

IN MEMORIAM

Bernice Clark

Poet Laureate

Linda Gaudette

Member, Council on Aging

James Ingraham

Member, Fire Department

Nancy Joy

Police Dispatcher

Richard Moriarty

School Building Committee

Walter Johnson

Council on Aging, Building Committee

INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN

Federal Census 1/1/01 5,189
State Census 1/1/85 4,762
Town Census 1/1/04 5,189

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

19.64 square miles

COUNTY

Hampden County

TAX RATE

\$17.44 for Fiscal 2004

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Last Monday in April at 7:00pm

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

First Monday in May, 8am-8pm

GOVERNOR

Mitt Romney
Office of the Governor
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-727-9173

CONGRESSMAN

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

OR

U.S SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy
U.S. Senate
Russell Senate Office Bldg. Room 315
Washington, DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-4543

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

OR

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

STATE SENATOR

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

OR

John F. Kerry
U.S. Senate
Russell Senate Bldg. Room 421
Washington, DC 20510

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

OR

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

REPRESENTATIVE

Mary S. Rogeness,
2nd Hampden District
State House, Room 237
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-722-2800
Residence: 22 Warren Terrace,
Longmeadow, MA 01106
Phone: 413-567-5480

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS
BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2151

BOARD OF HEALTH

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Phone: 566-2152

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2nd & 4th Monday at 6:30pm each month

TOWN CLERK – Eva Wiseman

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9am-3pm
Phone: 566-3214

TOWN TREASURER–Tracy Scibaldi

Office Hours: By Appointment
Phone: 566-2401

TAX COLLECTOR – Eva Wiseman

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9am-3pm
Phone: 566-2206

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Office Hours: Monday/Wednesday, 9am-12:30
Meet 2nd Tuesday 7:00pm
Phone: 566-3223

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meet 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2206

PLANNING BOARD

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

WATER COMMISSION COMMITTEE

1st Thursday of every month

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesday
Phone: 596-3884

CEMETERY COMMISSION

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

COUNCIL ON AGING

Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9:00am-3:30pm
Meet 2nd Tuesday of month, at 8:30am
Phone: 566-5588

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Meet 3rd Thurs each month, 8:15am at
Centennial Commons
Phone: 566-8157

BUILDING INSPECTOR

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

HAMPDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Meet 3rd Wednesday each month
Phone: 566-3047

HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Monday –Wednesday 12am-7:00pm
Thursday 12am-6:00pm
Saturday 10am-3:00pm
CLOSED ON Saturdays during August

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

TRANSFER STATION

Saturday, 8am-4pm, Tuesday, 1pm-4pm
Recycling, 2nd & 4th Saturday

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS
BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF APPEALS

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

PARK COMMISSION

Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
Office Hours: Call 566-4950
Memorial Park Hours: 8am-9pm, Apr1-Oct31

VETERAN'S SERVICES- Robert Mathison

Phone: 267-4140
200 Main Street, Monson

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

Meet as posted

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meet 1st & 3rd Tues month at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-8327

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meet as posted

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS – 2004

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

Mark R. Barba, Chairman 2005
 James D. Smith, Chairman,
 Health 2006
 Duane E. Mosier 2007

Administrative Assistant to
 Board of Selectmen
 Pamela Courtney 2005

Coordinator for Board of Health
 Beth Perkins

MODERATOR

Richard Patullo 2005

TOWN CLERK

Eva Wiseman 2007

TOWN TREASURER

Tracy Scibaldi 2007

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Eva Wiseman 2007

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Diane Hildreth, Chairperson 2005
 Mary Lou Majkut, Assessor 2006
 Stanley Witkop, Assessor 2007

Assistant to the Assessors
 Ann Murphy

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Scott Chapman 2006
 Maryanne Morris 2005

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN LIBRARY

Elaine Kingsbury, Chairman 2006
 Kathleen Hutchison 2007
 Beth E. Burger 2005

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

William G. Joy, Chairman 2006
 Miles Hapgood, Vice Chairman 2007
 Aline Burt 2005
 Thomas Howells 2005
 Cecilia Melville 2008
 Benjamin Bump-State Appointed

CONSTABLES

George K. Stone, Jr. 2007
 Miles Hapgood, Jr. 2007
 Arthur A. Booth, Jr. 2007

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Henry Dunwoody, Chairman 2007
 Judith Hatch 2006
 David Quill 2005

PLANNING BOARD

John D. Flynn, Chairman 2009
 Joseph A. Dolben, Vice Chair 2008
 Joseph Kruzal 2005
 Robert Majkut 2007
 Melissa Reeves 2006

Jane Budynkiewicz, Clerk

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Christopher MacDonald, Chair 2005
 Glennice Flynn 2005
 Tina Albano 2006
 Michael D'Agostino 2007
 Laurence Forrest 2006

Jay Fenlason, Director

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2004

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Clifford Bombard
Pat Smith, Asst. to Accountant

2005
2005

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mark Feeney
Lance Trevallion, Alt.

2005
2005

DOG OFFICERS

Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control

2005

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Robert Lague
Gary Courtney, Alt.

2005
2005

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Peter Hatch

2005

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Michael Ford
Mark Feeney, Alt.

2005
2005

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Shelly Sears

2005

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Beth DeSousa, Chair
Michael Crowley
Peter Nossal
Elizabeth DeSousa
Richard Fadus
Tim Marini
Ellen Moriarty, Clerk

2005
2005
2005
2005
2005
2005

SUPT OF INSECT/PEST CONTROL

Dana Pixley

2005

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Lorri McCool
Glenn Riddle, Alternate

2005
2005

VETERANS GRAVE OFFICER

Arthur Booth

2005

BOARD OF APPEALS

Richard Patullo, Chair
Mary Cesan, Vice Chair
Kenneth Lefebvre
L. Jed Berliner
Richard Jones
Francis Kotomski, Clerk

2005
2007
2005
2006
2007
2004

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Robert Mathison

2005

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Douglas W. Mellis

2005

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Dana Pixley

2005

BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES

David Scott
Richard Jones
Cheryl Cudnick

2005
2005
2005

TREE WARDEN

Dana Pixley

2005

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

James McEwan, Chairman
Patricia Regan-Loiko
Jerry Lezniak
Judith Moriarty
Carol Gauthier
Hermine Weston

2005
2005
2005
2005
2005
2005

FENCE VIEWERS

William H. Patric
John H. Field

2005
2005

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2004

TOWN COUNSEL

David J. Martel

2005

PARKING CLERK

Eva Wiseman

2005

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

John D. Flynn, Chairman

2005

Robin Warner

2005

Jim Moriarty

2005

Richard Desanti

2005

Candice Keddy

2005

Richard Patullo

2005

Tom Poulin

2005

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER

Mike Shea, Chairman

2005

George Bouchard

2007

Michael Framarin, Oper.

2005

Richard Jalbert

2007

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Connie Witt, Chairman

2006

Chrissy Cesan

2007

Melissa Lail-Trecker

2006

Noreen Couture

2004

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Michael Gerrard, Chairman

2005

Sheila Thompson, Co-Chair

2004

Bonnie Geromini

2007

Richard Gouvan

2005

Camilla Desmarais

2005

Phil Grant

2007

Pat Cote

2005

Charlie Schmitt

2007

Candice Keddy

2005

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Dana Pixley, Superintendent

2005

Patrick Markham

2005

Robert Richards

2005

Albert Rosati

2005

Matthew Frederick

2005

John Ouellette

2005

CONSERVATION, ASSOC MEMBERS

Joseph Savoie

2004

Scott Rumpalik

2005

Cynthia Connors

2005

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Arthur A. Booth, Jr

2005

Elizabeth M. Wells

2005

Janet M. Redin

2005

Eva Wiseman

COUNCIL ON AGING

Brian MacLeod, Chairman

2005

Rita Vail, Vice Chair

2005

Denise Fiedler

2005

Virginia Schneider, Secretary

2007

Shirley Gouvan

2006

Patricia Clark

2007

Ruth Haley

2005

Albert L. Ouimet

2006

Arlene Fisher

2005

John J. Shay, Hampden Rep to GSSS

2005

George Fournier, Water Op.

2005

STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Joe Kruzel, Chair

2005

Neil Flynn

2005

Dana Pixley

2005

Mike Gerrard

2005

Jean Hall

2005

Bruce Libby

2005

Karl Sternberg

2005

Duane Mosier

2005

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2004

COUNCIL OF AGING DIRECTOR

Rebecca Moriarty 2005

CABLE COMMITTEE

Philip Grant 2005

David Lalonde 2005

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ronald Kidd 2004

Donald Collins 2005

William Gouzounis 2005

Richard Ayers 2006

Thomas Argenio 2006

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Patricia Smith 2005

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Patricia Smith 2005

PVPC COMMISSIONER

Melissa Reeves 2005

Robert Majkut, Alternate 2005

PVTA REPRESENTATIVE

Doreen Fadus 2005

ADA COORDINATOR

Rebecca Moriarty 2005

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2004

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF

Douglas W. Mellis 2005

SERGEANTS

Jeff Farnsworth 2005

Joseph Henry 2005

POLICE OFFICERS

Scott Trombly 2005

Michael J. Cooney 2005

William Joy 2005

Todd Ely 2005

John DiMaio 2005

Carl Mazzaferro 2005

Tawrin Seega 2005

DISPATCHERS (full time)

Laurie Ryder 2005

Radcliff Kenison 2005

RESERVE OFFICERS

Michael Masse 2005

Gregory Skop 2005

Stephen Hill 2005

Jason Sutherland 2005

Robert Robinson 2005

Christopher Pandolfi 2005

Michael Lynch 2005

James McCoy 2005

Josh Dufresne 2005

Brett Purchas 2005

Thomas Cortis 2005

Radcliffe Kenison 2005

Gary Courtney 2005

Mark Galarneau 2005

Christopher Eck 2005

Dominick Corsetti 2005

John Turcotte 2005

DISPATCHERS (part-time)

Christopher Pandolfi 2005

Brett Purchas 2005

Robert Robinson 2005

Kimberly Rasbeck 2005

Mark Galarneau 2005

Josh Dufresne 2005

Michael Masse 2005

Thomas Cortis 2005

John Turcotte 2005

Christopher Eck 2005

Kayse Rosati 2005

Jason Sutherland 2005

Jason Mancuso 2005

Michael Lynch 2005

Todd MacKecknie 2005

Tim Lord 2005

Michael Lynch 2005

POLICE MATRON

Laurie Ryder 2005

SECRETARY TO POLICE DEPT.

Kathy Zanetti 2005

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2004

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Peter Hatch, Chief	2005
Michael Gorski, Assist Chief	2005
Charles Beaver, Deputy Chief	2005
Tim Evans, Captain	2005
Michael Hatch, Lieutenant	2005
Michael Sicbaldi, Secretary/Treasurer	2005
Jason Broom	2005
William Brown	2005
James Burns, Jr.	2005
James Burns, Sr.	2005
Donald Dickinson	2005
Joseph Grant	2005
Richard Harris	2005
Lawrence Hatch	2005
Richard Hatch	2005
Harold House	2005
Daniel Isham	2005
Albert Jones	2005
Rick Kelly	2005
William Levakis	2005
Matthew Loveling	2005
Henry Managre	2005
David Markham	2005
Michael Maserati	2005
Arthur McCarthy	2005
Jason McCarthy	2005
Andrew Netherwood	2005
William Patric	2005
Edward Poulin	2005
Thomas Poulin	2005
Joshua Ross	2005
Scott Rumprik	2005
Gregory Sears	2005
Thomas Smith	2005
David Sutcliffe	2005
Richard Thayer	2005
Frederick Warren	2005

**IN RECOGNITION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN, THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE
FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS**

Noreen Couture, Historical Commission, Community Preservation Commission
Judy Jackson, Planning Board Clerk
Judith Moriarty, Cultural Council
John DiMaio, Police Department
Tawrin Seega, Police Department
Ronald Kidd, Personnel Committee
Amy West, Police Department
Aline "Tiny" Burt, Housing Authority
Jason Sutherland, Police Department, Reserve Officer
Stephen Hill, Police Department, Reserve Officer
Frank Kotomski, Board of Appeals
James McCoy, Police Department, Reserve Officer
Bonnie Geromini, Conservation Commission
Camilla Desmarais, Conservation Commission
Richard Gouvan, Conservation Commission
Joseph Savoie, Conservation Commission
Mike Gerrard, Conservation Commission
Robyn Janczolewicz, Library
Samantha Bearse, Library
Rick Fadus, Advisory Board
Kathy Pessolano, Advisory Board
Larry Moriarty, Town House Custodian

TOWN OF HAMPDEN PERMIT FEES
(FEES FOR PERMITS AFTER THE FACT ARE DOUBLED)
REVISED 1/22/04

Building Permits- Mark Feeney- 566-2204

Application of Building Permit	\$10
Commercial/Industrial Building (\$200 minimum)	25-cents/sq ft.
New House (\$100 minimum)	20-cents/sq ft.
<i>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.</i>	
Alterations/additions/accessory buildings (\$40 minimum)	20-cents/sq ft.
Swimming Pool	\$30
Solid Fuel Stoves	\$25

Electrical Permits- Robert Laque- 566-8472

Commercial/Industrial Building Additions	\$120
New House	\$80
<i>In the event of more than 1 unit per building, an additional fee of \$4 per unit will be charged, in addition to normal fee for new house.</i>	
Alterations/Rewiring existing structure	\$80
Alterations/Change of service/temp service	\$40
Additions-added rooms, breezeway, garage, etc	\$40
Swimming Pools	\$25

Plumbing Permits- Michael Ford- 566-5578

Commercial/Industrial building	\$100
New House	\$ 80
<i>An additional fee of \$2 per fixture over 10 fixtures will be charged, in addition to the normal fee of \$80 per building</i>	
Additions	\$30
<i>-additional charges as above</i>	
Swimming Pool	\$25
<i>(Any swimming pool with a permanent plumbing connection is subject to a permit fee).</i>	

Gas Permits- Michael Ford- 566-5578

All gas permits	\$25
<i>In the event of multiple occupancy or multi-unit dwelling, the fee will be \$20 per meter up to 5 fixtures; above that, the fee will be \$2 per fixture</i>	

Solar Permit

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

Call back Fees

Call back fees for building, electrical, plumbing, and fire inspections	\$20
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Fire Permits- Peter Hatch- 566-3314

Smoke Detector Inspection (new house)	\$25
Smoke Detector Inspection (real estate transfer)	\$25
Oil burner Inspection	\$25

Blasting Permit (Fire Chief)	\$20
Renewal of Smokeless powder (Fire Chief)	\$25
LP Gas Storage Permit (Fire Chief)	\$25
Underground storage tank installation (Fire Chief)	\$20
Underground storage tank removal (Fire Chief)	\$75
Tank and burner Inspection	\$25
Mobile fuel oil delivery vehicle	\$25

Board of Selectmen- 566-2151

Liquor Licenses-

- Restaurant- All Alcoholic \$900*
- Veteran's Club- All Alcoholic \$300*
- Package Store- All Alcoholic \$1050*
- Package Store- Wine & Malt \$525*

**Plus a \$200 application fee to Commonwealth of Massachusetts- Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission for new licenses, effective 7/10/03.*

Automatic Amusement License	\$25 per game
Weekday Entertainment Permit	\$100
Sunday Entertainment Permit:	
• Town fee	\$25 per category per year
• State fee:	
▪ Regular Hours (1pm-12am)	
• Per Sunday per category	\$10
• Per year per category	\$85
▪ Special Hours (before 1pm)	
• Per Sunday per category	\$20
• Per year per category	\$175
Common Victualler	\$20
Used Car License	\$25

Board of Health- 566-2152

Food Service Establishment Permits	\$50
Temporary Food Permits	\$15 per day
Milk & Cream License	\$10
Frozen Desserts Permit	\$10
General License	\$40
Massage Therapist License	\$40
Swimming Pool (Public/Semi-Public)	\$50
Septage Hauler Permit	\$50
Disposal Works Installer's License	\$50
Well Permit	\$25
Percolation Test	\$150
Disposal Works Construction Permit	\$100
- includes one revision (new or repair/replace any part of system)	
Each additional revision	\$50

TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING STATION

Cross Road, Hampden, MA 01036

HOURS OF OPERATION:

FOR HOUSEHOLD TRASH DISPOSAL: Tues: 1-4 pm; Sat: 8am-4pm

RECYCLING: 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month; 8am-4pm

ALL VEHICLES ENTERING THE TRANSFER STATION MUST HAVE A TRANSFER STATION STICKER.

The stickers are sold at the Board of Health office. First car sticker costs \$15.00*; additional stickers within the same household: \$5.00. * (as of march 2005)

Stickers are valid for one year and expire on June 30th of the following year.

HOUSEHOLD TRASH

All household trash must be disposed of in yellow preprinted bags purchased from the following locations:

- Board of Health Office
 - Transfer Station
 - Council on Aging / Senior Center
 - The Grog Shoppe
- The bags are sold in packages of 10.
- 16 Gallon bags= \$10.00**
33 Gallon bags= \$20.00

Massachusetts prohibits the disposal of the following items:

- ❖ Paper and cardboard
- ❖ Bottles and cans
- ❖ Narrow neck plastics
- ❖ Leaves and yard waste
- ❖ Car batteries
- ❖ TV's and computers
- ❖ Large home appliances
- ❖ Hazardous waste

Be sure to keep these items out of your trash.

What are considered hazardous items?

