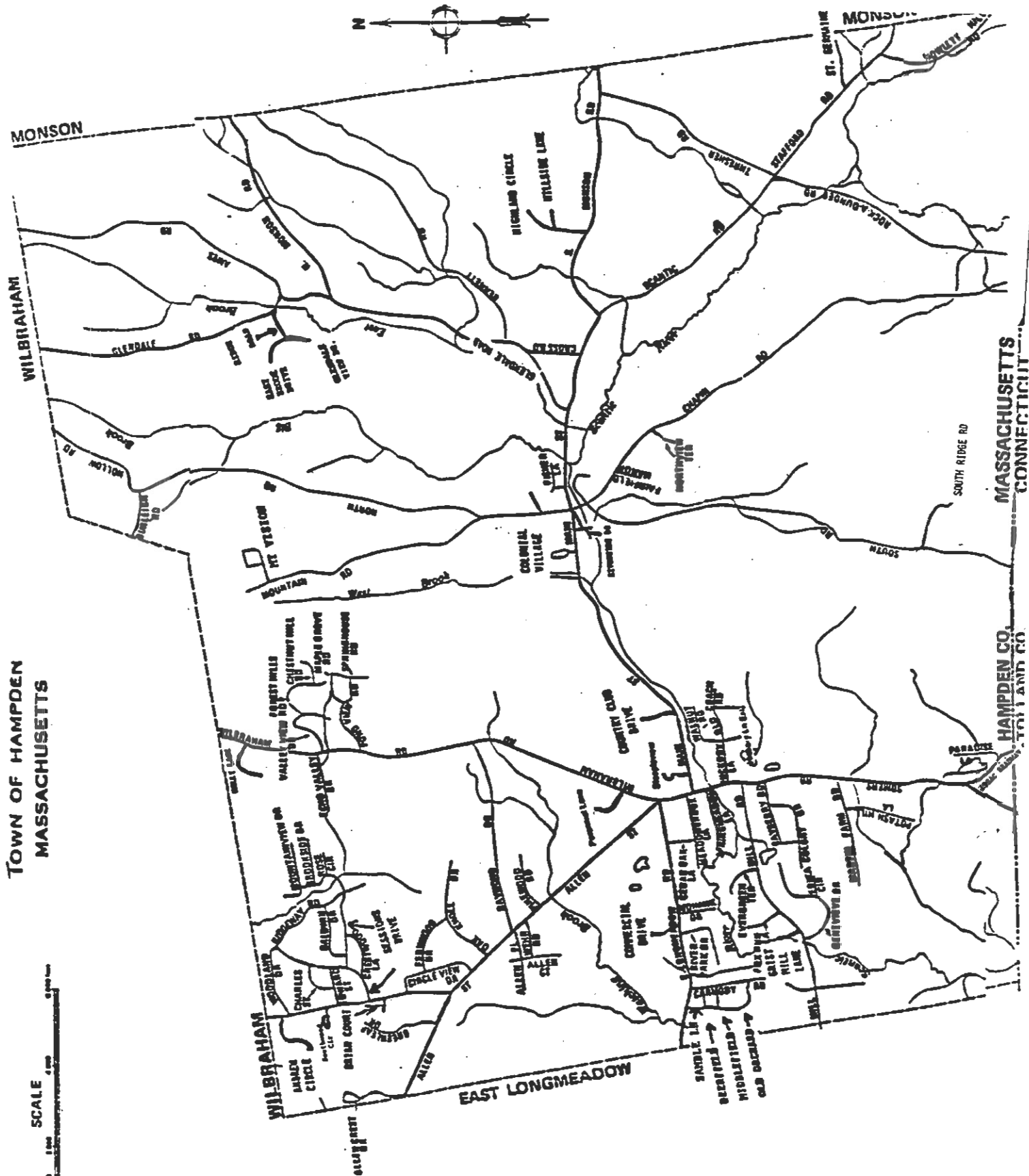
HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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Cover photo of Senior Center, 104 Allen Street

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS



IN MEMORIAM

Joseph J. D'Agostino Jr.
Hampden School Committee
Recreation Association, President

Henry P. Baush
Board of Assessors
Board of Registrars

Nola Foley
School Committee
RAH

Helen Kennedy
Historical Society

Catherine M. Mackey
Historical Society

Dalton Philpott
Board of Appeals
Council on Aging
Town Moderator
Hampden Housing Authority
Parks and Recreation Commission
Senior Center Building and Fund Raising Committees

INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Federal Census | 1/1/91 | 4,709 |
| State Census | 1/1/85 | 4,762 |
| Town Census | 1/1/00 | 4,998 |

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

19.64 square miles

COUNTY

Hampden County

TAX RATE

\$18.87 for Fiscal Year 2001

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Last Monday in April at 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL ELECTION TOWN OFFICERS

First Monday in May, 8am-8pm

GOVERNOR

Argeo Paul Cellucci
Office of the Governor
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-727-9173

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

OR

District Office: 527 Main Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151
Phone: 413-543-2167

REPRESENTATIVE

Mary S. Rogeness, 2nd Hampden District
State House, Room 237
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-722-2800
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

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7pm each month

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, 9am- 3pm
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

WATER COMMISSION COMMITTEE

1ST Thursday of every month

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd Wednesday each month at 7:00pm

PARK COMMISSION

Meet 2nd & 4th Thursday at 7:00pm
Office Hours: Call 566-4950

Memorial Park Hours:8am-9pm, Apr1-Oct31

BOARD OF APPEALS

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

VETERANS' SERVICES – Arthur A. Booth,Jr.

Phone: 267-4140

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday
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 Thursday each month, 8:30am at
Centennial Commons
Phone: 566-8157

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office Hours: Every Wed 6-8pm
Phone: 566-2204

HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Meet 3rd Wednesday each month
Phone: 566-3047

HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Tuesday-12:00am –8:00 pm
Wednesday-12:00am -- 8:00 pm
Thursday-12:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday – 10:00am –3:00 pm
CLOSED ON Saturdays during August

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Monday-Friday, 7:30am-4:00pm
Phone: 566-8842

SANITARY LANDFILL

Saturday:7:00am-5:00pm, Tuesday, 1pm-6pm

LAUGHING BROOK HOURS

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

LAUGHING BROOK HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00am –5:00pm
Office: 200 Main Street, Monson
HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL
Meet as Posted

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS -- 2000

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Mark Casey, Chairman | 2001 |
| Austin G. McKeon, Chairman Health | 2002 |
| James D. Smith | 2003 |

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

Secretary to Board of Selectmen/Health
Doreen M. Rauch

MODERATOR

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Richard Patullo | 2001 |
|-----------------|------|

TOWN CLERK

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Rita A. Vail | 2001 |
|--------------|------|

TOWN TREASURER

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Donna Easton-Vicalvi | 2001 |
|----------------------|------|

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Rita A. Vail | 2001 |
|--------------|------|

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Stanley Witkop, Chairman | 2001 |
| Richard Jalbert | 2002 |
| Mary Lou Majkut | 2003 |

Clerk to Assessors

Susan Rauscher

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Ronald Thomson | 2003 |
| MaryAnne Morris | 2003 |

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Beth E. Burger, Chairman | 2002 |
| Kathleen Hutchison | 2001 |
| Elaine Kingsbury | 2003 |

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| William G. Joy, Chairman | 2001 |
| Miles Hapgood, Vice Chairman | 2004 |
| Mildred E. (Betsy) Grant | 2003 |
| Aline Burt | 2005 |

CONSTABLES

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| George K. Stone Jr. | 2001 |
| Miles M. Hapgood, Jr. | 2002 |
| Arthur A. Booth, Jr. | 2003 |

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

| | |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Henry W. Dunwoody, Chairman | 2001 |
| Renate Oliver | 2003 |
| David Quill | 2002 |

PLANNING BOARD

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| John D. Flynn, Chairman | 2004 |
| Joseph Kruzel, Vice Chairman | 2005 |
| Duane Mosier | 2001 |
| Joseph A. Dolben | 2003 |
| Joseph Mascaro | 2002 |

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Representative, Duane Mosier
Alternate-Joseph A. Dolben
Clerk to Planning Board
Judith M. Jackson

PARK COMMISSIONERS

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| James Morris, Chairman | 2001 |
| Kathleen Duquette | 2003 |
| Thomas Crogan | 2003 |
| Glennice Flynn | 2002 |
| Honor Takorian | 2002 |
| Cynthia Coughlin, Director | |

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 2000

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Clifford Bombard 2001

DOG OFFICERS

Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control 2001

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Thomas Poulin 2001

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Shelly Sears 2001

SUPT. OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

Dana Pixley 2001

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Lorri McCool 2001

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Richard Wiencek 2001

VETERANS' BENEFITS AGENT

Arthur A. Booth, Jr. 2001

ACTING CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Mark Casey 2001

SUPT. OF STREETS

Dana Pixley 2001

TREE WARDEN

Dana Pixley 2001

FENCE VIEWERS

John H. Field, II 2001

William H. Patric 2001

TOWN COUNSEL

David J. Martel 2001

PARKING CLERK

Rita A. Vail 2001

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Patricia Smith 2001

COMPUTER STUDY COMMITTEE

John D. Flynn 2001

Richard Rediker 2001

James Moriarty 2001

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mark Feeney 2001

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Robert Lague 2001

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Michael Ford 2001

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Elizabeth DeSousa, Chairman 2002

Richard J. Fadus 2001

Peter Nossal 2002

Kathy Pessolano 2003

David Lalonde 2003

Susan Rauscher, Clerk

BOARD OF APPEALS

Richard Patullo, Chairman 2002

Mary C. Cesan, Vice Chairman 2001

Kenneth Lefebvre 2002

James E. Stone 2001

L. Jed Berliner 2003

Judith Jackson, Clerk

BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES

David Scott 2001

Frank Kotowski 2001

Richard P. Jones 2001

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

Heather Beattie, Chairman 2001

Aline Burt 2001

Linda Plourd 2001

Barbara MacKenzie 2001

Carol Smith 2001

Virginia Blake 2001

Carolyn Siano 2001

Carol Gauthier 2001

Betsy Ethier 2001

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

John Bethel 2001

Robert L. Burger 2001

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

John D. Flynn, Chairman 2001

Jim Moriarty 2001

Robin Warner 2001

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Robert E. Majkut 2002

George Bouchard 2001

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 2000

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Bonnie Geromini, Co-Chair | 2003 |
| Camilla J. Desmarais, Co-Chair | 2002 |
| Richard Gouvan | 2002 |
| Jack Matthews | 2001 |
| Wayne Meisner | 2002 |

Patricia Smith, Clerk

CONSERVATION, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Michael Raimier | |
| Patricia Smith | 2003 |
| Peter Choquette | 2003 |

COUNCIL ON AGING

| | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Brian MacLeod, Chairman | 2002 |
| Rita Vail, Vice Chairman | 2002 |
| Albert L. Ouimet, Treasurer | 2003 |
| Virginia Schneider, Secretary | 2001 |
| William T. Olmstead | 2003 |
| Patricia Clark | 2001 |
| George Lavalley | 2003 |
| Diane Hildreth | 2001 |
| Arlene Fisher | 2004 |

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

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Carolyn Brennan | 2003 |
|-----------------|------|

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| George K. Stone, Jr. | 2001 |
| Richard Hatch | 2001 |
| Raymond Shankel | 2001 |
| Guy Bartolucci | 2001 |

ENERGY COMMISSION

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Walter Johnson | 2001 |
| Brian McQuillan | 2001 |
| Toi Graham | 2001 |
| Al Perusse | 2001 |

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Arthur A. Booth, Jr. | 2001 |
| Elizabeth M. Wells | 2001 |
| Janet M. Redin | 2001 |
| Rita A. Vail, Clerk | |

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Philip J. Adams | 2001 |
|-----------------|------|

SERGEANTS

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| James Collins | 2001 |
| Jeff Farnsworth | 2001 |
| Anna Mascaro | 2001 |

POLICE OFFICERS

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Scott Trumbley | 2001 |
| Michael J. Cooney | 2001 |
| William Joy | 2001 |
| Todd Ely | 2001 |
| Joseph Henry | 2001 |
| John DiMaio | 2001 |

DISPATCHERS (full-time)

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Laurie Ryder | 2001 |
| Verna Caney | 2001 |
| Radcliffe Kenison | 2001 |
| Linda J. Ely | 2001 |

POLICE MATRON

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Verna Caney | 2001 |
| Linda Ely | 2001 |
| Laurie Ryder | 2001 |

RESERVE OFFICERS

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Avery Church | 2001 |
| Mark Galarneau | 2001 |
| Christopher Eck | 2001 |
| Luke Lessard | 2001 |
| Keith Timme | 2001 |
| Harlan Cross | 2001 |
| Laurie Ryder | 2001 |
| Robert Robinson | 2001 |
| Thomas Messier | 2001 |
| Gary Courtney | 2001 |
| Thomas Cortis | 2001 |
| Brett Purchas | 2001 |

DISPATCHERS (part-time)

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Stephen Matroni | 2001 |
| Brett Purchas | 2001 |
| Robert Robinson | 2001 |
| Thomas Messier | 2001 |
| Mark Galarneau | 2001 |
| Luke Lessard | 2001 |
| Keith Timme | 2001 |
| Thomas Cortis | 2001 |
| Derek Anti | 2001 |
| Christopher Eck | 2001 |
| Avery Church | 2001 |

SECRETARY TO POLICE DEPT.

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Kathy Zanetti | |
|---------------|--|

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS -- 2000

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Thomas Poulin, Chief | 2001 |
| Peter Hatch, Assistant Chief | 2001 |
| Michael Gorski, Deputy Chief | 2001 |
| Edward Poulin, Captain | 2001 |
| Matthew Loveling, Lieutenant | 2001 |

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| William Brown, Jr. | 2001 |
| James Burns, Sr. | 2001 |
| James Burns, Jr. | 2001 |
| Donald Dickinson | 2001 |
| Edwin Dunlea | 2001 |
| Timothy Evans | 2001 |
| Joseph Grant | 2001 |
| Richard Harris | 2001 |
| Lawrence Hatch | 2001 |
| Richard Hatch | 2001 |
| Richard Hatch Jr. | 2001 |
| Harold House | 2001 |
| Daniel Isham Sr. | 2001 |
| Keith Isham | 2001 |
| Albert Jones | 2001 |
| William Levakis | 2001 |
| Henry Managre | 2001 |
| Michael Maserati | 2001 |
| Arthur McCarthy | 2001 |
| William Patric | 2001 |
| Jcshua Ross | 2001 |
| Scott Rumprik | 2001 |
| Robert Sazama, Jr. | 2001 |
| Gregory Sears | 2001 |
| Michael Sicbaldi | 2001 |
| Thomas Smith | 2001 |
| David Sutcliffe | 2001 |
| Richard Thayer | 2001 |
| Frederick Warren | 2001 |

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Dana Pixley, Superintendent
Patrick Markham
Robert Richards
Albert Rosarti
Matthew Fredericks
John Ouellette

Auxiliary Firemen

Daniel Isham, Jr.
Michael Maserati
Jason McCarthy
Mike Hatch
Andy Netherwood

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

Bruce Clarkin, Town Counsel

Yorke P. Phillips, Advisory Committee

Arthur Thiboutot, Conservation Commission

David Markham, Fire Department

Gordon Casey, Fire Department

Howard Cutting, Fire Department

Robert Short, Fire Department

Irving Witkop, Fire Department

Leo McMullen, Constable

Peter Murray, Parks and Recreation

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).

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 at 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: Year round testing. 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: All septic design applications 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 completed. 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

TOWN OF HAMPDEN **FEEES FOR BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, GAS, FIRE & HEALTH PERMITS**

BUILDING PERMITS--MARK FEENEY--566-2204

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| 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 (\$25min) | 10 cents/sq.ft. |
| Swimming Pool | \$20 |
| Solid Fuel Stoves | \$15 |

GAS PERMITS -- MICHAEL FORD -- 566-5578

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

\$20

SOLAR PERMIT

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

ELECTRICAL PERMITS -- Robert Lague-566-8472

| | |
|---|------|
| Commercial/Industrial Building 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 |

FIRE PERMITS -- THOMAS POULIN -- 566-3314

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

CALL-BACK FEES

Call-back fees for Electrical, Plumbing, Building and Fire Inspectors

\$15

PLUMBING PERMITS --MICHAEL FORD-566-5578

| | |
|--|------|
| 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 | |
| Swimming Pool | \$30 |
| Any swimming pool with a permanent plumbing Connection is subject to a permit fee | \$20 |

BOARD OF HEALTH- LORRI MCCOOL-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

The Board of Selectmen herewith submit the following "State of the Town" report:

The Board of Selectmen and the Town of Hampden have had a busy year during 2000. Many positive accomplishments have been made throughout the town, most with major input and effort from Volunteers. They are a key to making things happen and deserve our recognition, respect and thanks. If you are interested in volunteering at any level please contact our office.

With the hard work of the Friends of the Seniors, the Council on Aging and a large crew of Volunteers, the completion and opening of the Hampden Senior Center was accomplished. This solid building will serve the community for many years.

The Selectman's office is truly the financial and policy "Balance Point" of the community. On one side are reasonable requests for an increase in amenities and education, while on the other side there is responsible pressure to keep the tax rate down.

Many of you followed the "growing pains" of our education system. On a positive note, as the year progressed, local receipts unexpectedly exceeded estimates. In finality for the year, the funding for school district demands was kept within the estimated tax rate that had been proposed to the voters at the Annual Town Meeting.

Comparisons revealed that Hampden's non-bargained personnel were being compensated at a rate far below the area averages. A salary survey and subsequent action at the Annual Town Meeting took action towards correction of these inequities. Arising out of the salary survey, a compensation policy has been put in place. It will be a tool to promote equity, and a step toward a comprehensive personnel policy for non-bargained town employees in the future.

Open space is a major concern of town residents. The Hampden Land Project has obtained 92 acres on the north slope of Mt. Minnechaug. If a Town Meeting vote approves the use of approximately \$25,000 from the existing Town Conservation Fund, the Hampden Land Project expects to convey this land to the town with little or no additional cost to the taxpayers. The land project has received favorable comments from state officials responsible for approving a 64% grant. The remainder of the funds are being raised through public donations.

After two years of wrangling with the state over funding, the Somers Rd. bridge reconstruction bid has been awarded and work is scheduled to begin in March or April of 2001.

Memorial Day, Tree Lighting and Adopt-a-Road programs enjoy continued annual success under the experienced guidance of both our Administrative Assistant, Kate Ashe and, Selectmen's and Board of Health Secretary, Doreen Rauch.

The duties of and demands upon the Selectmen's office continue to increase every year. The complexity of state and federal regulations and the time cost for legal and contractual negotiations have become a major part of each Selectmen's week. This Board remains a "Working Board" with significant time required on a weekly schedule and, more often than not, on a daily basis. The Board will be vigilant in guiding and considering plans for the future changes in the way town government is structured as Hampden maintains its moderate, but steady growth.

Going forward with a "Balance" theme, this Board is dedicated to open and fair government. Indeed, the basic reason and purpose for government's existence lies in the issue of fairness and equity among citizens. Our meetings are open and are held most Monday nights at 7PM.

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Meetings during the summer months are held every other week. The upcoming agenda is posted outside the Selectman's office late Friday afternoon prior to the Monday meeting. If you have a brief issue to discuss, the time from 7:00 to 7:30PM is generally reserved for town residents without appointments. For issues that may take a longer time, call the office at 566-2151 to schedule an appointment. Please join us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Casey, Chairman
Austin G. McKeon
James D. Smith

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| Board of Selectmen/Board of Health fees, licenses, permits, etc. | \$ 129,960.61 |
| Building Department fees | \$ 19,946.80 |
| Police Department permits, reports, etc. | \$ 3,296.00 |
| Fire Department smoke alarm inspections, oil burner permits, etc. | \$ 4,762.00 * |
| *This includes \$2,625.00 reimbursement for a Mutual Aid Response to Monson. | |
| Town Clerk Fees | \$ 5,882.35 |

BOARD OF HEALTH

As the Town activities increase, the requirements put on the Board of Health grow. From across the Commonwealth we are hearing concerns from local boards about the complexity and scheduling of the Board of Health responsibilities. Due to the dedication of our staff and with help from numerous volunteers we are in better shape than many communities.

In August, we had our first audit of the Municipal Water Supply by the DEP and passed in every category with flying colors. With the installation of the telemetry components, the requirements for the Water District were completed and the system turned over to an appointed Board of Water Commissioners. This Board will handle the operation, maintenance and testing requirements of the system.

Due to an early shortage of vaccine, it was necessary to operate two flu clinics this year. Though this caused some rescheduling problems we were able to provide enough vaccine to cover the requests received. Thanks to all those involved in the rescheduling and the volunteers who worked to make the program successful.

West Nile Virus appeared at the end of the mosquito season and the board will continue to monitor efforts to control the Town's exposure to this disease. Last summer the board twice applied larvacide to all the Town catch basins and maintained contact with the State authorities who were coordinating municipal reporting and monitoring efforts. To date, the mosquito which carries the disease appears later in the season than the friend we are all familiar with. This mosquito also requires a different formulation of larvacide. Mosquito briquettes of both types were available for sale to residents and we expect this program to continue this year.

Our annual water-testing program was carried out again this year. We continue to see improved results as people become more familiar with the testing procedure and correct problems when found.

Through the efforts of Kate Ashe, we received a DEP grant for residential composting units. These will be available for sale in 2001.

A regional household hazardous waste collection day was held, as well as, two bulk collection days. Recycling was expanded to include TV's and computers.

Going forward, we have seen a 66% increase in the hauling charges at the transfer station. This increase puts the current sticker price at risk. The board is presently looking for alternative revenue sources to stabilize the sticker price and expand our recycling efforts. The sanitation system at Green Meadows is being updated and problems corrected with a Federal grant secured by the HWRSD Business Manager, Rick Scortino.

The Board of Health thanks the volunteers who make possible the flu and rabies clinics and the water-testing program. Lori McCool, our Board of Health agent, is a resource for the Town whose contribution cannot be overstated. Kate Ashe and Doreen Rauch in our office continue to make the wheels turn. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Austin McKeon
Mark Casey
James D. Smith

SCANTIC VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen and all those who have assisted in the construction and implementation of the Massachusetts and DEP mandated Scantic Valley Water District. The board would also like to recognize the water district operator Michael S. Framarin for his fine efforts in insuring the town's compliance with the strict Massachusetts and DEP guidelines and maintaining our system to ensure minimal cost to the entire town.

During 2000, The Scantic Valley Water District (SVWD) pumped 609,110 gallons of water from two wells located on Massachusetts Audubon Society property, off Main Street, Hampden. Currently, ten water services supply eight residential homes and two Laughing Brook properties. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) sampling schedule for SVWD for 2000 was accomplished and the required water samples were analyzed. They included 12 Coliform samples, 10 Lead, 10 Copper, 2 Nitrate, and 4 Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC). All sampling results were within the acceptable standards for drinking water in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The DEP conducted a Comprehensive Compliance Evaluation of the SVWD on August 18, 2000. The system passed the evaluation easily. The only item that needed attention was the installation of telemetry for the pump house alarms and that has since been accomplished.

We look forward to serving the best interest of the Town of Hampden and the Scantic Valley Water District in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Majkut, Chairman
George Bouchard
Austin McKeon

Annual Activities provided by the Board of Health

| Activity | 1999 | 2000 |
|--|---|------|
| Annual Flu Clinic (11-7-99) | 230 | 248 |
| Pneumonia Clinic | NA | NA |
| Annual Rabies Clinic (Dog & Cat) | 56 | 69 |
| Water Tests Taken (10/21/9) | 132 | 79 |
| Percolation Tests Taken | 67 | 57 |
| Septic Systems Installed and/or repaired | 82 | 49 |
| Installer Permits Granted | 26 | 16 |
| Septic Haulers Permits Granted | 5 | 4 |
| Well Permits | 43 | 26 |
| Health Complaints | 12 | 10 |
| Court Actions | 0 | 0 |
| Food Service Permits | 35 | 31 |
| Public Swimming Pool Permits | 2 | 1 |
| Food Establishment Inspections | - twice yearly for established businesses | |

Recycled during 2000 under the volunteer program

| | <u>1999</u> | <u>2000</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Newspaper | | |
| Combined cardboard, plastic, tin cans, glass bottles & jars, metal and white goods | | |
| Bulk item Collection | | |
| Hazardous Collection | | |
| <u>Total tons</u> | 490 | 560 |

Board of Health Telephone Number: 566-2151

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

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| LANDFILL | PERCOLATION TESTS |
| Hours are Saturday, 7AM to 5PM Tuesday, 1PM to 6PM Recycling is the second and fourth Saturday of each month. | Perc Season Year Round testing. Percolation tests require an appointment with the Board of Health agent and the property owner's engineer performing the test. |



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

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| Case -1 | Special Permit, Section 6.5.2.3, to allow an auto repair business to move to another address in the Commercial District. | Granted |
| Case - 2 | Special Permit, Section 6.5, to allow the holding of used cars on site until delivered to dealers throughout New England.. | Granted |
| Case - 3 | Special Permit, Section 7.8 to renew permit to remove earth to improve land for agriculture. | Granted |
| Case - 4 | Special Permit Section 6.5.3, to build an addition onto a Commercial building allowed in 1988. | Granted |
| Case - 5 | Special Permit Section 4, to add a garage to a preexisting house built on a corner lot in 1956. Permit gave relief of the frontage setback on the street where the garage was to be added. | Granted |

Our hearts were saddened by the illness and eventual death in July of our longtime "Zoning Expert" Dalton E. Philpott.

