

# **ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2000**



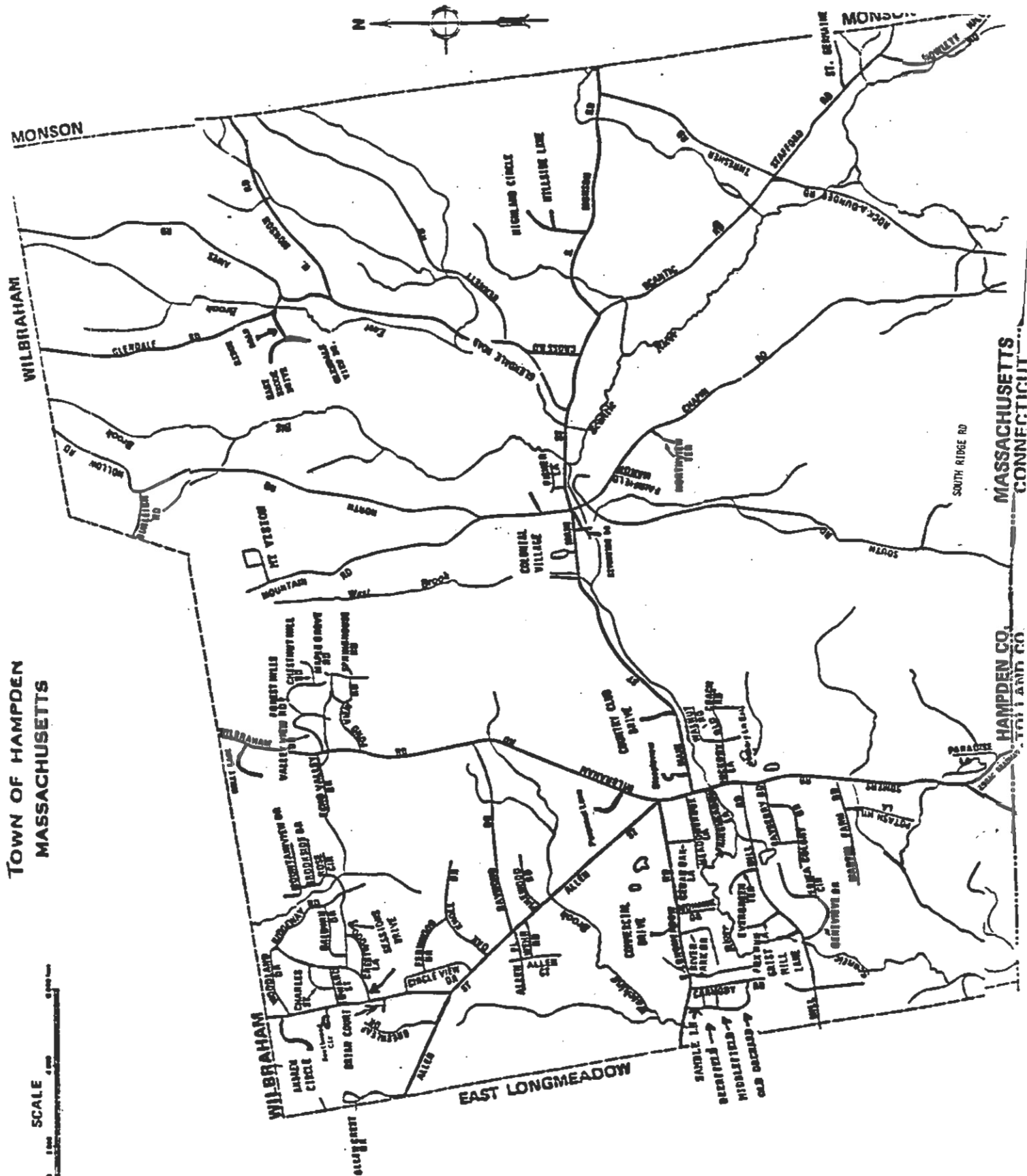
**HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS**

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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**

<b>Federal Census</b>	<b>1/1/91</b>	<b>4,709</b>
<b>State Census</b>	<b>1/1/85</b>	<b>4,762</b>
<b>Town Census</b>	<b>1/1/00</b>	<b>4,998</b>

### **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**

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#### **GOVERNOR**

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

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#### **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**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month

**RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE**

Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 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
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### TOWN CLERK

Rita A. Vail	2001
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### TOWN TREASURER

Donna Easton-Vicalvi	2001
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### COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Rita A. Vail	2001
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### 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 Ingie, Hampden Rep to Board  
of Directors, Greater Springfield  
Senior Services Inc.

### COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Carolyn Brennan	2003
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### 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
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### 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	
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## 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
Joshua 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

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

## **GAS PERMITS -- MICHAEL FORD -- 566-5578**

All Gas Permits	\$20
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.	

## **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

## **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

## **CALL-BACK FEES**

Call-back fees for Electrical, Plumbing, Building and Fire Inspectors	\$15
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## **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.

## Board of Selectmen Pg2

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

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.

<b>LANDFILL</b>	<b>PERCOLATION TESTS</b>
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

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

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:

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.

## Hampden Council on Aging P2

**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](mailto: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.

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- \* A Music Matters program for 4<sup>th</sup> 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