Products with labels that say “**caustic**”, “**toxic**”, “**corrosive**”, “**poison**”, “**flammable**”, “**warning**”, “**danger**”, or “**caution**”, are considered hazardous items.

Examples: antifreeze, mercury, creosote, chemistry kits, DDT, drain cleaners, fertilizers, pesticides, gasoline, pool chemicals, paint thinner, wood stain, lead based paint, brake fluid, etc. *Call the Board of Health office` for a complete list.*

Wait for the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, held in September of every year, to dispose of these items.

Recycling Information

Recycling – It’s easier than you think!

Recycling requirements have changed over the years, making it even simpler for you to take part. You no longer have to remove labels or keep track of many other recycling rules. Most items can just be dropped in the bin!

Your efforts are making a difference!

Our town sends its recyclable materials to the Springfield Material Recycling Facility (MRF). Last year, the “MRF” collected more than 50,000 tons of recyclables from communities in Western Massachusetts. That included enough paper to save 595,000 trees and enough plastic soda bottles to make 160,000 fleece jackets. Enough energy was saved by recycling aluminum cans to run a refrigerator for 65,500 days. You have helped make our recycling program a success. With your continued commitment, we will achieve our recycling goals. Keep up the good work!

RECYCLING GUIDE

MIXED PAPER:

All paper and cardboard must be clean & dry

- Junk Mail, *including window envelopes*
- Newspaper & Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Paper Bags
- Paperbacks & Phone Books, *Remove Covers*
- Computer Paper, White and Colored office paper
- Cardboard, *flattened*
- Cereal Boxes, Shoe Boxes, etc., *Remove Plastic liners*
 - *NO egg cartons, pizza boxes, or wrapping paper*
 - *NO take-out containers*
 - *NO soda or beer holders /cartons*
 - *NO waxed paper or waxed cardboard*
 - *NO Plastic Grocery Bags*

CONTAINERS:

All containers must be rinsed to remove all residue.

- Glass bottles & jars, *all colors*
- Aluminum/Tin/Steel Cans & lids
- Aluminum Foil
- Milk & Juice Cartons (Tent-Top) Drink Boxes, *remove straws*
- Plastic Bottles, Jars, Tubs, less than 2 gallons (With the Recyclable Symbol, # 1-7), *discard plastic caps and lids*
 - *NO light bulbs, window or auto glass, dishes, glasses, Pyrex, ceramics, or broken glass*
 - *NO paint or aerosol cans or other metal objects*
 - *NO plastic bags, containers over 2 gallons, motor oil jugs, chemical containers, Styrofoam flower pots or trays*

CLEAN METAL:

- Pipes, Aluminum Gutters, Bikes
 - *NO appliances*
 - *NO gas engines*

Maximum Wt. per item: 25-lbs.

YARD WASTE:

- Leaves
- Grass
 - *NO branches*

MORE RECYCLING TIPS

Clothing:

Goodwill, Salvation Army and Big Brothers/Big Sisters take clothes, draperies, etc.

Books:

Donate to libraries. Some bookstores buy used books.

Wire Hangers:

Accepted by many dry cleaners in the region. May be accepted in scrap metal bin if hangers have no plastic.

Plastic Bags:

Recycled at some area supermarkets

Polystyrene “Peanuts”:

Call 1-800-828-2214 or 1-800-789-4623

Motor Oil and Paint Disposal

Used motor oil is accepted at Auto Zone and other stores where motor oil can be purchased. Do not bring this to the Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Latex paints can be disposed of with your regular trash after it is allowed to dry out. See the drying procedure below.

Empty Cans:

Remove the lid and let dry completely to a solid state. Place in your trash. If it does not completely dry, treat as a partial can.

Partially Full Cans:

Remove the lid. Pour in absorbent kitty litter. Stir the mixture. Let dry to a solid state — usually happens overnight. Check to make sure that it is completely dry. If there is still liquid residue left, repeat the procedure. Once paint is completely dry, place can without lid in the trash. Place lid separately in the trash.

Stains and Lead based Paints should be saved for Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

WHAT ABOUT TIRES, BATTERIES, OLD CELL PHONES?

Car tires:

Remove the rim, place the rubber tire in a 33 gallon trash bag (only 1 tire per bag) and this can be disposed of as trash. You may throw the rim in the scrap metal recycling container.

Alkaline batteries can be thrown in the regular trash.

Rechargeable batteries should be recycled. Most Radio Shack stores & national hardware chains have free drop boxes.

Old cell phones must be recycled. While the toxic materials (including arsenic in semi-conductors) in a single phone are minimal, consider the number of discarded cell phones in the relatively short time the technology has been available. Throwing these devices in landfills will cause lasting damage to the environment. There are various recycling programs and drop off centers for recycling. The phones are either refurbished and used for domestic violence victims or taken apart and the various components recycled. Please call your cell phone company to get information on their recycling program or drop off center.

BULKY ITEMS

(Furniture, mattress, appliances, etc.)

Call **Bulk Disposal, Inc.** at 596-9276. Pick-up and Drop-off rates available.

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS DISPOSAL

Call **Waste Management Western Processing Facilities**, 120 Old Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 for rates, directions and hours of operation.

Tel. 596-4635 or 1-800-545-4560

For any other questions regarding the Transfer Station operations or trash disposal and recycling, contact the Board of Health office at **566-2152**

Mondays thru Thursdays, 9am—3pm.

2004 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Cases applied for and heard in 2004 included the following:

- 2004 – 1 Special Permit granted for a wireless communication facility.
- 2004 – 2 Variance granted from the required front setback due to wetlands and topography.
- 2004 – 3 Special Permit granted to allow co-location on a wireless communication facility.
- 2004 – 4 Special Permit granted to allow removal of excess material to allow proper grading at school renovation.
- 2004 – 5 Variance to provide relief from front setback to allow addition to existing dwelling – withdrawn.
- 2004 – 6 Special permit request to place antennas at the top of transmission tower withdrawn.
- 2004 – 7 Variance to allow construction of a driveway – withdrawn as it could in fact comply.
- 2004 – 8 Special Permit/Variance to gain relief from the minimum 100' setback needed under 7.2.4 – withdrawn due to wetland issues in question.
- 2004 – 9 Special Permit Renewal granted – to remove earth for agricultural land improvement.
- 2004 – 10 Variance granted to allow construction of a dwelling on an R-6 lot containing wetland and topography issues.

MEMBERS: Richard E. Patullo, Chair

M. Chris Cesan, Vice-Chair

L. Jed Berliner, Clerk

Richard Jones (appointed in September)

Kenneth E. Lefebvre

Francis Kotompski resigned in August as he was moving to Florida.

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: David R. Scott

Cheryl M. Cudnik

Submitted by: Judith M. Jackson, Secretary

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

With each new year brings new legislation that needs to be implemented. Fiscal year 2005 brought Interim Year Adjustments. This is the first year that the Board of Assessors was required to review property sales in a non-revaluation year to make sure that our assessments and recent sales were within acceptable ratio ranges put forth by the Department of Revenue. We found that the assessment to sales ratio was well below the acceptable level. The average residential assessment was increased approximately 18%. This came as no surprise to residents when they compared their assessment to sale prices of homes similar to theirs that had sold recently. In reviewing the commercial properties the market remained unchanged since our last full revaluation.

The Board of Assessors also advocated for new guidelines for Statutory Exemptions for Senior's (70 and older). The dollar amount of tax relief was increased as was the minimum income and asset guidelines. This board realized that more and more seniors were struggling to make ends meet on fixed incomes so when our Legislators modified the current regulations though a local acceptance option, we brought this article to Town meeting floor and was approved overwhelming.

New legislation or current legislation that has been amended brings additional work to each municipal office. This office is no exception as we have new guidelines for excise abatements, Veteran's Statutory Exemptions, Senior Exemptions, Community Preservation Surcharge exemptions and the additional task of Interim Year Adjustments, just to name a few. With a staff of one and limited hours we take pride to meet all requirements and deadlines. We have dedicated regular blocks of times to be able to provide the best customer service we can. We also have hours reserved to be able to complete all necessary state and local reports, processing abatements and exemptions, updating our database and mapping. We want to thank the patience of all our residents who may have been greeted by our answering machine or a closed door. We are working hard to serve you, the taxpayer, in person and behind the scenes. This Board would not be able to achieve all that was accomplished this past year without our assistant, Ann Murphy. It never ceases to amaze this three-member board Ann's dedication to the town residents and co-workers. She is constantly educating herself to better serve the town through seminars, workshops and networking with other municipalities assessing departments.

On a final note the Board would like to thank all town officials and townhouse staff who assist this office throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane L. Hildreth, MAA, Chairperson
Stanley W. Witkop, Assessor
MaryLou Majkut, Assessor
Ann Murphy, Assistant to the Board

BOARD OF HEALTH

	2002*	2003*	2004*
Annual Flu Clinic	240	201	280
Pneumonia	0	0	17
Lyme Disease	12	3	9
Bacteriosis	0	0	2
Annual Rabies Clinic	50	50	47
Percolation Tests	73	33	66
Septic Systems – Installed/Repaired	62	49	68
Well Permits	30	10	13
Septage Haulers Permits Issued	4	4	4
Disposal Works Installers Licenses Issued	19	19	16
Food Service Establishment Permits Issued	22	29	29
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1	1
Health / Nuisance Complaints	8	5	11
No. of gallons of Hazardous Household Waste Collected		420	495

*(Numbers based on calendar year)

The Transfer Station is being used by approximately 860 households. It saw 454 tons of solid waste and 213 tons of recyclable material through this past year. Early this year, the Board of Selectmen/Health voted to join about 90 other municipalities in western Massachusetts to take all recyclables to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Springfield. Starting April 1, 2005, the Town will now be eligible to receive revenue for all the recycled materials (mixed paper, household glass, plastic containers and cans) received at the transfer station.

For more information on how to use the transfer station, please refer to the Transfer Station Information section of this Town Report.

In line with the pursuit of protecting our environment, we are looking forward to the ability to recycle materials such as mercury-bearing bulbs, thermometers, rechargeable batteries and other materials that are otherwise considered hazardous and not accepted as trash or recycling. We will keep you posted as these new programs evolve.

On April 3, 2004, we held our annual Rabies Clinic at the Highway Department Town Garage, where 47 dogs/cats were vaccinated. Many thanks to Dr. Penny Peck for her time and to our Town Clerk, Eva Wiseman, for her help in issuing dog licenses, and to the Girl Scouts, who, once again, lent a hand in organizing this important annual event.

On September 11, we participated in the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Day that was held at Minnechaug Regional High School. During this event, 495 gallons of hazardous waste from our Town were disposed of properly. Please contact the Board of Health office for more information on what materials are accepted during the event. **The next Hazardous Household Waste Collection Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2005.** So walk around your garage and cellar and start identifying the hazardous materials for disposal. Early planning always helps.

Due to the nationwide initial flu vaccine shortage and its subsequent availability, the Board held a total of 4 flu clinics during the months of November to January. Two hundred individuals were vaccinated for influenza and 17 for pneumonia. Many thanks to the Senior Center Director, Becky Moriarty, and her staff, for managing the registration and hosting the events. A huge thank you to Judy Hatch and Bea Moriarty, nurse volunteers, whose constant willingness to help allowed us to conduct all of the necessary clinics.

Beginning this year, the Board voted to make well water testing for coliform bacteria not just a once a year event but a year-round possibility. Sterile sample bottles may be picked up from the BOH office with instructions on how to properly draw a water sample. Residents will then have to take their sample to ConTest laboratory in East Longmeadow for testing (directions to the lab will be provided). The cost of the water test for coliform bacteria is \$25.00**, which should be paid directly to the lab. ConTest will mail the results directly to the residents.

This year too, emergency response planning became an important role of this board. So far, we have compiled a list of nurses who wish to volunteer their services in the event of a community emergency. Together with the Town of Wilbraham, a mock mass inoculation drill was planned last November, but due to the initial flu vaccine shortage, the drill was cancelled. There is so much more work to be done before we can say that we are ready to deal with a big community emergency. With the reduced hours and the considerable scope of this function, we can only try our best.

We encourage you to visit our website, www.hampden.org, to access forms required for percolation testing, disposal works construction application, title v information and links, transfer station information, upcoming events, etc.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth M. Perkins, Coordinator
James D. Smith, Chairman

**Cost of water testing subject to change based on Con-Test Lab prices.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Registered voters on Jan. 1, 2004 – 3335, December 31, 2004 - 3623

Voter attendance during 2004:

Presidential Primary, March 2, 2004	360
Republican Party Caucus, March 25, 2004	18
Democratic Party Caucus, March 26, 2004	45
Annual Town Meeting, April 26, 2004 -	172
Annual Town Election, 3, 2004 -	1471
Reconvened Town Meeting May 17, 2004 -	72
State Primary, September 14, 2004	97
Special Town Meeting, October 27, 2004 -	66
Presidential Election, November 2, 2004 -	2848

Inspectors and Tellers

Republican	Democratic	Unenrolled
Beth Burger	Brenda Ahlberg	Mary Lou Black
Edith Casey	Arthur Booth, Jr	Aline Burt
Andree Crowley	Ann Burian	Robert Dieckmeyer
Irene Cutting	Mary Cesan	Catherine Herchel
Beryl Doten	Carol Collins	Diane Hildreth
Gerald Doten	Sophie Davenport	Deborah O'Brien
Mary Dunklee	Nancy Downey	Doris Ouimet
Barbara Dunwoody	Kathleen Flynn	Doreen Rauch
Kathleen Duquette	Sheila Flynn	Susan Raucher
Beth Fatse	Richard Gouvan	Donna Easton-Vicalvi
Rebecca Gibb	Shirley Gouvan	Lynn Zanolli
Mary Hamel	Sandra Gray	William Zanolli
Miles Hapgood	Judith Jackson	Bonnie Howell
Dorothy Hill	Dorothy Kibbe	Carol Fitzgerald
Joyce Libby	Ronald Lech	
David Kingsbury	Gail Lefebvre	
Elaine Kingsbury	Kathleen Rochford	
Nancy Salerno	Margaret Rochford	Respectfully submitted,
Philip Schneider, Jr	Evelyn Schmidt	Board of Registrars
Patricia Smith	Rita Southworth	Arthur Booth, Jr
Elizabeth Wells	Montura Moriarty	Janet Redin
Robert Wells		Elizabeth Wells
Carolyn Whipple		Eva Wiseman, Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This past year (2004) was filled with many changes and challenges to the town. We saw the completion of the Green Meadows renovations/expansion in the fall. Many thanks go out to the people that gave so much to see this project completed on time and under budget. We also unfortunately saw the passing of Rick Moriarty, who was such a driving force in this project.

In May a general override vote failed to aid the FY2005 budget. This resulted in many town departments facing continued decreases in hours and staffing to assist the residents. Hampden did receive a one time revenue boost from the state of \$67,000.00 in the fall. If this had not happened many cuts would have been necessary at the fall special town meeting to balance FY05's budget.

Hampden sadly saw the loss of one its more prominent landmarks. The Laughing Brook Wildlife Sanctuary was destroyed by fire in September. We were all distressed by the circumstances surrounding this event and the loss to all.

The privately owned cell tower at the Transfer Station inches towards completion. The tower is now in place and we all anxiously await a carrier to sign on to bring it into service.

This past year also saw many new faces to Town government. We want to thank all the volunteer members of the many boards and commissions that give so much of their time to the town to help make Hampden what it is.

The town is always in need of energetic and motivated people to serve. For information on appointed positions please contact the Selectmen's office at 566-2151. For elected positions contact one the town's political parties or the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark R. Barba, Chairman
James D. Smith
Duane E. Mosier

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

2004

Building Permits and Inspections		Total Permits & Inspections	
Dwelling	10	Building	107
Addition	31		
Alteration	21	Electrical	108
Garage	7		
Barn	4	Plumbing/Gas	87
Shed	8		
Swimming Pool	11		
Stove	3		
Demolition	1		
Sign	3		
Deck	4		
Porch	1		
Tower/Antenna	2		
Temporary Trailer	1		
TOTAL	107		

Respectfully submitted:

Mark J. Feeney
Building Commissioner

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Capital projects have been defined as those having a useful life of at least five years and a cost greater than \$10,000. All projects are under review. The following is a compilation of the projects, the estimated cost and the desired time schedule.