The following are members of the Board of Appeals with the officers elected on September 26, 2000

Richard E. Patullo, Chair
M. Chris Cesan, Vice Chair
James E. Stone, Clerk
Kenneth E. Lefebvre
L. Jed Berliner

Alternates:
Francis Kotomski
David R. Scott
Richard P. Jones

Respectfully submitted, Hampden Board of Appeals

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This year, at the Hampden Memorial Day Celebration, the Historical Society sold Hampden t-shirts. This sale was a big success! We still have some available if you are interested.

The Historical Society joined with the Hampden Library in a wonderful quilt show. Many beautiful and interesting old quilts were on display.

This year, all members were mailed a flyer providing information on our upcoming programs. If you would like one of these brochures please leave a message on our machine with your name and address.

We have had excellent programs this year. Examples of a few of them are the following: An Early 1800's Health Fair, General Custer, Rebecca Johnson and A Union Soldier and the Civil War.

We always welcome new members and researchers. We appreciate the donation of old Hampden items for our museum. These items will be on display along with other items in our wonderful museum collection

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Krawiec, President
Nancy Ayers, Secretary

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

We are now in our second year as the municipal agency representing the Town in matters relating to the preservation of Hampden's historic places.

The purpose of our work is to plan and implement programs for identifying, evaluating and protecting our town's historic resources. We work with other boards and commissions within the Town to achieve our goals. We are responsible for commenting on environmental review statements at the local level. We are also mandated to alert state and federal agencies to local preservation issues.

We are highly pleased that the Town accepted the amendments and new by-laws prepared by the Planning Board's Zoning Bylaws Task Force. Many of the new by-laws will help to preserve some of the rural character of our town and encourage the preservation of historic sites and structures. We are happy to have played a part in this process, as it gives us the opportunity to work with others in the community who are committed to Hampden's well being.

Our "West Side Survey" is progressing with a good deal of the photographs needed for documentation taken and we have interviewed many past and present residents of the West Side for information on their homes.

We recently prepared a report for the Massachusetts Historical Commission on the historic assets of Minnechaug Mountain. This information was needed by the Hampden Land Project to apply for a grant from the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services to purchase property on Minnechaug Mountain. The report has received a favorable reply.

This year we cooperated with the Library in presenting an exhibit on "Hampden Barns". The glass case in the front hall of the Town House was filled with recent and vintage photos of local barns. Also included was information on the maintenance and reuse of barns and a number of math problems relating to barns. Local residents and the Hampden Historical Society loaned photos for the exhibit. The Library devoted display space to books on barns for both young and mature readers. Both the books and the exhibit proved so popular we are planning more exhibits on barns and farming in the future.

We wish to thank all Town officials and employees, as well as the Townspeople, for their interest, help and enthusiasm for our work. The Massachusetts Historical Commission has given us tremendous technical support and encouragement.

Our meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month. We welcome your attendance and hope you will tell us of any preservation issues you wish us to address.

Our concerns are not just old buildings and archeological sites. We are also concerned about maintaining our rural heritage through preservation of farmlands, scenic roads, conservation protection and smart growth. WE WORK IN THE PRESENT TO PRESERVE THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Chapin Witt, Chairman
Dorothy Bradway Hill, Secretary
Nancy Quill, Cemetery Coordinator
Chrissy Cesan, Archeology Coordinator
Noreen Couture, Publicity/Computer Coordinator

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

BUILDING PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

| | |
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| Swimming Pool: | 22 |
| Dwelling: | 21 |
| Additions: | 15 |
| Garage: | 4 |
| Sheds: | 3 |
| Alterations: | 6 |
| Barns: | 3 |
| Stove permits: | 3 |
| Demolition: | 2 |
| Communication Tower: | 1 |
| Business: | 2 |
| Deck: | 2 |
| Porch: | 1 |
| Pavilion: | 1 |
| HC Ramp: | 1 |
| TOTAL | 87 |

TOTAL PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Building | 87 |
| Electrical | 107 |
| Plumbing & Gas | 109 |

Respectfully submitted,
Mark J. Feeney, Building Commissioner

HAMPDEN LAND PROJECT

Now in its 9th year, Hampden Land Project, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit land trust, works to permanently protect critical areas of open space in the Town of Hampden. This has been an exciting year, with our "Save Minnechaug Mountain" campaign now in progress. When a 93-acre parcel in the north slope of Minnechaug Mountain was in imminent danger of development, Hampden Land Project secured an emergency loan to purchase the land. Our intention is to turn this land over to the Town of Hampden, with your vote at the annual town meeting. Once this land is town-owned, we are eligible for major funding from state grants, and from existing funds in the conservation fund. With the help of private donations and other grants, we can acquire this land at no cost to the taxpayer, and thus preserve the scenic beauty and rural character of our town.

It has been predicted that in the next decade, all land that is not protected will be developed. All land trusts must work pro-actively to select and protect the most critical areas of open space. If you know of land that defines the scenic beauty of our town, is of important environmental concern, has potential for public use, or is of special significance, please contact us, or become involved in Hampden Land Project, P.O. Box 455, Hampden, MA.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Himmelstein, Secretary

HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING

Hampden Senior Center
104 Allen St. Hampden
566-5588 coa@hampden.org

The Hampden Senior Center on Allen Street is now the beautiful new home of the Council on Aging, the Congregate Meal Site (Lunch Bunch), the Scantic Senior Citizen's Club and the Friends of Hampden Seniors, Inc.

Collectively our objectives are to identify the needs of the elders in Hampden, provide services and programs to meet those needs and secure funding to support those programs.

Sixty to one hundred people are utilizing the Senior Center on a daily basis. A vibrant, homey and friendly atmosphere welcomes each participant and visitor. As anticipated, participation and usage of programs and services has shown a dramatic increase. Below is a sampling of increases:

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| Community Education | 60% |
| Outreach/Case Management | 47% |
| Congregate Meals | 47% |
| Home Delivered Meals | 23% |
| Fitness/Exercise | 35% |
| Recreation | 85% |
| Attendance/general | 98% |

The building of the Senior Center not only centralized accessible programming but it also gave us the ability to provide more activities, enhancing the lives of hundreds of elders in our community.

PROGRAMS THAT WE OFFER INCLUDE:

Counseling for caregivers and individual older adults

Case Management assistance for frail elderly persons to help them remain in control of their own lives.

Geriatric care management for elderly individuals whose relatives live out of town or who are alone

Care giver support group for those caring for an older adult

Assistance with health insurance – (SHINE) counseling for those faced with confusing choices regarding health insurance coverage

Congregate Meal Site (Lunch Bunch) providing nutritious meals at the Senior Center and **Home Delivered Meals** for homebound elders

Fuel Assistance for families of all ages and individuals who are having difficulty paying their heating bills.

Recreation/Game Room/Crafts/Hobbies/Arts for seniors enjoying life! Over 16 programs offered weekly.

Health education, wellness clinics, health screenings, exercise and fitness programs

Tax Assistance – free tax preparation

Durable medical loan closet – free loan closet available to any town resident

New Programs:

Weekend Home Delivered Meals: Through the generosity of Mary Lyon Nursing Home and Hampden volunteers, frail elders now receive weekend meals. Mary Lyon Nursing Home provides this service free of charge.

Blue Light Special – Once a month, our Senior Resource Officer Gary Courtney delivers meals to our home meal clients. This is a part of a cooperative relationship between the Council on Aging and the Hampden Police Department.

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Intergenerational programming initiative – The Council on Aging is pleased to be working with Thornton Burgess Middle School and Green Meadows School on numerous projects bringing students and seniors together.

The Council on Aging is working diligently to meet the needs and demands of the fastest growing population group in our town. A Senior Center has been built and innovative programs and services have been implemented that maintain independence, enhance quality of life and most importantly allow Hampden Elders to access these programs in Hampden.

It is evident, however, that staffing a 6,800 square foot building to manage the many activities and programs cannot be done adequately with one full time Director and various grant supported part-time staff and volunteers. The COA will be asking the voters to support additional funding for our Custodian and our Clerk. While volunteers are able to help, they are not in a position to respond to the wide variety of requests and needs that arise daily.

Presently the COA is utilizing over 135 volunteers. If the Town were to pay these volunteers at fair market value, it would cost over \$80,000 dollars per year. The Council on Aging extends appreciation and gratitude to these volunteers.

One of our biggest supporters passed away in 2000. Dalton Philpott served as Vice Chairman of the COA and was a dedicated volunteer. 25 years ago, Dalton was involved in the formation of the Hampden Council on Aging and continued to faithfully carry out its mission. His wisdom, love and availability will be greatly missed.

Arlene Fisher joined the Board this winter bringing with her an artistic touch and a sidekick named George. Arlene was very helpful in creating the cozy atmosphere with the many beautiful decorations and furnishings.

The Hampden Senior Center is open every weekday from 8:30 until 4 PM and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. All are welcome to stop in anytime and see for themselves why one Boston official "unofficially" rated the Hampden Senior Center as "one of the top 10 Centers in the state of Massachusetts."

Respectfully submitted by:
Carolyn F. Brennan, Executive Director

Brian MacLeod, Chairman
Rita Vail, Vice Chairman
Al Ouimet, Treasurer
Virginia Schneider, Secretary
Patricia Clark
Arlene Fisher
Diane Hildreth
George Lavallee
Bill Olmstead

Council on Aging Staff:

Asst. to the Director, Helena Nossal
Tiny Burt, Senior Aide
Lissa Fontaine, Outreach Coordinator
Janis DeGrandpre, Meal site Manager &
Activities Coordinator

*Affiliations: Greater Springfield Senior
Services, National Council on the Aging,
Mass Association of Council on Aging &
Senior Center Directors & Western Mass
Association of Councils on Aging*

GREATER SPRINGFIELD SENIOR SERVICES, INC. (GSSSI)

Our booming economy and Congress' 1997 Balanced Budget Amendment are restricting the supply of home-care workers. These are the employees of the vendors contracted by GSSSI to enable its clients to stay at home rather than enter the much more expensive nursing homes or do without needed care. This adverse result applies to care workers in general, in nursing homes, hospitals and child-care centers. It's caused by salaries and wages in other fields rising more to attract workers from the care field.

There's no "Quick Fix". GSSSI holds annual "legislative breakfasts" to take all long term care needs of the elderly to our state senators and representatives. Last year these legislators responded by providing more money for care workers, but even more is needed.

Nationally, this problem is more complex and will take time to resolve. Congress is divided on how to distribute the still increasing surplus among the national debt, excessive costs of prescription drugs, short and long term funding of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, defense, tax reduction and other issues.

Hampden has not escaped this problem. GSSSI's list of clients awaiting services shows three Hampden residents; at this writing one is still waiting. Additional services requested by existing clients are delayed. A replacement for a current care worker for Hampden has not yet been found. Other services paid for by Medicare/Medicaid are delayed.

GSSSI is making all possible efforts to meet these needs. In any contacts you may have with State or Federal representatives, please express your concerns.

Respectfully submitted, George W. Ingle
Hampden's Representative to the GSSSI Board of Directors.

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Hampden Housing Authority meets on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Building at 26 Springmeadow Lane. Meetings are usually held at 8:15 A.M. All meetings are posted with the Town Clerk and are open to the public.

Elected members of the Authority are as follows:

William Joy, Chairperson, Miles Hapgood, Treasurer, Mildred Grant, Assistant Treasurer, Aline Burt, Secretary. Unfortunately, Dalton Philpott, State Appointee passed away this year after years of dedicated service. Housing Authority Staff members are: Christine Evans, Executive Director, Carole Robert, Site Manager, Gary DePace, Fee Accountant, Frank Hull, Maintenance Supervisor.

As has been the case since its inception, the mission of the Authority continues to be to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing to our residents at a rate which is based on 30% of their household net income. Admission is accomplished following an application process. Applications are available by mail or in person at our office at 26 Springmeadow Lane. Maximum net income limits are currently as follows: 1 Person - \$26,100, 2 Persons - \$29,800. Maximum allowable Contract Rents are as follows: 1 Bedroom - \$403. and 2 Bedrooms - \$464.00. All eligibility and occupancy standards are in keeping with the Department of Housing & Community Development and HUD guidelines. Our agency is subject to state audit every two years by the Office of the Auditor of the Commonwealth.

As always, we express our thanks to the Police, Fire and Highway Departments who are always ready and willing to assist our residents and staff in keeping our environment here safe and secure.

The Hampden Housing Authority office hours are Monday – 9:00AM – 12:00 Noon, Tuesday – 8:00AM – 2:00PM, Wednesday – 9:00AM – 11:00AM, Thursday – 8:00AM – 2:00PM. The office is closed on Fridays. The telephone number is 566-8157.

Respectfully,

Christine Evans
Executive Director

TENANTS ORGANIZATION

2000 begins our twenty-third year here at Centennial Commons and there are still a few of us left who came early in the spring of 1978.

The Tenants Organization was off and running in 1979 and has been active ever since. Our agenda hasn't changed. We meet quarterly to enact new and old business with a well rounded group of tenants.

Our community is a very safe and pleasant place to live, as attested to by those who live here. Many a happy occasion takes place in the dining area of the community room. Tenants have enjoyed birthday parties, card games, bingo, Thursday night cards, Monte Carlo Whist, showers and a host of other activities, tag and bake sales, Tuesday and Friday morning exercise class, and last, but not least, the Christmas Party and Dinner.

Even though we try to keep busy with activities, we do miss the companionship of town folks from the meal site now that it has moved to the new Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted, Aline Burt, Secretary

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Town of Hampden Conservation Commission currently sits with five full time members and three associate members. We hold regularly scheduled meetings on the second Monday of every month, and "special" meetings when required. Our purpose is to protect the natural wetland and flood plain resource areas in town from abuse and over-development. The guidelines used are the *Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act*, the *Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act* and the *Town of Hampden Wetland Protection By-laws*.

This past year the commission held twelve regular meetings and three special meeting as well as numerous site inspections. We received filings for ten Requests for Determinations, three Notices of Intent, and two Requests for Partial Certificates of Compliance. We also issued six Enforcement Orders resulting from complaints received about possible violations. The violations included logging operations being conducted without approved plans and unlicensed loggers performing work. Please ensure your loggers are properly licensed and follow the procedures set by the state forester.

Of special note, the commission approved plans presented by the Girl Scouts for a nature trail through the woods between the new Senior Center on Allen Street and Thornton W. Burgess School on Wilbraham Road. These plans included a 100-foot walkway with an overlook area.

The Council on Aging Senior Center, Sprint, the Federated Community Church, South Ridge Estates and the Town of Hampden Highway Department as well as individual homeowners appeared before the Commission this year requesting approval prior to doing work within the resource areas or within 100 feet of a resource area.

The Conservation Commission endorses the purchase of land on the east side of Minnechaug Mountain by the Hampden Land Trust. We also support the efforts of the Mill River Watershed group.

We need proactive people interested in preserving our Town's natural resources and we currently have many positions available for members, as well as associate members. We are always anxious to meet people interested in joining the commission. Please contact our clerk, Pat Smith, at the Town House, if you have any questions or to find out how to join.

Respectively submitted for the commission,

Bonnie L Geromini
Camilla J. Desmarais
Co-Chairpersons

THOMAS J. O'CONNOR
Regional Dog Control Center
701 Center Street
Chicopee, MA 01013
Tel. 781-1484

The year 2000 was one of continued growth and positive improvement at the Center, but also presents us with one of our biggest challenges yet: finding a new location. We have been recently notified that our existing location will be the new home for a women's jail. Although this will be a difficult challenge, we also see it as an opportunity to construct a new larger and more efficient facility.

Some of the highlights of the past year include expanded service hours for adoption and return to owners, a lower euthanasia rate, and an increase in adoptions and returns to owners. We also developed a relationship with Tufts University in Grafton, MA that allows us to have dogs spayed or neutered free of charge. Finally, we added the following communications improvements: internet access which allows us to receive E-Mail from the public at www.animalcontrol@rcn.com, and a voice messaging service allowing us to be more accessible to the public.

The year 2000 also brought a reorganization of staff that includes, Robert Larocque: Director, Michelle Downie: Assistant Director, Dr. Gerald Cutting: Contractual Veterinarian, Felix Lisojo: Veterinarian Technician, Sarah Kiely: Assistant Kennel Manager, Christine Higgins: Office Assistant, Pedro Cardona: Maintenance, Nick Dominik: Dog Officer, George Roberts: Dog Officer, Richard Hartnett: Dog Officer, Mike Girard: Night Dog Officer.

The following list indicates duties conducted for the Town of Hampden by the staff of the Thomas J. O'Connor Regional Dog Control Center for the period of January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.

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| Investigation of loose dog complaints: | 12 |
| Investigation of barking dog complaints: | 15 |
| Stray dogs captured and impounded at the Center: | 1 |
| Dog bite investigations: | 5 |
| Vicious/loose dog complaints: | 2 |
| Stray dogs brought to the Center from Hampden: | 0 |
| Stray dog complaints: | 22 |
| Sick and or injured dogs: | 1 |
| After – hour emergency calls: | 8 |
| Impounded dogs: | 13 |
| Returned to owners: | 10 |
| Adopted: | 2 |
| Dogs euthanized: | 1 |
| Transported to Rowley Animal Hospital: | 1 |
| Follow – up calls: | 20 |
| Licenses sold at Center: | 4 |
| Board of Selectman's meetings: | 4 |
| District Court appearances: | 0 |

The staff of The Thomas J. O'Connor Regional Dog Control Center is very appreciative of Hampden's continued support and involvement in this program, and we look forward to serving your community in 2001.

Submitted by
Robert C. Larocque, Director

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

As the Animal Inspector for the Town of Hampden, I would like to report the following for 2000.

| | <u>Adult</u> | <u>Young</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Cattle: (Adult= 2 years & over) | | |
| Dairy | 0 | 0 |
| Beef | 18 | 19 |
| Steers/Oxen | 2 | 0 |
| Goats | 18 | 1 |
| Sheep | 5 | 0 |
| Swine | | |
| Breeders | 0 | 0 |
| Feeders | 0 | 3 |
| Equines | | |
| Horses | 122 | 12 |
| Ponies | 19 | 6 |
| llamas | 4 | |
| Poultry | # of chickens 123 # of gamebirds 2 | # of turkeys 0 # of ratites 0 # of waterfowl 23 |
| Rabbits | 8 | |
| Other animals | 1 Burro | |

There were three domestic animals quarantined due to wildlife encounters and six dog bites to humans reported.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Sears,
Animal Inspector

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Hampden Cultural Council is responsible for distributing funds allocated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Applications for funds are submitted to the local council in October of each year. The council then meets to consider those requests. The applicants who are rejected are given time to appeal and under the new streamlined granting process, those who are approved are notified by the local council of their approval in December following a brief review by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The actual funds to approved applicants are then available for distribution by the end of January pending budget passage by the state legislature.

Local groups or individuals who would like to request funds can get more information and the grant applications from the Selectman's office. It should be noted that the council gives preference to projects sponsored by town organizations or residents. Due to limited funds, requests are rarely granted in full.

In the spring of 2000, the Hampden Cultural Council participated again in the Matching Fund Incentive program sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Our local council raised funds through the *Business Friends of the Hampden Cultural Council Program* by contacting business owners who either reside in town or conduct their business in town and asking them for a donation. This program was successful, as it has been in the last few years, and we would like to publicly thank the following businesses and business owners:

Dr. John Hennessy
Bilton's Orchard
Hampden Discount Liquors
Village Food Mart
The Bagel Nook

Council members also collected donations at Town Hall on Election Day. This and our other fundraisers were all very successful and the Hampden Cultural Council would like to publicly thank the many individual contributors for their generosity. We are pleased to announce that a total of \$551.84 was collected. This was added to our budget for 1999-2000 and the Massachusetts Cultural Council matched \$500 of this amount in addition to our yearly allocation of \$3,300.00. The local council also had \$792 of unencumbered money remaining from the 1999-2000 fiscal year, giving us a total of \$4592 to have available for granting in year 2000-2001.

Projects and activities that have been awarded grants for 2000-20001 include:

- * A 4th grade art contest to be sponsored by our local HCC
- * A presentation by a local sculptor to grades 4-8
- * A presentation of "Life in the Country" co-sponsored by the Hampden Historical Society
- * A presentation by an author/illustrator to grades K-6
- * A trip to Symphony Hall for 3rd graders
- * A Music Matters program for 4th graders
- * Several music concerts to be co-sponsored by the Library, the Parks & Recreation Department, and the Council on Aging for various town events
- * A hip-hop dance performance to delight the teens & others in town
- * Support for the Senior Woodworking Shop
- * Support to the Hampden Public Library summer reading program

We have experienced great pleasure and satisfaction in being able to support these cultural events and hope to continue to support cultural education and enjoyment of town residents of all ages.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather G. Beattie, Chairperson

Carol Winters Smith

Virginia Blake

Carolyn Siano

Judith Moriarty

Barbara McKenzie

James McEwan

Carol Gauthier

Hermine Weston

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
Annual Town Report
District of Eastern Hampden County Veterans Services
Serving Brimfield, Holland, Hampden, Monson and Wales

Calendar year 2000 has seen increased activity in many areas of the Department of Veterans Services. First, the State department of Veterans Services, under the direction of Medal of Honor Winner, Thomas G. Kelley, has broadened the scope of Veterans Agents. This has taken the Veterans Agents scope of work to new and exciting heights and changed the Agents title from "Agent" to Veterans Service Officer. Commissioner Kelley has directed that all VSO must be pro active in seeking out and providing support and services to all veterans covered by Mass. General Law Chapter 115. This office has endeavored to do just that. It has always been the mission of this district to support and service all eligible veterans and do it with the compassion and dignity they deserve. It is no secret that we are losing over 5000 WW2 veterans per week throughout the U.S. and over 1800 per week from the Korean conflict. This has placed a tremendous burden on the VSO's throughout the state to assist, support and provide services to widows and widowers who are left behind.

New legislation this year has resulted in \$1500.00 annuity payments being awarded to the unmarried widows of deceased veterans who were 100% service connected or killed in action similar to the Gold Star Parents annuity. In addition, property tax exemptions for veterans 10% disabled or more, now revert to their unmarried spouse upon their death. Pending legislation that will also have an impact on the VSO activity is the change in the definition of a veteran. Current language specifies dates and conflicts that must be met in order to qualify for benefits under Chapter 115. However, if the revised legislation is passed, all members of the Armed Forces (peacetime) will qualify, so long as they have served honorably and meet certain longevity requirements.

During this report period your Veterans Service Officer has increased efforts in the area of outreach by providing ongoing information to the news media, COA's, and local cable stations to get the message out regarding benefits and services. This activity, along with assisting veterans, their widows and dependents through the morass of Federal paperwork has kept the office busy. In addition to benefits provided from the Hampden Veterans' Benefit Account, the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) has awarded in excess of \$455,000 to veterans for service-connected disabilities, retirement pay, medical benefits and widows benefits.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur A. Booth
Director/VSO

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The number of registered voters on Jan. 1, 2000 was 3266. On Dec. 31, 2000 the number was 3348.

Voter attendance during the year 2000:

| | |
|---|------|
| Democratic Presidential Primary, March 7, 2000 | 299 |
| Republican Presidential Primary, March 7, 2000 | 563 |
| Libertarian Presidential Primary, March 7, 2000 | 1 |
| Republican Party Caucus, March 23, 2000 | 32 |
| Democratic Party Caucus, March 24, 2000 | 22 |
| Special Town Meeting, April 24, 2000 | 261 |
| Annual Town Meeting, April 24, 2000 | 261 |
| Annual Town Election, May 1, 2000 | 1108 |
| Special Town Election, June 8, 2000 | 624 |
| Special Town Meeting, June 19, 2000 | 199 |
| Republican State Primary, September 19, 2000 | 31 |
| Democratic State Primary, September 19, 2000 | 31 |
| Libertarian State Primary, September 19, 2000 | 0 |
| State Election, November 7, 2000 | 2638 |

INSPECTORS AND TELLERS

Republican

Beth Burger
Edith Casey
Andree Crowley
Irene Cutting
Beryl Doten
Gerald Doten
Mary Dunklee
Barbara Dunwoody
Kathleen Duquette
Beth Fatse
Rebecca Gibb
Mary Hamel
Miles Hapgood
Dorothy Hill
Joyce Libby
David Kingsbury
Elaine Kingsbury
Chesley Metcalf
Nancy Salerno
Philip Schneider Jr
Sheila Slawiak
Thomas Slawiak
Patricia Smith
Elizabeth Wells
Robert Wells
Carolyn Whipple
Richard Willis

Democratic

Brenda Ahlberg
Arthur Booth Jr
Ann Burian
Joan Cady
Mary Cesan
Carol Collins
Sophie Davenport
Nancy Downey
Kathleen Flynn
Sheila Flynn
Richard Gouvan
Shirley Gouvan
Sandra Gray
Judith Jackson
Sally Kealy
Dorothy Kibbe
George Lavallee
Ronald Lech
Gail Lefebvre
Janet Redin
Kathleen Rochford
Margaret Rochford
Evelyn Schmidt
Rita Southworth
George Walsh

Unenrolled

Mary Lou Black
Carolyn Brennan
Aline Burt
Mildred Davis
Robert Dieckmeyer
Catherine Herchel
Diane Hildreth
Nancy Joy
Deborah O'Brien
Doris Ouimet
Doreen Rauch
Susan Rauscher
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 PLANNING BOARD

The Town of Hampden received a grant from the State in December 1999 for the purpose of reviewing and revising the Zoning bylaws. A task force was assembled, chaired by John D. Flynn. Through the efforts of these individuals, and the assistance of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, a major revision of the Town's Zoning Bylaw was presented and passed at the Special Town Meeting on November 13, 2000.

We would like to thank the members of the task force: Art Booth, Carolyn Brennan, Mark Casey, Mark Feeney, Bonnie Geromini, Rick Green, Sherry Himmelstein, Richard Jones, Joe Kruzel, Joan Letendre, Dalton Philpott, Tom Poulin, Robin Warner, Gary Weiner and Connie Witt. The Board was saddened by the passing of Dalton Philpott. Dalton, in his many years of service to the Town, especially in the Planning Board, brought a common sense approach to every project.

The Board would like to thank Mark Feeney, Building Inspector, and Judy Jackson, Planning Board Clerk, for their tireless efforts.

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

Respectfully submitted

John D. Flynn, Chair
Duane Mosier, Vice-Chair
Joseph A. Dolben
Joseph Kruzel
Joseph Mascaro

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.

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,

Robin Warner
John D. Flynn
Jim Moriarty

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. The Committee provided assistance to several departments, such as the Assessors, Police, and Library, with research and recommendations for their technology needs.

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.

We would also like to remind the residents that the Town continues to expand its public communications through the Town's Web page at <http://www.hampden.org>. We would like to thank Springfield Public Access (www.the-spa.com) for their generous donation of unlimited Internet access for all Town departments. We would also like to extend our gratitude to those individuals in Town who have donated computer hardware.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Flynn, Chair
Jim Moriarty
Richard Rediker

TOWN OFFICES WEBSITES:

selectmen@hampden.org
health@hampden.org
chief@hampden.org
police@hampden.org
planning@hampden.org
parks@hampden.org
treasurer@hampden.org
library@hampden.org
assessors@hampden.org
highway@hampden.org
coa@hampden.org

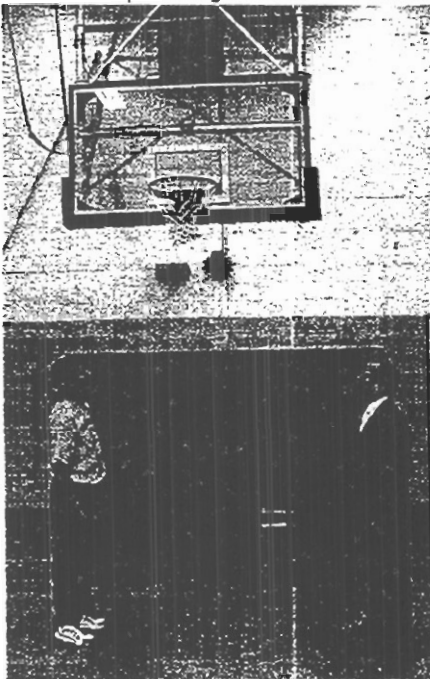
RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF HAMPDEN

[RAH]

The Recreation Association of Hampden's primary focus is to provide a youth sports program which fosters participation, skill development, and, most importantly, fun for the youth of Hampden. The youth sports program offered enrollment in the traditional sports of soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball.

With the addition of the Town's Recreation Director position, RAH is now able to focus more of its time on the development and implementation of youth sports programs. We would like to thank Peter Murray for his service to the Town, and we welcome Cindy Coughlin as the new Recreation Director.

During the past year, RAH saw an increase in the number of Hampden children involved in the Town-sponsored sports programs, with record numbers in baseball and basketball. In the early spring, RAH donated a pair of glass backboards to the gymnasium at TWB Middle School.



RAH would also like to thank the Sunday Men's Basketball group for funding the installation of the basketball shot clocks at TWB Middle School.

We would like to thank the Hampden Parks and Recreation Commission for their cooperation and assistance in providing the best programs possible. We would like to thank Mike Bearse, Paul Conlon, Tom Crogan, Jeff Demarey, Mike Ford, Skip Gunn, Tracey Sugermeyer, Everett Williford, and Al Struthers for serving on the RAH Board.

RAH meets monthly at the Hampden Town Hall and encourages all residents to attend our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

John Flynn, President

Chris McDonald, Vice Pres.

Rick DeSanti, Treasurer

Mary Kay Theoharides, Clerk

Directors Dave Avery, Mark Dentzau, John Donaruma, Rick Green, Karen Hatch, Rick Kapinos, Barbara Rose, Claire Sibilia, Steve Sugermeyer, Rick Willis

PARKS & RECREATION

This was a year of growth for the Parks Department. Peter Murray brought great enthusiasm to the position of Parks Director. There were new programs, such as the trip to New York to see Phantom Of The Opera, the bus trip to a Red Sox game, and vacation week events. Changes were made in the sports programs, which will enable the programs to run more smoothly. More children than ever attended our Summer Activities Program. Movie Nights continue to be a success.

However, Peter decided to make a change. He was offered a position at a State College with the option of getting his Master's Degree. Peter left in October and we noticed the void right away! We thank Peter for the long hours he put into the job, and for the dedication he had to the people of Hampden.

We had many fine applicants for the Director position and, after many interviews, Cindy Coughlin became our new Director. Cindy lives in Springfield with her husband, two daughters and a son. She has a lot of experience with the Springfield Park Department, and as a teacher at a local school. We are really looking forward to working with Cindy, and encourage all residents to make her acquaintance.

Some changes were unfortunate. The playground equipment at Green Meadows School had to be removed for safety reasons. This was not a decision that was made lightly. A group of concerned citizens is currently working to raise funds for new equipment. Play is a very important part of a child's learning process, and we look forward to new, safe equipment for the children in Town.

We are upgrading other areas as well. Look for a new outdoor basketball court at Thornton W. Burgess Middle School this spring. Residents will be much safer playing on the new court as opposed to playing in the parking lot. There will be changes at Memorial Park, also. Thanks to the Town's support at the Nov. Town Meeting, many improvements will be made, including improving the bathrooms and the art area, removing and replacing outdated, unsafe equipment, improvement to the pool area, and installation of aluminum bleachers at the ball fields.

Another successful Fall Festival was held in September. Many residents enjoyed the beautiful crafts and weather, while games and rides amused the children. Thank you to the many businesses, civic organizations, and restaurants that participated. The Fall Festival 5K Run drew over 60 people to its 2nd anniversary.

The Commissioners would like to thank the terrific staff from last year's summer program. Over 25 young people from Town were employed by the Parks Department. They were very enthusiastic and dedicated. We look forward to working with many of them again.

A large THANK YOU must also go to Dana Pixley and the Highway Department. They are always willing to help us with problems that arise. The staff at the Town Hall also deserve our thanks. They are professionals and work very hard for the Town.

The Town Sports Programs are run with the help of the Recreation Association of Hampden (RAH). RAH is a group of very committed volunteers who work to organize and monitor our sports programs. They are vital to the programs. Please let them know that you appreciate their hard work when you see them.

Respectfully submitted,
James Morris, Chairman
Glennice Flynn Kathleen Duquette
Robert Majkut Honor Takorian
Cindy Coughlin, Director

CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Commissioners have been active overseeing the maintenance of Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery. Arrangements were made for the excavation and refilling of graves at the time of interment. Seventeen interments were made this year. Activities this year also included marking out several graves for the installation of monuments and the placement of corner markers on several lots.

Several lots were sold in Old Cemetery and space is still available there. We are anticipating opening up a new section of Old Cemetery in the spring to make more lots available. A review of space usage is in progress in Prospect Hill Cemetery with the hope of making some lots available there. This is taking longer than anticipated but progress is being made. We are exploring the possibility of putting a water supply in both cemeteries. This would allow better upkeep of the lawns and we could upgrade their appearance by replanting with the expectation that the grass would live. This would also allow easier care for the plantings on the gravesite.

Please remember that the maintenance of anything planted in the gravesite is the responsibility of the owner. Plantings which exceed the boundaries of the gravesite should be removed. Please dispose of any trash in the barrels provided at the cemeteries.

Quarterly meetings of the Cemetery Commission are held at the Town House the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 PM. Commissioners may be contacted at this time or by calling an individual commissioners at the phone numbers listed below or calling 566-2204 and leaving a message.

Respectfully submitted,

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|-------------------|----------|
| Henry W. Dunwoody | 566-3357 |
| Renate Oliver | 566-8684 |
| David Quill | 566-3552 |

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY

The mission of the Hampden Free 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.

In an effort to fulfill this mission, we have tried to create a welcoming and helpful atmosphere, providing materials and information in a variety of formats including traditional print, audio books, Internet, videos and CD's. To make the library more accessible, we changed our hours to be open 3 evenings until 8.

Technology plays a dominant role in the lives of individuals and businesses today, and the library is no exception. Our circulating system and catalog were converted to a Windows-based system this summer, providing easy access to our collection. The library now offers two Internet workstations, three catalog stations, plus a workstation for word processing and viewing CD-ROM resources. The children's room is also equipped with a computer, which was made possible by a grant from the East Longmeadow, Hampden and Wilbraham Community Partnership. The programs available on the computer include educational and entertaining software designed for children ages 2 to 4.

Once again, children's programming was very successful. Weekly story hours for children ages 3 ½ to 5 were very popular and filled to capacity. A new program designed for toddlers to age 3 was also introduced and was an overwhelming success. Participation in summer reading continued to grow. This year's theme was "Open Books, Open Frontiers." A total of 166 children from preschool to entering grade 5 successfully completed the program and were rewarded for the efforts at a party at the end of the summer. Participants were awarded certificates of completion, and took part in a raffle to which many local businesses had contributed. We are grateful to the following businesses for their support: Monson Savings Bank, Fenway Golf, Village Food Mart, Pop's Pizza, Mercury Swim Institute, Annie's Place, Mt. View Drive-In, Blockbuster and McDonald's. We are also grateful to the Wilbraham/Hampden Rotary for their generous donation, which allowed us to present "The Adventures of Thornton W. Burgess." We are also especially grateful to the Hampden Cultural Council, without whose support we would not be able to offer the exciting weekly performers.

The summer program for students entering grades 6 through 8 also saw an increase in participants. Thirty-five students gave up one hour of their time each week during the summer to volunteer at the library. The staff appreciated their youthful exuberance. Additionally, 12 middle-schoolers completed the summer reading requirement. Both readers and volunteers were rewarded for the efforts at the end of summer pizza party and raffle. Finally, 12 students completed the American Red Cross Babysitting Course, funded in part by the Hampden Lions Club. We appreciate their annual support of this worthwhile program.

We would like to thank the Friends of the Hampden Public Library for their support in providing funds for children's programs, and video and CD acquisitions. Also, thanks to the Hampden Garden Club, whose members once again decked our walls and windows with beautiful seasonal decorations.

Some of the faces of the staff changed this year. We were sorry to lose long-time employees, Maria Yacovone, who left to attend graduate school, and Kristy Schoolcraft, who took a full-time job and continues with her college education. Our thanks go to our dedicated staff: Monica Tronsky, children's librarian, Cindy Rowley, technical services librarian, and Brandy Fagan, page.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday | Noon to 8:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | Noon to 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. |
| Closed Fridays and Sundays | |

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LIBRARY STATISTICS

General Services

Circulation

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|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------|
| Print Material - Adult | 16,406 | Volumes Added | 1205 |
| Print Material - Juvenile | 11,717 | Volumes Discarded | 486 |
| Non-print Material | 11,926 | Total Collection | 24,289 |
| Inter-library Loan | 504 | Magazine Subscriptions | 71 |
| Total | 40,553 | | |

Finances FY2000

Receipts

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Municipal Appropriation | \$71,680 |
| State Aid | 2,333 |
| Monetary Gifts, Trust and Endowment Income | 885 |
| TOTAL | \$74,898 |

Expenditures

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Wages | 54,080 |
| Books and Materials | 15,338 |
| Maintenance Agreements | 2,292 |
| Other Expenses | 3,188 |
| TOTAL | \$74,898 |

(Note: The status of the library's trust funds is listed in the "Report of the Town Accountant.")

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Burger, Trustee Chair
Kathleen Hutchison, Trustee
Elaine Kingsbury, Trustee
Ellen C. Bump, Director

HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Volunteer Fire Department responded to 108 calls for assistance to the community in 2000. These calls were diverse in nature including Carbon Monoxide Detectors, house fires, car fires, chimney fires, brush fires, and wires down, with the majority being false alarms.

I would like to request from you the voters, your continued support at the Annual Town Meeting for the purchase of a new pumper to replace our current 1964 pumper. We would also like to thank you in advance for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Poulin
Chief, H.V.F.D.

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The Fire Department responded to 8 Brush or Grass Fires in 2000.

Burning Season is from January 15th through May 1st. Permits may be obtained by calling **566-3314** after 9:00 a.m. daily. Burning hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Permits are issued on a daily basis.

1421 Permits were granted in 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Poulin
Forest Fire Warden

TREE WARDEN

In 2000, the members of the Highway Department, along with the occasional assistance of a local tree service, removed 127 trees that were dead, dying or diseased, from town roadsides. Below, I have listed the streets where a total of 75 trees were taken down and cleaned up by the Highway Department and 52 trees that were felled by a professional tree service and then cleaned up by the Highway Department. This continued maintenance of the trees within the town helps reduce our exposure to personal injury, power outages and in general improves the overall appearance of the town.

Trees removed by the Highway Department were as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Allen Street – 2 | North Road – 2 |
| Bennett Road – 27 | Ridgeway Road – 1 |
| Chapin Road – 18 | South Monson Road – 20 |
| East Longmeadow Road – 1 | Wilbraham Road – 4 |

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

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Allen Street – 1 | East Longmeadow Road – 6 |
| Ames Road – 9 | Glendale Road – 2 |
| Bennett Road – 16 | Mill Road – 3 |
| Carmody Road – 9 | North Monson Road – 1 |
| Chapin Road – 4 | Springmeadow Lane – 1 |

In conjunction with Bennett Road reconstruction, 22 stumps were ground on this road alone. A total of 12 stumps were ground, loamed and seeded at several other locations throughout the town in an effort to keep our roads clean and neat. They were located as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Allen Street – 4 | Springmeadow Lane – 1 |
| East Longmeadow Road – 6 | Wilbraham Road – 1 |

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

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley
Tree Warden

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In the year 2000, the Highway Department worked on a wide variety of projects. We completed two road reconstruction projects, several maintenance projects and were pleased to assist many groups and organizations in a number of ways. The majority of the roadwork was made possible by the funding of Chapter 90 Agreements through the Massachusetts Highway Department.

Before detailing the specific projects referred to above, it is important to keep in mind that the overwhelming majority of the departments time is spent on maintenance type activities or activities that are performed due to reoccurring events. Some examples of the "maintenance type" activities completed would be; the continuous patching of the roads, cleaning of drainage ditches, street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, grading of dirt roads, repairing equipment and tree and brush removal. Several sections of numerous roads, as well as the entire lengths of Rock-a-Dundee, Chapin and Somers Roads, were all trimmed. A considerable number of dead trees along the tree belt were also removed. [See the Tree Warden's Report.] Annual reoccurring events such as plowing and sanding operations due to winter storms, cleanup of all town properties in the spring, cleaning the pool and preparing the grounds for the opening of the parks in the summer and leaf collection in the fall were, once again, all completed.

The department also completed several other jobs, many of which resulted in significant cost savings to the town. We removed and replaced the roof on the entrance to the salt storage building. We installed a new roof on a section of the highway department garage. At the schools, we dismantled and disposed of skateboard equipment and excavated and removed material from the playground area. We installed a generator and accessory equipment at the Well House. At the Senior Center, we backed up all the curbing with loam, graveled in a secondary parking area and installed a new flagpole.

The Town Common received a face-lift by having the roadways around it leveled and sealed with asphalt and stone. All trees were trimmed and new flagpoles and lighting were installed.

Colonial Village, Hickory Lane, Old Coach Road and Old Coach Circle were all extensively patched and resurfaced with asphalt and trap rock. A catch basin and some piping were installed on North Road and Circle View Drive. Sub-drainage was installed on Valley View and Forest Hills Roads, to correct drainage problems in those areas. Failed culverts and catch basins were replaced on Rock-a-Dundee and Ridgeway Roads, and culverts were installed on Howlett Hill Road.

There were two roads that received significant amounts of work. Carmody Road was completely reclaimed, graded and paved with both a base and top courses. All shoulders were graded, loamed and seeded. The second, Bennett Road, had the entire first half-mile reconstructed. Trees were removed to open the line of sight, the roadway was shimmed and all shoulders were graded, loamed and seeded. Work is expected to continue on Bennett Road this year.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, 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, Matthew Frederick and John Ouellette) for their continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2000 was a year in which full time police officers of the Hampden Police Department brought to the town residents areas of concern, but with the Board of Selectmen providing leadership and addressing these issues with myself, I am happy to report that your police department is alive and well. Goals were set for all department personnel and we are currently working towards those goals. Our "Mission Statement" is still encouraging all of our department personnel to work towards improving the overall quality of life in this community. We will take this vision and work to improve and foster positive communication between all members of this police department.

A major goal for myself, along with the Board of Selectmen, is to maintain spending within the approved budget that is passed by town residents at our annual town meeting. Monthly breakdowns are being submitted to supervisors, officers, Advisory Committee members, and to the Board of Selectmen. For the first time in recent memory, we now have a working agreement with the full time officers for living within our approved budget. I am hopeful that this is a start in the right direction in providing residents with the service that they deserve at a "reasonable" cost.

This year we expanded our community policing programs, and a citizen advisory committee was formed to represent our total community. The committee is comprised of a person from the business sector, the clergy, school representative, a seasoned citizen, a resident, and finally a police officer. This committee will decide how our focus and money will be directed towards our officers in serving the total community. This committee has renewed our past programs in the schools, our Citizen Police Academy and added other programs like children and senior citizens being together for common concerns, and officers being used for the Meals on Wheels program during the weekends. This committee will also use a survey instrument to measure the impact of these community policing programs.

We have experienced another officer being injured on the job this year. This officer is currently on light duty status with efforts towards using work hardening in having this officer return to full duty. This is an unforeseen situation and weighs heavily on the budget, which required the Board of Selectmen to request additional funds at our special town meeting in October.

As in years past, the Hampden Police Department has seen the addition of new personnel, as well as the loss of a few valued members of the Department. New to the Department in 2000 are Luke Lessard and Keith Timme, who are Dispatcher/Reserve Officers. Leaving the force this past year were Dispatch/Reserve Officers Bradford Caney, Christopher J. Doyle, Ralph E. Jensen Jr., and John LaPlante. We are always looking for part-time personnel and invite all town residents who may be interested in law enforcement to get involved with your police department.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, their staff, and all other town hall employees for their support and cooperation throughout the year. I would also like to thank the Fire Chief and the members of his department, as well as the Highway Superintendent and the members of the Department of Public Works. A special thanks to all of the men and women of the Hampden Police Department who work towards the goals of our "Mission Statement". And finally, I would like to thank the residents of Hampden for their part, big or small, in making this police department what it is today. Hampden is a safe and friendly community.

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, 2000.

During the year, the Police Department received 11,563 calls for service. Most of the calls received by this department were for assistance, complaints and for reporting crimes or accidents. The following is a general breakdown of some of the types of complaints received and investigated by this department.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-----|
| Accident (Property Damage) | 103 | Illegal Dumping | 16 |
| Accident (Personal Injury) | 16 | Larceny (Over \$250) | 18 |
| Accident (Hit & Run) | 7 | Larceny (Under \$250) | 28 |
| Alarm (Burglary) | 293 | Medical Assist | 163 |
| Alarm (Fire) | 86 | Missing Person | 13 |
| Alarm (Hold-Up) | 7 | M/V Stolen | 1 |
| Alarm (Other) | 17 | M/V Disabled | 54 |
| Alarm (Panic/Trouble) | 10 | M/V Stop | 996 |
| Animal Complaint (Domestic) | 179 | Officer Assistance | 57 |
| Animal Complaint (Wild) | 48 | Property (Lost) | 13 |
| Annoying/Obscene Phone Calls | 13 | Property (Found) | 24 |
| Assault & Battery | 9 | Property (Returned) | 39 |
| Assist Citizen | 295 | Restraining Order Served | 20 |
| Assist Motorist | 7 | Restraining Order Violation | 3 |
| Assist Other Agencies | 103 | Runaway | 2 |
| Assist Other Police Departments | 76 | Suicide Attempt/Threat | 2 |
| Breaking & Entering/Burglary | 10 | Summons Served | 101 |
| By Law Violation | 72 | Suspicious Automobile | 133 |
| Disturbance (General) | 24 | Suspicious (Other) | 60 |
| Disturbance (Domestic) | 24 | Suspicious Person(s) | 63 |
| General Services | 1,083 | Threat Report | 8 |
| House/Building Checks | 212 | Trespass Complaint | 22 |
| Hunting Violations | 9 | Vandalism | 101 |

During the year we had 619 total offenses committed, with 149 total arrests and 19 juvenile arrests. Listed below are some of the complaints filed.

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|----------------------|----|
| Assault | 27 | Larceny (All Other) | 57 |
| Burg/Breaking & entering | 16 | Liquor Law Violation | 24 |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism | 130 | Motor Vehicle Theft | 5 |
| Driving Under the Influence | 7 | Other Offenses | 94 |
| Drug/Narcotic Violations | 6 | | |

We had 109 motor vehicle accidents this year. There were a total of 1,047 citations issued during the year with a total of \$57,460 in fines. The town has received \$21,510.00 from the Registry of Motor Vehicles, which represents the town's share of fines on tickets written. 73% of these citations were measured by radar. The average speed is 49 mph. Average mph over speed limit is 16 mph.

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WARNING CITATIONS

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|-------------------------------|----|--------------------------|-----|
| Fail to yield at intersection | 2 | Speeding Violation | 278 |
| License/Reg not in possession | 7 | Stop Sign Violation | 46 |
| Plate Missing | 15 | Unregistered M/V Trailer | 3 |
| Marked Lanes Violation | 4 | Vehicle Violations | 58 |
| Seat Belt Violation | 3 | | |

CIVIL CITATIONS

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|-------------------------|-----|
| Fail to yield at intersection | 3 | Speeding Violation | 332 |
| License/Reg not in possession | 14 | Spillable Load | 1 |
| Marked Lanes Violation | 4 | Stop Sign Violation | 31 |
| Number Plate Missing | 4 | Unregistered MV/Trailer | 3 |
| Oper MV – License Restrictions | 11 | Vehicle Violations | 45 |
| Seat Belt Violation | 16 | | |

CRIMINAL CITATIONS

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|
| Fail to stop for school bus | 1 | Speeding | 17 |
| Fail to signal | 2 | Uninsured Vehicle | 11 |
| License/Reg not in possession | 4 | Unlicensed Operation of M/V | 18 |
| Op. M/V with Revoked Lic/Reg | 27 | Unregistered MV/Trailer | 6 |
| OUI | 13 | Vehicle Violations | 6 |

During the year \$3,296.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits, photographs, unregistered vehicle, and various report fees.

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
621 Main Street
Wilbraham, Massachusetts 01095

2000 Regional School District Town Report

"Excellence First, Learning Always"

The student population continues to grow as the district enrollment is now approaching 4,000 students. This year marked some unique experiences in the short history of the K-12 Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District. The district completed renovations at Mile Tree School and re-opened the building as a full-day kindergarten, first grade center for Wilbraham students. An override was required to fully fund the district's budget which included the opening of an eighth building in the school district, funding full-day kindergarten in both towns, adding staff at Minnechaug Regional High School and at Mile Tree, as well as increasing Special Education positions and custodial hours. A joint Town Meeting was held in July to ask the townspeople to fund the district's budget request. The joint Town Meeting approved the budget.

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District completed the projects undertaken through the passage of the \$1.5 million bonding approved in 1999. The exterior doors in the front of Minnechaug Regional High School, as well as the girls' lockers in the gym, the maintenance building, the telephone system, and new technology labs were installed. Other notable changes and improvements included the replacement of the 1958-era cafeteria tables and the repainting of several hallways, classrooms and lockers. Due to the sale of the district-owned buses and the negotiation of a new bus contract, all buildings received several rooms of new classroom furniture and other physical enhancements this year.

An oil spill and hot water heater leak in the boiler room at Wilbraham Middle School in February resulted in the Town of Wilbraham agreeing to replace the old 1970's boiler in the fall of 2000.