CAPITAL PLANNING REQUESTS

Department	Description	2003 & prior	2004	2005	2006	2007
General Gov	Town Hall Parking lot reconstruction	\$79,000				
General Gov	Town House Flat Roof					\$20,000
Council on Aging	Elderly Transportation (van)					\$45,000
Council on Aging	ADA Automatic Door Opener			\$6,000		
Council on Aging	Generator				\$20,000	
Fire	Fire Truck				\$175,000	
Library	Expansion		\$28,000			
Highway	Road Paving	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Highway	Bridge Maint Mill & Chapin Rd				\$350,000	
Highway	Drainage Replace Fernwood Rd				\$30,000	
Highway	Drainage Replace Hickory & Walnut				\$35,000	
Highway	Roof Replace Salt shed			\$16,000		
Highway	New Equipment (backhoe/loader)	\$75,000				
Highway	Equipment Replacement (Dumptruck w/ plow)				\$40,000	
Highway	Equipment Replacement (Pickup Truck)					\$27,000
Police	Computer System			\$23,000		
School	TWB-short term (1-4 yrs)			\$266,901		
School	TWB-mid term (4-6 yrs)				\$509,000	
School	TWB-long term (6+ yrs)					\$115,000
School	TWB gym floor			\$45,000		
TOTAL						

The projects **completed to date**, since this Committee was formed, are:

Department	Description	FY2004 & prior	2005	2006	2007	2008
Highway	Drainage Maint Carmody Rd	\$18,000				
Highway	Drainage Maint TWB	\$18,000				
Highway	Replacement Dumptruck (due to accident)				\$95,000	
Police	Weapons	\$12,500				
School	TWB Fire Alarm & Intercom	\$47,000				
Council on Aging	Partition	\$19,000				

LONG TERM DEBT PROJECTION

Long-Term Debt <i>Inside</i> 2 ½ Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2004	+New Debt Issued	Retirements	=Outstanding June 30, 2005
Buildings (Town House Renovation)	40,862.50		7,250.00	33,612.50
Highway Brush chipper	16,862.50		7,250.00	9,612.50
Park Renovations	25,812.50		7,250.00	18,562.50
Somers Road Bridge	15,862.50		7,250.00	8,612.50
SUB-TOTAL Inside	\$99,400.00	\$0.00	\$29,000.00	\$70,400.00

Long-Term Debt <i>Outside</i> 2 ½ Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2004	+New Debt Issued	Retirements	=Outstanding June 30, 2005
Landfill	96,400.00		31,000.00	65,400.00
Senior Center	136,400.00		40,000.00	96,400.00
Fire Truck	146,400.00		55,000.00	91,400.00
Water District	516,400.00		135,000.00	381,400.00
SUB-TOTAL Outside	\$895,600.00	\$0.00	\$261,000	\$634,600.00
TOTAL Long-Term Debt**	\$995,000.00	\$0.00	\$290,000	\$705,000.00

MRHS Renovations*

**principal and interest payable on high school renovation*

***These items are financed through five year serial notes, dated 11/01/2002 – 11/01/2007*

Purpose	Amt. Authorized	Issued	Int. Pd in FY2005	Unissued 6/30/2005
Highway Truck	86,500.00	86,500.00	15,000.00	0.00
Green Meadows School Renovation***	\$9,975,000.00	\$9,425,000.00	\$120,515.00	\$550,000.00
Payable in FY05			\$135,515.00	

****interest payable on Green Meadows School Bond Anticipation Notes*

Respectfully Submitted,
Douglas Boyd
Kathy Pessolano
Peter Nossal

Duane Mosier
Tracy Scibaldi
Cliff Bombard, Ex-Officio

CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

Hank Dunwoody was reelected for a three year term. He has been very busy laying out the new section in Old Cemetery, trimming back the overgrowth along the edges of the cemeteries, and doing many odd jobs to maintain and improve them.

There were 22 burials this year and several lots were sold. We would like to remind you that you are responsible for installing permanent markers at the corners of your lot. We voted to buy back graves in Prospect Hill Cemetery at \$25 each even though the lots were originally sold for \$1. All graves in both cemeteries will continue to be \$100 each.

This year's project was to extend and pave the road into Old Cemetery by 210 feet. The loam from this area was brought to Prospect Hill Cemetery and will be spread this spring when weather permits. The water barrels will be returned to each cemetery when there is no longer a chance of them freezing.

Renate Oliver designed a beautiful layout for the memorial garden which will be in the rotary where the flag pole is in Old Cemetery. There will be a rock for plaques, a scatter area, benches, and an area for people to plant annual flowers.

As a community project for their history class, students from Minnechaug did an exploratory dig to find buried head stones. The Adopt-A-Plot committee continued cleaning and repairing head stones. The Historical Society held a delightful and educational Walk in the Dark on Halloween.

The commissioners hold quarterly meetings on the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 pm in the Melville Room at the Town Hall. They can be reached at this time or by calling 566-2204 and leaving a message. They can also be reached at their home numbers listed below.

Respectfully submitted:

Hank Dunwoody 566-3357
David Quill 566-3553
Judy Hatch 566-3963

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Hampden adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2001. Although the law allows up to a 3% surcharge on property taxes (the first \$100,000 valuation on residential property being exempt), Hampden voted the minimum of a 1% surcharge for CPA funds. These local funds are augmented by up to 100% with State matching funds. Although we have received full matching funds for the past three years, it is likely the percentage state contribution will be reduced in the future as more communities adopt the CPA. The monies collected by this surcharge may only be used only for Open Space, Historic Preservation, Affordable Housing and limited Recreational Use.

Pursuant to the requirements of the law, the Community Preservation committee is comprised of representatives of the following committees: Planning Board, Housing Authority, Historical Commission, Conservation Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, as well as Members at Large.

The Community Preservation Committee review and assesses each request for CPA funds to assure that criteria for each category are met. Only after the Committee has approved the application(s) for funds will the recommendation be made for the Town Meeting. The voters at Town Meeting make the final decision for appropriation of CPA funds.

In 2004 (per the committee's recommendation and voter approval) the following proposals were approved:

OPEN SPACE	\$20,000 to the Hampden Land Trust
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	\$4,500 for continued gravestone restoration and repairs to the Old Cemetery.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	No commitments – 10% set aside for future use.

Applications for CPA Funds are available at the Town Offices or cpa@hampden.org

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas Boyd, Chair (Member at Large)
Robert Burger, Vice Chair (Member at Large)
Dorothy Kibbe, Secretary (Member at Large)
John D. Flynn (Planning Board)
Benjamin Bump (Housing Authority)
Connie Witt (Historical Commission)
John M. Flynn (Member at Large)
Phillip Grant (Conservation Commission)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This year you'll notice some new faces at the Hampden Conservation Commission. Joining Phil Grant are members Pat Cote, Candice Keddy, and Charlie Schmitt; associate members Cindy Connors and Scott Rumprik. Technically, our purpose is to locally administer the provisions of the Town's Wetland Protection By-Laws and Massachusetts Wetland Protection and Rivers Protection Acts. Practically, we review development and alteration within environmentally sensitive areas and determine a reasoned course of action that balances the intentions of individual property owners with the general interests of the Town and State as they are defined in those documents.

We meet regularly the third Wednesday of each month and hold special meetings to ensure that each application receives timely response. Meetings are posted at the Town Hall and the Town web site; public hearings are additionally advertised and notice given to abutters by mail. We welcome any questions regarding our scope and procedure. You can contact us by phone, mail or by attending any of our meetings.

The Conservation Commission continues to encourage Town acquisition of open space for preservation, recreation and resident enjoyment. And we continue to support the volunteer efforts of those groups dedicated to that purpose; our resource materials are available to everyone.

We appreciated the assistance of the Selectmen in reconstituting our Commission and the work of all previous board members for their stewardship of our Town's natural resources. We look forward to working closely with other Town departments to sustain those efforts and are determined to continue this Commission's service to the residents of Hampden.

Respectfully submitted:

Charlie Schmitt, Chairman
Phil Grant
Pat Cote
Candice Keddy
Cindy Connors
Scott Rumprik

HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING

The Hampden Council on Aging has been established to identify the needs of the senior population in Hampden and to meet those needs through the implementation of new and existing services, programs and community support. The Council on Aging and senior center provides, but is not limited to the following:

- ❖ **Geriatric Care Management**
- ❖ **Transportation**
- ❖ **Monthly newsletter and outreach**
- ❖ **Insurance Counseling**
- ❖ **Prescription Assistance**
- ❖ **Fuel assistance**
- ❖ **Caregiver support**
- ❖ **Recreation/hobbies/arts/crafts/games**
- ❖ **Health and Education**
- ❖ **Tax Assistance**
- ❖ **Monthly health screenings**
- ❖ **Daily congregate meals**
- ❖ **Home delivered meals**
- ❖ **Lock box program**
- ❖ **Entertainment/Social Club**

As always, we welcome suggestions and new ideas as we continue to expand our services.

The Monday through Friday meal program, better known as the “lunch bunch” continues to be our core program here at the Senior Center. Janis DeGrandpre, our mealsite manager, does a fantastic job managing this program, which includes the coordination of all kitchen volunteers and volunteer meals on wheels drivers. Participants who come to the senior center for the lunch program not only enjoy the food, but appreciate the time they have to socialize with their friends.

Mary Lyon Nursing Home continues to prepare meals on holidays and weekends for the people in town who receive home delivered meals. Thank you to the staff at Mary Lyon for continuing this fantastic program and for the numerous volunteers, including the Hampden Police Department, who deliver weekend and holiday meals.

The Center is grateful for the support that is received from the Friends of the Hampden Seniors. In 2004 the Friends were generous enough to provide an automatic door opening system for the front door of the senior center. This door allows easier access for those people who are in a wheelchair or use a walker or cane. The Friends were also generous in funding the re painting of the lines in the parking lot. We are always grateful to the Friends for their constant support.

Due to lack of Town funding we have had to explore other options to make possible the mailing of our monthly newsletter, The Scribe. Thanks to the Friends of Hampden Seniors, the Scantic Senior Citizens Club and numerous private donors who have generously given towards the costs of postage, we were able to continue this publication. We would also like to thank the Lions Club for their support and donation of paper for the Scribe. We could not send out this vital newsletter without this kind of support.

HAMPDEN COUNCIL ON AGING P2

We would not be able to fully function without the help of the numerous volunteers who give so freely of their time on a daily basis. Over 130 volunteers help out each year at the senior center and we appreciate each and every one of them.

This past July we said a fond farewell to Aline “Tiny” Burt who was reassigned to the East Longmeadow Senior Center due to restructuring within the senior aide program. Tiny worked with the Hampden Senior Center for many years and we were very sad to see her go. We look forward to having her back with us as a volunteer sometime next year. We were pleased to welcome two new senior aides to the Hampden Senior Center, Margaret “Midge” Copson and Regina “Reggie” Rivenburgh.

The Council on Aging Board was saddened by the loss of a board member and friend, Linda Gaudette. Linda was very involved with programs and activities here at the senior center and was enthusiastic about her position on the COA Board. Linda will be missed here at the senior center.

We encourage anyone who has not visited the Hampden Senior Center to stop in at any time for a visit and a tour. Please read the Scantic Scribe to find out what programs, services and activities are happening here at the Center on a regular basis.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rebecca C. Moriarty, *Executive Director*
Brian MacLeod, Chairman
Patricia Clark, Vice Chairman
Al Ouimet, Treasurer
Ruth Haley, Secretary

Rita Vail
Arlene Fisher
Shirley Gouvan
Virginia Schneider

Council on Aging Staff:

Admin. Clerks: Helena Nossal & Doreen Rauch

Activities Coord/Meal Site Mgr: Janis DeGrandpre

Custodian: Rudie Voight

Outreach Coord: Tedi-Ann Busha

Senior Aides: Margaret Copson & Regina Rivenburgh

Senior Resource Officer: Gary Courtney

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

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL 2004

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.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council granted the Hampden Cultural Council our yearly allocation of \$2,000.00. This was the same amount we received for 2003-2004. The council has recently made decisions regarding the re-granting of these monies. Projects and activities that have been awarded grants for 2005 include:

- ❖ A Music Matters program for grades 2 and 4
- ❖ A Stories & Songs From Around The Word program at Thornton Burgess Middle School
- ❖ Support to the Hampden Public Library Summer Reading Program
- ❖ Support to the Hampden Senior Center, Music of Seniors Concert
- ❖ Support to Theatre Guild of Hampden for Guys and Dolls show

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:

James A. McEwan, Chairperson
Jerry Lesniak
Patricia Regan-Loiko
Marsha Miller-Spinelli
Melissa Pearlman
Hermine Weston

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2004 the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 101 calls. The breakdown is as follows:

- 14 house and building
- 16 electrical
- 34 false alarms
- 16 burnt food
- 7 motor vehicle accidents
- 3 chimney fires
- 7 brush fires
- 1 carbon monoxide
- 2 mutual aid

As always, the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department extends our thanks to the Hampden Police Department and the Hampden Highway Department for their help and support throughout the past year.

If any town resident is interested in joining the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department and is 19 years of age or older, please contact the department at 566-3314.

Respectfully submitted:

Chief Peter Hatch
Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 7 brush and forest fires in 2004. Burning season begins January 15, 2005 and extends through May 1, 2005. Permits are issued on a daily basis, weather permitting. To obtain one, call 566-3314 after 9:00 a.m. Burning hours are from 10:00 a.m. and must be extinguished by 4:00 p.m. No permits will be issued after 12:00 p.m. All fire must be attended by the individual issued the permit. Brush is defined as trimmings with a butt end smaller than one inch. The burning of grass, hay, leaves, stumps and building material are prohibited.

Respectively submitted:

Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

In the year 2004, the members of the Highway Department, with assistance from a local tree service, removed 75 trees that were dead, dying, diseased or storm damaged. Below, I have listed the streets where trees were taken down and cleaned up by the Highway Department. As you can see, there were no trees felled by a professional tree service this past year. That is not due to the lack of trees beyond our capability that are in need of removal, but rather the lack of funds to hire a professional tree service to do the work. A list of trees in need of removal by a tree service is being compiled for future funding. 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. The trees removed were as follows:

<u>Location</u> <u>Service</u>	<u>Completed by Highway Department</u>	<u>Assisted by Tree</u>
Allen Street	10	
Ames Road	4	
Bayberry	1	
Burleigh Road	1	
East Longmeadow Road	2	
Hickory Lane	1	
Glendale Road	10	
Mill Road	5	
North Road	4	
Scantic Rd.	1	
Sessions Drive	1	
Somers Road	1	
South Road	1	
Springhouse Road	1	
St. Germain	1	
Stony Hill Road	1	
Wilbraham Rd.	30	
Total Removals	75	0

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN P2

Several stumps were in need of grinding, but again no money was allotted for this service and a list of stump locations is being compiled.

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

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In the year 2004, the Highway Department again completed many maintenance projects such as street sweeping, patching, cleaning ditches, and trimming roads of brush, along with the repair and maintenance of our equipment. Some smaller projects were done as well, with local funds. They are listed later in this report. Normally, larger projects are funded with Chapter 90 Agreements through the Massachusetts Highway Department. However, this year the state did not release our local aid until it was too late in the season to be used on road construction. This financial aid will be used in 2005. Fortunately, there was a considerable amount of work that the department was able to perform associated with the Green Meadows School renovations. A breakdown of the projects we completed at the school is as follows:

We dug out and graveled in an area in the rear of the school to provide for the paving of a sidewalk. Gravel material along the side of the school was removed and loam was placed so grass could be planted. We also placed material in preparation for final loaming and seeding, behind the school. This raised the entire area about three feet. Surplus fill was moved from the sides of the school, as well as from the stockpile at the transfer station, for use in this area. This provided for a level surface area for the children to play on. All ten septic and electrical structures behind the school were raised, set to grade, and cemented in place. Wood chips were hauled from a stockpile at the transfer station to the area of the waterline and leveled. This provided an additional 2-feet of cover along the waterline to prevent the possibility of freezing. We connected drainage to an existing basin in the driveway of the school and extended a drain line to the west side of the front parking lot, where we built a catch basin to correct a water problem. We installed a 6-inch perforated pipe with stone (sub-drainage) northerly along the driveway to intercept all ground water. A catch basin and 36 feet of pipe were installed in front of the school. Lastly, a grove of trees was cleaned out and trimmed up, before the ground was mulched to improve appearance and visibility.

A variety of other projects were addressed this past year as well. A drainage line was installed on Echo Valley Dr. to prevent icing there in the winter. Catch basins that collapsed were re-built on Scantic Road, Wilbraham Road, Main Street and South Road. A new basin with drainage was built on Chapin Road. Drainage was both repaired and installed on South Road, near the pipeline, to correct an icing problem there. An existing drain line was extended on Colony Drive to restore its ability to function properly. Main Street was shimmed from Somers Road east, to improve the road surface and allow water to drain into basins properly. All traffic markings in town were re-painted. We also painted markings to locate catch basins in minor flooding or heavy snow events. The cul-de-sac at the end of Colony Drive was modified to improve plowing operations. A new loading ramp was constructed at the highway department to be used in loading sanders this winter.

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As you may recall, the issue of catch basin cleaning was finally resolved. All the basins in town were completely cleaned and the material was hauled to Springfield for disposal. This was allowed under a permit issued by DEP. The basin cleaning program has become very expensive, but is essential for environmental protection and compliance.

There were a total of 18 winter storms in 2004. As always, the committed members of the Highway Department worked long hours to clear the roads and make them safe for traffic. The members of the Highway Department are; Patrick Markham, Robert Richards, Albert Rosati, Matthew Frederick and John Ouellette. Relief drivers who often assist us include: Harold House, Ron Neilsen and Jason Walbridge. I would like to thank them all for their service, support and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Dana S. Pixley
Highway Superintendent

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

This year we have been working on a no match grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) to identify the Town's historic resources. Christopher Skelly, Director of Local Government Programs at MHC has made 3 field visits to Hampden. To date we have identified and photographed over 450 properties of historic value. The photos, along with a brief description and history, will be available both on CD and hard copy in the Hampden Free Public Library and local schools for use by residents and scholars. The MHC - based on our local commission's findings - will prepare a preservation plan for the Town.

The ADOPT-A-PLOT program continued this year with several activities in Old Cemetery listed below.