A Facilities Study Committee was formed in the fall to evaluate the space issues in the Hampden schools of Green Meadows and Thornton Burgess. The Facilities Study Committee will make a recommendation to the School Committee regarding the formation of a Building Study Committee to consider adding classrooms at Green Meadows and renovating Thornton Burgess.

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District continues to provide a quality education for all students. Each year brings its own unique challenges and opportunities for growth. With the help of the two Towns, our students will continue to excel in all areas and be regarded as some of the best and brightest in the state.

Curriculum

A great deal of emphasis was placed on improving student writing in the elementary and middle grades. Fall and Spring Writing Prompts were scheduled for students in grades 3 through 8. The results were used to evaluate student achievement in writing. In the primary grades, 18 teachers were trained in the First Steps Writing Program which will be used to guide writing instruction in a standards-based environment.

Mathematics at the middle and high school level continues to be an area of focus. Teachers worked together to create a notebook of open-ended questions that staff could use with all students as MCAS practice. Teachers also completed work on course changes which included moving the seventh grade pre-algebra program to grade six and implementing the Carnegie Math software program to support low-achieving students at the high school. These changes were implemented in September 2000. During the 2000-2001 school year, the K-12 mathematics curriculum will be mapped and reviewed as part of our five-year curriculum cycle.

A full-day kindergarten program was successfully implemented in the fall of 2000. A kindergarten grant from the Department of Education was awarded to the district for \$154,000 to help fund the program. The full-day program provides a relaxed, unhurried school day with more time for a variety of experiences, greater opportunity for screening to detect and deal with potential learning problems, and more opportunities for good quality interaction between teacher and students.

The district assessment plan continues to be reviewed and improved. As a district project, all administrators compiled data about our assessment initiatives as part of the requirements for their training in *Leading the Learning*. An assessment brochure was sent to all parents this year, too, and the district is creating a data base which will be used to modify instruction.

Technology

A Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District's five-year technology plan continues to provide guidance for the purchase and implementation of technology enhanced learning opportunities in our buildings. Using a combination of construction bonds, grants, donations and local budget funds we were able to complete the following tasks in our district.

- **Mile Tree School** classrooms were wired for cable, network data, telephones and have five computers in each classroom with a fully automated library.
- A mini lab with 8 PC computers and 2 printers was created at **Memorial School**. All administrative and student software was updated.
- Thanks to a contribution from the Hanson family, a nine-station PC lab was purchased and installed at **Soule Road School** for student use. All administrative and student software was updated, and the library has been automated.
- The second small lab was created at **Wilbraham Middle School** using 18 computers donated from an area company. Next year, the Wilbraham Middle School library will be automated.
- The "Meadows Publishing Center" at **Green Meadows School** was upgraded. New computers, printers and wall-mounted TV/VCR units were purchased from the Kindergarten Grant for the three kindergarten classrooms.
- The computer lab at **Thornton W. Burgess Middle School** library has been totally refurbished with 25 new computers and furniture. The library has been fully automated with installation of the new Winnebago circulation program and six new computers.
- A state-of-the art A+ Certification Computer Lab was installed at **Minnechaug Regional High School** and will have 15 computer units and a "Smart" board for instructional purposes. The D-15 Business Lab was refurbished and a new Math Lab was created to assist low achieving students using Carnegie PLATO educational software. New computers were also purchased for the foreign language, social studies and science departments.

School Based Initiatives

Memorial Elementary School celebrated its 50th year with the opening of school on August 30, 2000. In celebration of its 50th anniversary, the school-wide theme for the year is "We are a Community." In addition to this special occasion, Memorial School welcomed back grades 5 and 6, creating a Grade 2-6 school. With the addition of the upper elementary grades, our theme of community was fulfilled by several community service projects throughout the year. During the Thanksgiving holiday and winter break, the students at Memorial collected 810 lbs. of food and three boxes of hats, gloves and socks that were donated to the Survival Center in Ludlow. The most touching outpouring of support and compassion was demonstrated when the school community, organized by a group of sixth grade students, raised \$617 for one of our families who lost their home and all of their possessions when their house burned down one week before winter break. From an academic perspective, Memorial's School Improvement Plan included three goals which focused on improving literacy skills, creating a positive and safe school environment,

and incorporating technology into the curriculum to support and enhance student learning. Positive steps were reached in attaining the goals set forth by the School Council. Our 2000 MCAS scores showed improvement in all areas and the addition of the Mini Computer Lab, funded by the PTO, allowed teachers and students to access technology in a more meaningful manner.

Memorial School's physical plant will be upgraded in many areas this year and next including installing a new cafeteria floor, new windows throughout the building, new exterior doors and restroom renovations in the main hallway. These projects will be completed by the spring of 2001.

Soule Road School - Soule Road School also reorganized in the fall of 2000 to become a grade two through six building. Soule Road School has a very active PTA. In September the students were delighted with the construction of a new \$40,000 playscape made possible by the generous support of the PTA and community. The PTA also sponsored a variety of events to enhance the second through sixth grade curriculum. In November, the second grade enjoyed a trip to Barnes and Noble bookstore to gain first-hand experience with the publishing business. The students were also able to visit a Star Lab (portable planetarium) in the Soule Road Gym. Fifth grade students were invited to attend a Stargazing Party in December. Participants had a brief introduction to the constellations through an indoor slide show and then went outside to find and view the constellations. Several community service projects have been undertaken at Soule Road School. In December, the third grade classes performed a holiday concert for the residents of the Wilbraham Life Care Center. The sixth grade sponsored a "Hat Day" in December to benefit a local family who lost their belongings in a house fire. Holiday crafts were made by grade five students and given to the residents of a local nursing home. Soule Road School students became part of the 2000 Operation Christmas Child project sponsored by the staff and volunteers at Life Care Center of Wilbraham. Soule Road School's Improvement Plan contains three goals, including improving student's writing skills across the curriculum at all grade levels, improving student achievement in reading and math through the use of technology and assessment, and expanding the role of the school as a resource to the community.

Stony Hill Elementary focused on providing leadership roles for students as it, too, became a grades 2-6 building in the fall of 2000. A Student Ambassador Committee has been formed which acts as a student advisory group for the principal. Students give tours, act as greeters, and recommend ideas for the school. In addition, grade six students have formed a Senior Connection and sponsored a holiday breakfast for the senior citizens in Wilbraham. Students have also sponsored community service projects and spirit days. To improve student achievement in math, the Accelerated Math Program, a self-directed computer program designed for students to work at their own pace in math, was piloted. The major goal of Stony Hill's School Improvement Plan is to improve reading comprehension and writing. We have increased the number of volumes in the library, especially non-fiction titles. We are also developing a Student Publication Center that will pair parent volunteers with students and staff to publish student writing.

Mile Tree Elementary School re-opened in August 2000 after two years of construction and renovation. Mrs. Leone and her staff moved into the new building throughout the summer. Mile Tree School houses all of the early childhood, full-day kindergarten and grade 1 classes in Wilbraham. The staff has brought years of teaching talent to the early learning of children from ages three to six. At the rededication ceremony in October, the community was praised for its commitment to children and was congratulated for its gift of the magnificent Mile Tree building for their use. From a technological standpoint, the school is equipped with 96 computers, the Winnebago electronic/computerized library for student use, and televisions and VCR's in every classroom. The Mile Tree School Improvement Plan this year has focused on establishing a new school community, evaluating the full-day kindergarten experience and integrating the wealth of technology into the early childhood curriculum.

Wilbraham Middle School - The annual celebration of diversity called International Week was once again held during the first week of March. World Language teachers, the PTA and cafeteria staff planned daily activities and special lunch menus to recognize various world cultures and their customs. During the summer, two teams of teachers revised the "Startime" advisory curriculum. The new curriculum includes a

major component on Career Planning for both 7th and 8th grade students. The Career Program is made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts Office for School-to-Work Transition. Having career speakers visit the school this spring will reinforce the program. Numerous community service projects were conducted throughout the year. Blankets, clothing, food and monetary contributions were made to shelters in the local area as well as UNICEF. The Homework Center continues to assist students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 to 3:10 p.m., as supported by the Scantic Valley YMCA. This fall, Wilbraham Middle School served as a pilot site for a special geography program developed by the United States Mint and the National Geographic Association. The program highlighted the new state quarter collection and tested the geographic skills of the students. The School Improvement Plan continues to focus on improving Math and Science achievement and the school climate.

Green Meadows School continues to focus on improving reading and language arts skills for its students. The staff is currently in the third year of implementing a writing initiative named "First Steps." Teachers will examine techniques to facilitate teaching the forms of writing. Five computers and two new printers have been added to the Meadows Publishing Center. Several parent volunteers have participated in the training session and the publishing handbook has been revised to improve the delivery of this service to students. April has been designated as "Poetry Month." In addition to language arts, Green Meadows teachers will focus on improving students' ability in math computation during the year and the implementation of a new School Safety Plan. Our library is truly becoming an extension of every classroom. Children and teachers can access it for longer periods of time for much more than borrowing books.

The community-service learning project in which Green Meadows staff and students participated was helping with the Hampden Emergency Fuel Fund. Staff and students planned a "Hats for Heat" day to raise funds to donate to the Fund. Each grade level is planning an "intergenerational activity" this year, with "Grandparent Day," pen pals and historical interviews some of the ideas being developed. Green Meadows hopes to be able to use grant money to fund an after-school program to help third graders prepare and develop skills for taking the spring MCAS. A committee has been working this year to analyze last spring's scores. This information will help us plan lessons and activities for success on this spring's testing. Third graders will be using educational supplements from the *Boston Globe* this year as one strategy to develop stronger test-taking skills.

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School's School Improvement Plan continues to focus on the improvement of reading comprehension skills, writing skills and math skills, as well as promoting a safe and positive school climate. The addition of a half-time Assistant Principal has allowed administration and faculty to work more efficiently on issues related to curriculum, student behavior and overall building management. Preparing students for the MCAS, and other such testing programs, continues to be a focus for all staff members at all grade levels. Teachers and administrators are actively involved in various grade level study groups and are immersed in curriculum review, curriculum mapping and rubric development. The Advisor/Advisee program continues to be a strength of the overall school environment. A committee of teachers that represented all grade levels revised this curriculum this past summer. Five advisory themes, ("Getting on Track", "Random and Planned Acts of Kindness", "Accepting Differences", "Creating a Better World", and "Life Choices") were revised and added to the school curriculum. Through these advisory activities, students focus on a variety of real life issues and become involved in developing strategies that improve their own skills and abilities while improving school climate and providing community service. The Awesome Student Program continues to recognize the good deeds of students in grades 6 through 8 at Thornton Burgess. Once a month, students assemble to honor their peers who were nominated and selected as "Awesome." This past year, students at Thornton Burgess were able to take advantage of a number of educational field trips and in-school programs that were offered at the various grade levels. Many thanks to the parents, PTO and VIP's for their continued support of such programs as our annual magazine drive and Career Day. Without their extraordinary support, we would not be able to offer such programs.

Minnechaug Regional High School

School year 2000-2001 is the fourth year in a long-block schedule at MRHS in which students take four classes each semester that are 85 minutes in length, thereby giving them the opportunity to take 8 classes each year. MRHS continues to offer an extensive array of student activities under the direction of Mr. Gary Petzold and an equally impressive interscholastic athletic program with Mr. Edward Doyle as director. As a result of resignations, retirements and increased staffing needs, 16 new teachers were added to our faculty for 2000-2001. MRHS also reorganized administratively by separating the position of Director of Guidance/Assistant Principal with the addition of Mrs. Carolyn Lewis as Director of Guidance, and Dr. Gaylord Saulsberry as Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Supervision.

Beginning with the members of the graduating class of 2003 and all graduating classes thereafter, students in the commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required to pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in order to receive diplomas. Sophomore students will also be required to take tests in the areas of History/Social Science and Science/Technology. Over the history of its development, the MCAS test has had a significant number of supporters and detractors. However, we fully realize that the Department of Education and the governor of the commonwealth have made it clear that passing the MCAS test now, and in the foreseeable future, will be a requirement for graduation from high schools in Massachusetts.

Consistent with this reality, departments of English, Science, History and Social Science, and Mathematics will continue to analyze and adjust curriculum to prepare Minnechaug students to be successful in the MCAS tests. Perhaps the greatest change in the curriculum has been in freshman mathematics offerings for the 2000-2001 school year with the incorporation of the Carnegie Cognitive Tutor, a computer-based, state-of-the-art Algebra program that maximizes active learning and mastery of fundamental skills. Minnechaug has just completed a year and a half of extensive self-study and evaluation of course offerings and extra-curricular activities in preparation for an inspection visit by a team of educators from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The NEASC Accreditation visit is a four-day extensive evaluation process that will occur in March of 2001. MRHS has been fully accredited since it opened its doors in 1957.

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FIVE-YEAR ENROLLMENT HISTORY

| Grade | 1996 – 1997 | | | 1997 – 1998 | | | 1998 – 1999 | | | 1999 – 2000 | | | 2000 - 2001 | | |
|-------|-------------|------|------|-------------|------|------|-------------|------|------|-------------|------|------|-------------|------|------|
| | H | W | T | H | W | T | H | W | T | H | W | T | H | W | T |
| K | 82 | 149 | 231 | 43 | 129 | 172 | 50 | 162 | 212 | 50 | 144 | 194 | 63 | 193 | 256 |
| P-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 75 | 183 | 258 | 92 | 179 | 271 | 58 | 149 | 207 | 67 | 177 | 244 | 59 | 176 | 235 |
| 2 | 73 | 208 | 281 | 71 | 188 | 259 | 86 | 196 | 282 | 57 | 175 | 232 | 66 | 179 | 245 |
| 3 | 83 | 191 | 274 | 73 | 216 | 289 | 73 | 194 | 267 | 91 | 213 | 304 | 64 | 185 | 249 |
| 4 | 81 | 208 | 289 | 80 | 203 | 283 | 67 | 224 | 291 | 72 | 204 | 276 | 96 | 217 | 313 |
| 5 | 68 | 207 | 275 | 83 | 201 | 284 | 82 | 204 | 286 | 72 | 240 | 312 | 75 | 210 | 285 |
| 6 | 80 | 205 | 285 | 67 | 203 | 270 | 84 | 205 | 289 | 82 | 213 | 295 | 80 | 244 | 324 |
| 7 | 86 | 202 | 288 | 75 | 207 | 282 | 65 | 204 | 269 | 84 | 216 | 300 | 88 | 221 | 309 |
| 8 | 67 | 205 | 272 | 83 | 199 | 282 | 78 | 219 | 297 | 64 | 217 | 281 | 88 | 219 | 307 |
| 9 | 77 | 203 | 280 | 66 | 210 | 276 | 80 | 220 | 300 | 89 | 245 | 334 | 60 | 192 | 252 |
| 10 | 63 | 168 | 231 | 72 | 183 | 255 | 68 | 202 | 270 | 73 | 209 | 282 | 77 | 200 | 277 |
| 11 | 61 | 159 | 220 | 62 | 160 | 222 | 66 | 173 | 239 | 63 | 190 | 253 | 82 | 231 | 313 |
| 12 | 52 | 149 | 201 | 64 | 156 | 220 | 62 | 158 | 220 | 69 | 182 | 251 | 68 | 229 | 313 |
| 9-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | 64 | | | 77 | | | 87 | | | 88 | | | 85 |
| TOTAL | 948 | 2437 | 3449 | 931 | 2434 | 3442 | 918 | 2508 | 3516 | 933 | 2625 | 3646 | 966 | 2696 | 3747 |

SAT Accomplishments

1999-2000 COMPARISON OF SAT AVERAGE

| VERBAL | | MATH | |
|--------|---------------|------|--|
| 506 | Minnechaug | 515 | |
| 511 | Massachusetts | 513 | |
| 505 | National | 514 | |

Over 93% of Minnechaug graduates enrolled in colleges. The Class of 2000 placed 70% of its members in 4-year colleges. Our students continue to attend highly competitive colleges. The Class of 2000 sent graduates to Amherst College, Boston College, Colgate University, Dartmouth College, Middlebury College, Mount Holyoke College, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Syracuse University, Tufts University, University of Pennsylvania and the United States Military Academy at West Point. Over 21% of students attended two-year colleges.

One of our 2000 graduates was a National Merit Semi-Finalist.

MCAS Scores

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) is in its third year as the commonwealth's state wide assessment program for public schools. MCAS measures the performance of students, schools, and districts on the academic learning standards contained in the Massachusetts *Curriculum Frameworks*, fulfilling requirements of the Education Reform Law of 1993. The MCAS tests are designed to measure student performance against the standards contained in the *Curriculum Frameworks*. Consistent with this purpose, results on the MCAS tests are reported according to performance levels. There are four performance levels: *Advanced*, *Proficient*, *Needs Improvement*, and *Failing*. School, district, and state level results are reported as the number and percentage of students attaining each performance level for each subject area and grade level tested.

In May 2000, students in grades 4, 8, and 10 in our district, and in all Massachusetts public schools, completed the third annual administration of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, which included tests in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science & Technology. We are particularly pleased that Hampden-Wilbraham students exceeded the state average in every area, and showed improvement from 1999 scores

Three-Year Score Analysis

Grade Four

| Year | English/Language Arts | Mathematics | Science/Technology |
|------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1998 | 235 | 241 | 244 |
| 1999 | 235 | 240 | 248 |
| 2000 | 235 | 243 | 250 |

Grade Eight

| Year | English/Language Arts | Mathematics | Science/Technology | History/Social Science |
|------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1998 | 242 | 232 | 232 | |
| 1999 | 243 | 233 | 233 | 225 |
| 2000 | 244 | 237 | 239 | 226 |

Grade Ten

| Year | English/Language Arts | Mathematics | Science/Technology |
|------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1998 | 238 | 230 | 232 |
| 1999 | 235 | 230 | 233 |
| 2000 | 234 | 231 | 232 |

Key

| | | | |
|---------|------------|----------|-------------------|
| 200-219 | Failing | 220- 239 | Needs Improvement |
| 240-259 | Proficient | 259-280 | Advanced |

New Staff

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

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mary Aberdale | Jennifer Hebert-Bauduccio | Carolyn Peters |
| Sarah Algie | Patricia Hogan-Cerasuolo | Jill Pszeniczny |
| John Anderson | Deborah Kelly | Beth Richards |
| Diane Baron | Andrea Kotowski | Jane Ross |
| Leslie Barone | Carolyn Lewis | Gaylord Saulsberry, Ed.D. |
| Amanda Basile | Stanley Liszka | Assistant Principal |
| Kerri Bergeron | Bryan Lombardi | Karyn Shaw, Ph.D. |
| Margaret Brady | Diane Lounsbury | Sarah Shaw |
| Cheryl Clark | Kate Loyd | Eric Sharon |
| Michele Croteau-Hall | Carol Mahan-Doty | Ellen Schmutte |
| Daniel Donovan | Judith Maleckas | Janet Scully |
| Heidi Drawec | Linda Mandolesi | Mary Taft, Ph.D. |
| Christopher Eagan | Michelle Murphy | Mark Taylor |
| Eleanor Fernands, Principal | Carla Nelson | Tracy Waz |
| Ann Gagnon | Angelyn Noel | Elizabeth York |
| Mary Gardner | | |

Retirements during 2000 were:

Anne Avery, Memorial School
Shirley Bready, Minnechaug Regional High School
Donna Brown, Stony Hill School
George Desrosiers, Minnechaug Regional High School
Judith Gelinis, Green Meadows School
Diane Heiney, Minnechaug Regional High School
John Hines, Wilbraham Middle School
Phyllis Hultstrom, Thornton Burgess Middle School
Sallie Moore, Superintendent's Office
Delores Salamon, Wilbraham Middle School
Florence Sheehan, Minnechaug Regional High School
Phyllis Walsh, Green Meadows School
Gayle Whitehill, District Director of Food Services

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. Jeffrey Sullivan, Principal
Ellen Collins
Jean Hall
Cathy Leslie
Ann Marie Mielke
Richard J. Moriarty
Jennifer Peloquin
Katherine Pessolano
Carolyn Webber

MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Deborah Thompson, Principal
Denise Cargill
Wayne Carpenter
Robin Clifford
Kim Mele
Gail Smead
Sharon Tellier
Deborah Wandzilak

STONY HILL SCHOOL

Eleanor Fernands, Principal
Michelle Axtmann
Charles Brock
Shawn Lawrence
Judy Maleckas
Karen Murphy
Linda Rozolsky
Elaine Stinson

THORNTON BURGESS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Noel P. Pixley, Principal
Cheryl Clarke
Beth Crowley
Jean Godek
Phyllis Hultstrom
Pat Pastoreck
Ken Peterson
Susan Raimer
Lynn Schmitt
Mary Ellen Shea

SOULE ROAD SCHOOL

John F. Cavanaugh, Principal
Cathy Brunelle
Maureen Burke
Claire Clini
Stephanie Harju
Betty Howarth
Cathy Mahoney
Charity Marlatt
Tom Moran

WILBRAHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Robert A. Dionne, Principal
Scott Berg
Donna Berrouard
Linda Cooper
Sue Fitts
Suzanne Laba
Hans Mentzen
Timothy Pelletier
Meg Robbins
Kyle St. Germain
Jane Stenning
Theresa Terbush

MINNECHAUG REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

John K. Logan, Jr., Principal
Judith Bowerman
Susan Bunnell
Elizabeth Contant
David Demos
Patricia Gordon
Lois Hedberg
Wilbur Jenkins
Clifton Johnson
Thomas Loper
Gregory Schmutte
Constance Shea
Ryan Tougias.

School Committee

Ronald E. Thomson, Chairperson
Paula R. Tingle, Vice-Chairperson
Pamela C. Burch
Lois R. Megliola
Mary Anne Morris
Alan Neelans
Peter Salerno

TREASURER'S REPORT

In 2000, the Town of Hampden again lost another major banking relationship when BankBoston was merged with Fleet Bank. In the past eight years the town has lost relationships with Heritage Bank, Shawmut Bank and Bank of Boston. All of these institutions were taken over by or merged with Fleet Bank. While the Town has been well served by Fleet Bank as a financial advisor on many rather sophisticated borrowing issues, it is the philosophy of this office that the smaller institutions are better equipped to meet the needs of a small town like Hampden. Since the demise of the Heritage Bank, the town's general funds have been with the Bank of Western Massachusetts in their "sweep" account. The average monthly rate of return on this fund has ranged between 4.50% and 5.50%. This is the fund that has to remain liquid and is used to fund payrolls and accounts payable. The town trust funds, as well as the Stabilization Fund, are invested with the Monson Savings Bank. The average rate of return on these funds is between 5.00% and 7.00%. All of the Town funds are fully insured in the institutions at which they are invested.

An updated list of the properties that have been turned over to this office by the Tax Collector for foreclosure is included in this report. Please note that through much persistence the Town now holds absolute title to five of these properties. Anyone wanting more information on these parcels can contact this office.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Tax Collector/Town Clerk, Rita Vail. We have shared not only office space for the past eight years, but a dedication to serving the Town of Hampden. She has set high standards which she imparted as she served as my sounding board on more than one occasion. Although she won't be serving Hampden as Tax Collector/Town Clerk, it's sure that her energies will be felt throughout Hampden in many ways. So, I thank you, Rita Vail, for your friendship, sense of humor and advice, even when I didn't ask for it.