- A shallow archeological dig at Old Cemetery to search for fallen tombstones was conducted under the leadership of John Pretola, retired archaeologist at the Springfield Science Museum. MRHS advanced placement students from Mary Lou Brewer's history classes participated in the dig.
- Jon Appell conserved and/or restored over 25 gravestones using CPA monies.
- Joe Grant repaired a small part of the holding tomb also with CPA monies.
- Mark Ogoley volunteered both his time and equipment to regrade the area around the holding tomb.
- A Halloween walking tour of Old Cemetery, spearheaded by Chrissy Cesan, with costumed interpreters portraying deceased Hampdenites proved to be a popular attraction and another tour is being planned. Bill Meuse wrote an informative booklet for the tour. Ed and Trish Loiko collected monetary donations at their annual Pumpkin Party for the ADOPT-A-PLOT program.
- With our exhibit entitled "Crime, Controversy and Comedy in Hampden's Cemeteries" we "bury" a two-year series of exhibits on our cemeteries. We would like to thank Ellen Bump for letting us use the Library's display case.
- The ADOPT-A-PLOT program won the coveted Oakley Award given by the Association for Gravestone Studies, an international organization, for our efforts in Old Cemetery.

Two members of our commission attended a workshop on preparing building inventory forms. MHC and the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission sponsored the daylong event.

We would like to thank the many Town boards, departments and their employees and volunteers who assist and encourage us in our work.

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Historical Commission member Noreen Couture resigned this year after accepting the position of Postmaster of South Dennis, MA. We will miss her dedication to the commission, her thought provoking questions and her wonderful sense of humor.

We are increasingly troubled by the number of serviceable older homes that are being demolished in order to build new ones. Over a two-year period, 4 houses on Allen Street alone have met this fate.

Our concerns are not just old buildings and archaeological sites. We are also concerned with preserving what little remains of our rural heritage through preservation of farmlands, scenic roads, conservation and smart growth.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Chapin Witt, Chairman
Melissa Lail – Trecker, Publicity
Chrissy Cesan, Archaeology Coordinator

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Hampden Housing Authority meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Community Building at 26 Springmeadow Lane. Meetings are posted with the Town Clerk and are open to the public.

The Housing Authority Board consists of five members. Four are elected by the Town's election process, and one is appointed by the Governor. The four elected members are as follows: William Joy, Miles Hapgood, Thomas Howells, and Cecilia Melville. The governor's appointee is Benjamin Bump. The Housing Authority employs three staff members. Our Executive Director is Christine Evans, Maintenance Manager, Frank Hull, and Site Manager, Carole Robert.

It is the mission and responsibility of the Hampden Housing Authority under Massachusetts Law to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing at an affordable rent. Rentals are based on 30% of net income as determined by HUD guidelines. Maximum contract rents are adjusted by HUD annually and are currently set as follows: 1 bedroom - \$510.00, 2 bedrooms - \$582.00. All eligibility and occupancy standards are in keeping with the established guidelines and regulations established by HUD and the Department of Housing & Community Development. All procedures and records of the Hampden Housing Authority are subject to review by the Office of the State Auditor.

We extend our sincerest thanks to the Town of Hampden's Highway, Police and Fire Departments for their continued cooperative efforts to ensure the safety of the residents of Centennial Commons.

Applications for our housing program are available at the Hampden Housing Authority office at Centennial Commons OR by calling 566-8157. Office hours are Monday, from 8:30 – 11:30, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 – 3:00 and Friday mornings from 8:00 – 12:00 noon. We are closed on Wednesdays.

Respectfully,

Christine Evans, Executive Director

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, entertainment, and educational needs.

If there was a theme for fiscal year 2004, it was "service to children." Because of the renovations to the Green Meadows School Media Center, an average of 120 students came weekly to our library and were treated to a story and then allowed to borrow books. Additionally, our weekly story time program for children ages 3 ½ to 5 saw regular attendance of 13 per program and the weekly toddler time averaged 15 toddlers with caregivers. A total of 329 children's programs were offered with attendance of 7,928.

It was also a busy year for the middle school students. During the 2003-2004 school year, our Center for Success, a homework center for middle school students, had attendance of 1,285, an increase of 230% over last school year. The center was used for a variety of purposes including homework, group projects, and research. The center was equipped with 3 computers, which were in constant use. In order to purchase another computer, a raffle was held during the summer with prizes donated by the Rauscher family in memory of their daughter, Devon. Thanks to a matching donation we were able to add a fourth computer for the 2004-05 school year. The table to expand the computer workstation was purchased through a generous and unexpected gift from the Hampden Lions Club.

Summer was another busy time with the summer reading program, "Explore Other Worlds @ Your Library. One hundred and sixty-two children from preschool to entering grade 5 participated with 142 reaching their reading goals. We also had 57 children entering grades 6 through 9 who participated with 46 reaching their goal. Certificates, raffle prizes from local businesses and a paperback book were awarded to all the children. A \$1,500 literacy grant from Wal-Mart made this summer especially exciting. Weekly live performances were available for the younger children and a variety of programs and workshops were held for the middle school children. These were made possible by contributions from the Hampden Cultural Council, Monson Savings Bank, and the Friends of the Library. An added bonus was a grant from the Boston Science Museum who brought an exciting show to the children. We would like to thank Jan Kibbe and Karl Martini who donated their talents to conduct workshops for the middle school children. All participants in the summer programs were rewarded with a free skating party provided by Interskate 91. Finally, there were 12 students in the babysitting class, supported annually by the Hampden Lions Club.

The entire summer program would not be possible without the support of our local businesses: Monson Savings Bank, Country Bank for Savings, MA Regional Library System, Village Food Mart, Fenway Golf, Friendly's, Blockbuster, Dave's Soda and Pet Shop, Fazio's, U.S. Academy of Martial Arts, Rediker Software, A W Brown Pet/Garden Store, RockCats Baseball, Eastfield Mall, and Radio/Disney Hood.

For the adults, we again had the summer reading program and continued to offer two monthly book discussion groups, one meeting in the afternoon and the other in the evening. A new program was also started called "The Second Saturday Club" which meets on Saturday morning with programs on a variety of topics. One particularly popular one was about Native Americans in the Connecticut Valley.

Our local history collection has now been inventoried and an Index was created thanks to a Documentary Heritage Grant done in partnership with Wilbraham. The focus of this grant was the shared history of the two towns and the index and documents are available at the library.

The use of technology in the library continues to expand. The acquisition of a new server has made the circulation system run more efficiently. The three Internet workstations in the Main Library are in constant demand, resulting in a policy limiting time to 30 minutes. Further expansion of Internet services will be required.

There are many people and organizations to thank for our success. We are especially grateful to the ongoing support and generosity of the members of the Friends of the Hampden Public Library. They make it possible for us to provide children's programs, and purchase DVD's, videos, CDs and audio

books. Also, once again the Hampden Garden Club decorated the library with holiday decorations in December and we looked beautiful.

As always, we are very grateful for the volunteers who give so generously of their time. Special thanks go to Peg Therrien who gave many hours of her time covering books. Thanks also go to Shirley Gouvan, Judy Jackson, Barbara Ogonowski, April Downey, Florence Joubert, Mary Butova, Danielle Granger, Rachel Kuznicki and Dick Jalbert.

As always, our library staff has risen to the challenge and continues to provide quality service to the town: Ellen Bump, Director, Dianne Regnier, Children’s Librarian, Christina Fairman, Young Adult Librarian, Cindy Rowley, Technical Services Librarian. We also welcomed 2 new employees: Margie Thomsen as library assistant and Allison Rief as page. Our thanks to Robyn Janczulewicz and Samantha Bearse who are pursuing other careers.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

General Services FY 2004

Circulation

Print Material - Adult	13,200	Volumes Added	1,181
Print Material – Juvenile	19,137	Volumes Discarded	1,874
Magazines	2,255	Total Collection	29,691
Non-print Material	12,318	Magazine Subscriptions	54
Total	46,910	Registered borrowers	4,457

Finances FY2004

RECEIPTS

Municipal Appropriation	\$97,508
Revolving Account	1,536
State Aid	2,429
Monetary gifts, trusts, endowments	1,839

TOTAL Receipts \$103,312

EXPENDITURES

Wages	\$73,076
Books and Materials	23,611
Maintenance Agreements	2,922
Other Expenses	3,703

TOTAL Expenditures \$103,312

CAPITAL INCOME

Appropriated	\$ 1,600
Gifts	5,092
State Aid & Grants	3,563

TOTAL Capital Income \$10,255

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Library Materials	\$ 159
Other operating	5,092
Server	1,600

TOTAL Capital Expenditures \$6,851

(Note: The status of the library’s trust funds is listed in the “Report of the Town Accountant.”)

Respectfully submitted,
 Beth Burger, Trustee Chair
 Kathy Hutchison, Trustee
 Elaine Kingsbury, Trustee

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Park and Recreation Department has completed another banner year providing the community with a variety of offerings. The board actively meets two times per month with minutes now being posted electronically. It is always a priority to keep the community well informed of any activity and/or event through school newsletters and postings on the community bulletin board.

Jay Fenlason joined by Susan Gorman, in their fourth year of running the Park and Rec Department, strive to offer various events such as bus trips to shows and shopping, a learn-to-ski program, yoga classes, 1st Aid and CPR classes, and trips to the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots throughout the year to best satisfy the needs of the community.

The sports programs have been continually growing with various improvements and adjustments made to better accommodate the needs of all those that participate. The Summer Activities Program experienced another fun filled five weeks providing children with many exciting adventures and teens with a rewarding employment experience. Movie nights, sponsored in conjunction with the Senior Center, and the Police Department, are periodically held, both indoors and out, and are well attended and enjoyed by many families.

The Fall Festival 2004 was held once again at TWB, chaired by Tina Albano and Glennice Flynn. The National Down Syndrome "Buddy Walk" was also held on the day of the Fall Festival, and was a huge success. This event was well attended by thousands of local residents who enjoyed terrific food, purchased wonderful crafts, participated in various activities or just simply joined the camaraderie of the day. A special "Thank you" goes to TWB for the use of the facility, all of the businesses, civic organizations and restaurants that participated. Additionally, a heartfelt "Thank you" goes out to all of the many volunteers who gave so unselfishly of their time to make the event successful.

The Commissioners would, as always, like to thank the wonderful staff from last year's summer camp program. The dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work shown by our town's young people ensured that the summer program was a continued success. We look forward to working with many of them again.

An additional "Thank you" goes to Dana Pixley and his Highway Department Staff for all their help. The highly efficient and tremendously well-organized staff at the Town Hall also deserves our thanks and appreciation.

All of our town sports programs are run in conjunction with the Recreation Association of Hampden (RAH). RAH's group of committed volunteers help to organize and monitor all of our sports programs. Their contributions are integral to the growth of youth sports in Hampden. We are grateful for their involvement.

Respectfully submitted: Chris McDonald, Chairman
Tina Albano
Michael D'Agostino
Glennice Flynn
Larry Forrest

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The committee met five times in 2004. During the year, the Employment Applications used by the town were reviewed and revised. In addition, the committee met to discuss and review some positions within the town with regard to reporting responsibilities, as well as applicable job descriptions.

The town Policy and Employment Guidelines for Hampden Employees was reviewed throughout the year, and changes were made where the committee felt they were appropriate.

The committee would like to thank Attorney Ronald Kidd, whose term was completed this year, for his advice, expertise and dedication to the committee.

Respectfully submitted:

Donald Collins, Chairman
Thomas Argenio
Richard Ayers
William Gouzounis

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

2004 was a year of increased activity by the Planning Board. There were 2 subdivisions before the Board as well as preliminary discussions of two Planned Unit Residential Developments ("PURDs"). In addition, the Board has assumed expanded responsibilities in the area of special permits as result of the 2003 Town Meeting.

The 23-lot Scantic Meadows subdivision on Somers Road met Subdivision Regulations and was approved. The 18-lot Shadow Wood subdivision on Bennett Road has been reviewed but is still pending. Both projects require Conservation Commission review and approval. In addition, the Board held preliminary discussions with developers who are considering two PURD projects in Town.

In addition to the subdivision project reviews, the Board received and approved special permit applications for 10 large lots with substandard frontage. In addition there are 7 large lots with substandard frontage contemplated in the two subdivisions discussed above. Many of the proposed lots abut each other. The use of these lots in multiples and within subdivisions has led to concern that the application of this provision is not consistent with its intent.

In addition to the special permits for large lots discussed above, the Board acted on several other special permit applications and site plan reviews. These special permits were primarily approvals of home occupation applications and common driveway applications.

The Town approved the addition of the position of Associate Member of the Board. The primary function of the position will be to enable the Board to maintain the super-majority requirements for special permit and subdivision decisions through the review and hearing process. It will improve the Board's ability to act within the time constraints required by the State. The position has been filled by Anthony Bongiorno.

2004 marked the retirement of the Board's Clerk, 30-year veteran Judy Jackson. Over these years, Judy's contributions were impressive, running the gamut from her extensive knowledge of State and Town zoning and subdivision law to her history both formal and informal of the Town's activities in this arena. Her knowledge and willingness to help both Town officials and individuals were exemplary of the term "public servant". Judy will be sorely missed. She has been replaced by Jane Budynkiewicz, who has been meeting the challenges of the job admirably. She is a welcome addition to the Board. And the Board would like to extend a special thank you to Mark Feeney who works with the Planning Board to make sure all Bylaws are met for each building applicant or permit that comes before the Town. He is also very helpful to the Board, identifying provisions in the Zoning Bylaw that need clarification; reports back from the

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“field” enable continuous improvement in the intent and application of the Bylaw. The Town is indeed fortunate to have individuals with the capabilities and dedication of Judy, Jane and Mark, who are willing to fill the many complex and demanding positions in Town.

Respectfully submitted:

John D. Flynn, Chairman
Joseph Dolben
Joseph Kruzel
Robert Majkut
Melissa Reeves

Report of the Police Department

I submit herewith, the Annual Report for the police department for the year ending, December 31, 2004.

During the year, the Police Department received 9,424 calls for service. Most of the calls received by this department were for assistance, complaints and for reporting crimes or accidents. The following are some of the types of complaints received and investigated by this department.

Call Action Breakdown

Call Action	Total	Call Action	Total
Medical Assist	208	Alarm Calls	359
Building/Residence Checked	1235	Suspicious Person/Automobile	278
Motor Vehicle Stop	1686	911 Abandoned/Hang-up/Silent	139
Breaking & Entering	36	Special Attention	243
Larceny	28	Assist Other Agencies	156
Recreational Vehicle Complaint	55	Vandalism	87
Annoying/Obscene Phone Calls	17	Summons/209A Served/Delivered	130
Missing Person	19	Motor Vehicles Accidents	111
Domestic Disturbance	50	Assist Citizen/Motorist	510
General Services	431		

During the year we had 540 total offenses committed, with 341 total arrests and 34 juvenile arrests. Offenses included in these numbers are 36 cases involving burglary or breaking and entering into a home; 28 cases of general larceny; 87 incidents of vandalism or malicious destruction of property; 30 cases of driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs; 27 narcotics violations and 28 emergency restraining orders were issued. Listed below are some of the other complaints filed.

Offenses for 2004

Offense	Total	Offense	Total
Aggravated Assault	8	All other Offenses	64
Arson	4	Burglary/B&E	31
Counterfeit/Forgery	5	Disorderly Conduct	2
Drug Equipment	1	Drug Offenses	26
False Pretenses/Swindle	9	Intimidation	20
Liquor Law Violations	29	Malicious Damage	77
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	Oper Under Influ Liquor	30
Other Larceny	20	Pocket-Picking/Purse Snatch	1
Simple Assault	3	Stolen Property	3
Theft from Building	21	Traffic-Town By Laws	158
Trespass	6	Weapon Law Violation	2

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We had 111 motor vehicle accidents this year. There were a total of 1,405 citations issued during the year with a total of \$58,640.00 in fines. Of the citations issued 36.3% were civil infractions, 33.9% were warnings and 7.9% resulted in criminal charges. The average speed limit in Hampden is 34 MPH; the average speed of vehicles that were issued citations was 49 MPH or 15 MPH over the speed limit.

WARNING CITATIONS

Defective Equipment	22	Jr. Operator Violation	1
Fail to yield at intersection	1	Seat Belt Violation	11
License/Reg not in possession	12	Speeding Violation	261
Plate Missing	17	Stop Sign Violation	15
Marked Lanes Violation	6	Unregistered Motor Vehicle	15
No Inspection Sticker	41		

CIVIL CITATIONS

Jr. Operator Violation	7	Seat Belt Violation	38
Fail to yield at intersection	3	Speeding Violation	254
License/Reg not in possession	7	Stop Sign Violation	7
Drinking Alcohol while Driving	5	Unregistered Motor Vehicle	22
Number Plate Missing	7	Vehicle Violations	12
No Inspection Sticker	85	Snowmobile/Rec Veh Violation	4

CRIMINAL CITATIONS

Alcohol Violation	22	Snowmobile/Rec Veh Violation	23
License/Reg not in possession	37	Seat Belt Violation	5
No Inspection Sticker	18	Unlicensed Operation of M/V	64
Op. M/V with Revoked Lic/Reg	109	Unregistered Motor Vehicle	16
OUI	15	Vehicle Violations	8

During the year \$11,179.60 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits, photographs, unregistered vehicle, and various report fees.

REPORT OF THE RIDGELINE AND HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

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

If you have any questions about applicability of the bylaw to your property, please stop by the Planning Board office in the Town Hall to look at the Overlay map.

We thank Jim Moriarty and Tom Poulin for their years of service to the Board.

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:

John D. Flynn
Richard Desanti
Candice Keddy
Richard Patullo
Robin Warner

SCANTIC VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

During 2004, the Scant Valley Water District (SCWD) pumped 570,620 gallons of water from two wells on the Massachusetts Audubon Society property, off Main Street in Hampden. There are current nine active services in the SVWD, providing potable water to eight homes and one Laughing Brook property. The SCWD is a registered Public Water System in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is regulated by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Water Supply. The 2004 DEP water sampling schedule for the SVWD was accomplished with twelve Coliform, two Nitrate composite Synthetic Organic Compounds samples taken at various locations in the distribution system. All water quality sampling results consistently indicate very good quality drinking water, surpassing standards as set by the DEP.

The following significant events occurred during 2004: During January the rupture of a water line and the loss of approximately 60,000 gallons of water, due to no heat at the Laughing Brook Education Center, and during September the shut-off and disconnecting of the Education Center's water service prior to demolition of the burned out building.

Respectfully submitted:

Mike Shea, Chairman
George Bouchard
Richard Jalbert
Michael Framarin, Operator

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

Paul C. Gagliarducci, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

The 2003-2004 school year was an important one for the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District. In the District's report, the administrative team members have detailed many activities, programs, and projects that were accomplished during the year. There is a tremendous amount of activity that takes place every day. As I review the reports, I am in awe of all that the staff accomplishes each school year.

As Superintendent, I would like to mention a few highlights. First, our students continue to perform well on national and state assessment tests. Whether it be the SAT or MCAS tests, we are proud of how well our students do. This year, for example, Minnechaug had the second highest percentage in Western Mass of students qualifying for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Program. This scholarship is based on MCAS scores and enables students to attend any Massachusetts state college or university tuition free.

Secondly, a comprehensive feasibility study regarding the future of Minnechaug Regional High School was completed. A hard-working committee co-chaired by John Lovejoy of Wilbraham and Doug Boyd of Hampden concluded after six months of study to recommend to the School Committee that they pursue the possibility of building a new facility that would address the District's needs for the future.

Third, we saw the newly refurbished and enlarged Green Meadows Elementary School come on line. This beautiful facility has given Hampden ample space for several years to come and truly has enhanced the school environment for students in PreK to Grade 4.

Fourth, we witnessed the emergence of a school support group called "Wilbraham Hampden Academic Trust (W.H.A.T.). This group of active townspeople held several fundraising activities, including a dinner dance, a spelling bee, and a golf tournament, to raise funds to support many special school activities. During the year they donated well over \$15,000 to support classroom projects not typically funded by the school budget.

Finally, there were a host of accomplishments beyond academics for many of our students, most notably two State Championships – Girls' High School Basketball and Boys' High School Volleyball. In addition, Minnechaug's "As Schools Match Wits Team" took first place, and college placements for the Class of 2004 were outstanding.

To coin a phrase from a popular old tune – "It was a very good year" here in the District.

Curriculum - Donna M. Scanlon, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District has a rich and rigorous core curriculum, as evidenced by students' excellent accomplishments. The curriculum renewal process is ongoing and ensures continuity and consistency in grades PreK-12. The allocation of grant and local funds has allowed the District to establish equity in access to appropriate curriculum materials and resources in every classroom. All teachers use these resources to design powerful, standards-based learning opportunities that actively engage students in the learning process.

Strengthening the integration of technology into instruction to improve learning is a high priority. The School Committee approved a plan to improve staffing, infrastructure, equipment, reliability, and professional development so that all students have appropriate access to technology. Research reveals that technology makes learning more interactive, enjoyable, and customizable, and this improves students' attitudes toward the subject and their interest in learning. Our goal is to ensure that students maximize their learning while developing the technology competencies they need for the 21st century.

One explicit student learning goal in HWRSD is to improve writing as a tool for developing thinking and for engaging students in learning. This PreK-12 shared focus area provides the opportunity for the entire District to work together as a unit toward one goal. Local and national evidence suggests the need to put writing in its proper focus. As stated in "The Neglected R: The Need for a Writing Revolution," a report by the National Commission on Writing (2003), "...facility with writing opens students up to the pleasure of exercising their minds in ways that grinding on facts, details, and information never will. More than a way of knowing, writing is an act of discovery." National Assessment of Education Progress findings indicate that most students have mastered writing basics, but few are able to create precise, engaging, and coherent prose. This information substantiates the need to make writing across the curriculum a focus area for professional and curriculum development.

Curriculum, instruction, and assessment must meet the educational needs of all students and result in steadily improving student achievement. Accomplishing this requires that:

- Effective short-term intervention or long-term support is provided to all students who need it.
- Consistent core materials are available in every classroom.
- Current research based instructional practices for diverse learners are implemented in every classroom.
- Systems that assist in the continuous monitoring of student progress toward meeting the state and local benchmarks are implemented.
- Systematic, long-term, intensive, professional development is provided with in-classroom support as needed.
- Instructional technology is fully supported and consistently utilized.

These needs guide the planning process and the allocation of resources in the District.

HWRSD Academic Performance
Donna M. Scanlon, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent
of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development

Since its inception in 1998, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) has increasingly become a major source of information with regard to student achievement, curriculum evaluation, and diagnosis of individual student strengths and weaknesses.

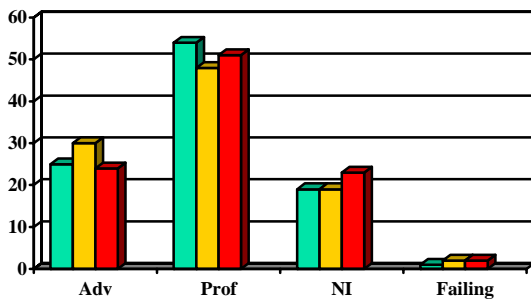
The chart below displays the percentage of HWRSD students who scored at the Advanced or Proficient level in 2002, 2003, and 2004. State results are provided as a frame of reference for comparison.

MCAS	HWRSD Results: Percent of Students Scoring <i>Advanced/Proficient</i>			State Results: Percent of Students Scoring <i>Advanced/Proficient</i>		
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
Grade 3 Reading	85%	87%	77%	67%	63%	63%
Grade 4 English Language Arts	71%	64%	75%	54%	55%	56%
Grade 4 Mathematics	50%	56%	58%	39%	40%	42%
Grade 5 Science & Engineering/Tech	N/A	70%	76%	N/A	51%	55%
Grade 6 Mathematics	62%	65%	59%	41%	42%	42%
Grade 7 English Language Arts	77%	77%	83%	64%	65%	68%
Grade 8 Mathematics	39%	56%	54%	34%	37%	39%
Grade 8 Science & Engineering/Tech	N/A	62%	51%	N/A	32%	33%
Grade 10 English Language Arts	78%	77%	75%	59%	61%	52%
Grade 10 Mathematics	66%	65%	70%	44%	51%	57%

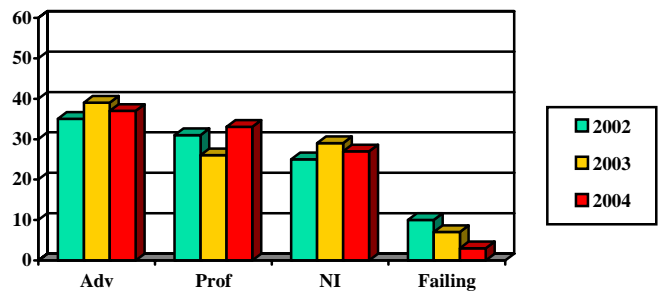
Members of the graduating class of Minnechaug are required to pass both the grade 10 English Language Arts and the grade 10 Mathematics MCAS tests as one condition for receiving a high school diploma. It is important to note that:

- ◆ The percentage of 10th grade students who scored at the Failing level in English Language Arts has decreased from 23% to 2% since spring of 2000.
- ◆ The percentage of 10th grade students who scored at the Failing level in Mathematics has decreased from 36% to 3% since spring of 2000.

The charts below show the degree of improvement in performance at the Advanced, Proficient, Needs Improvement, and Failing levels at grade 10 from 2002 to 2004.



Grade 10 English Language Arts



Grade 10 Mathematics

The state testing system has been evolving continuously for the last seven years. By 2006, the MCAS program will test all third through eighth grade children in reading and mathematics every year. This change is required by the “No Child Left Behind Act”, which was signed by President Bush in January 2002. Other subjects will continue to be tested in the targeted grades.

In order for students to be appropriately prepared for MCAS and its high stakes, as well as for multiple career and educational options in the 21st century, it is essential that teachers, administrators, parents, community, and students work together knowledgeably over the long-term. Fortunately, the necessary partnerships in the District are vigorous and effective, with a shared commitment to continuous improvement at all levels.

SAT Accomplishments - Carolyn Lewis, MRHS Guidance Director

Verbal	2003-2004 Comparison of SAT Averages	Math
529	Minnechaug	550
518	Massachusetts	523
508	National	518

The graduates of the Class of 2004 at Minnechaug Regional High School represent a group of academically accomplished students. About 90% of this class was accepted at and attend post-secondary institutions of higher education. Of these students, 70% enrolled in four-year colleges and 20% attended public and private two-year colleges. Many of these students are attending highly competitive colleges and universities including: Barnard College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Brown University, Bryn Mawr College, Bucknell University, Colby College, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, George Washington University, Harvard University, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Middlebury College, Northeastern University, Smith College, Stonehill College, United States Naval Academy, University of Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania (Wharton School of Business), and Vassar College.

Mile Tree Elementary School - Lynne Kimball, Principal

Mile Tree School's faculty, students, and parents are focusing on this year's theme "Reaching Out To Others." Rarely a day goes by without some ongoing activities supporting this theme. Just to highlight a few:

- Mystery readers from throughout the community delight our students with surprise visits to read favorite books.
- Several interns from MRHS assist in classrooms and many area college students are completing their practicum teaching requirements at Mile Tree School.
- Our very active PTO has sponsored many interactive assemblies, math and science nights, "Anything Goes" nights, roller skating parties, holiday craft activities, Life Care Center visits, monthly guesstimate contests to support our Investigations Math program, Saturday pancake breakfast, family fun walks, and field trips at all grade levels.
- Over 480 pounds of food was donated to the Community Survival Center as part of the "Food for Kids from Kids" program
- Students collected \$1,000 in pennies for the Indian Pines Elementary School in Lakeworth, FL whose school was damaged by hurricanes

Mile Tree School Council developed a School Improvement Plan which focused on three goals:

1. To promote writing across the District.
2. To continue the National Association for the Education of Young Children Accreditation Process.
3. To create a safe, positive school climate to enhance students' social and emotional well-being.

Mile Tree School, parents, teachers, and children work together. Our teachers spend countless hours preparing their classrooms and lessons and networking with parents. Our paraprofessionals are always busy preparing materials and assisting children. Our secretaries update records and files, answer countless phone calls, and provide correspondence to keep everyone informed. Check out our building, which is always shiny and sparkling, compliments of our custodial staff. Our cafeteria staff has created new menus and presentations for students and staff. We welcome parent and guardian involvement and encourage them to have lunch with the children, volunteer in classrooms, and take part in all school events. We couldn't accomplish what we do without everyone being part of our theme, "Reaching Out To Others."

Green Meadows Elementary School - Deborah Thompson, Principal

For Green Meadows Elementary School, 2004 was an exciting year! The building project that began nearly two years ago was essentially completed in December. Students, teachers and parents have enjoyed using the wonderful new areas of the school, and the town Recreation Department began using the new gym for basketball. It is a pleasure to see the community using the wonderful new facilities at Green Meadows!

Students have been enjoying the new Library/Media Center. The 24-station computer lab is available to all classes for large group instruction. In addition, the faculty has taken advantage of our 24 wireless laptop stations so that instruction and use of the Internet can be accomplished right in the classroom. The District's Library Coordinator did an excellent job setting up the new library. It is fully automated which allows books to be scanned for easy tracking. Students have learned how to use the computer-based card catalog for locating books on various topics. We would like to extend our thanks to the Hampden Free Public Library for their wonderful support during our renovations. Ellen Bump, Director, was instrumental in arranging a schedule for all Green Meadows classes to visit the library during construction. Classes will continue to go to the public library throughout the year to promote its use by our students.

Volunteerism and community service are important aspects of our school community. We are lucky to have such dedicated and committed volunteers who spend a great deal of time helping out within the school. They work in classrooms assisting teachers throughout the day, help with copying tasks and working with the nurse to provide fluoride treatments to our students. Our student body also learns the importance of community outreach with several community service projects. Early in the fall students and their families contributed canned goods to the Salvation Army. During the holidays students did acts of kindness that were then turned into toys for needy children by Hasbro Corporation. We also celebrate our sense of community by coming together several times throughout the year to celebrate special days and events at our school-wide assemblies.

The school theme for the last two years has been *Construction Now, Instruction Always*. The students at Green Meadows enjoyed the experience of watching the building being transformed into the wonderful facility it is today. Although the construction could sometimes make our days unpredictable, the real-life learning that the students experienced will be long remembered. We wish to thank the Hampden community for its support for the building project.

Memorial Elementary School - **Deborah Thompson, Principal** (through summer 2004)
Marguerite Myers-Killeen, Principal (beginning fall 2004)

From Principal Deborah Thompson: In the spring of 2004, Memorial School students and teachers participated in a school-wide literacy project about the history of Quabbin Reservoir. The purpose of this unit was to expose all the students to the wonderful local history of Quabbin by tying it to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks of Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies. In addition, this unit fostered cross-grade level activities, school-wide events, and a sense of community.

Students in grades two and three read the book Letting Swift River Go by Jane Yolen, and the students in the upper grades read Someday by Jackie French Koller. Clif Read, head warden at Quabbin, visited Memorial School on several occasions to speak to all students about the history and science of watershed development in Massachusetts. In

March, Jackie French Koller spoke to all students about the process of becoming a writer and her motivation and research for writing Someday.

Our culminating event in June was that every grade level visited Quabbin Reservoir. Clif Read guided us around the Visitor Center and we hiked around the reservoir learning the history of Dana, Prescott, Enfield and Greenwich. It was a memorable experience for all!

From Principal Marguerite Myers-Killeen: At the end of July, 2004, I was proud to accept the position as the Principal of Memorial School. Although I was not able to fully assume leadership of my new school until October 1st, I immediately began working with Mrs. Thompson to learn all I could about the Memorial community. My first challenge at the beginning of October was to get to know the students, families and staff. To help in this endeavor, I spent time visiting all the classrooms, reading to the students, and joining them for lunch and recess. I continue to spend time with students as much as possible.

At the end of November, we introduced our school-wide community service project of collecting non-perishable food items for the Community Survival Center. In December at our "Giving Tree" assembly, we proudly presented our donation of 755 pounds of food to the director of this organization.

Also at the end of November, I introduced the new motto for Memorial School which is "*Never hurt anyone on the inside or the outside*" along with our school song which elaborates on these words, and we are trying our best to make these words a part of our every day lives.

My goals for the New Year are to further strengthen the sense of community which exists at Memorial School and to continue to make Memorial School a great place for our children to grow and learn!

Soule Road Elementary School - Rosemary Brosnan, Principal

Soule Road School serves 378 students in grades Pre-K, two through six. Dedicated staff members collaborate to provide the highest quality educational experience for all of the Soule Road School students.

The mission of the Soule Road School community will be to provide the best possible education available to its students. With this in mind, the Soule Road School Council developed the School Improvement Plan. The plan's goals ensure that our education environment is a place where all students thrive and achieve to the best of their abilities. The goals are:

1. To promote writing across the curriculum.
2. To use technology to enhance the learning experience.

3. To promote social awareness

The programs and activities from the writing, technology, and social awareness goals provide numerous opportunities to enhance student performance in all areas. As they develop their diverse potentials, students will be encouraged to become capable problem solvers, able to cope with and adapt to the ever-changing world about them.

At Soule Road Elementary School, 2004 was a very exciting year for students. Some of the highlights from the past year were: In January, 23 students nominated by their classmates received the "Peaceful and Kind Student Awards" because they personified the qualities of courage and non-violence echoed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In February the staff presented the play "Sir Bookworm." Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday was celebrated in March with a special assembly with Daisy the Pig and Farmer Minor. The PTO's second annual ***Souleto Festival 2004*** was held in May and highlighted student's artwork, photography, poetry, short stories, instrumental & dance performances and drama selections. "Retro Bill," the official D.A.R.E. Safety Buddy, visited the District's schools in September and spoke about child safety and self-esteem. In October the Soule Road and Thornton Burgess schools were recipients of a \$47,120 competitive grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety, which made it possible for Soule Road to continue to implement the Second Step program and to offer an after-school component, *Peers Making Peace*. Toward the end of the year, the PTO-funded mural project began with "Artist in Residence," Susan Boss, and Art teacher Carol Gauthier collaborating and incorporating student artwork depicting the two themes of community and seasons in the large mural. And finally, the Technology Committee sponsored their third annual raffle. Proceeds have enabled this committee to purchase computers, printers, Accelerated Math scanners, computer supplies and software programs for the classrooms and computer lab.

Stony Hill Elementary School - Rebecca S. DeSmith, Interim Principal

Through implementation of its School Improvement Plan, Stony Hill has partnered with the local community to provide students with opportunities to see themselves as part of something bigger. One of the school's goals is to increase opportunities for students to learn from real life experiences within the school day. In 2004, students in grades two, three and four were part of Junior Achievement Program, where they learned basic tenets of business management, marketing and global economic issues appropriate to the grade level. Stony Hill has also partnered with Country Bank to initiate what has become a very successful banking program with over 100 students starting a savings program and enthusiastically bringing their passbooks to school to record their savings.

Also in keeping with providing students with insights into community life, Stony Hill sponsored Career Day with members of the community visiting the school and offering presentations on specific careers. Represented were members of the police and fire

departments, the medical field, human services, local businesses and town administrators. Our students learned about the contributions these people make to life in and around Wilbraham.