The Treasurer's office can be contacted at 566-2401.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Easton-Vicalvi
Town Treasurer

TOWN OF HAMPDEN TAX TITLE PROPERTIES IN LAND COURT

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>STREET</u> | <u>MAP/BLOCK</u> | <u>LIEN BAL</u> 12/31/2000 | <u>LAND COURT</u> <u>FEES</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| BARBOUR, WALTER/BALDWIN, JOHN | CRESTWOOD | 21/127 | 10341.59 | 740 | 11081.59 ** |
| BARBOUR, WALTER/BALDWIN, JOHN | 100 SESSIONS/CRESTWOOD | 21/131 | 6306.59 | 740 | 7046.59 ** |
| BOTTOMÉ, JOSEPH | 8 ERICA CIRCLE | 7/1/57A | 3247 | 740 | 3987 ** |
| BUCKHEIM, HARRY | S. MONSON ROAD | 19/63 | 14230.06 | 740 | 14970.06 |
| CAMYRE, PAUL | CHAPIN ROAD | 14/16 | 7177.01 | 740 | 7917.01 ** |
| CARMODY, JAMES | CARMODY ROAD | 11 67 | 18583.52 | 740 | 19323.52 |
| CHRISTENSEN, EDWARD, INC. | EVERGREEN | 12/214 | 5131.89 | 740 | 5871.89 |
| CHRISTENSEN, EDWARD, INC. | E. LONGMEADOW ROAD | 12 57 | 13902.89 | 740 | 14642.89 |
| ELLIS, HEIRS OF THEODORE | CARMODY ROAD | 11 56 | 17279.09 | 740 | 18019.09 ** |
| KANE, JOHN | S. MONSON ROAD | 15 23 1 | 18792.65 | 740 | 19532.65 |
| LAFLAMME, ROBERT | E. LONGMEADOW ROAD | 22 176 | 14997.68 | 740 | 15737.68 |
| MAGEAU, KENNETH | BALDWIN DRIVE | 21/105 | 5486.06 | 740 | 6226.06 |
| TOTAL LIENS | | | | | 178727.67 |

**These parcels have cleared Land Court. The Town of Hampden now holds "absolute title" on these properties.

City, Town, County or District

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

QUARTERLY REPORT OF RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Quarter Ending:

30-Jun-00PART I:A Cash and checks in office 0

B. Non-Interest Bearing Accounts*

| Collateral'd | Comp | Financial | Balance | |
|--------------|------|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| No | Bal | Institution | | |
| No | No | State St | 155.83 | |
| No | No | Monson Sav/Sr. Center | \$6,442.58 | \$ 6,598.41 |

C. Interest Bearing Checking Accounts*

| Collateral'd | Comp | Financial | Purpose | Interest | Balance |
|--------------|------|--------------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| No | Bal | Institution | | Rate | |
| No | No | Bank of WMA | Gen Fund | 4.63 | 473,388.89 |
| No | No | BankBoston | WMLEC | 4.391 | 74.23 |
| No | No | Fleet | WMLEC | 4.75 | 2058.06 |
| No | No | Commonwealth | WMLEC | 5.457 | 464987.01 |
| | | | | | <u>940,508.19</u> |

D. Liquid Investments *

| Collateral'd | Comp | Financial | # of | Interest | Balance |
|--------------|------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| No | Bal | Institution | Accounts | Rate | |
| No | No | Fleet | 1 | 3.8 | 4,085.08 |
| No | No | Mass Municipal | 1 | 5.78 | 4,113.98 |
| | | Depository Trust | | | |
| Yes | No | BankBoston | 1 | 4.391 | 360,564.50 |
| | | Total: | | | \$ 368,763.56 |

TOTAL OF ALL LIQUID INVESTMENTS: \$ 1,315,870.16

TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

E. Term Investments

Certificates of Deposit:

| Collateral'd | Comp | Financial | Purpose | Interest | Balance |
|-----------------------|------|-------------|---------------|----------|----------------------|
| Bal | | Institution | | Rate | |
| No | No | Monson Sav | Stabilization | 5 | 144,596.32 |
| TOTAL: | | | | | <u>\$ 144,596.32</u> |
| U.S. Treasury Bills | | | | | 0 |
| Repurchase Agreements | | | | | 0 |
| Others _____ | | | | | 0 |
| Total: | | | | | <u>\$ 144,596.32</u> |

F. Trust Funds

| Collateral'd | Comp | Financial | # of | Interest | Balance |
|---|------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Bal | | Institution | Accounts | Rate | |
| No | No | Monson Sav | 15 | 5 | 133,215.52 |
| Total: | | | | | <u>\$ 133,215.52</u> |
| TOTAL OF ALL CASH AND INVESTMENTS: | | | | | <u><u>\$ 1,593,682.00</u></u> |

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The year 2000 has been a year of change as we enter a new millennium.

We were saddened by the death of our fellow assessor Henry P. Baush in May of 2000. Henry served the townspeople of Hampden for 28 years. His wealth of knowledge and experience in town government will be greatly missed.

In April, at the Annual Town Meeting, Chapter 41C of Massachusetts General Law was accepted by the town. This article provides limited tax relief to certain persons over the age of 70. Please feel free to contact the office for more information on this important article.

We began our computer upgrade from a DOS based system to a Windows format in the summer. The installation is now complete. This new system greatly enhances the function and everyday tasks in the office. This updated computer system is a more user friendly asset to realtors, appraisers, assessors and taxpayers seeking assessment information on any town property.

In 2000, the voters elected MaryLou Majkut to represent them in the Assessors office. MaryLou is the first woman elected to the position of Assessor in town history.

We encourage all registered voters to attend any and all town meetings. Fiscal decisions made by the voters have a great impact on our current and future tax rate.

The Board would like to thank the town boards, committees, clerks and officers for their support during our year of change.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley W. Witkop, Chairman
Richard A. Jalbert, MAA
MaryLou Majkut, Assessor
Susan Rauscher, Clerk

FISCAL YEAR 2001

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Total appropriations to be raised | \$7,291,591.00 |
| Other local expenditures | 40,353.35 |
| State and County Cherry sheet | 36,561.00 |
| Allowance for abatements and Exemptions (overlay) | <u>94,299.61</u> |
| GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED | \$7,462,804.96 |

Board of Assessors P2

| | |
|---|--------------|
| FY2001 Estimated Receipts by Cherry Sheet | \$695,367.00 |
|---|--------------|

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Excise | \$470,215.00 |
| Penalties and Interest on Taxes and Excises | 36,308.00 |
| Departmental Revenue-Schools | 21,632.00 |
| Departmental Revenue-Libraries | 776.00 |
| Other Departmental Revenue | .00 |
| Licenses and Permits | 4,644.00 |
| Fines and Forfeits | 23,130.00 |
| Investment Income | 32,542.00 |
| Miscellaneous Non-Recurring | 7,759.00 |
| Additional Lottery Receipt | <u>61,977.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 695,367.00 |

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| Revenue Sources (other) | \$ 274,925.00 |
|-------------------------|---------------|

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Total Estimated Receipts | \$ 1,729,293.00 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|

Total amount to be raised by Taxation

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Real Estate | \$5,514,794.13 |
| Personal Property | <u>218,717.83</u> |
| Grand Total | \$5,733,511.96 |

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Total Valuation | \$ 303,842,711.00 |
|-----------------|-------------------|

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Fiscal Year 2001 Tax Rate | \$ 18.87 |
|---------------------------|----------|

Statutory Exemptions Granted on Real Estate

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Fiscal Year 2000 Exemptions | \$12,797.87 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|

Motor Vehicle Excise Committed in 2000

| | | |
|------|------------------|--|
| 2000 | \$ 534,590.88 | |
| 1999 | <u>18,941.26</u> | |

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|-------|--------------|--|
| Total | \$553,532.14 | |
|-------|--------------|--|

Motor Vehicle Excise Abated in 2000

| | | |
|-------|-----------------|--|
| 2000 | \$ 16,844.18 | |
| 1999 | <u>1,501.69</u> | |
| Total | \$ 18,345.87 | |

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Everyone in the world prepared for the year's four-digit computer field as we approached 2000. January 1st came and went without a hitch. The main proponent of computer security and safety and password protection (ad infinitum) was Henry Baush in the Assessors' office. Early in the year Henry decided to retire as Assessor and shortly after the town's annual election, he passed away. Henry always appeared gruff; he always had a strong opinion; he always made you listen and listen and listen to him. On at least one occasion, the town's Department of Revenue rep had to leave the building rather than hear Henry's logic one more time. The flip side is that Henry always tried to act in the very best interests of the town. He supported groups other than his own, was always at interdepartmental meetings, and of course participated in any social function that we could invent. Getting to know Henry meant seeing more often his wry smile, his humor and his genuinely sensitive soul. We truly miss Henry.

The Tax Office continues to work closely with the Assessors' Office. The triangular checks and balance system of the Assessors/Accountant/Tax Collector runs so smoothly that the auditors have an easy job each year.

As of this writing, \$4,168 remains unpaid for all previous years' real estate and personal property taxes. By the time this report goes to print, that money will have been collected or secured for the Town by way of tax title liens at the Registry of Deeds.

We welcome questions regarding tax payments, bills and account status. We may be reached at 566-2206 and 566-3214. Questions about assessments, abatements and exemptions may be directed to the Assessors' office at 566-3223.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita A. Vail, Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK

This year Dalton Philpott died. As Town Moderator, Dalton worked with three Town Clerks in their duties: Marie Krook, Jean Hodgdon and myself. His families came up from Virginia and the Carolina's for his funeral. Between ceremonies, friends and family members gathered to tell story after story about how Dalton had affected their lives. Some, myself included, told how Dalton got them involved in town government. Some told that Dalton taught them about flowers, vegetables, bees, brew, zoning by-laws, state laws, conservation and more. Few people are as self-made as Dalton was. Once when I told him about a relative who was a missionary working with the poor people in Appalachia, he remarked, "Ya know, when I was growin' up, we didn't even know we were poor." He was poor and rich. He was humble and proud. Dalton was many opposites, and maybe that's why so many of us could identify with him. He had some of all of us in him and we carry him with us now.

Money collected in 2000 and submitted to the Treasurer is as follows:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Fish and Game | | |
| Gross | 5828.25 | |
| Fees (to Town) | | 267.20 |
| Dog Licenses | | 1,152.00 |
| UCC Recordings | | 825.00 |
| Certified Copies and Publications | | 1,513.15 |
| Trade Names and Marriages | | 395.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 1,730.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 5,882.35 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 diskette | 20.00 |
| Voter Registration Card | 5.00 |

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|---|------|------|------|
| Vital statistics recorded in Hampden are: | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 |
| Births | 49 | 37 | 32 |
| Deaths | 59 | 61 | 64 |
| Marriages | 23 | 22 | 14 |

Respectfully submitted,

Rita A. Vail, Town Clerk

Voters in attendance—261

Moderator, Richard Patullo, opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. The meeting closed for the Special Town Meeting and re-opened at 7:33 PM.

Article 1. The Town voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 1999 be accepted as printed.

(George Ingla asked that he be allowed to point out that on Page 21 of the Annual Town Report in the Greater Springfield Senior Services Inc. report, the dollar amount \$8,500 should be \$85,000.)

Article 2. The Town voted that the sums of money shown in the column entitled Fiscal 2001 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, 2001. As follows:

| | | Recommended | |
|------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| 1.0 | Accountant | | |
| 1.1 | Salary | 18,117 | |
| 1.2 | Clerical | 654 (amended from 2,321) | |
| 1.3 | Expenses | 5,000 | |
| | | | 23,771 |
| 2.0 | Advisory Committee | | |
| 2.1 | Clerical | 3,360 (amended from 3,456) | |
| 2.2 | Expenses | 170 | |
| | | | 3,530 |
| 3.0 | Appeals, Board of | | |
| 3.1 | Clerical | 3,054 (amended from 3,054) | |
| 3.2 | Expenses | 160 | |
| | | | 3,214 |
| 4.0 | Assessors, Board of | | |
| 4.1 | Salaries | 12,207 | |
| 4.2 | Clerical | 19,368 | |
| 4.3 | Expenses | 3,000 | |
| 4.4 | Data Processing | 300 | |
| 4.5 | Revaluation Update | 2,200 | |
| 4.6 | Mapping Maintenance | 900 | |
| 4.7 | Computer Maint. & Supp. | 500 | |
| 4.8 | Field Review | 1,200 | |
| | | | 39,675 |
| 5.0 | Building Department Expenses | | |
| 5.1 | Code & General Enforcement | 400 | |
| 5.2 | Commissioner and Expenses | 0 | |
| | | | 400 |
| 6.0 | County Retirement | 126,153 | |
| | | | 126,153 |
| 7.0 | Insurance | | |
| 7.1 | Property and Liability | 45,000 | |
| 7.2 | Employee Benefits | 118,000 | |
| 7.3 | Unemployment Comp | 2,000 | |
| | | | 165,000 |
| 8.0 | Law and Claims | | |
| 8.1 | General | 30,000 | |
| 8.2 | Town Counsel | 0 | |
| | | | 30,000 |
| 9.0 | Moderator | | |
| 9.1 | Salary | 0 | |
| 9.2 | Expenses | 100 | |
| | | | 100 |
| 10.0 | Planning Board | | |
| 10.2 | Clerical | 9,161 (amended from 9,033) | |
| 10.3 | Expenses | 535 | |
| | | | 9,696 |
| 11.0 | Registrars, Board of Voters | | |
| 11.1 | Salaries | 836 | |
| 11.2 | Election Expenses | 2,900 | |
| 11.3 | Street Lists | 1,380 | |
| | | | 5,116 |

Town Clerk

A true copy. Attest:

Rita A. Vail

| | | | |
|------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 30.0 | Parks and Recreation | | |
| 30.1 | Salaries | 18,685 | |
| 30.2 | Operating Expenses | 9,605 | |
| 30.3 | Capital Improvements | 1,300 | |
| 30.4 | Baseball | 1,252 | |
| 30.5 | Softball | 1,000 | |
| 30.6 | Girls Soccer | 500 | |
| 30.7 | Boys Soccer | 500 | |
| 30.8 | Basketball | 948 | |
| 30.9 | Director's Salary | 27,894 | |
| 31.0 | Public Grounds | 33,580 | 61,684 |
| 32.0 | Town House Maintenance | | 33,580 |
| 32.1 | Custodian | 16,803 | |
| 32.2 | Maintenance & Repairs | 9,000 | |
| 32.3 | Heat & Utilities | 26,500 | |
| 33.0 | Tree Warden | | 52,303 |
| 33.1 | Expenses | 2,540 | |
| 33.2 | Planting Trees | 450 | |
| 34.0 | Ambulance | 11,065 | 2,990 |
| 35.0 | Gasoline | 25,000 | 11,065 |
| 36.0 | Street Lighting | 15,100 | 25,000 |
| 37.0 | Council on Aging | | 15,100 |
| 37.1 | Director's Salary | 33,968 | |
| 37.2 | Clerk | 5,664 | |
| 37.3 | Expenses | 2,463 | |
| 38.0 | Senior Center | | 42,095 |
| 38.1 | Custodial | 5,198 | |
| 38.2 | Utilities | 9,783 | |
| 38.3 | Building Maintenance | 2,871 | |
| 38.4 | Grounds Maintenance | 3,800 | |
| | Historical Commission | 450 | 21,652 |
| | | | 450 |
| | | TOTAL GENERAL TOWN SERVICES | 398,239 |

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|--------------------|--|--------------------------|---------|
| HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT | | | |
| 40.0 | Superintendent's Salary | 53,611 | 53,611 |
| 41.1 | Paving (see warrant) | | |
| 42.0 | Highway Maintenance | 75,538 | 75,538 |
| 43.0 | General Highway Expense | 71,420 | 71,420 |
| 44.0 | Snow & Ice Removal | 36,188 | 36,188 |
| 45.0 | Street Sweeping & Catch Basin Cleaning | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| 46.0 | Other Highway Accounts | | |
| 46.1 | Highway Engineering | 0 | |
| 46.2 | Road Machinery Maintenance | 10,000 | |
| 46.3 | Town Garage Maintenance | 3,800 | |
| | | | 13,800 |
| | | TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT | 266,557 |

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|--------|
| PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY | | | |
| 50.0 | Animal Inspection | | |
| 50.1 | Salary | 1,700 | |
| 50.2 | Expenses | 240 | |
| 50.3 | Rabies Management | 0 | |
| 51.0 | Civil Defense Supplies | 10 | 1,940 |
| 52.0 | Dog Officer | | 10 |
| 52.1 | Animal Control Account | 4,800 | |
| 52.2 | Dog Damaga Fund | 300 | |
| 53.0 | Fire Department | | 5,100 |
| 53.1 | Fire Chief Salary | 733 | |
| 53.2 | Fire Chief Expenses | 1,000 | |
| 53.3 | Operation | 19,000 | |
| 54.0 | Forest Fires | 1,300 | 20,733 |
| | | | 1,300 |

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|------|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 55.0 | Forest Fire Warden | 482 | 482 |
| 56.0 | Health, Board of | | |
| 56.1 | Salary | 3,487 | |
| 56.2 | Expenses | 4,516 | |
| 56.3 | Septic Review | 0 | |
| 56.4 | Well Testing | 21,000 | |
| 56.5 | Water District | 6,500 | |
| 56.6 | Roadside Animal Removal | 0 | |
| | | | 35,503 |
| 57.0 | Police | | |
| 57.1 | Chief's Salary | 64,026 | |
| 57.2 | Salaries | 607,650 | |
| 57.3 | Maintenance of Cruisera | 8,115 | |
| 57.4 | Other Expenses | 38,459 | |
| 57.5 | New Cruisera | 29,500 | |
| 57.6 | Training | 33,591 | |
| 57.7 | Equipment | 0 | |
| 57.8 | Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill) | 51,181 | |
| 57.9 | Additional Officer | 0 | |
| 58.0 | Other Police Accounts | | |
| 58.1 | Election and Town Meeting | 2,391 | |
| 58.2 | Towing Clerk | 250 | |
| 58.3 | WMLEC | 250 | |
| 59.0 | Parking Clerk | 0 | |
| | | | 835,413 |

TOTAL PROTECTION 900,481

SCHOOLS

| | | | |
|------|--------------------------|---|-----------|
| 69.0 | Regional School District | | |
| 69.1 | Assessment | 4,369,833 (amended from 4,538,979) +169,146 (subject to positive referendum vote) | |
| | | 4,538,979 | |
| | TOTAL SCHOOLS | | 4,538,979 |

SUBTOTAL 6,689,750
- 169,146

| | | | |
|------|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| 70.0 | Local Government Debt | | |
| 70.1 | Principal | 246,667 | |
| 70.2 | Interest | 60,838 | |
| 70.5 | Highway Loader | 21,232 | |
| | | | 328,737 |

GRAND TOTAL 7,018,487

- 169,146
6,849,341

Article 3. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 4. The Town voted to accept Chapter 44, Section 53Ej.

Article 5. The Town voted to accept a sum of money as made available through Chapter 90 funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.
Vote unanimous by declaration of Moderator.

Article 6. 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 2 1/2 so called.

Article 7. The Town voted to take noaction on this Article.

Article 8. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$21,500 for the purchase of a Brush Chipper minimum 80hp diesel engine with self-feeding rollers, subject to a positive referendum vote on a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under Proposition 2 1/2, so called.

Referendum vote of May 1, 2000 failed

Article 9. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$18,000 for the cleaning and repair of the drainage ditch and replacement of catch basins located at Thornton W. Burgess School, subject to a positive referendum vote on a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under Proposition 2-1/2, so called.

Article 10. The voted to raise and appropriate \$42,900 for the repair/replacement of the drainage system and replacement of shrubs, a partial roof replacement, and maintenance to the brick and masonry exterior of the Town House, subject to a positive referendum vote on a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under Proposition 2-1/2, so called.

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

Article 12. The Town voted to rescind the April 1999 Annual Town Meeting vote authorizing the establishment of a Police Revolving Fund.

Article 13. The Town voted to transfer from the Overlay Surplus Fund \$25,500 to purchase and install computer hardware and software in the Board of Assessors' office to replace and upgrade the present system.

Article 14. The Town voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C which provides for granting to certain persons over 70 years of age limited real property tax relief.

Article 15. The Town defeated the vote to raise and appropriate \$87,500 to renovate the Thornton W. Burgess Middle School tennis courts to include removal of existing surface, install a new regulation tennis court surface, nets and poles for four courts, reline boundaries and repair/replace portions of the fence, subject to a positive referendum vote on a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under Proposition 2-1/2, so called.

Article 16. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$19,600 for removal of existing surface and fence area, install a multi-purpose black top court (for basketball and kickball) and re-seed the remaining area to provide a playground surface for activities on a grass surface, subject to a positive referendum vote on a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under Proposition 2-1/2, so called.

Article 17. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$17,600 for the upkeep of Parks & Recreation facilities, grounds, and equipment to include but not limited to: pavilion, windows in building, park bathrooms, replace all benches with aluminum style, removal/replacement of unsafe/outdated playground equipment, subject to a positive referendum vote on a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under Proposition 2-1/2, so called.

Article 18. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 19. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,674 to purchase and install computer software to upgrade the current library circulation software to a windows based circulation system.

Article 20. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 21. 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 22. The Town moved to raise and appropriate \$1,500 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.

Amended: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$11,500 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, \$10,000 subject to a positive referendum vote under Proposition 2-1/2 so called.

Article 23. The Town voted to transfer from the Library fund \$2,333 to be used by the Library Trustees at their discretion.

Article 24. The Town voted that in Fiscal Year 2001, if additional state aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.

Article 25. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$20,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Article 26. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 27. The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 PM.

Attest: Rita A. Vail Town Clerk

| Article | Raise and Appropriate | Transfer from Overlay Surplus | Transfer from Library Fund | Transfer from Unappropriated Available Funds |
|---------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 2 | 6,849,341 +169,146* -169,146◇ | | | |
| 6 | 110,822* -110,822◇ | | | |
| 8 | 21,500* | | | |
| 9 | 18,000* | | | |
| 10 | 42,900* | | | |
| 13 | | 25,500 | | |
| 16 | 19,600* | | | |
| 17 | 17,600* | | | |
| 19 | 1,674 | | | |
| 22 | 1,500 +10,000* -10,000† | | | |
| 23 | | | 2,333 | |
| 25 | | | | 20,000 |
| | <hr/> 6,972,115 | <hr/> 25,500 | <hr/> 2,333 | <hr/> 20,000 |

* subject to a positive referendum vote.
◇ referendum vote of May 1, 2000 failed.
† referendum vote of June 8, 2000 failed.

MINUTES Special Town Meeting November 13, 2000
Moderator, Richard Patullo opened at 7PM. Voters in attendance--110

Article 1. The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed for or, by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take in fee simple for highway purposes the following street as recommended by Planning Board, including easements relating thereto: Highland Circle and Hillside Lane, as described in Article 1 of the November 13, 2000 Special Town Meeting warrant.

Two-thirds vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 2. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to Michael A. Cimmino by quitclaim deed, for consideration of ten dollars (\$10.00), the land described in Article 2 of the November 13, 2000 Special Town Meeting warrant, said land being part of the land described in the preceding vote and being no longer needed for highway purposes.

Article 3. The Town voted to appropriate and/or authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow, under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, \$45,000 for the repair and/or replacement of the drainage system, a partial roof replacement, and maintenance to the brick and masonry exterior.

Two-thirds vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 4. The Town voted to appropriate and/or authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow, under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, \$21,000 for the purchase of a brush chipper minimum 80 hp diesel engine with self-feeding rollers.

Two-thirds vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 5. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$26,870 for the purchase of a 2001 four-wheel drive pick-up truck 8600-pound GVW complete with plow and with trade-in of a 1988 pick-up.

Article 6. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds to reflect the negotiated contract increases to the four payroll accounts

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Public Grounds line item 31.0 | \$1,125 |
| Highway Maintenance line item 42.0 | 1,494 (amended from 1,404) |
| General Highway line item 43.0 | 3,191, and |
| Snow & Ice line item 44.0 | 1,036 |
| for a total of | \$6,846. |

Article 7. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate and/or authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow, under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, \$20,000 for repairs to Somers Road bridge.

Article 8. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$489 to reflect the correct step level of the Council on Aging Clerk line item 37.2.

Article 9. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$4,200 to purchase pagers for the volunteer Fire Department personnel.

Article 10. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$3,500 to purchase smoke detectors for the Library rooms.

Article 11. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$10,170 for the purchase of three workstations and the first year of a three year lease on a computer server to replace and upgrade the present equipment in the Police Department.

Article 12. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$36,000 to Police Salaries line item 57.2.

Article 13. The Town voted, as amended, to appropriate and/or authorized the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 \$12,300 for installing one multi-purpose black top court (for basketball and kickball), re-seeding the remaining area to provide a playground surface for activities on a grass surface, without lights.

Amendment was made, seconded and passed to add "without lights".

Two-thirds vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 14. The Town voted to appropriate and/or authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow, under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, \$17,650 for the renovation of Parks & Recreation facilities, grounds, and equipment to include, but not limited to: Pavilion, windows in building, park bathrooms, replace all benches with aluminum style, removal/replacement of unsafe/outdated playground equipment.

Two-thirds vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 15. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury \$50,000 to the Stabilization Funds.

Article 16. The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury \$75,000 for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2001.

Article 17. The Town voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 2, DEFINITIONS, by replacing the existing text with new language contained in the revision to the Town of Hampden Zoning Bylaws dated October 23, 2000, copies of which are available for review at the Board of Selectmen's office, the Library, and the Town Clerk's office.

Two-thirds vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 18. The Town voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 7, DEVELOPMENT OF SITE AND SWIMMING POOLS, by replacing the existing text of Section 7.1 through 7.4 with new language contained in the revision to the Town of Hampden Zoning Bylaws dated October 23, 2000, copies of which are available for review at the Board of Selectmen's office, the Library, and the Town Clerk's office.

Two-thirds vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 19. The Town voted unanimously to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 7.13, PLANNED UNIT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (PURD) REGULATIONS, by replacing the existing text with new language contained in the revision to the Town of Hampden Zoning Bylaws dated October 23, 2000, copies of which are available for review at the Board of Selectmen's office, the Library, and the Town Clerk's office.

Amendment was made, seconded and passed to change 7.13112 COMMON OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS by changing the number "five (5)" to read "two (2)" and "6000" to read "2000".

Two-thirds vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 20. The Town voted unanimously to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 10, SPECIAL PERMITS, by replacing the existing text with new language contained in the revision to the Town of Hampden Zoning Bylaws dated October 23, 2000, copies of which are available for review at the Board of Selectmen's office, the Library, and the Town Clerk's office.

Article 21. The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Article 22. The Town voted unanimously to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 7.5, OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING, by replacing the existing text with new language contained in the revision to the Town of Hampden Zoning Bylaws dated October 23, 2000, copies of which are available for review at the Board of Selectmen's office, the Library, and the Town Clerk's office.