The sixth grade students again became “breakfast partners” as they worked alongside Stony Hill cafeteria workers and the Wilbraham Senior Center to provide a holiday breakfast to Senior Citizen guests. This program gave these students experience in leadership and service to the community.

Stony Hill continues to join with the District on the major initiative to increase writing skills across the curriculum. Every teacher has been trained at some level with the Collins Writing Program. Regular assessment of the implementation of the program helps maintain the focus of this important initiative and helps our students see the correlation between writing and learning in all subjects of the curriculum.

Our schools belong to our communities, and when community-school partnerships are encouraged and supported, they are sustained. Stony Hill is doing its part in making our school accessible to all who are stakeholders of education. We are proud of the learning taking place at Stony Hill and proud to share our goals with the community.

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School - Noel Pixley, Principal

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School’s School Improvement Plan focused on four strategic goals for the 2003-2004 school year. Improving academic growth in the areas of math and language arts continued to be a major focus. In addition, the school improvement goals continued to address the need to promote a safe school environment for staff and students, while improving the overall school climate. Preparing students for the MCAS, and the increasing challenges that they face as they progress through each grade level, continued to be a focus for all staff. We are pleased to report that due to the improvement in student performance demonstrated by our 2003 MCAS scores in English Language Arts and Mathematics, Thornton Burgess School students are among the top performers in Western Massachusetts in both categories. According to our 2003 mid-cycle AYP report, students are performing on target to above target in all areas. Teachers and administrators at Thornton Burgess School continued to be actively involved in various grade level study groups and became immersed in curriculum review, curriculum mapping and various other professional development activities.

For the third year in a row, the staff made the unanimous commitment to continue participation with the “Foundation for Excellent Schools” (FES). During the 2003-2004 school year, each grade level team established an FES initiative that created enriching opportunities for all of our students. These initiatives included: Grade 4 - a math fair for all students; Grade 5 - students prepared for the National Geographic Geography Bee; Grade 6 - students established a pen pal program with West Springfield Middle School. to strengthen writing skills; Grade 7 – students mentored 4th grade students in

Language Arts classes and students enrolled in the Critical Reading and Writing Skills classes participated in an "Early Awareness Day" at Westfield State College where they learned about college life and opportunities that will be available to them in the future; and Grade 8 - selected students were trained in leadership skills at American International College and a leadership club was established with goals formulated to improve the overall school climate. Many thanks to Springfield College, American International College, Smith College and Westfield State College, all of whom volunteered to be our FES partners.

Also during the 2003-2004 school year, the exterior of Thornton Burgess Middle School underwent significant changes. As outlined in the School Council's "beautification proposal," old trees were replaced with new plantings, and the stonewall structures at the front entrance of the building were downsized for safety considerations. A new school sign will be constructed at the entrance of the parking lot signifying the final phase of this project. Many thanks to the following people for donating either the time, resources or funding to make this beautification project a success: Hampden Highway Department, Billy Bond Excavating, Hampden Lions Club, Hampden Nurseries, Hampden PTO, and HWRSD Maintenance Dept.

As in the past, the administration and faculty would like to recognize the parents, PTO, and VIPS for their continued support. Through their remarkable and continued support, the school is able to offer meaningful field trips and in-schools programs. Volunteers provided by these groups help in countless ways throughout the school year.

Wilbraham Middle School - Barbara Lukis, Principal

Wilbraham Middle School has had the involvement of many of our parents through the PTA and School Council. Our parent volunteers have aided our school in a variety of ways. We have had two groups of parents who gave up their weekend(s) to paint the cafeteria and the band room. Parents volunteered to help with our magazine drive. The profit from this drive enables the PTA to offer such programs as the Camfel Production on respect, which is one of our core values, and programs from the Boston Science Museum. Another parent volunteer donates her time to co-chair our Student Advisory Board whose purpose is to bring concerns to the administration from the students. Other volunteers gave talks during lunch on nutrition and the value of eating the right foods. The PTA organized a very successful Career Day with more than 30 volunteers sharing insight about their various jobs. During International Week the Foreign Language teachers worked with volunteers to organize a week of foods from different countries and some international students visited the school to share their culture.

Our students gave of their time and money to raise funds for Camp Sunshine, which provides a camp experience for children with cancer and their families. This year our students raised money for the troops by buying phone cards so that the men and women serving our country overseas would be able to talk to their loved ones. Our students also provided food to the Food Pantry during the holidays.

Minnechaug Regional High School - John K. Logan, Principal

Minnechaug Regional High School continues to excel in the academic, social, and physical education of its students. The faculty and administration remain firmly committed to the school's mission of "striving to prepare students to be responsible, creative, and productive world citizens who can live and work in a global society. Family, school, citizenry, and business actively participate in student development. A comprehensive educational approach blends the traditional and the innovative in all areas, directing students toward the productive use of information in a technological age. The school environment fosters respect for the dignity and self-worth of each individual and encourages the development of values of honesty and integrity." The following reports from the various departments highlight just some of the commendable educational activities offered at the high school.

English: The department offers skills-based courses freshman and sophomore year and a broad range of courses for juniors and seniors. The junior and senior courses are designed to build on the skills taught the first two years. These courses include AP English, Shakespeare plays, Blues and Literature and American Literature. Our AP students continue to do well in the AP exams with over 75% of the students receiving a grade of 4 or 5 on the exam. The MCAS scores are also exceptional with a passing rate of over 98%. Notable awards include the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement in Writing, a prestigious writing award from Scholastic Magazine and various awards for our literary magazine and newspaper

Family and Consumer Sciences: During the year interdepartmental activities took place with the Technology Department to provide baking demonstration videos for the town cable access channel and with the Foreign Language Department for a Mexican feast featuring cultural and language lessons. The Child Study classes continue to document direct contact hours for students seeking licensing by the Office of Child Care Services.

Fine Arts: Over 700 students were involved in MRHS Fine Arts Department courses during the school year. Six dedicated music and art teachers designed and instructed the 22 courses that make up the Fine Arts program. Art offered 11 courses that provided opportunities and experience in a myriad of art forms and techniques, and a number of students were honored with BOSTON GLOBE Scholastic Art Awards. Music courses were offered to nearly 400 music students in 11 courses. Minnechaug's three choirs had 120 participants, and the three bands grew to 180 strong. Intense fund-raising provided a financial base for marching band uniforms, culminating in a terrific concert starring music legend Gene Pitney. MRHS musicians were well represented at the Western District, Quabbin Valley, Plymouth State and All-State Music Festivals.

Foreign Language: All language department teachers, both from the middle schools and the high school, had an active year discussing first-year language course curriculums and the FLARE program. Latin students participated in a field trip to the Worcester Art Museum, French students visited the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, some French

students voluntarily took the National French exam, Latin students participated in the National Latin exam, and select Spanish students participated in the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association 2004 Essay Contest.

History and Social Science: This department was active throughout the year with its display case, guest speakers, and curriculum development. Teachers and students participated in programs dealing with the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, the Iraq War, Media Fest, the Phi Alpha Theta State Historical Conference, Model U.N., Model Congress, and Mock Law. The Senior Seminar class spent a Saturday working with archeologist Dr. John Patrollo and the Hampden Historical Society on an archeological dig at Old Cemetery. In addition, the department spent the year preparing to shift curriculum offerings to align with the new History and Social Science Frameworks.

Mathematics: The department continuously works to enhance curriculum and this year developed new curriculum time lines for several courses. Based on student need, the Carnegie Cognitive Tutor for Algebra 2 was purchased and successfully implemented. In order to improve MCAS scores at the intermediate level, this curriculum was also enhanced by the use of the Carnegie Cognitive Tutor. In addition, all new teachers were trained on the "Tutor" and are ready to assume responsibility for its use in their teaching. Accelerated Math was purchased and is now used as a supplement to our level one program for those students who may be experiencing difficulties with fundamental skills. The use of graphing calculators has increased as more teachers have been trained in its use as a teaching device. Special recognition was given to five students from the Math Department for their scores on the American High School Mathematics Competition. This was the first time in a number of years that MRHS students made it past the first level.

Physical Education/Health: The department continued to update curriculum guides and manuals, which are invaluable reference materials for new teachers. Two new activities were incorporated into the existing curriculum - orienteering and a walking for fitness unit. Guest speakers augmented classroom instruction in the areas of alcohol and substance abuse, tobacco, fire safety, human sexuality, and sportsmanship.

Science: For the first time the Science Department will offer AP Physics. The Science Olympiad Team placed first in Western Massachusetts and 8th in the State. The Environmental Team placed 7th in the State, and a Chemistry Olympiad Team was organized. Sabra Dickson's article entitled, "Using a Biology Portfolio," was published in the November/December issue of the "American Biology Teacher".

Technical Education, Computers, and Business: These three combined departments continue to present a diverse offering of technical, applied and fine art classes at many levels in several subject areas. Of particular interest in the past year: computer students in Nancy Dugre's class took first place at the Western New England College Programming Contest; two students in Richard Scott's graphic class won Honorable

Mention Awards for their stop-action video animations at a film festival and Diane Jeserski's Entrepreneurship class took 3rd place and an Honorary Mention in the annual Springfield Technical Community College's Business Plan Competition. New teacher Bob Melnik is exploring different ways to teach Engineering and Design and visited the Electrathon competition for a possible future entry by Minnechaug. Department Chairman Dan Balsler, Nancy Dugre, and Richard Scott are spearheading the effort to bring Virtual Classrooms to Minnechaug through a joint effort with WNEC.

Interscholastic Athletics: Throughout the year, Minnechaug's student-athletes competed and excelled in 30 athletic offerings. State championships in Girls' Basketball and Boys' Volleyball were testaments to this very competitive and diverse athletic program. Academic excellence continued to accompany athletic success. Virtually every team, at every level, received the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's Academic Excellence Award, recognizing the teams' grade point average. Sportsmanship and a winning tradition were at the core of Minnechaug's very well respected, comprehensive and successful program.

Guidance Department: The department continues to offer a variety of programs to serve students and their parents. Services include: Guidance brochure, "welcome" telephone call to all freshmen, workshop on writing college essays, college financial aid night, college night for juniors and their parents, follow-up program for seniors and their parents, orientation program for eighth grade students and their parents, reception for transfer students, "Coffee with Counselors" morning, prep sessions and practice tests for SAT's, SAT 1, SAT II, ACT, PSAT, and A/P exams, which are administered at Minnechaug. The internship program for seniors continues to grow, and the Tech Prep program has expanded and provides excellent opportunities for students. The counselors meet with their students to assist in developing course schedules, making career and college choices, and dealing with personal issues. Counselors also work with students through the Developmental Guidance program.

Student Activities: Members of the 44 co-curricular student activity programs had another exceptional year. The As Schools Match Wits, Chess Club, FBLA, Technology Honor Society, Mock Law, Model UN, Science Olympiad, and SMOKE SIGNAL won group or individual first-place awards. Other teams excelling in championship play included the Environmental Team, Falcon Yearbook, Investment Club, Mathletes, Model Congress, One Act Plays, and more. The various groups donated thousands of hours of volunteer time and thousands of dollars to the greater community. The department also assisted six classes with their reunion planning. At the Evening of Recognition, 206 students were recognized for service, scholarship, and academics. In June, 271 seniors graduated, with most participating in the Prom, High Meadow Day, Graduation, and the Ultimate Party, which is hosted by a volunteer parent group. We thank the many community members and businesses that worked with our groups and contributed so much to our success!

Media Center: During the year the Media Center added a number of new titles to its

reference, non-fiction, and fiction resources, continuing the process of updating the print collection with materials that link to the curriculum. In addition, a new online research database was purchased, enabling students to have greater access to information both in school and at home. More than 950 classes visited the Media Center during the course of the school year and another 8,000 students came on an individual basis. More than \$500 was raised for books through the collection of empty printer cartridges for recycling.

Student Services Department - Thomas Philpott, Director

Student Services comprises special education and related services such as speech therapy occupational therapy, physical therapy, assistive technology, and school adjustment counseling. Over 700 students with various disabilities benefit from these services that are designed to promote effective academic and social progress.

The Student Services Department is also responsible for the assessment of over 300 students each year to determine the existence of an educational disability, and if a disability is found, whether or not it inhibits the academic progression of the student in the general education program. If a student is found to have an educational disability, a continuum of service interventions is available to provide the student the most effective support possible in the least intrusive manner. These services range from consultation and monitoring to partial placement in a resource room to full time placement in a specialized District program or, in a small percentage of cases, placement in a collaborative or private school.

Federal and State grants have allowed the expansion of the assistive technology resources, creating an important link between the disabled student and his or her ability to access the general curriculum. These grants have also funded workshops and consultation services to District professional and paraprofessional staff in order to develop a better understanding of the impact educational disabilities have on a student's learning capability. A State grant has continued to support an Autism Specialist who is able to develop programming that will enhance our ability to work with such students within the District, thus reducing our dependence on costly out-of-district programs and consultants.

Central to the goal of ensuring that all students make appropriate academic and social progress is the close cooperation between regular education and special education administrators, teachers, and paraprofessionals. Regular education initiatives such as the Student/Teacher Assistance Team (S/TAT) and the District Curriculum Accommodation Plan (DCAP) are expanding the continuum of services the District is able to provide to students with diverse learning needs.

Poppy Nelson, RN, BSN, NCSN - Nurse Leader

The nurses of the District continued to provide quality healthcare and health promotion during the school year with 14,678 students given first aid, 18,653 illness assessments completed, 14,970 student medications administered, and 5,627 parent phone calls and meetings accomplished. Overall, there were 49,619 student health clinic visits during the school year. The nurses also gave the Hepatitis B vaccine three-part series and flu shots to District employees, as requested.

Through a generous donation from Lori Russell and the Ed Russell Memorial Heart-Safe Fund, all schools in the District have an automated external defibrillator (AED) in their building. Gagliarducci Construction Company also donated an AED to the Athletic Department at Minnechaug. Thank you so much to these caring “angels.” Some faculty and staff in each school have been CPR/AED trained through the Wilbraham Fire Department, American Heart Association, and Joe Kellner. This will continue to be an on-going process.

The Department of Public Health again sponsored the Fluoride Mouthrinse Program. This year we increased our children served to all first and second graders in the District. Thank you again to the parent volunteers as we couldn’t do it without them.

We participated in the Massachusetts “Student Asthma Surveillance Summary” in Kindergarten through Grade 8. We found that 7.8% of our students in those grades report being treated for asthma compared to the estimated statewide average of 9.2%.

The Nurse Leader continued to work closely with the Community Health Network Area of Greater Springfield, the Mass. Department of Public Health, and Claudia Considine, RN, Wilbraham’s Public Health Nurse, on many issues including emergency preparedness.

Once again, the nurses thank Marge Trimble, Betty Worthington, and the members of the Wilbraham Women’s Club for volunteering to test the vision and hearing of hundreds of our children from pre-school through tenth grade.

Adult Community Education and Recreation - Ned Doyle, Director

The Adult Community Education and Recreation Program, “New Beginnings,” continues to provide the communities with diverse enrichment opportunities. In 2004, well over 2,000 participants enjoyed the program offerings and feedback was extremely positive. The 2004 “Summer Programs ‘R’ You,” serving the youth of the communities, was once again, the most popular program. However, the numerous spring and fall adult offerings were also well attended and afforded participants excellent enrichment opportunities. The “New Beginning” program anticipates a very bright future, as it continues to meet the needs of the community.

SCHOOL COUNCILS

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District 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. The School Councils were:

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Lynne Kimball, Principal
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Patricia Boylan
Beth Cebula
Ginny McKeon
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Martha Ross
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 Audra Quintin
 Debra Vartanian

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 Wilbur Jenkins
 Clifton Johnson
 Meredith Malysz
 Gary Manuel
 Patricia Pastoreck
 Linda Pickreign
 Sarah Petzold
 Susan Raimer
 Jane Robinson
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Marianne Desmond	D. John McCarthy
Lois R. Megliola	Mary Anne Morris
Gilles Turcotte	Gilles Turcotte

RETIREMENTS DURING THE 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR WERE:

Susan M. Agnew, Wilbraham Middle School
 Joan L. DeNucci, Stony Hill Elementary School
 Eleanor F. Fernands, Stony Hill Elementary School
 James E. Girotti, Minnechaug Regional High School
 Martin A. Kibbe, Minnechaug Regional High School
 Patricia A. Metzger, Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District
 John S. Przybylowicz, Jr., Minnechaug Regional High School
 Richard Scortino, Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District
 Robert A. Silva, Minnechaug Regional High School
 Richard A. Studeny, Wilbraham Middle School
 Thomas J. Sullivan, Green Meadows Elementary School
 Andrew J. Whalen, Minnechaug Regional High School

FIVE-YEAR ENROLLMENT HISTORY

Grade	1999 – 2000			2000 – 2001			2001 - 2002			2002 - 2003			2003 - 2004		
	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T
K	50	144	194	63	193	256	61	180	241	59	179	238	58	161	219
P-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	67	177	244	59	176	235	65	210	275	65	192	257	65	180	245
2	57	175	232	66	179	245	62	189	251	71	201	272	62	191	253
3	91	213	304	64	185	249	63	184	247	58	197	255	66	202	268
4	72	204	276	96	217	313	64	195	259	68	184	252	71	209	280
5	72	240	312	75	210	285	95	229	324	64	205	269	61	200	261
6	82	213	295	80	244	324	80	216	296	93	232	325	68	205	273
7	84	216	300	88	221	309	76	251	327	83	217	300	66	219	286
8	64	217	281	88	219	307	88	227	315	79	251	330	95	232	326
9	89	245	334	60	192	252	87	243	330	96	233	329	81	257	338
10	73	209	282	77	200	277	66	222	288	88	240	328	86	254	340
11	63	190	253	82	231	313	72	218	290	59	207	266	79	224	303
12	69	182	251	68	229	313	79	208	287	79	218	297	81	222	303
Other			88			85			87			72			79
TOTAL	933	2625	3646	966	2696	3747	958	2772	3817	962	2756	3790	939	2756	3774

**HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2004 DIRECTORY OF SCHOOLS**

Mile Tree Elementary School (Grades Pre K – 1)

Lynne Kimball, Principal
625 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone (413) 596-6921
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Green Meadows Elementary School (Grades Pre K – 3)

T. Jeffrey Sullivan, Principal (*retired*)/Deborah Thompson, Principal (*as of 8-30-04*)
38 North Road, Hampden, MA 01036 – Telephone (413) 566-3263
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Memorial Elementary School (Grades 2 – 6)

Deborah Thompson, Principal/Marguerite Myers-Killeen, Principal (*as of 10-1-04*)
310 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone (413) 596-6821
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Soule Road Elementary School (Grades 2 – 6)

Rosemary Brosnan, Principal
300 Soule Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone (413) 596-9311
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Stony Hill School (Grades 2 – 6)

Eleanor Fernands, Principal/Rebecca DeSmith, Interim Principal *(as of 11-1-04)*
675 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone (413) 599-1950
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School (Grades 4 – 8)

Noel Pixley, Principal
85 Wilbraham Road, Hampden, MA 01036 – Telephone (413) 566-8950
School Hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wilbraham Middle School (Grades 7 – 8)

Barbara Lukis, Principal
466 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone ((413)) 596-9061
School Hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Minnechaug Regional High School (Grades 9 –12)

John K. Logan, Jr., Principal
612 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone (413) 596-9011
School Hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.