Article 23. The Town voted unanimously to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 7.6 SIGNS, by replacing the existing text with new language contained in the revision to the Town of Hampden Zoning Bylaws dated October 23, 2000, copies of which are available for review at the Board of Selectmen's office, the Library, and the Town Clerk's office.

Article 24. The Town voted unanimously to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 7.7 PROJECTS REQUIRING SITE PLAN APPROVAL, by replacing the existing text with new language contained in the revision to the Town of Hampden Zoning Bylaws dated October 23, 2000, copies of which are available for review at the Board of Selectmen's office, the Library, and the Town Clerk's office.

Article 25. The Town voted unanimously to amend the Zoning Bylaw by deleting Section 7.12 in its entirety, and replacing Section 6, USE REGULATIONS, in its entirety with new language contained in the revision to the Town of Hampden Zoning Bylaws dated October 23, 2000, copies of which are available for review at the Board of Selectmen's office, the Library, and the Town Clerk's office.

Article 26. The Town voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, by inserting the following text: Section 7.12 HOME OCCUPATIONS, with new language contained in the revision to the Town of Hampden Zoning Bylaws dated October 23, 2000, copies of which are available for review at the Board of Selectmen's office, the Library, and the Town Clerk's office.

Two-thirds vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 27. The Town voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 7, by adding the following new Section 7.15, FLEXIBLE RESIDENTIAL OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT with language contained in the revision to the Town of Hampden Zoning Bylaws dated October 23, 2000, copies of which are available for review at the Board of Selectmen's office, the Library, and the Town Clerk's office.

Amendment was made, seconded and passed that in 7.15927d, to change "ten percent (10%)" to read "two percent (2%)".

Two-thirds vote was declared by the Moderator.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Attest: Rita A. Vail Town Clerk

| Money voted at November 13, 2000 Special Town Meeting | | | |
|---|---------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Article | Raise & Appropriate | Borrow | Transfer from Available Funds |
| 3 | | \$45,000 | |
| 4 | | 21,000 | |
| 5 | | | 26,870 |
| 6 | | | 6,846 |
| 7 | | 20,000 | |
| 8 | | | 489 |
| 9 | | | 4,200 |
| 10 | | | 3,500 |
| 11 | | | 10,170 |
| 12 | | | 36,000 |
| 13 | | 12,300 | |
| 14 | | 17,650 | |
| 15 | | | 50,000 |
| 16 | | | 75,000 |
| | | 115,950 | 213,075 Totals |
| | | | 329,025 |
| | | | Grand Total |

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

FISCAL YEAR 2000

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

CLIFFORD E. BOMBARD CMA

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET-ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
6/30/2000

| | GENERAL | SPECIAL REVENUE | CAPITAL PROJECTS | TRUST AGENCY | LONG TERM DEBT | MEMORANDUM ONLY |
|---|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Assets | | | | | | |
| Cash and Equivalents | 570,215 | 176,161 | 94,010 | | | 840,386 |
| Investments | 8,355 | 467,129 | | 277,812 | | 753,296 |
| Accounts Receivable | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | 70,767 | | | | | 70,767 |
| Excise Taxes | 34,416 | | | | | 34,416 |
| Tax Liens | 105,688 | | | | | 105,688 |
| Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles | (57,740) | | | | | (57,740) |
| Due from Other Funds | | | 44,167 | | | 44,167 |
| Due from Other Governments | | | | | 675,000 | 675,000 |
| Amount to be Provided for Payment of Notes | | | | | 675,000 | 675,000 |
| Total Assets | 731,701 | 643,290 | 138,177 | 277,812 | 675,000 | 2,465,980 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Warrants Payable | 84,593 | 10,790 | | | | 95,383 |
| Employee Withholdings | 11,696 | | | | | 11,696 |
| Due to Other Governments | 641 | | | | | 641 |
| Deferred Revenue | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes 2001 Pre-paid | 11,717 | | | | | 11,717 |
| Property Taxes | 1,310 | | | | | 1,310 |
| Excise Taxes | 34,416 | | | | | 34,416 |
| Capital Projects | | | 44,167 | | | 44,167 |
| Tax Liens | 105,688 | | | | | 105,688 |
| Notes Payable(Bond Anticipation) | | | 1,160,000 | | 675,000 | 1,160,000 |
| Bonds Payable | | | | | 675,000 | 675,000 |
| Total Liabilities | 250,061 | 10,790 | 1,204,167 | | 675,000 | 2,140,018 |
| Fund Equity | | | | | | |
| Reserved for Encumbrances | | | | 133,216 | | 133,216 |
| Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal | | | | 34,441 | | 34,441 |
| Reserved for Over(Under) Estimates | (2,364) | | | | | (2,364) |
| Reserved for Deficits | (15,110) | | (20,545) | | | (35,655) |
| Unreserved | | | | | | |
| Designated for subsequent Years' Expenditures | 72,639 | 632,500 | (1,045,445) | | | (340,306) |
| Undesignated | 426,475 | | | 110,155 | | 536,630 |
| Total Fund Equity | 481,640 | 632,500 | (1,065,990) | 277,812 | | 325,962 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Equity | 731,701 | 643,290 | 138,177 | 277,812 | 675,000 | 2,465,980 |

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES
6/30/00**

TAXES

REAL ESTATE

| | | |
|------|--------------|--------------|
| 2001 | 11,661.36 | |
| 2000 | 4,896,130.04 | |
| 1999 | 146,788.09 | |
| 1998 | 839.48 | |
| | | 5,055,418.97 |

PERSONAL PROPERTY

| | | |
|------|------------|------------|
| 2001 | 55.26 | |
| 2000 | 189,213.96 | |
| 1999 | 1,393.27 | |
| | | 190,662.49 |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

| | | |
|------|------------|------------|
| 2000 | 427,198.14 | |
| 1999 | 112,127.41 | |
| 1998 | 4,549.21 | |
| 1997 | 1,340.65 | |
| | | 545,215.41 |

FOREST PRODUCTS TAX

829.28

TAX LIENS REDEEMED

11,148.10

TOTAL TAXES

5,803,274.25

LOCAL REVENUES

INTEREST ON TAXES

19,575.49

TAX LIEN COSTS

16,731.54

FEES

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| SELECTMEN | 3,362.47 |
| COLLECTOR | 11,228.52 |
| CLERK | 6,263.99 |
| POLICE | 4,633.00 |
| BOARD OF HEALTH | 2,058.93 |
| BUILDING DEPT | 15,665.56 |

RENTALS

931.00

DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| SCHOOLS | 21,632.00 |
| LIBRARIES | 775.90 |

LICENSES & FORFEITS

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| LIQUOR | 4,644.00 |
| DISTRICT COURT | 23,130.00 |

INVESTMENT INCOME

32,542.54

MISC. NON RECURRING

7,758.61

TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE

170,933.55

STATE REVENUES

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| VETERAN'S REIMBURSE. | 3,572.87 |
| EXEMPTS/ELDERLY | 3,012.00 |
| EXEMPTS/VETERAN'S | 3,041.87 |
| HIGHWAY FUND | 74,966.00 |
| LOTTERY AID | 571,244.00 |
| QUINN BILL | 14,898.00 |
| OTHER STATE REV | <u>23,075.00</u> |

TOTAL STATE REVENUES 693,809.74

TOTAL LOCAL AND STATE REVENUES 6,668,017.54

PAYABLES

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| COUNTY RETIREMENT | 88,221.67 |
| GROUP INSURANCE | 67,697.27 |
| UNITED WAY | 26.50 |
| UNION DUES | 4,812.37 |
| COURIER | 161.70 |
| FEES PAYABLE | 13,761.75 |
| TAILINGS | <u>365.51</u> |

TOTAL PAYABLES 175,046.77

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES 200,000.00

OTHER FINANCING SOURCE(STABILIZATION) 53,326.00

TOTAL REVENUES 7,096,390.31

CASH AND SAVINGS 6/30/00 973,973.41
WARRANTS PAYABLE (582,228.60)

VERIFYING BALANCE 7,488,135.12

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
6/30/00**

GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| TOWN ACCOUNTANT | |
| SALARY | 12,192.00 |
| CLERICAL | 2,039.00 |
| EXPENSES | 3,425.00 |
| ADVISORY COMMITTEE | |
| CLERICAL | 3,354.00 |
| APPEALS BOARD | |
| CLERICAL | 3,053.00 |
| EXPENSES | 160.00 |
| ASSESSORS | |
| SALARIES | 10,194.00 |
| CLERICAL | 16,204.63 |
| EXPENSES | 2,035.14 |
| DATA PROCESSING | 265.85 |
| REVALUATION UPDATE | 2,200.00 |
| MAPPING MAINTENANCE | 750.00 |
| COMPUTER MAINTENANCE | 349.94 |
| FIELD REVIEW | 1,200.00 |
| BUILDING DEPARTMENT | |
| CODE ENFORCEMENT | 200.00 |
| COUNTY RETIREMENT | |
| | 137,065.00 |
| INSURANCE | |
| PROPERTY & CASUALTY | 45,563.27 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | 99,212.65 |
| UNEMPLOYEMENT COMP | 5,023.67 |
| LAW & CLAIMS | |
| | 25,056.06 |
| PLANNING BOARD | |
| CLERICAL | 8,667.00 |
| EXPENSES | 336.82 |
| ELECTIONS | |
| REGISTRARS | 760.00 |
| ELECTION EXPENSE | 2,809.59 |
| STREET LISTS | 2,280.00 |

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|--------------------------|-----------|------------|
| SELECTMEN | | |
| SALARIES | 7,476.99 | |
| ADMINISTRATIVE ASST' | 27,880.00 | |
| CLERICAL | 19,048.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 1,545.38 | |
| LEGAL ADVERTISING | 373.10 | |
| TAX COLLECTOR | | |
| SALARY | 17,039.00 | |
| CLERICAL | 3,572.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 1,965.00 | |
| COMPUTER MAINT | 4,570.00 | |
| TAX TITLE WORK | 397.82 | |
| TOWN CLERK | | |
| SALARY | 17,039.00 | |
| CLERICAL | 3,111.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 1,020.00 | |
| TOWN PUBLICATIONS | 200.00 | |
| TOWN REPORT | 8,503.64 | |
| TREASURER | | |
| SALARY | 18,326.00 | |
| CLERICAL | 3,111.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 900.00 | |
| CERTIFYING NOTES | 30.00 | |
| TAX TITLE EXPENSE | 658.00 | |
| PAYROLL SERVICE | 6,894.51 | |
| BANK SERVICE FEES | 320.65 | |
| TAX TITLE ADMIN | 2,104.07 | |
| VETEREN'S BENEFITS | 4,762.70 | |
| GREATER SPFLD SENIORS | 302.00 | |
| TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | 535,546.48 |

GENERAL TOWN SERVICES

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| ACADEMY HALL MAINT | 3,170.72 |
| CONSERVATION | |
| CLERICAL | 1,834.00 |
| EXPENSES | 365.61 |
| COUNCIL ON AGING | |
| DIRECTOR | 27,093.00 |
| CLERICAL | 5,434.00 |
| EXPENSES | 8,600.00 |

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| TRANSFER STATION | |
| SALARIES | 15,000.00 |
| EXPENSES | |
| LIBRARY | 74,013.00 |
| TOWN EVENTS | 765.03 |
| OFFICE EQUIPMENT | |
| ACQUISITION | 2,527.98 |
| MAINTENANCE | 4,221.54 |
| SUPPLIES | 7,259.46 |
| POSTAGE | 9,535.00 |
| PARKS & RECREATION | |
| SALARIES | 13,185.00 |
| EXPENSES | 8,738.52 |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS | 4,971.00 |
| RAH, BASEBALL | 1,252.00 |
| RAH, SOFTBALL | 1,000.00 |
| RAH, GIRLS SOCCER | 500.00 |
| RAH, BOYS SOCCER | 500.00 |
| RAH, BASKETBALL | 948.00 |
| DIRECTOR | 26,422.39 |
| PUBLIC GROUNDS | 34,580.00 |
| TOWN HOUSE | |
| CUSTODIAN | 13,802.00 |
| MAINTENANCE | 8,210.33 |
| UTILITIES | 25,007.69 |
| TREE WARDEN | |
| EXPENSES | 2,540.00 |
| TREE PLANTING | 450.00 |
| AMBULANCE SUBSIDY | 11,064.60 |
| GASOLINE | 19,000.00 |
| STREET LIGHTING | 13,574.72 |
| TOTAL GENERAL TOWN SERVICES | 345,565.59 |

HIGHWAYS

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| SUPERINTENDENT | 51,254.00 | |
| HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE | 72,124.24 | |
| GENERAL HIGHWAYS | 69,966.67 | |
| SNOW & ICE | 51,298.13 | |
| STREET SWEEPING | 14,500.00 | |
| ROAD MACHINERY MAINT | 10,572.27 | |
| TOWN GARAGE MAINTENANCE | 4,283.98 | |
| | | |
| TOTAL HIGHWAYS | | 273,999.29 |

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| ANIMAL INSPECTOR | | |
| SALARY | 1,545.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 240.00 | |
| DOG OFFICER | 4,709.00 | |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT | | |
| CHIEF SALARY | 666.00 | |
| CHIEF EXPENSES | 171.37 | |
| OPERATIONS | 19,000.00 | |
| FOREST FIRES | | |
| WARDEN | 438.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 1,300.00 | |
| BOARD OF HEALTH | | |
| SALARY | 2,937.94 | |
| EXPENSES | 2,290.04 | |
| WATER DISTRICT | | |
| WELL TESTING | 17,301.22 | |
| DISTRICT MAINTNANCE | 3,962.91 | |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT | | |
| CHIEF SALARY | 58,286.33 | |
| OFFICER SALARIES | 655,512.61 | |
| CRUISER MAINTENANCE | 10,000.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 37,477.03 | |
| TRAINING | 34,699.17 | |
| NEW EQUIPMENT | 800.00 | |
| LEAA MATCHING FUNDS | 250.00 | |
| ELECTION COVERAGE | 1,920.93 | |
| TOWING CLERK | 155.00 | |
| | | |
| TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY | | 853,662.55 |

SCHOOLS

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT | 3,997,906.00 |
|----------------------------|--------------|

DEBT SERVICE

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| LONG TERM DEBT PRINCIPLE | 225,000.00 |
| LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST | 35,268.75 |
| HIGHWAY LOADER | 21,231.67 |

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| TOTAL DEBT SERVICE | 281,500.42 |
|--------------------|------------|

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| 4/26/96 ANNUAL | |
| ART #7 REVALUATION | 19,695.00 |
| 4/28/98 SPECIAL | |
| ART #6 MMWEC | 2,500.00 |
| 4/28/98 ANNUAL | |
| ART #9 WATER DISTRICT | 50,399.36 |
| ART #11 SENIOR CENTER | 199,881.68 |
| 10/26/98 STM | |
| ART #5 PORCH | 1,940.03 |
| 4/26/99 ANNUAL | |
| ART #3 SALARY SURVEY | 7,875.00 |
| ART #4 TRACTOR | 29,120.00 |
| ART #10 RADIO | 26,423.40 |
| ART #9 SANDER | 6,330.00 |
| ART #10 HEATING SYSTEM | 17,991.04 |
| ART #11 AIR PACKS | 34,458.00 |
| ART #12 MILL POND | 858.08 |
| ART #16 PAINTING | 7,000.00 |
| ART #28 CONSERVATION | 1,000.00 |
| 10/25/99 SPECIAL | |
| ART #10 HISTORICAL SOCIETY | 199.37 |
| ART #14 STABILIZATION | 75,000.00 |

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| TOTAL ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES | 480,670.96 |
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TOTAL APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES

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| 6,768,851.29 |
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STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| VETERN'S SERVICE DISTRICT | 12,533.00 |
| POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT | 538.00 |
| PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING | 706.35 |
| REGISTRY SERVICES | 1,820.00 |
| PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT | 3,578.00 |
| CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING | 1,800.00 |
| COUNTY TAX | 7,224.00 |

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| TOTAL STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS | 28,199.35 |
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|---|---------------------|
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS | 6,797,039.64 |
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PAYABLES

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| COUNTY RETIREMENT | 80,865.58 |
| GROUP INSURANCE | 60,011.62 |
| UNITED WAY | 26.00 |
| UNION DUES | 4,532.93 |
| COURIOR | 322.90 |
| FEES PAYABLE | 13,558.25 |

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| TOTAL PAYABLES | 159,317.28 |
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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES | 6,956,367.92 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| CASH AND SAVINGS 7/1/99 | 616,370.88 |
| WARRANTS PAYABLE | (84,592.68) |

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| VERIFYING BALANCE | 7,488,146.12 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION EXPEDITURES
6/30/00**

| | APPROPRIATIONS & CARRYOVERS | TRANSFERS IN(OUT) | TOTAL AVAILABLE | ACTUAL EXPENDED | BALANCE |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| ACCOUNTANT | | | | | |
| SALARY | 12,192.00 | | 12,192.00 | 12,192.00 | |
| CLERICAL | 2,039.00 | | 2,039.00 | 2,039.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 3,425.00 | | 3,425.00 | 3,425.00 | |
| ADVISORY COMMITTEE | | | | | |
| CLERICAL | 3,354.00 | | 3,354.00 | 3,354.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 170.00 | | 170.00 | | 170.00 D |
| APPEALS BOARD | | | | | |
| CLERICAL | 3,053.00 | | 3,053.00 | 3,053.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 160.00 | | 160.00 | 160.00 | |
| ASSESSORS | | | | | |
| SALARY | 10,194.00 | | 10,194.00 | 10,194.00 | |
| CLERICAL | 18,804.00 | | 18,804.00 | 16,204.63 | 2,599.37 D |
| EXPENSES | 2,400.00 | | 2,400.00 | 2,035.14 | 364.86 D |
| DATA PROCESSING | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 265.85 | 34.15 D |
| MAPPING MAINT | 900.00 | | 900.00 | 750.00 | 150.00 D |
| REVALUATION UPDATE | 2,200.00 | | 2,200.00 | 2,200.00 | |
| FIELD REVIEW | 1,200.00 | | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | |
| COMPUTER SUPPLIES | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 349.94 | 150.06 D |
| BUILDING DEPT | | | | | |
| CODE ENFORCEMENT | 400.00 | | 400.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 D |
| COUNTY RETIREMENT | 137,065.00 | | 137,065.00 | 137,065.00 | |
| INSURANCE | | | | | |
| PROPERTY AND CASUALTY | 52,000.00 | | 52,000.00 | 45,563.27 | 6,436.73 D |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | 100,000.00 | | 100,000.00 | 99,212.65 | 787.35 D |
| UNEMPLOYMENT | 2,000.00 | 3,023.67 | 5,023.67 | 5,023.67 | |
| LAW AND CLAIMS | 25,000.00 | 56.06 | 25,056.06 | 25,056.06 | |
| MODERATOR | | | | | |
| EXPENSES | 100.00 | | 100.00 | | 100.00 D |
| PLANNING BOARD | | | | | |
| CLERICAL | 8,667.00 | | 8,667.00 | 8,667.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 535.00 | | 535.00 | 336.82 | 198.18 D |
| REGISTRARS | | | | | |
| SALARIES | 760.00 | | 760.00 | 760.00 | |
| ELECTION EXPENSES | 2,100.00 | 709.59 | 2,809.59 | 2,809.59 | |
| STREET LISTS | 2,280.00 | | 2,280.00 | 2,280.00 | |
| SELECTMEN | | | | | |
| SALARIES | 7,477.00 | | 7,477.00 | 7,476.99 | 0.01 D |
| SECRETARIAL | 27,880.00 | | 27,880.00 | 27,880.00 | |
| CLERICAL | 19,048.00 | | 19,048.00 | 19,048.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 1,600.00 | | 1,600.00 | 1,545.38 | 54.62 D |
| LEGAL ADVERTISING | 300.00 | 73.10 | 373.10 | 373.10 | |

| | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| TAX COLLECTOR | | | | | |
| SALARY | 17,039.00 | | 17,039.00 | 17,039.00 | |
| CLERICAL | 3,572.00 | | 3,572.00 | 3,572.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 1,965.00 | | 1,965.00 | 1,965.00 | |
| COMPUTER MAINTENANCE | 3,620.00 | 950.00 | 4,570.00 | 4,570.00 | |
| TAX TITLE WORK | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 397.82 | 102.18 D |
| TAX TITLE ADMIN | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 D |
| TOWN CLERK | | | | | |
| SALARY | 17,039.00 | | 17,039.00 | 17,039.00 | |
| CLERICAL | 3,111.00 | | 3,111.00 | 3,111.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 1,020.00 | | 1,020.00 | 1,020.00 | |
| TOWN PUBLICATIONS | 200.00 | | 200.00 | 200.00 | |
| TOWN REPORT | 5,200.00 | 3,303.64 | 8,503.64 | 8,503.64 | |
| TREASURER | | | | | |
| SALARY | 18,326.00 | | 18,326.00 | 18,326.00 | |
| CLERICAL | 3,111.00 | | 3,111.00 | 3,111.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 900.00 | | 900.00 | 900.00 | |
| PAYROLL SERVICE | 6,900.00 | | 6,900.00 | 6,894.51 | 5.49 D |
| CERTIFYING NOTES | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 30.00 | 70.00 D |
| INTEREST(SHORT TERM) | 5,000.00 | | 5,000.00 | | 5,000.00 D |
| TAX TITLES | 10,500.00 | | 10,500.00 | 658.00 | 9,842.00 D |
| BANK CHARGES | 700.00 | | 700.00 | 320.65 | 379.35 D |
| TAX TITLE ADMIN | 2,250.00 | | 2,250.00 | 2,104.07 | 145.93 D |
| VETERANS BENEFITS | 5,000.00 | | 5,000.00 | 4,762.70 | 237.30 D |
| GR SPFLD SENIOR CENTER | 302.00 | | 302.00 | 302.00 | |
| ACADEMY HALL MAINT | 2,000.00 | 1,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 3,170.72 | 329.28 D |
| CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS | 80.00 | | 80.00 | | 80.00 D |
| CONSERVATION COMMITTEE | | | | | |
| CLERICAL | 1,834.00 | | 1,834.00 | 1,834.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 450.00 | | 450.00 | 365.61 | 84.39 D |
| COUNCIL ON AGING | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 27,093.00 | | 27,093.00 | 27,093.00 | |
| CLERICAL | 5,434.00 | | 5,434.00 | 5,434.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 8,600.00 | | 8,600.00 | 8,600.00 | |
| TRANSFER STATION | 15,000.00 | | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | |
| LIBRARY | 74,013.00 | | 74,013.00 | 74,013.00 | |
| TOWN EVENTS | 800.00 | | 800.00 | 765.03 | 34.97 D |
| OFFICE EQUIPMENT | | | | | |
| ACQUISITION | 3,000.00 | | 3,000.00 | 2,527.98 | 472.02 D |
| MAINTENANCE | 5,508.00 | | 5,508.00 | 4,221.54 | 1,286.46 D |
| SUPPLIES | 8,000.00 | | 8,000.00 | 7,259.46 | 740.54 D |
| POSTAGE | 9,000.00 | 535.00 | 9,535.00 | 9,535.00 | |
| PARKS AND RECREATION | | | | | |
| SALARIES | 13,185.00 | | 13,185.00 | 13,185.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 7,200.00 | 2,841.36 | 10,041.36 | 8,738.52 | 1,302.84 D |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS | 5,000.00 | | 5,000.00 | 4,971.00 | 29.00 D |
| RAH/BASEBALL | 1,252.00 | | 1,252.00 | 1,252.00 | |
| RAH/SOFTBALL | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| RAH/GIRLS SOCCER | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 500.00 | |
| RAH/BOYS SOCCER | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 500.00 | |
| RAH/BASKETBALL | 948.00 | | 948.00 | 948.00 | |
| DIRECTOR'S SALARY | 27,000.00 | | 27,000.00 | 26,422.39 | 577.61 D |