Superintendent's Office

Paul C. Gagliarducci, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
621 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – Telephone (413) 596-3884
Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

REPORT OF THE STORMWATER COMMITTEE

In March of 2003, the Town of Hampden submitted a Notice of Intent and a five year Stormwater Management Program as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Program consists of various tasks and timelines which address 6 Minimum Controls as outlined by the EPA.

The Committee submitted the first annual report to the Department of Environmental Protection Agency in May 2004. Since then, the Committee has continued to work on ongoing tasks such as monitoring the Catch Basin Cleaning Program, training of municipal employees with regard to illicit discharges, posting new educational displays, updating the Stormwater website and others.

New tasks to be undertaken include drafting an Illicit Discharge Bylaw, sending out a stormwater survey, reviewing and modifying construction runoff bylaws, post construction runoff bylaws, and updating building permit application as required.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee volunteers for their valuable time, effort and dedication which will make this program a success.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph P. Kruzel, Chairman
Duane Mosier
Dana Pixley
Denise Feidler
Steve Libby
Neil Flynn
Jean Hall
Karl Sternberg

TAX COLLECTOR

The tax rate for fiscal 2005 has been set at \$15.62 per thousand dollars of assessed value. Although reassessments allowed for a drop from the fiscal 2004 rate of \$17.44 per thousand, property values were increased by an average of approximately 18%. The new rate was applied to the higher assessments resulting in a tax increase for most home owners. I'd like to urge any resident homeowners over the age of 70 to check the exemption criteria used by the Assessors. Some may find that they qualify and this exemption can certainly help to ease their tax burden.

Calendar year tax collections for 2004:

Real estate:	6,526,825.32
Community Preservation:	29,460.73
Personal Property:	217,290.55
Motor Vehicle:	678,860.49
Interest and charges:	34,657.55
Total:	7,487,094.64

Respectfully Submitted:

Eva A Wiseman, Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK

The Town's website continues to provide a convenient and easy to navigate source for Town information. From bylaws to meeting notices to recreational and library activities, it has been beneficial not only to Town residents, but to those considering a move to our community as well. If you haven't visited Hampden on line yet, I suggest that you do. Just go to hampden.org for a look at what's going on.

Money collected in 2004 and remitted to the Treasurer follows:

Fish and Game		
State	4532.25	
Town Fees		198.65
Dog Licenses		996.00
Certified Copies and Publications		1440.00
Trade Names and Marriages		745.00
Miscellaneous		<u>3686.36</u>
		7066.01 Total

Available in the Town Clerk's Office

Dog licenses 4.00 spay/neuter, <u>OR</u>	10.00
Subdivision Control Law	5.00
Zoning By-Law	7.00
Zoning Map	7.00
Certified Copies (vital records)	5.00
Marriage Licenses	15.00
Trade Name in Business (dba)	20.00
Street List	10.00
Voter's List	10.00
Voter's List on diskette	10.00
Voter Registration Card	5.00

Vital Statistics recorded in Hampden:	2001	2002	2003	2004
Births	44	46	47	28
Deaths	73	78	79	59
Marriages	14	13	12	11

Respectfully submitted:

Eva Wiseman, Town Clerk

MINUTES

Special Town Meeting October 25, 2004

Voters in attendance 66

Moderator Richard Patullo called the meeting to order at 7:40PM.

- Article 1 The Town voted by a declared majority to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Hampden Free Public Library to proceed with a feasibility study to examine the option of building a new library facility.
- Article 2 The Town voted by a declared majority to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Hampden Free Public Library to apply for, accept and expend any state grants, which may be available for the purposes of a feasibility study to examine the option of building a new library facility.
- Article 3 The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for Employee Benefits, 7.2 and \$10,000 for Street Sweeping, 45.0.
- Article 4 The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to raise and appropriate \$27,000 for the purchase of a new Police cruiser.
- Article 5 The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to raise and appropriate \$15,353 to the Reserve Fund.
- Article 6 The Town voted by a declared majority to take no action on Article 6.
- Article 7 The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$77,049 for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2005.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

TOWN OFFICES EMAILS/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

TOWN OF HAMPDEN website: www.hampden.org

DEP's Updated Title 5 Website: www.mass.gov/dep/brp/wwmhome.htm

TREASURER REPORT

After being newly elected in May 2004, my experience as the Town Treasurer has been both rewarding and challenging. I am in the process of exploring avenues to become more efficient with the use of our time, talents, and systems. This is an effort to improve our current method of services and meeting obligations that are delivered to the departments, employees, and vendors of the Town. I have been working with other Boards and we are currently reviewing all financial aspects of the Town.

I feel very fortunate to have been given this opportunity to utilize my banking expertise to help the Town's financial status.

Thank you to everyone who has given me their support and especially to Pat Smith, Assistant Treasurer, who has not only assisted me, but also guided me every step of the way.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracy L. Sicbaldi
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

In the year 2004, the members of the Highway Department, with assistance from a local tree service, removed 75 trees that were dead, dying, diseased or storm damaged. Below, I have listed the streets where trees were taken down and cleaned up by the Highway Department. As you can see, there were no trees felled by a professional tree service this past year. That is not due to the lack of trees beyond our capability that are in need of removal, but rather the lack of funds to hire a professional tree service to do the work. A list of trees in need of removal by a tree service is being compiled for future funding. 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. The trees removed were as follows:

<u>Location</u> <u>Service</u>	<u>Completed by Highway Department</u>	<u>Assisted by Tree</u>
Allen Street	10	
Ames Road	4	
Bayberry	1	
Burleigh Road	1	
East Longmeadow Road	2	
Hickory Lane	1	
Glendale Road	10	
Mill Road	5	
North Road	4	
Scantic Rd.	1	
Sessions Drive	1	
Somers Road	1	
South Road	1	
Springhouse Road	1	
St. Germain	1	
Stony Hill Road	1	
Wilbraham Rd.	30	
Total Removals	75	0

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN P2

Several stumps were in need of grinding, but again no money was allotted for this service and a list of stump locations is being compiled.

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

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In the year 2004, the Highway Department again completed many maintenance projects such as street sweeping, patching, cleaning ditches, and trimming roads of brush, along with the repair and maintenance of our equipment. Some smaller projects were done as well, with local funds. They are listed later in this report. Normally, larger projects are funded with Chapter 90 Agreements through the Massachusetts Highway Department. However, this year the state did not release our local aid until it was too late in the season to be used on road construction. This financial aid will be used in 2005. Fortunately, there was a considerable amount of work that the department was able to perform associated with the Green Meadows School renovations. A breakdown of the projects we completed at the school is as follows:

We dug out and graveled in an area in the rear of the school to provide for the paving of a sidewalk. Gravel material along the side of the school was removed and loam was placed so grass could be planted. We also placed material in preparation for final loaming and seeding, behind the school. This raised the entire area about three feet. Surplus fill was moved from the sides of the school, as well as from the stockpile at the transfer station, for use in this area. This provided for a level surface area for the children to play on. All ten septic and electrical structures behind the school were raised, set to grade, and cemented in place. Wood chips were hauled from a stockpile at the transfer station to the area of the waterline and leveled. This provided an additional 2-feet of cover along the waterline to prevent the possibility of freezing. We connected drainage to an existing basin in the driveway of the school and extended a drain line to the west side of the front parking lot, where we built a catch basin to correct a water problem. We installed a 6-inch perforated pipe with stone (sub-drainage) northerly along the driveway to intercept all ground water. A catch basin and 36 feet of pipe were installed in front of the school. Lastly, a grove of trees was cleaned out and trimmed up, before the ground was mulched to improve appearance and visibility.

A variety of other projects were addressed this past year as well. A drainage line was installed on Echo Valley Dr. to prevent icing there in the winter. Catch basins that collapsed were re-built on Scantic Road, Wilbraham Road, Main Street and South Road. A new basin with drainage was built on Chapin Road. Drainage was both repaired and installed on South Road, near the pipeline, to correct an icing problem there. An existing drain line was extended on Colony Drive to restore its ability to function properly. Main Street was shimmed from Somers Road east, to improve the road surface and allow water to drain into basins properly. All traffic markings in town were re-painted. We also painted markings to locate catch basins in minor flooding or heavy snow events. The cul-de-sac at the end of Colony Drive was modified to improve plowing operations. A new loading ramp was constructed at the highway department to be used in loading sanders this winter.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT P2

As you may recall, the issue of catch basin cleaning was finally resolved. All the basins in town were completely cleaned and the material was hauled to Springfield for disposal. This was allowed under a permit issued by DEP. The basin cleaning program has become very expensive, but is essential for environmental protection and compliance.

There were a total of 18 winter storms in 2004. As always, the committed members of the Highway Department worked long hours to clear the roads and make them safe for traffic. The members of the Highway Department are; Patrick Markham, Robert Richards, Albert Rosati, Matthew Frederick and John Ouellette. Relief drivers who often assist us include: Harold House, Ron Neilsen and Jason Walbridge. I would like to thank them all for their service, support and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Dana S. Pixley
Highway Superintendent

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

The year 2004 has been a year of many challenges for the Veterans Services Department. The departmental budget was very tight with a difficult economy. Local operating budgets have suffered as well.

This office has endeavored to take applications for veterans and provide financial benefits and assistance to veterans and their families in accordance with state regulations (108 CMR). This department has also seen increased activity with returning veterans from Iraq. This department has aggressively sought out these veterans and offered assistance they deserve.

During this report period your Veterans Service Officer has increased efforts in the area of outreach by providing ongoing information to the media and is committed to serve local veterans and their dependents in whatever way we can.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert A. Mathison, Director/VSO

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Bylaws of the Town provide for an Advisory Committee, consisting of five members appointed by the Moderator, whose charge is to study the subject matter of all articles and to make recommendations on all articles pertaining to appropriations, expenditures, incurring of debt and any other article deemed appropriate.

Once again, the budget for the Town of Hampden proves to be a challenge. As in prior years, we are faced with uncertainty about state aid; therefore, it is likely that Town Meeting will be recessed on April 25, 2005 as in 2004. Town meeting will then reconvene at a later date when we have firmer numbers from the state. This will be discussed at our public hearing on the 2006 budget and warrant articles, which is to be held April 11, 2005. The opinions of residents provide valuable input to the Advisory Board and are always considered in our final recommendations on the budget.

The residents are the appropriating body for the town. That is the primary purpose of the annual town meeting. The appropriation for each department along with the impact on town services is decided at the annual town meeting. Please make every effort to attend. It is the residents that make the final decisions.

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas Boyd
Michael Crowley
Elizabeth deSousa, Chair
Timothy Marini
Peter Nossal

INFORMATION & EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Town Government	
POLICE Department EMERGENCY	911
Business Office	566-8011
FIRE Department EMERGENCY	911
Business Office	566-3314
Selectmen	566-2151
Highway: Dana Pixley	566-8842
Library	566-3047
Council on Aging	566-5588
Dog Officer: Nick Dominic	781-1484
Veterans' Agent: Robert Mathison, 200 Main St., Monson	267-4140
Building Inspector: Mark Feeney	566-2204
Electrical Inspector: Robert Lague	566-8472
Plumbing Inspector: Michael Ford	566-5578
Board of Health Agent: Lorri McCool	566-2152
Schools	
Green Meadows Elementary School, North Road	566-3263
Thornton W. Burgess School, Wilbraham Rd.	566-8950
Principal's Office – Noel Pixley	566-3931
Minnechaug Regional High School, Main St., Wilbraham	596-9011
Superintendent's Office – Dr. Paul Gagliarducci	596-3884
Churches	
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Allen St.: Rev. Brian McLeod	566-5572
Federated Community Church, Main St	566-3711
Parsonage: Rev. Thomas D. Howells	566-3402
St. Mary's Church, Somers Rd.: Rev. Timothy Murphy	566-8843
Utilities	
Bay State Gas: Business Office	781-9200
Bay State Gas: Billing	781-9200 x 4
GAS LEAK EMERGENCY	800-525-8222
Massachusetts Electric – Customer Service & Emergency	800-322-3223
Massachusetts Electric – Power Outage Only	800-465-1212
Verizon - Residential	800-870-9999
Verizon – Repair – 24 hour	800-446-8946
Charter Communications – Cable Company	888-557-1115
Hospitals	
AMBULANCE: AMR - 24 hour service	533-3362
Baystate Medical Center - Springfield	794-0000
Mercy Medical Center – Springfield	748-9000
Healthsouth Rehabilitation - Ludlow	589-7581
Wing Memorial Hospital - Palmer	283-7651
U.S. Post Office, Main St.	566-3752
Poison Control Center	800-222-1212
Department of Social Services	205-0500

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated May 17, 2004	Fiscal 2006 Requested
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
1.0 Accountant			
1.1 Salary	20,588.62	21,806	22,351
1.2 Clerical	0	0	0
1.3 Expenses	3,500.00	3,500	5,000
Total Accountant	24,089	25,306	27,351
2.0 Advisory Committee			
2.1 Clerical	712.40	2,800	3,200
2.2 Expenses	0	200	200
Total Advisory	712	3,000	3,400
3.0 Appeals, Board of			
3.1 Clerical	1,868.00	2,873	2,945
3.2 Expenses	130.53	160	200
Total Appeals	1,999	3,033	3,145
4.0 Assessors, Board of			
4.1 Salaries	12,207.00	12,512	12,815
4.2 Clerical	11,348.75	12,554	17,380
4.3 Expenses	1,226.84	2,500	2,500
4.4 Data Processing	-	0	0
4.5 Revaluation Update	3,500.00	4,000	5,000
4.6 Mapping Maintenance	950.00 *1	900	900
4.7 Computer Maint. & Supp.	0	0	0
4.8 Field Review	1,200.00	2,000	2,000
Total Assessors	30,433	34,466	40,595

*1 Includes transfer of \$50 from Reserve Fund

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	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
5.0 Building Department Expenses			
5.1 Code and General Enforcement	400	410	420
5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Building Dept.	400	410	420
6.0 County Retirement	173,660.00	196,273	213,020
7.0 Insurance			
7.1 Property and Liability	68,068.00 *2	67,538	82,000
7.2 Employee Benefits	145,029.78 *3	156,500 *4	191,413
7.3 Unemployment Compensation	13,696.75	2,000	2,000
7.4 Longevity	4,900.00	<u>5,800</u>	<u>4,560</u>
Total Insurance	231,695	242,328	279,973
*2 Includes transfer of \$530 from Reserve Fund			
*3 Includes transfer of \$3510.78 from Reserve Fund			
*4 STM Oct 2004, Article 3			
8.0 Law and Claims			
8.1 General	<u>20,821.46</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>
Total Law	20,821	20,000	26,000
9.0 Moderator			
9.1 Salary	0	0	0
9.2 Expenses	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Total Moderator	100	100	100
10.0 Planning Board			
10.2 Clerical	5,303.30	8,155	8,627
10.3 Expenses	<u>531.62</u>	<u>535</u>	<u>535</u>
Total Planning Board	5,835	8,690	9,162

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	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
11.0 Registrars, Board of (Voters)			
11.1 Salaries	742.00	761	780
11.2 Election Expenses	2,142.82 *5	3,700	1,100
11.3 Street Lists	1,900.00	1,900	1,900
Total Registrars	4,785	6,361	3,780
*5 Includes transfer of \$1,250.35 from Reserve Fund			
12.0 Selectman			
12.1 Salaries	6,117.00	9,100	9,327
12.2 Administrative Asst.	22,947.24	25,338	27,547
12.3 Secretarial	14,656.38 *6	0 *8	0
12.4 Expenses	1,616.33 *7	1,600	1,600
12.5 Legal Advertising	292.10	400	400
12.6 Computer Study Committee	0	0	0
12.7 Temporary Help	0	0	500
Total Selectman	45,629	36,438	39,374
*6 Includes transfer of \$620.38 from Reserve Fund			
*7 Includes transfer of \$16.33 from Reserve Fund			
*8 Secretarial is now 56.2			
13.0 Tax Collector			
13.1 Salary	23,402.00	23,987	23,987
13.2 Clerical	5,039.03	7,282	7,464
13.3 Expenses	1,988.56	2,100	2,100
13.4 Computer Maintenance	4,169.00	4,175	4,975
13.5 Tax Title Work	0	250	250
13.6 Tax Title Admin.	0	0	0
Total Tax Collector	34,599	37,794	38,776