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|-------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| PUBLIC GROUNDS | 34,580.00 | | 34,580.00 | 34,580.00 | |
| TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE | | | | | |
| CUSTODIAL | 13,802.00 | | 13,802.00 | 13,802.00 | |
| MAINT & REPAIRS | 9,000.00 | | 9,000.00 | 8,210.33 | 789.67 D |
| UTILITIES | 23,000.00 | 2,007.69 | 25,007.69 | 25,007.69 | |
| TREE WARDEN | | | | | |
| EXPENSES | 2,540.00 | | 2,540.00 | 2,540.00 | |
| PLANTING TREES | 450.00 | | 450.00 | 450.00 | |
| AMBULANCE SUBSIDY | 11,065.00 | | 11,065.00 | 11,064.60 | 0.40 D |
| GASOLINE | 19,000.00 | | 19,000.00 | 19,000.00 | |
| STREET LIGHTING | 15,100.00 | | 15,100.00 | 13,574.72 | 1,525.28 D |
| HIGHWAYS | | | | | |
| SUPERINTENDENT | 51,254.00 | | 51,254.00 | 51,254.00 | |
| HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE | 72,178.00 | | 72,178.00 | 72,124.24 | 53.76 D |
| GENERAL HIGHWAYS | 69,956.00 | | 69,956.00 | 69,955.67 | 0.33 D |
| SNOW & ICE | 36,188.00 | | 36,188.00 | 51,298.13 | (15,110.13) E |
| STREET SWEEPING | 14,500.00 | | 14,500.00 | 14,500.00 | |
| MACHINERY MAINT | 10,000.00 | 552.22 | 10,552.22 | 10,552.22 | |
| TOWN GARAGE | 3,800.00 | 505.06 | 4,305.60 | 4,304.03 | 1.03 D |
| ANIMAL INSPECTIONS | | | | | |
| SALARY | 1,545.00 | | 1,545.00 | 1,545.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 240.00 | | 240.00 | 240.00 | |
| CIVIL DEFENSE SUPPLIES | 10.00 | | 10.00 | | 10.00 D |
| DOG OFFICER | | | | | |
| ANIMAL CONTROL | 4,800.00 | | 4,800.00 | 4,709.00 | 91.00 D |
| DOG DAMAGE FUND | 300.00 | | 300.00 | | 300.00 D |
| FIRE DEPT | | | | | |
| CHIEF'S SALARY | 666.00 | | 666.00 | 666.00 | |
| CHIEF'S EXPENSES | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | 171.37 | 828.63 D |
| OPERATIONS | 19,000.00 | | 19,000.00 | 19,000.00 | |
| FOREST FIRES | | | | | |
| WARDEN | 438.00 | | 438.00 | 438.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 1,300.00 | | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 | |
| BOARD OF HEALTH | | | | | |
| SALARY | 3,170.00 | | 3,170.00 | 2,937.94 | 232.06 D |
| EXPENSES | 4,516.00 | | 4,516.00 | 2,225.04 | 2,225.96 D |
| WELL TESTING | 21,000.00 | | 21,000.00 | 17,301.22 | 3,698.78 D |
| WATER DISTRICT | 6,500.00 | | 6,500.00 | 3,962.91 | 2,537.09 D |
| POLICE | | | | | |
| CHIEF'S SALARY | 58,287.00 | | 58,287.00 | 58,286.33 | 0.67 D |
| OFFICER SALARIES | 656,154.19 | | 656,154.19 | 655,512.61 | 641.58 D |
| CRUISER MAINTENANCE | 10,000.00 | | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | |
| EXPENSES | 37,479.00 | | 37,479.00 | 37,477.03 | 1.97 D |
| TRAINING | 34,842.00 | | 34,842.00 | 34,699.17 | 142.83 D |
| EQUIPMENT | 800.00 | | 800.00 | 800.00 | |
| LEAA | 250.00 | | 250.00 | 250.00 | |
| ELECTIONS | 1,517.00 | 455.20 | 1,972.20 | 1,920.93 | 51.27 D |
| TOWING | 250.00 | | 250.00 | 155.00 | 95.00 D |
| REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT | 3,997,906.00 | | 3,997,906.00 | 3,997,906.00 | |
| LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT SERVICE | | | | | |
| PRINCIPAL | 255,000.00 | | 255,000.00 | 225,000.00 | 30,000.00 D |
| INTEREST | 74,269.00 | | 74,269.00 | 35,268.75 | 39,000.25 D |
| LOADER LEASE | 21,232.00 | | 21,232.00 | 21,231.67 | 0.33 D |

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|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| PRIOR YEAR CARRYOVERS | | | | | |
| ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/26/96 | | | | | |
| #7 REVALUATION | 19,695.00 | | 19,695.00 | 19,695.00 | |
| ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/28/97 | | | | | |
| #7 MMWEC LEGAL | 6,640.23 | | 6,640.23 | 2,500.00 | 4,140.23 C |
| ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/28/98 | | | | | |
| #9 WATER DISTRICT | 92,130.96 | G | 92,130.96 | 50,399.36 | 41,731.60 H |
| #11 SENIOR CENTER | 199,881.68 | G | 199,881.68 | 199,881.68 | |
| #14 CEMETERY MAP | 2,500.00 | | 2,500.00 | | 2,500.00 C |
| #22 CONSERVATION | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 500.00 | |
| SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/26/98 | | | | | |
| #5 ACADEMY HALL REPAIR | 1,940.03 | | 1,940.03 | 1,940.03 | |
| SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 4/26/99 | | | | | |
| #2 SALARY SURVEY | 7,500.00 | | 7,500.00 | 7,875.00 | (375.00) D |
| #4 TRACTOR | 29,120.00 | | 29,120.00 | 29,120.00 | |
| #10 RADIOS | 52,200.00 | | 52,200.00 | 26,423.40 | 25,776.60 C |
| ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/29/99 | | | | | |
| #9 SANDER | 6,330.00 | | 6,330.00 | 6,330.00 | |
| #10 HEATING | 18,368.00 | | 18,368.00 | 17,991.04 | 376.96 C |
| #10 AIR PACKS | 34,458.00 | | 34,458.00 | 34,458.00 | |
| #12 MILL POND | 10,000.00 | | 10,000.00 | 858.08 | 9,141.92 C |
| #16 PAINTING | 7,000.00 | | 7,000.00 | 7,000.00 | |
| #28 CONSERVATION | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 500.00 | |
| #31 RESERVE FUND | 20,000.00 | (16,512.59) | 3487.41 | | 3,487.41 D |
| SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/25/99 | | | | | |
| #10 HISTORICAL SOCIETY | 200.00 | | 200.00 | 199.37 | 0.63 D |
| #14 STABILIZATION FUND | 75,000.00 | | 75,000.00 | 75,000.00 | |
| SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 4/24/00 | | | | | |
| #3 ELEVATORS | 1,716.00 | | 1,716.00 | | 1,716.00 C |
| ASSESSMENTS | | | | | |
| VETERAN'S SERVICE DIST | | | | 12,533.00 | B |
| POLLUTION CONTROL DIST | | | | 538.00 | B |
| PV PLANNING DISTRICT | | | | 706.35 | B |
| REGISTRY SERVICES | | | | 1,820.00 | B |
| PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT | | | | 3,578.00 | B |
| CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING | | | | 1,800.00 | B |
| COUNTY TAX | | | | 7,224.00 | B |
| TOTALS | 6,957,919.09 | - | 6,957,919.09 | 6,797,039.64 | 189,078.80 |

NOTES

- A) ADVISORY TRANSFER
- B) AMOUNTS RAISED ON ASSESSOR RECAP SHEET
- C) CARRY FORWARD TO FISCAL YEAR 2001
- D) CLOSED TO EXCESS
- E) TO BE RAISED IN FISCAL YEAR 2001
- F) FISCAL 1999 CARRYOVER
- G) EXPENDED FROM CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
- H) CARRIED OVER TO FY 2001 IN CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES
6/30/2000**

| | BALANCE FWD 36,341.00 | COMMITMENTS | COLLECTIONS | ABATES/ ADJUSTS | TAX TITLES | REFUNDS | UNCOLLECTED 6/30/00 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| REAL ESTATE TAXES | | | | | | | |
| LEVY OF 2001 | | | 11,661.36 | | | | (11,661.36) |
| LEVY OF 2000 | | 5,038,418.65 | 4,914,237.00 | 42,172.04 | 18,927.73 | 18,106.96 | 81,188.84 |
| LEVY OF 1999 | 146,877.51 | | 146,877.51 | 89.42 | | 89.42 | - |
| LEVY OF 1998 | 839.48 | | 839.48 | | | | - |
| TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES | 147,716.99 | 5,038,418.65 | 5,073,615.35 | 42,261.46 | 18,927.73 | 18,196.38 | 69,527.48 |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES | | | | | | | |
| LEVY OF 2001 | | | 55.26 | | | | (55.26) |
| LEVY OF 2000 | | 191,257.37 | 189,540.12 | 748.48 | | 326.16 | 1,294.53 |
| LEVY OF 1999 | 1,393.27 | 1,393.17 | | | | | |
| TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES | 1,393.27 | 192,650.54 | 189,595.38 | 748.48 | - | 326.16 | 1,239.27 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISES | | | | | | | |
| LEVY OF 2000 | | 462,658.69 | 430,510.82 | 6,904.45 | | 3,312.68 | 28,556.10 |
| LEVY OF 1999 | 51,792.26 | 72,138.95 | 116,418.75 | 5,944.28 | | 4,291.34 | 5,958.52 |
| LEVY OF 1998 | 5,562.25 | 1,445.96 | 4,670.26 | 2,459.00 | | 121.05 | |
| ALL PRIOR LEVIES | | | 1,340.65 | (1,340.65) | | | |
| TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAXE | 57,354.51 | 536,243.60 | 552,940.48 | 13,967.08 | - | 7,725.07 | 34,514.62 |
| TOTAL ALL LEVIES | 206,464.77 | 5,767,312.79 | 5,816,151.21 | 56,977.02 | 18,927.73 | 26,247.61 | 105,281.37 |

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN BOND INDEBTEDNESS
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

| DESCRIPTION | INTEREST RATE | YEAR ISSUED | MATURITY DATE | ORIGINAL AMOUNT | BALANCE JULY 1, 1999 | PAID FY2000 | BALANCE JUNE 30, 2000 |
|--|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| INSIDE DEBT LIMIT SCHOOL ROOF | 4.51% | 8/96 | 8/15/2002 | \$ 490,000 | \$ 290,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 190,000 |
| OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT LANDFILL CLOSURE | 4.51% | 8/96 | 8/15/2002 | \$ 900,000 | \$ 610,000 | \$ 125,000 | \$ 485,000 |

AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

| | PRINCIPAL | INTEREST | TOTAL |
|--------|------------|-----------|------------|
| FY2001 | \$ 225,000 | \$ 25,087 | \$ 250,097 |
| FY2002 | \$ 225,000 | \$ 15,244 | \$ 240,244 |
| FY2003 | \$ 225,000 | \$ 5,119 | \$ 230,119 |
| | \$ 675,000 | \$ 45,540 | \$ 720,460 |

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTES
COMBINED STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

| | REVENUES | EXPENDITURES | EXCESS, OVER (UNDER) | FUND BALANCE JULY 31, 1999 | FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2000 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HIGHWAYS | 12,122.63 | 12,122.63 | | | |
| STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS | | | | | |
| COPS MORE | 30,000.00 | 22,137.95 | 7,862.05 | 3,478.70 | 11,340.75 |
| DARE | 6,000.00 | 5,668.52 | 331.48 | 435.71 | 767.19 |
| TASK FORCE | 595.70 | 1,778.40 | (1,182.70) | 1,117.61 | (65.09) |
| FAMILY INVOLVEMENT | 4,975.93 | 5,116.91 | (140.98) | (701.37) | (842.35) |
| BULLET PROOF VESTS | 3,005.00 | 2,404.00 | 601.00 | (601.00) | |
| COUNCIL ON AGING GRANTS | 15,701.50 | 15,767.99 | (66.49) | 1,837.18 | 1,770.69 |
| LIBRARY GRANTS | 7,232.93 | 5,813.22 | 1,419.71 | 9,300.35 | 10,720.06 |
| ARTS LOTTERY GRANT | 8,848.74 | 9,936.74 | (1,088.00) | 4,812.42 | 3,724.42 |
| MILL POND GRANT | | 858.08 | (858.08) | 10,000.00 | 9,141.92 |
| EXTENDED POLLING HOURS | 225.00 | 849.46 | (624.46) | 919.09 | 294.63 |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT(MOBILE DATA) | | | | | |
| OTHER | | | | | |
| SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR | 10,031.97 | 100.00 | 9,931.97 | 18,207.97 | 28,139.94 |
| ASSESSORS | 973.00 | 250.00 | 723.00 | - | 723.00 |
| COUNCIL ON AGING REVOLVING | 2,694.45 | 2,505.75 | 188.70 | 132.79 | 321.49 |
| CONSERVATION REVOLVING | 1,618.75 | 286.80 | 1,331.95 | 8,414.25 | 9,746.20 |
| HISTORICAL COMMISSION | 105.00 | | 105.00 | - | 105.00 |
| BOARD OF HEALTH REVOLVING | 18,481.45 | 15,341.53 | 3,139.92 | 5,571.35 | 8,711.27 |
| RECYCLING REVOLVING | 4,118.91 | 6,566.92 | (2,448.01) | 5,805.68 | 3,357.67 |
| PARKS & RECREATION | 71,713.71 | 59,764.20 | 11,949.51 | 3,098.25 | 15,047.76 |
| TRANSFER STATION REVOLVING | 52,145.00 | 48,296.29 | 3,848.71 | 3,567.18 | 7,415.89 |
| BUILDING INSPECTOR REVOLVING | 25,529.88 | 38,389.16 | (12,859.28) | 12,471.81 | (387.47) |
| DARE GIFTS | 1,943.00 | 3,663.69 | (1,720.69) | 2,804.31 | 1,083.62 |
| POLICE OFF DUTY | 30,729.95 | 28,352.45 | 2,377.50 | 5,146.86 | 7,524.36 |
| RESTITUTION | 10,145.19 | 6,888.84 | 3,256.35 | 9,795.62 | 13,051.97 |
| ENGINEERING FEES | 3,370.00 | 2,867.54 | 502.46 | 37,219.41 | 37,721.87 |
| | 322,307.69 | 295,727.07 | 26,580.62 | 142,834.17 | 169,414.79 |

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
COMBINING STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TRUST FUNDS
6/30/00

| | <u>ADDITIONS</u> | <u>REVENUES</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>FUND BALANCES JULY 1, 1999</u> | <u>EXPENDABLE FUND BALANCES JUNE 30, 2000</u> | <u>NON-EXPENDABLE FUND BALANCES JUNE 30, 2000</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE | 3,100.00 | 1,190.66 | | 29,427.51 | 6,277.17 | 27,441.00 |
| BUMSTEAD FUND | | 374.74 | | 10,822.45 | 8,197.19 | 3,000.00 |
| TOWN COMMONS FUND | | 42.80 | | 1,761.29 | 1,804.09 | |
| COUNCIL ON AGING FUND | 295.00 | 302.34 | (10,011.70) | 9,641.28 | 226.92 | |
| CONSERVATION FUND | 1,000.00 | 976.22 | | 24,999.04 | 26,975.26 | |
| MCCRAY FUND | | 27.39 | | 1,127.39 | 1,154.78 | |
| LIBRARY FUNDS | | | | | | |
| DAY FUND | | 48.41 | | 838.82 | 387.23 | 500.00 |
| NEWALL FUND | | 239.88 | | 4,725.50 | 3,465.38 | 1,500.00 |
| KINDERGARTEN FUND | 1,595.00 | 844.63 | (1,056.20) | 17,454.51 | 18,837.94 | |
| GEORGE BALLARD FUND | | 48.51 | | 878.71 | 427.22 | 500.00 |
| CHARLES BALLARD FUND | | 48.51 | | 878.71 | 427.22 | 500.00 |
| STODDARD FUND | 100.00 | 479.51 | | 10,188.99 | 10,768.50 | |
| HOLT FUND | | 121.75 | | 2,841.03 | 1,962.78 | 1,000.00 |
| FLYNN FUND | | 142.87 | | 3,165.88 | 3,308.75 | |
| ENSLIN FUND | | 142.87 | | 2,936.72 | 3,079.59 | |
| FAYE FLYNN FUND | | 142.87 | | 3,135.51 | 3,278.38 | |
| DAN FLYNN FUND | | 142.87 | | 2,724.65 | 2,867.52 | |
| DICKINSON FUND | 5,311.00 | 18.19 | | | 5,329.19 | |
| STABILIZATION FUND | 75,000.00 | 6,714.35 | (52,826.00) | 115,708.00 | 144,596.35 | |
| | <u>86,401.00</u> | <u>12,049.37</u> | <u>(63,893.90)</u> | <u>243,255.99</u> | <u>243,371.46</u> | <u>34,441.00</u> |

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee is composed of five members appointed by the Moderator, and our duties, according to the Town By-Laws, include the study of any and all municipal questions and the making of reports or recommendations to the townspeople. Advice and input from elected and appointed officials as well as townspeople are invaluable in this process. We would like to thank these officials and the townspeople for their support.

The fiscal year 2002 budget will be a challenge, not only for the Regional School funding but also for the non-negotiated salary increases. We have been meeting with the various department heads and concerned citizens to review the respective budgets so that we can make informed recommendations at the Town Meeting.

It is important that you be informed at the Town Meeting. Please plan to attend the Advisory Budget Hearing, Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00pm, at the Town House Auditorium where we will go over the budget in detail, and the Town Meeting on Monday, April 30, 2001, at 7:00pm at the Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, 85 Wilbraham Road, where we will decide on a budget, which will determine the future of the Town.

Respectively submitted,

Elizabeth A. deSousa, Chairwoman

Richard J. Fadus, Vice Chairman

Peter Nossal

David LaLonde

Kathy Pessalano

Susan Rauscher, Clerk

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002**

| | Fiscal 2000 Expended | Fiscal 2001 Appropriated | Fiscal 2002 Requested | Fiscal 2002 Recommended | Notes |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------|

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

| | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|
| 1.0 Accountant | | | | | |
| 1.1 Salary | 12,192 | 18,117 | 20,699 | | |
| 1.2 Clerical | 2,039 | 654 | 2,840 | | |
| 1.3 Expenses | 3,425 | 5,000 | 4,500 | | |
| Total Accountant | 17,656 | 23,771 | 28,039 | | |
| 2.0 Advisory Committee | | | | | |
| 2.1 Clerical | 3,354 | 3,360 | 4,502 | | |
| 2.2 Expenses | 0 | 170 | 170 | | |
| Total Advisory | 3,354 | 3,530 | 4,672 | | |
| 3.0 Appeals, Board of | | | | | |
| 3.1 Clerical | 3,053 | 3,054 | 3,634 | | |
| 3.2 Expenses | 160 | 160 | 160 | | |
| Total Appeals | 3,213 | 3,214 | 3,794 | | |
| 4.0 Assessors, Board of | | | | | |
| 4.1 Salaries | 10,194 | 12,207 | 13,756 | | |
| 4.2 Clerical | 16,205 | 19,368 | 19,368 | | |
| 4.3 Expenses | 2,035 | 3,000 | 3,600 | | |
| 4.4 Data Processing | 266 | 300 | 300 | | |
| 4.5 Revaluation Update | 2,200 | 2,200 | 3,000 | | |
| 4.6 Mapping Maintenance | 750 | 900 | 900 | | |
| 4.7 Computer Maint. & Supp. | 350 | 500 | 500 | | |
| 4.8 Field Review | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | | |
| Total Assessors | 33,200 | 39,675 | 42,624 | | |
| 5.0 Building Department Expenses | | | | | |
| 5.1 Code and General Enforcement | 200 | 400 | 1600 | | |
| 5.2 Commissioner and Expenses | | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Building Dept. | 200 | 400 | 1600 | | |
| 6.0 County Retirement | | | | | |
| | 137,065 | 126,153 | 147,344 | | |

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002**

| | Fiscal 2000 Expended | Fiscal 2001 Appropriated | Fiscal 2002 Requested | Fiscal 2002 Recommended | Notes |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| 7.0 Insurance | | | | | |
| 7.1 Property and Liability | 45,563 | 45,000 | 60,000 | | |
| 7.2 Employee Benefits | 99,213 | 118,000 | 128,000 | | |
| 7.3 Unemployment Compensation | 5024 *1 | 2,000 | 2,000 | | |
| Total Insurance | 149,800 | 165,000 | 190,000 | | |
| *1 Includes \$3024 transfer from Reserve Fund | | | | | |
| 8.0 Law and Claims | | | | | |
| 8.1 General | 25,056 *2 | 30,000 | 30,000 | | |
| Total Law | 25,056 | 30,000 | 30,000 | | |
| *2 Includes \$56 transfer from Reserve Funds | | | | | |
| 9.0 Moderator | | | | | |
| 9.1 Salary | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 9.2 Expenses | 0 | 100 | 100 | | |
| Total Moderator | 0 | 100 | 100 | | |
| 10.0 Planning Board | | | | | |
| 10.2 Clerical | 8,667 | 9,161 | 10,316 | | |
| 10.3 Expenses | 337 | 535 | 535 | | |
| Total Planning Board | 9,004 | 9,696 | 10,851 | | |
| 11.0 Registrars, Board of (Voters) | | | | | |
| 11.1 Salaries | 760 | 836 | 942 | | |
| 11.2 Election Expenses | 2,810 *3 | 2,900 | 1,500 | | |
| 11.3 Street Lists | 2,280 | 1,380 | 1,380 | | |
| Total Registrars | 5,850 | 5,116 | 3,822 | | |
| *3 Includes \$710 transfer from Reserve Fund | | | | | |

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002**

| | Fiscal 2000 Expended | Fiscal 2001 Appropriated | Fiscal 2002 Requested | Fiscal 2002 Recommended | Notes |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| 12.0 | | | | | |
| Selectman | | | | | |
| 12.1 Salaries | 7,477 | 8,879 | 10,006 | | |
| 12.2 Administrative Asst. | 27,880 | 33,968 | 38,809 | | |
| 12.3 Secretarial | 19,048 | 19,673 | 20,926 | | |
| 12.4 Expenses | 1,545 | 1,600 | 2,000 | | |
| 12.5 Legal Advertising | 373 *4 | 300 | 400 | | |
| 12.6 Computer Study Committee | | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Selectman | 56,323 | 64,420 | 72,141 | | |
| | | | | | |
| *4 Includes \$73 transfer from Reserve Fund | | | | | |
| 13.0 | | | | | |
| Tax Collector | | | | | |
| 13.1 Salary | 17,039 | 19,928 | 22,768 | | |
| 13.2 Clerical | 3,572 | 6,019 | 6,876 | | |
| 13.3 Expenses | 1,965 | 2,000 | 2,000 | | |
| 13.4 Computer Maintenance | 4,570 *5 | 3,620 | 3,620 | | |
| 13.5 Tax Title Work | 398 | 500 | 500 | | |
| 13.6 Tax Title Admin. | | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Tax Collector | 27,544 | 32,067 | 35,764 | | |
| | | | | | |
| *5 Includes \$950 transfer from Reserve Fund | | | | | |
| 14.0 | | | | | |
| Town Clerk | | | | | |
| 14.1 Salary | 17,039 | 19,928 | 22,768 | | |
| 14.2 Clerical | 3,111 | 3,860 | 4,410 | | |
| 14.3 Expenses | 1,020 | 1,020 | 1,720 | | |
| 14.4 Town Publications | 200 | 200 | 200 | | |
| Total Town Clerk | 21,370 | 25,008 | 29,098 | | |
| | | | | | |
| 15.0 | | | | | |
| Town Report | 8,504 | 6,300 | 7,250 | | |

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BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

| | Fiscal 2000 Expended | Fiscal 2001 Appropriated | Fiscal 2002 Requested | Fiscal 2002 Recommended | Notes |
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| 16.0 Treasurer | | | | | |
| 16.1 Salary | 18,326 | 20,819 | 26,905 | | |
| 16.2 Clerical | 3111 | 5,823 | 6,652 | | |
| 16.3 Expenses | 900 | 900 | 900 | | |
| 16.4 Certifying Notes | 30 | 100 | 100 | | |
| 16.5 Interest on Loans (short term) | 0 | 5,000 | 5,000 | | |
| 16.6 Tax Title Expense | 658 | 5,500 | 5,500 | | |
| 16.7 Payroll Service | 6,895 | 6,900 | 6,900 | | |
| 16.8 Bank Service Charges | 321 | 700 | 700 | | |
| 16.9 Tax Title Admin. | 2104 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Treasurer | 32,345 | 45,742 | 52,657 | | |
| 17.0 Veterans' Benefits | 4,763 | 5,000 | 6,000 | | |
| 18.0 Greater Springfield Senior Services | 302 | 302 | 302 | | |
| TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 535,549 | 585,494 | 666,058 | | |

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BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002**

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| GENERAL TOWN SERVICES | | | | | | |
| 20.0 | Academy Hall Maintenance | 3,171 *6 | 2,000 | 2,000 | | |
| | *6 Includes \$1500 transfer from Reserve Fund | | | | | |
| 21.0 | Cemetery Commission | 0 | 80 | 0 | | |
| | 21.1 Clerical | | | 585 | | |
| | 21.2 Expenses | | | 80 | | |
| | Total Cemetery Commission | | | <u>665</u> | | |
| 22.0 | Conservation Commission | | | | | |
| | 22.1 Clerical | 1,834 | 2,138 | 2,406 | | |
| | 22.2 Expenses | 366 | 450 | 450 | | |
| | Total Conservation Commission | <u>2,200</u> | <u>2,588</u> | <u>2,856</u> | | |
| 23.0 | Transfer Station | 15,000 | 15,250 | 0 | | |
| | 23.1 Operation | | | 18,600 | | |
| | 23.2 Monitoring/Testing | | | 11,000 | | |
| | Total Transfer Station | | | <u>29,600</u> | | |
| 24.0 | School Buildings | 0 | 0 | 7000 | | |
| 26.0 | Library | | | | | |
| | 26.1 Salaries | | | | | |
| | 26.2 Expenses | | | | | |
| | 26.3 Books and Periodicals | | | | | |
| | Total Library | <u>74,013</u> | <u>82,402</u> | <u>104,682</u> | | |
| 27.0 | Town Events | 765 | 800 | 800 | | |
| 29.0 | Office Equipment | | | | | |
| | 29.1 Acquisition | 2,528 | 3,000 | 3,000 | | |
| | 29.2 Maintenance | 4,222 | 6,700 | 8,700 | | |
| | 29.3 Supplies | 7,259 | 10,000 | 8,000 | | |
| | 29.4 Postage | 9,535 *7 | 9,500 | 13,000 | | |
| | Total Office Equipment | <u>23,544</u> | <u>29,200</u> | <u>32,700</u> | | |

*7 Includes \$545 transfer from Reserve Fund

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| 30.0 Parks and Recreation | | | | | |
| 30.1 Salaries | 13,185 | 18,685 | 27,334 | | |
| 30.2 Operating Expenses | 8,738 *8 | 9,605 | 10,505 | | |
| 30.3 Capital Improvements | 4971 | 1,300 | 1,150 | | |
| 30.4 Baseball | 1,252 | 1,252 | 1,252 | | |
| 30.5 Softball | 1000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | | |
| 30.6 Girls Soccer | 500 | 500 | 500 | | |
| 30.7 Boys Soccer | 500 | 500 | 500 | | |
| 30.8 Basketball | 948 | 948 | 948 | | |
| 30.9 Director's Salary | 26,422 | 27,894 | 28,289 | | |
| Total Parks and Recreation | 57,516 | 61,684 | 71,478 | | |
| *8 Includes \$2841 transfer from Reserve Fund | | | | | |
| 31.0 Public Grounds | 34,580 | 34,705 *A | 42,248 | | |
| *A \$1125 Appropriation STM 11/13/00 Article #6 | | | | | |
| 32.0 Town House Maintenance | | | | | |
| 32.1 Custodian | 13,802 | 16,803 | 19,192 | | |
| 32.2 Maintenance and Repairs | 8,210 | 9,000 | 9,000 | | |
| 32.3 Heat and Utilities | 25,008 *9 | 26,500 | 35,000 | | |
| Total Town House Maintenance | 47,020 | 52,303 | 63,192 | | |
| *9 Includes \$2048 from Reserve Fund | | | | | |
| 33.0 Tree Warden | | | | | |
| 33.1 Expenses | 2,540 | 2,540 | 3,740 | | |
| 33.2 Planting Trees | 450 | 450 | 450 | | |
| Total Tree Warden | 2,990 | 2,990 | 4,190 | | |
| 34.0 Ambulance | 11,065 | 11,065 | 12,088 | | |
| 35.0 Gasoline | 19,000 | 25,000 | 27,500 | | |

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| 36.0 Street Lighting | 13,575 | 15,100 | 15,100 | | |
| 37.0 Council on Aging | | | | | |
| 37.1 Director's Salary | 27,093 | 33,968 | 38,810 | | |
| 37.2 Clerk | 5,434 | 6,153 *B | 20,523 | | |
| 37.3 Expenses | 8,600 | 2,463 | 2,463 | | |
| Total Council on Aging | 41,127 | 42,584 | 61,796 | | |
| *B \$489 Appropriation STM 11/13/00 ARTICLE #8 | | | | | |
| 38.0 Senior Center | | | | | |
| 38.1 Custodial | | 5,198 | 10,005 | | |
| 38.2 Utilities | | 9,783 | 11,500 | | |
| 38.3 Building Maintenance | | 2,871 | 6,420 | | |
| 38.4 Grounds Maintenance | | 3,800 | 4,200 | | |
| Total Senior Center | 0 | 21,652 | 32,125 | | |
| 39.0 Historical Commission | 0 | 450 | 200 | | |
| Total General Town Services | 345,566 | 399,853 | 510,220 | | |

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| HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT | | | | | | |
| 40.0 | Superintendent's Salary | 51,254 | 53,611 | 55,488 | | |
| 41.1 | Paving | | See Warrant | See Warrant | | |
| 42.0 | Highway Maintenance | 72,124 | 77,032 *C | 78,357 | | |
| | *C \$1,494 Appropriation STM 11/13/00 Article #6 | | | | | |
| 43.0 | General Highway Expense | 69,956 | 74,611 *D | 78,831 | | |
| | *D \$3,191 Appropriation STM 11/13/00 Article #6 | | | | | |
| 44.0 | Snow and Ice Removal | 51,298 | 37,224 *E | 62,976 | | |
| | *E \$1,036 Appropriation STM 11/13/00 Article #6 | | | | | |
| 45.0 | Street Sweeping and Catch Basin Cleaning | 14,500 | 16,000 | 18,000 | | |
| 46.0 | Other Highway Accounts | | | | | |
| | 46.1 Highway Engineering | | 0 | 0 | | |
| | 46.2 Road Machinery Maintenance | 10,552 *10 | 10,000 | 10,000 | | |
| | 46.3 Town Garage Maintenance | 4,304 *11 | 3,800 | 4,600 | | |
| | *10 Includes \$552 transfer from Reserve Fund | | | | | |
| | *11 Includes \$505 transfer from Reserve Fund | | | | | |
| TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT | | 273,988 | 272,278 | 308,252 | | |

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| PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY | | | | | |
| 50.0 Animal Inspection | | | | | |
| 50.1 Salary | 1,545 | 1,700 | 1,916 | | |
| 50.2 Expenses | 240 | 240 | 240 | | |
| 50.3 Rabies Management | | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Animal Inspection | 1,785 | 1,940 | 2,156 | | |
| 51.0 Civil Defense Supplies | 0 | 10 | 10 | | |
| 52.0 Dog Officer | | | | | |
| 52.1 Animal Control Account | 4,709 | 4,800 | 4,800 | | |
| 52.2 Dog Damage Fund | | 300 | 300 | | |
| Total Dog Officer | 4,709 | 5,100 | 5,100 | | |
| 53.0 Fire Department | | | | | |
| 53.1 Fire Chief Salary | 666 | 733 | 826 | | |
| 53.2 Fire Chief Expenses | 171 | 1,000 | 1,000 | | |
| 53.3 Operation | 19,000 | 19,000 | 20,800 | | |
| Total Fire Department | 19,837 | 20,733 | 22,626 | | |
| 54.0 Forest Fires | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 | | |
| 55.0 Forest Fire Warden | 438 | 482 | 543 | | |
| 56.0 Health, Board of | | | | | |
| 56.1 Salary | 2,937 | 3,487 | 3,930 | | |
| 56.2 Expenses | 2,290 | 4,516 | 4,516 | | |
| 56.3 Septic Review | | 0 | 0 | | |
| 56.4 Well Testing | 17,301 | 21,000 | 0 | | |
| 56.5 Water District | 3963 | 6,500 | 0 | | |
| 56.6 Roadside Animal Removal | | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Board of Health | 26,491 | 35,503 | 8,446 | | |

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BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002**

| | Fiscal 2000 Expended | Fiscal 2001 Appropriated | Fiscal 2002 Requested | Fiscal 2002 Recommended | Notes |
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| 565.5 Water District | | | | | |
| 565.1 Operations | | | 8,500 | | |
| 565.2 Testing | | | 10,000 | | |
| Total Water District | | | 18,500 | | |
| 57.0 Police | | | | | |
| 57.1 Chief's Salary | 58,286 | 64,026 | 64,026 | | |
| 57.2 Salaries | 655,513 *F | 643,650 *G | 625,095 | | |
| 57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers | 10,000 | 8,115 | 8,741 | | |
| 57.4 Other Expenses | 37,477 | 38,459 | 35,860 | | |
| 57.5 New Cruisers | | 29,500 | 25,650 | | |
| 57.6 Training | 34,700 | 33,591 | 30,776 | | |
| 57.7 Equipment | 800 | 0 | 700 | | |
| 57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill) | | 51,181 | 59,761 | | |
| 57.9 Additional Officer | | 0 | 0 | | |
| *F \$38,500 from Overlay Surplus STM 4/24/00 Article #12 | | | | | |
| *G \$36,000 STM 11/13/00 Article #12 | | | | | |
| 58.0 Other Police Accounts | | | | | |
| 58.1 Election and Town Meetings | 1,921 *12 | 2,391 | 1,013 | | |
| 58.2 Towing Clerk | 155 | 250 | 250 | | |
| 58.3 WMLEC | 250 | 250 | 250 | | |
| *12 Includes \$455 transfer from Reserve Fund | | | | | |
| 59.0 Parking Clerk | | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Police | 799,102 | 871,413 | 852,122 | | |
| TOTAL PROTECTION | 853,662 | 936,481 | 910,803 | | |

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

| SCHOOLS | | Fiscal 2000 Expended | Fiscal 2001 Appropriated | Fiscal 2002 Requested | Fiscal 2002 Recommended | Notes |
|---------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| | | | | | | |
| 69.0 | Regional School District 69.1 Assessment | 3,997,906 | 4,533,984 | 4,789,030 | | |
| | SUB TOTAL | 6,006,671 | 6,728,030 | 7,184,363 | | |
| 70.0 | Local Government Debt | | | | | |
| | 70.1 Principal | 225,000 | 246,667 | 287,001 | | |
| | 70.2 Interest | 35,269 | 60,838 | 58,419 | | |
| | 70.5 Highway Loader | 21,232 | 21,232 | 21,232 | | |
| | Total Local Government Debt | 281,501 | 328,737 | 366,652 | | |
| | GRAND TOTAL | 6,288,169 | 7,056,827 | 7,551,015 | | |

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 30, 2001 at seven 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, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

**PREVIOUS
BILLS** **Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year FY-00 or previous years, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

**REVOLVING
ACCOUNTS** **Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 44, Section 53E-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 53, Acts of 1999, 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.

SANDER

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a hydraulic sander, or take any other action relative thereto.

FIRE TRUCK

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow, under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, a sum of money for the purchase of 2001 International Cab/Chassis Class A Pumper Fire Truck, with trade in of 1966 Ford Class A Pumper Truck, subject to approval by the Town of an exclusion of bonded indebtedness for the purchase described herein from the provisions of Proposition 2-1/2 so-called, or take any other action relative thereto.

**THORNTON W.
BURGESS
SCHOOL
DRAINAGE**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the cleaning and repair of the drainage ditch and replacement of catch basins located at Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, or take any other action relative thereto.

TOWN HOUSE

Article 10 . To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for interior maintenance of the Town House, or take any other action relative thereto.

**LIBRARY
REVOLVING
FUND**

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws to create a revolving fund for the Hampden Free Public Library. Such monies to be expended by the Library Director, without further appropriation, or take any other action relative thereto.

**TOWN
ADMINISTRATION**

Article 12. To inform and discuss with the voters that the Board of Selectmen have authorized the formation of a committee to study whether or not the Town of Hampden should change its basic form of government and if so in what way, or take any other action relative thereto.

**PLANNING
BOARD
SPECIAL
LEGISLATION**

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court for enactment of legislation as follows:

**AN ACT CONFIRMING THE ELECTION OF A PLANNING BOARD
MEMBER TO A FIVE YEAR TERM IN THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN**

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, all acts and proceedings relative to the election of Joseph P. Kruzel to a five year term on the Planning Board in the Town of Hampden at its annual town election held on May 1, 2000 is hereby ratified, validated, and confirmed notwithstanding any defect or omission in the printing of the ballot for said election.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

or take any other action relative thereto.

**GENERAL
BYLAW
NON-CRIMINAL
DISPOSITION**

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaw by inserting the following new section:

Section XI. Non-Criminal Disposition of Certain Violations

Section 1: Violations Covered

The following violations shall be subject to the non-criminal disposition procedures described in this chapter:

- a) Any violation of an order of the Hampden Board of Health relating to public health which is authorized by the general laws, any special law applicable to the Town of Hampden, the provisions of the state sanitary code or other state regulations, or any Hampden ordinance, bylaw, rule or regulation;
- b) Any violation of an order of the Hampden Building Inspector relating to public safety which is authorized by the general laws, any special law applicable to the Town of Hampden, the provisions of the state building code or other state regulations, or any Hampden ordinance, bylaw, rule or regulation;
- c) Any violation or order of the Chief or Fire Safety Officer of the Hampden Fire Department relating to the public safety which is authorized by the general laws, any special law applicable to the Town of Hampden, the provision of the state fire prevention code or other state regulation, or any Hampden ordinance, bylaw, rule or regulation; or
- d) Any violation of any other Hampden ordinance or bylaw or any rule or regulation of any Hampden officer, board or department.

Section 2: Amount of Penalty

The penalties for the infractions set forth in Section 1 above shall be as specifically set forth in the respective order, ordinance, bylaw, rule or regulations which is violated but, if no such penalty is provided, the penalty shall be as follows: \$_____ for the first offense, \$_____ for the second offense, and \$_____ for the third offense. Each day, or portion thereof, that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. All fines shall be paid into the town treasury.

Section 3: Enforcement Procedure

The violations set forth in Section 1 above shall be disposed of in keeping with the non-criminal disposition procedures set forth in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D.

or take any other action relative thereto.

**ZONING
BYLAW
ENFORCEMENT**

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 8.3.5 **ENFORCEMENT**, by replacing the existing text with the following:

8.3 Enforcement

If the Building Commissioner shall be informed or have reason to believe that any provision of this bylaw or any permit or decision hereunder has been, is being or is about to be violated, he shall make an investigation of the facts, including an inspection of the premises where the violations may exist. Where written complaint is made to the Town Clerk or Building Commissioner, the Commissioner shall take action upon such a complaint within fifteen (15) days of receipt thereof and shall report such action in writing to the complainant. If the Building Commissioner shall fail to report his action to the complainant within fifteen (15) days, the Board of Selectmen, upon written petition of the complainant, shall cause an investigation of the alleged violation to be made and shall see that a written report be made to the complainant with ten (10) days of notification by the complainant that the Building Commissioner has not made the said inspection.

1. If the Commissioner finds no violation or prospective violation, any person aggrieved by his decision, or any officer or board of the Town, may within thirty (30) days appeal to the Board of Appeals.
2. If the Commissioner finds a violation or prospective violation, he shall give immediate written notice to the owner and to the occupant of the premises, and shall order him to cease and desist and refrain from such violation.
3. If, after such notice, the premises are continued to be used in a manner contrary to the provisions of this bylaw, or if any such owner or occupant shall fail to obey any lawful order of the Building Commissioner in respect to any violation or use contrary to the provisions of this bylaw, the Building Commissioner shall institute appropriate legal proceedings to enforce the provisions of this bylaw or to restrain by injunction any violation thereof, or both, and shall revoke the permit for occupancy, and institute and take such action as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this bylaw.
4. Any person violating any provisions of this bylaw, any of the conditions under which a permit is issued or any decision by the Board of Appeals, may be subject to a monetary fine for each offense. Each day, or portion thereof, that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. The amount of each fine shall be established by the Board of Selectmen.

**ZONING
BYLAW
ENFORCEMENT**

5. In the alternative to criminal prosecution, the Building Inspector may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure known as the "ticketing" approach set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D and set forth in the Town of Hampden General By-Laws Chapter XI. The fine for any violation disposed of through this procedure shall be \$_____ for the first offense, \$_____ for the second offense and \$_____ for the third offense. Each day, or portion thereof, that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
6. In any case where the Building Commissioner refuses to carry out the terms of the above sections of this bylaw, the Board of Selectmen shall act in his stead, and in that case all references to the Building Commissioner shall refer to the Board of Selectmen, or their agent.

or take any other action relative thereto.

**SOUTH
RIDGE
ROAD**

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, to accept a deed for or 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: **South Ridge Road.**

The land constituting the road or way in Hampden, MA shown as South Ridge Road on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Hampden, MA" prepared for Garfield W. and Olga K. Morton dated July 22, 1998, revised through October 26, 1999, by SHERMAN and WOODS, Land Surveying & Engineering, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds Plan Book _____, Page _____, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a concrete bound on the easterly line of South Road and the southwesterly corner of Parcel A as shown on said plan, thence running;

S 10° 22' 48" E forty-three and 61/100 feet (43.61') along the easterly line of South Road to a point, thence turning and running;

S 00° 50' 12" W fifty-four and 61/100 feet (54.61') along the easterly line of South Road to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

**SOUTH
RIDGE
ROAD**

Northeasterly in a curve to the right with a radius of thirty and 00/100 feet (30.00'), a length of fifty-one and 93/100 feet (51.93') along Parcel B to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

S 79° 59' 20" E two hundred thirty-nine and 86/100 feet (239.86') along last named land to a concrete bound thence turning and running;

Easterly in a curve to the left with a radius of three hundred fifty and 00/100 feet (350.00'), a length of one hundred forty-eight and 64/100 feet (148.64') along last named land to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

N 75° 40' 40" E seventy-two and 00/100 feet (72.00') along last named land to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

Southeasterly in a curve to the right with a radius of one hundred seventy and 00/100 feet (170.00'), a length of one hundred ninety and 39/100 feet (190.39') along last named land and Lot 1A to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

S 40° 09' 20" E one hundred and 00/100 feet (100.00') along last named land to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

Southeasterly in a curve to the left with a radius of one hundred eighty and 00/100 (180.00'), a length of two hundred fifty-four and 47/100 feet (254.47') along last named land and Lot 2B to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

N 58° 50' 40" E one hundred sixty and 00/100 feet (160.00') along last named land to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

Northeasterly in a curve to the left with a radius of one thousand one hundred forty and 00/100 feet (1140.00'), a length of one hundred ninety and 00/100 feet (190.00') along last named land and Lot 3C to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

N 49° 17' 43" E two hundred fifteen and 00/100 feet (215.00') along last named land and Lot 4C to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

**SOUTH
RIDGE
ROAD**

Northeasterly in a curve to the left with a radius of five hundred ten and 00/100 feet (510.00'), a length of two hundred eighty nine and 29/100 feet (289.29') along last named land and Lot 5C to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

N 16° 47' 43" E one hundred fifty-two and 52/100 feet (152.52') along last named land and Lot 6B to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

Northeasterly in a curve to the right with a radius of fifty and 00/100 feet (50.00'), a length of forty five and 40/100 feet (45.40') along last named land to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

Northerly, Westerly and Southerly in a curve to the left with a radius of eighty and 00/100 feet (80.00'), a length of three hundred ninety-six and 60/100 feet (396.60') along last named land, Lot 7B, Lot 8A, and Lot 9A to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

Southerly in a curve to the right with a radius of fifty and 00/100 feet (50.00'), a length of forty five and 40/100 feet (45.40') along last named land to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

S 16° 47' 43" W one hundred fifty-two and 52/100 feet (152.52') along last named land to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

Southwesterly in a curve to the right with a radius of four hundred fifty and 00/100 feet (450.00'), a length of two hundred fifty-five and 25/100 feet (255.25') along Lot 10A to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

S 49° 17' 43" W two hundred fifteen and 00/100 feet (215.00') along Lot 11A to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

Southwesterly in a curve to the right with a radius of one thousand eighty and 00/100 feet (1080.00'), a length of one hundred eighty and 00/100 feet (180.00') along Lot 12A to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

S 58° 50' 40" W one hundred sixty and 00/100 feet (160.00') along last named land and Lot 13A to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

**SOUTH
RIDGE
ROAD**

Westerly in a curve to the right with a radius of one hundred twenty and 00/100 feet (120.00'), a length of one hundred sixty-nine and 65/100 feet (169.65') along last named land to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

N 40° 09' 20" W one hundred and 00/100 feet (100.00') along last named land and Lot 14A to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

Westerly in a curve to the left with a radius of two hundred thirty and 00/100 feet (230.00'), a length of two hundred fifty-seven and 59/100 feet (257.59') along last named land to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

S 75° 40' 40" W seventy-two and 00/100 feet (72.00') along last named land to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

Westerly in a curve to the right with a radius of two hundred ninety and 00/100 feet (290.00'), a length of one hundred twenty-three and 16/100 feet (123.16') along last named land to a concrete bound, thence turning and running;

N 79° 59' 20" W two hundred ninety-three and 38/100 feet (293.38') along last named land and Parcel A to the concrete bound at the point of beginning.

Containing an area of 142,765 Sq.Ft. or 3.277 Acres to be known as: South Ridge Road.

or take any other action relative thereto.

**GREEN
MEADOWS
SCHOOL
PLAYSCAPE**

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used in conjunction with privately raised money to purchase and install a playscape at Green Meadows School, or take any other action relative thereto.

**COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION
ACT**

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, otherwise known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, by approving a surcharge on real property for the purposes permitted by said Act, including the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, the acquisition and preservation of historic resources, the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use, the creation, preservation and support of community housing, and the rehabilitation and restoration of such open space, historic resources, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided under said Act; to determine the amount of such surcharge on real property as a percentage of the annual real estate tax levy against real property; to determine whether the Town of Hampden will accept any of the exemptions from such surcharge permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act and to determine a specific proposal with respect to the foregoing for presentation to the voters of the Town; or to take any other action relative thereto.

**MINNECHAUG
MOUNTAIN**

Article 19. To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to raise and appropriate \$170,000., or a greater or lesser sum, and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by borrowing, by taxation, by transferring from available revenue funds, or otherwise, for the purpose of acquiring for conservation and passive recreational purposes, by eminent domain or negotiated purchase or otherwise, a certain parcel of land known as the Minnechaug Mountain consisting of 93 acres, more or less, located on South Road, Hampden, Massachusetts, as described in a deed dated November 11, 2000 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11443, Page 556; and further that said land be acquired by the Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as it may hereafter be amended and under the provisions of any other Massachusetts general or special law relating to conservation; and further that said land be under the care, custody, management and control of the Conservation Commission; and further that the Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of

**MINNECHAUG
MOUNTAIN**

Massachusetts under the Self-Help Act (General Laws Chapter 132A, Section 11) and any other grants and/or reimbursements in furtherance of the purposes of this article; and further that, after approval of reimbursement pursuant to the said Self-Help Act, the Town be authorized to issue notes, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 8C; and further that the Town shall be under no obligation to expend any funds pursuant to this article unless and until private, non-governmental funds have been raised to cover the difference between the total purchase price for the land described herein and funds being provided by grants and the Conservation Fund; and further that the Conservation Commission be and hereby is authorized to enter into any agreements and execute any documents as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this article on behalf of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

**MINNECHAUG
MOUNTAIN**

Article 20. To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to transfer from the Conservation Fund, \$25,000, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of acquiring for conservation and passive recreational purposes, by eminent domain or negotiated purchase or otherwise, a certain parcel of land known as the Minnechaug Mountain consisting of 93 acres, more or less, located on South Road, Hampden, Massachusetts, as described in a deed dated November 11, 2000 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11443, Page 556; and further that said land be acquired by the Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as it may hereafter be amended and under the provisions of any other Massachusetts general or special law relating to conservation; and further that said land be under the care, custody, management and control of the Conservation Commission; and further that the expenditure of funds pursuant to this article be conditioned on approval of the reimbursement grant described in the preceding article; and further that the Conservation Commission be and hereby is authorized to enter into any agreement and execute any documents as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this article on behalf of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

**CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
RESTRICTED
FUND**

Article 21. 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 the expenses for the performance of the Conservation Commission duties 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 22. 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
ADDITIONAL
STATE AID**

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote that in Fiscal Year 2002, if state aid for the 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 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

**STABILIZATION
FUND**

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Overlay Reserve Fund to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

**REDUCING
TAX RATE**

Article 26. 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 2002, 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 7th day of May, AD 2001 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: 1 Moderator

To choose for the term of three years the following: 1 Board of Assessor
member, 1 Cemetery Commissioner, 3 Constables, 1 Library Trustee, 1 Park
Commissioner, 1 Board of Selectmen member, 1 Tax Collector, 1 Town Clerk,
1 Treasurer

To choose for the term of five years the following: 1 Housing Authority member,
1 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(s).

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, 2001 ?

Yes _____

No _____

QUESTION #2

Shall the Town of Hampden be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to purchase a 2001 International Cab/Chassis Class A Pumper Fire Truck ?

Yes _____

No _____

QUESTION #3

Shall the Town of Hampden accept Sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, as approved by its legislative body?

Yes _____

No _____

QUESTION #4

Shall the Town of Hampden be allowed to assess an additional \$_____ in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding costs that exceed private donations received for the purchase and installation of a playscape at Green Meadows School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001 ?

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 20th day of February 2001.

Mark Casey, Chairman
Austin G. McKeon
James D. Smith
Board of Selectmen

INFORMATION & EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

TOWN AGENCIES

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------|
| POLICE Department | EMERGENCY..... | 911 |
| | Business Office | 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 |
| Veterans' Service Officer: Arthur A. Booth, Jr., 200 Main St., Monson | | 267-4140 |

TOWN INSPECTORS

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| Building Inspector: Mark Feeney..... | 566-2204 |
| Electrical Inspector: Robert Lague | 566-8472 |
| Plumbing Inspector: Michael Ford..... | 566-5578 |
| Board of Health Agent: Lorri McCool..... | 566-2151 |

SCHOOLS

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| 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

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| 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

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 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

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| AMBULANCE; AMR, 24 hour service | 736-0600 |
| BayState Medical Center..... | 794-0000 |
| 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 |