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	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
14.0 Town Clerk			
14.1 Salary	23,402.00	23,987	23,987
14.2 Clerical	3,027.87	4,723	4,841
14.3 Expenses	880.44	1,000	1,000
14.4 Town Publications	0	0	0
Total Town Clerk	27,310	29,710	29,828
15.0 Town Report	4,682.00 *9	3,000	3,000
*9 Includes transfer of \$1,730 from Reserve Fund			
16.0 Treasurer			
16.1 Salary	28,480.00	29,192	29,922
16.2 Clerical	6,837.00	7,008	7,183
16.3 Expenses	623.52	900	900
16.4 Certifying Notes	7,024.00	100	100
16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	10.00	2,500	2,500
16.6 Tax Title Expense	4,469.95	700	700
16.7 Payroll Service	5,361.71 *10	5,500	7,100
16.8 Bank Service Charges	40.00	250	250
16.9 Tax Title Admin.	0	0	0
Total Treasurer	52,846	46,150	48,655
*10 Includes \$1,500 transfer from Reserve Fund			
17.0 Veterans' Benefits	8,490.06 *11	8,246	9,500
*11 Includes transfer of \$1,400 from Reserve Fund			
18.0 Greater Springfield Senior Services	467.00	467	467
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	668,551	701,772	776,546

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	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
GENERAL TOWN SERVICES			
20.0 Academy Hall Maintenance	1,730.53 *12	2,000	2,500
*12 Includes transfer of \$700 from Reserve Fund			
21.0 Cemetery Commission			
21.1 Clerical		585	585
21.2 Expenses		80	80
21.3 Maintenance		0	1860
Total Cemetery Commission	0	665	2525
22.0 Conservation Commission			
22.1 Clerical	815.28	2,800	6,000
22.2 Expenses	421.48	450	1000
Total Conservation Commission	1,237	3,250	7,000
23.0 Transfer Station			
23.1 Operation	0	90,000	90,000
23.2 Monitoring/Testing	12,912.00	14,400	14,400
Total Transfer Station	12,912	104,400	104,400
24.0 School Buildings Repairs	0	0	0
25.0 Insect Pest Control	0	0	0
26.0 Library			
26.1 Salaries			
26.2 Expenses			
26.3 Books and Periodicals			
Total Library	99,108.00 *13	102,670	108,290
*13 Includes transfer of \$1,600 from Reserve Fund			
27.0 Town Events	630.62	800	800

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	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
29.0 Office Equipment			
29.1 Acquisition	31.48	500	500
29.2 Maintenance	5,411.38	7,000	7,000
29.3 Supplies	921.88	5,000	5,000
29.4 Postage	9,739.45	9,778	9,778
Total Office Equipment	16,104	22,278	22,278
30.0 Parks and Recreation			
30.1 Salaries	6,296.51	500	5,120
30.2 Operating Expenses	6,283.24	3,650	6,530
30.3 Capital Improvements	0	0	0
30.4 Baseball	0	0	0
30.5 Softball	0	0	0
30.6 Girls Soccer	0	0	0
30.7 Boys Soccer	0	0	0
30.8 Basketball	0	0	0
30.9 Director's Salary	30,875.00	33,501	35,549
Total Parks and Recreation	43,455	37,651	47,199
31.0 Public Grounds	31,098.00	25,559	30,178
32.0 Town House Maintenance			
32.1 Custodial	10,736.69	16,585	16,585
32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	5,389.93	6,000	6,800
32.3 Heat and Utilities	26,431.69	29,600	37,300
Total Town House Maintenance	42,558	52,185	60,685

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	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
33.0 Tree Warden			
33.1 Expenses	225.00 *14	500	3,500
33.2 Planting Trees	0	0	0
Total Tree Warden	<u>225</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
*14 Includes transfer of \$225 from Reserve Fund			
34.0 Ambulance	12,328.92	12,452	12,577
35.0 Gasoline	24,999.39	25,000	35,050
36.0 Street Lighting	14,824.70	15,100	17,176
37.0 Council on Aging			
37.1 Director's Salary	29,076.00	31,638	34,434
37.2 Clerk	21,454.57	18,380	24,111
37.3 Expenses	1,782.63	0	1,000
37.4 Temporary Help	0	0	0
Total Council on Aging	<u>52,313</u>	<u>50,018</u>	<u>59,545</u>
38.0 Senior Center			
38.1 Custodial	8,166.69 *15	8,854	9,589
38.2 Utilities	11,664.72 *16	10,139	12,139
38.3 Building Maintenance	6,227.17	6,000	8,000
38.4 Grounds Maintenance	0	0	0
Total Senior Center	<u>26,059</u>	<u>24,993</u>	<u>29,728</u>
*15 Includes transfer of \$2.69 by Advisory			
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39.0 Historical Commission	162.07	200	200
Total General Town Services	379,745	479,721	543,631

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	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			
40.0 Superintendent's Salary	58,868.00	58,868	61,514
41.1 Paving		0	0
42.0 Highway Maintenance	72,220.00	74,861	76,180
43.0 General Highway Expense	78,883.00	83,387	84,775
44.0 Snow and Ice Removal	87,398.78	37,224	37,224
45.0 Street Sweeping and Catch Basin Cleaning *17 STM Oct. 2004, Article 3	16,000.00	33,000 *17	34,500
46.0 Other Highway Accounts			
46.1 Highway Engineering		0	0
46.2 Road Machinery Maintenance	9,997.44	10,000	10,000
46.3 Town Garage Maintenance	4,600.00	4,600	4,600
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	327,967	301,940	308,793

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	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY			
50.0 Animal Inspection			
50.1 Salary	1,808.00	1,853	1,900
50.2 Expenses	0	240	240
50.3 Rabies Management	0	0	0
Total Animal Inspection	<u>1,808</u>	<u>2,093</u>	<u>2,140</u>
51.0 Civil Defense Supplies	0	10	10
52.0 Dog Officer			
52.1 Animal Control Account	13,435.00	13,445	13,915
52.2 Dog Damage Fund	45.00	300	300
Total Dog Officer	<u>13,480</u>	<u>13,745</u>	<u>14,215</u>
53.0 Fire Department			
53.1 Fire Chief Salary	847.00	868	890
53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	636.58	1,000	1,200
53.3 Operation	22,038.00	22,589	23,154
Total Fire Department	<u>23,522</u>	<u>24,457</u>	<u>25,244</u>
54.0 Forest Fires	1,330.00 *18	1,333	1,383
*18 Includes transfer of \$497 from Reserve Fund			
55.0 Forest Fire Warden	557.00	557	571
56.0 Health, Board of			
56.1 Salary	3,582.96	3,673	3,764
56.2 Clerk Salary	-	17,760	20,358
56.3 Expenses	1,333.07	3000	3000
Total Board of Health	<u>4,916</u>	<u>24,433</u>	<u>27,122</u>

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	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
565.5 Water District			
565.1 Operations	2,367.77	6,889	6,889
565.2 Testing	5,951.90	2,900	2,900
Total Water District	8,319.67	9,789	9,789
57.0 Police			
57.1 Chief's Salary	61,500.00	63,038	63,038.00
57.2 General Salaries	635,620.64 *19	671,188	674,748.03
57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	7,889.00	12,291	15,082.00
57.4 General Expenses	33,424.08	35,500	36,625.00
57.5 New Cruisers	0	27,000 *20	0.00
57.6 Training	17,929.00	19,500	24,852.86
57.7 Equipment		5,616	6,828.36
57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	74,500.00	74,960	83,651.61
57.9 Additional Officer	0	0	0.00
*19 Includes transfer of \$3,867.47 from Reserve Fund			
*20 STM Oct 2004, Article 4			
58.0 Other Police Accounts			
58.1 Election and Town Meetings	871.00	2,100	910.00
58.2 Towing Clerk	250.00	100	100.00
58.3 WMLEC		250	250.00
59.0 Parking Clerk		0	
Total Police	831,984	911,543	906,086
TOTAL PROTECTION	885,916	987,960	986,560

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	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated	Fiscal 2006 Requested
SCHOOLS			
69.0 Regional School District			
69.1 Assessment	5,309,652.00	5,539,683	5,881,172
69.2 Teacher Deferral	<u>7,616.00</u>	<u>7,616</u>	<u>7,616</u>
Total Regional School District	5,317,268	5,547,299	5,888,788
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SUB TOTAL	7,579,447	8,018,692	8,504,318
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70.0 Local Government Debt			
70.1 Principal	292,570.00	290,000	250,000
70.2 Interest	29,850.00	29,850	13,350
70.3 School Debt	65,807.85	56,173	53,072
70.4 Green Meadow BAN		120,515	295,000
70.5 Highway Truck		<u>0</u>	<u>71,400</u>
Total Local Government Debt	388,228	496,538	682,822
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GRAND TOTAL	7,967,675	8,515,230	9,187,140

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006**

	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated May 17, 2004	Fiscal 2006 Requested	Fiscal 2006 Recommended Available Funds	Fiscal 2006 Recommended Available Funds <i>Plus Override</i>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
1.0 Accountant					
1.1 Salary	20,588.62	21,806	22,351	21,806	22,351
1.2 Clerical	0	0	0	0	0
1.3 Expenses	3,500.00	3,500	5,000	12,000	12,000
Total Accountant	24,089	25,306	27,351	33,806	34,351
2.0 Advisory Committee					
2.1 Clerical	712.40	2,800	3,680	3,200	3,680
2.2 Expenses	0	200	200	200	200
Total Advisory	712	3,000	3,880	3,400	3,880
3.0 Appeals, Board of					
3.1 Clerical	1,868.00	2,873	2,945	2,873	2,945
3.2 Expenses	130.53	160	200	150	200
Total Appeals	1,999	3,033	3,145	3,023	3,145
4.0 Assessors, Board of					
4.1 Salaries	12,207.00	12,512	12,815	12,512	12,815
4.2 Clerical	11,348.75	12,554	17,380	12,554	17,380
4.3 Expenses	1,226.84	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
4.4 Data Processing	-	0	0	0	0
4.5 Revaluation Update	3,500.00	4,000	5,000	28,000	28,000
4.6 Mapping Maintenance	950.00 *1	900	900	900	900
4.7 Computer Maint. & Supp.	0	0	0	0	0
4.8 Field Review	1,200.00	2,000	2,000	1,500	2,000
Total Assessors	30,433	34,466	40,595	57,966	63,595
*1 Includes transfer of \$50 from Reserve Fund					

	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated May 17, 2004	Fiscal 2006 Requested	Fiscal 2006 Recommended Available Funds	Fiscal 2006 Recommended Available Funds <i>Plus Override</i>
5.0 Building Department Expenses					
5.1 Code and General Enforcement	400	410	420	410	420
5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Total Building Dept.	400	410	420	410	420
6.0 County Retirement	173,660.00	196,273	213,020	213,020	213,020
7.0 Insurance					
7.1 Property and Liability	68,068.00 *2	77,538	82,000	78,000	82,000
7.2 Employee Benefits	145,029.78 *3	156,500 *4	191,413	182,913	191,413
7.3 Unemployment Compensation	13,696.75	2,000	2,000	100,000	2,000
7.4 Longevity	4,900.00	5,800	4,560	0	4,560
Total Insurance	231,695	242,328	279,973	360,913	279,973
*2 Includes transfer of \$530 from Reserve Fund					
*3 Includes transfer of \$3510.78 from Reserve Fund					
*4 STM Oct 2004, Article 3					
8.0 Law and Claims					
8.1 General	20,821.46	20,000	26,000	20,000	26,000
Total Law	20,821	20,000	26,000	20,000	26,000
9.0 Moderator					
9.1 Salary	0	0	0	0	0
9.2 Expenses	100	100	100	100	100
Total Moderator	100	100	100	100	100
10.0 Planning Board					
10.2 Clerical	5,303.30	8,155	8,627	8,155	8,627
10.3 Expenses	531.62	535	535	535	535
Total Planning Board	5,835	8,690	9,162	8,690	9,162

	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated May 17, 2004	Fiscal 2006 Requested	Fiscal 2006 Recommended Available Funds	Fiscal 2006 Recommended Available Funds <i>Plus Override</i>
11.0 Registrars, Board of (Voters)					
11.1 Salaries	742.00	761	780	761	780
11.2 Election Expenses	2,142.82 *5	3,700	1,100	1,100	1,100
11.3 Street Lists	1,900.00	1,900	1,900	0	1,900
Total Registrars	4,785	6,361	3,780	1,861	3,780
*5 Includes transfer of \$1,250.35 from Reserve Fund					
12.0 Selectman					
12.1 Salaries	6,117.00	9,100	9,327	9,100	9,327
12.2 Administrative Asst.	22,947.24	25,338	27,547	23,338	25,547
12.3 Secretarial	14,656.38 *6	0 *8	0	0	0
12.4 Expenses	1,616.33 *7	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
12.5 Legal Advertising	292.10	400	400	300	400
12.6 Computer Study Committee	0	0	0	0	0
12.7 Temporary Help	0	0	500	0	500
Total Selectman	45,629	36,438	39,374	34,338	37,374
*6 Includes transfer of \$620.38 from Reserve Fund					
*7 Includes transfer of \$16.33 from Reserve Fund					
*8 Secretarial is now 56.2					
13.0 Tax Collector					
13.1 Salary	23,402.00	23,987	23,987	23,987	24,507
13.2 Clerical	5,039.03	7,282	7,464	7,282	7,464
13.3 Expenses	1,988.56	2,100	2,100	2,000	2,100
13.4 Computer Maintenance	4,169.00	4,175	4,975	4,975	4,975
13.5 Tax Title Work	0	250	250	0	250
13.6 Tax Title Admin.	0	0	0	0	0
Total Tax Collector	34,599	37,794	38,776	38,244	39,296

	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated May 17, 2004	Fiscal 2006 Requested	Fiscal 2006 Recommended Available Funds	Fiscal 2006 Recommended Available Funds <i>Plus Override</i>
14.0 Town Clerk					
14.1 Salary	23,402.00	23,987	23,987	23,987	24,587
14.2 Clerical	3,027.87	4,723	4,841	4,723	4,841
14.3 Expenses	880.44	1,000	1,000	900	1,000
14.4 Town Publications	0	0	0	0	0
Total Town Clerk	27,310	29,710	29,828	29,610	30,428
15.0 Town Report	4,682.00 *9	3,000	3,000	1,500	3,000
*9 Includes transfer of \$1,730 from Reserve Fund					
16.0 Treasurer					
16.1 Salary	28,480.00	29,192	29,922	29,192	29,922
16.2 Clerical	6,837.00	7,008	7,183	7,008	7,183
16.3 Expenses	623.52	900	900	600	900
16.4 Certifying Notes	7,024.00	100	100	100	100
16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	10.00	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
16.6 Tax Title Expense	4,469.95	700	700	700	700
16.7 Payroll Service	5,361.71 *10	5,500	7,100	7,100	7,100
16.8 Bank Service Charges	40.00	250	250	100	250
16.9 Tax Title Admin.	0	0	0	0	0
Total Treasurer	52,846	46,150	48,655	47,300	48,655
*10 Includes \$1,500 transfer from Reserve Fund					
17.0 Veterans' Benefits	8,490.06 *11	8,246	9,500	9,500	9,500
*11 Includes transfer of \$1,400 from Reserve Fund					
18.0 Greater Springfield Senior Services	467.00	467	467	467	467
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	668,551	701,772	777,026	864,148	806,146

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GENERAL TOWN SERVICES					
20.0 Academy Hall Maintenance	1,730.53	*12 2,000	2,500	1,800	2,500
*12 Includes transfer of \$700 from Reserve Fund					
21.0 Cemetery Commission					
21.1 Clerical		585	585	585	585
21.2 Expenses		80	80	80	80
21.3 Maintenance		0	1860	0	1860
Total Cemetery Commission	0	665	2525	665	2525
22.0 Conservation Commission					
22.1 Clerical	815.28	2,800	6,000	2,800	2,800
22.2 Expenses	421.48	450	1000	450	450
Total Conservation Commission	1,237	3,250	7,000	3,250	3,250
23.0 Transfer Station					
23.1 Operation	0	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
23.2 Monitoring/Testing	12,912.00	14,400	14,400	13,000	14,400
Total Transfer Station	12,912	104,400	104,400	103,000	104,400
24.0 School Buildings Repairs	0	0	0	0	0
25.0 Insect Pest Control	0	0	0	0	0
26.0 Library					
26.1 Salaries					
26.2 Expenses					
26.3 Books and Periodicals					
Total Library	99,108.00	*13 102,670	108,290		108,290
*13 Includes transfer of \$1,600 from Reserve Fund					
27.0 Town Events	630.62	800	800	600	800

	Fiscal 2004 Expended	Fiscal 2005 Appropriated May 17, 2004	Fiscal 2006 Requested	Fiscal 2006 Recommended Available Funds	Fiscal 2006 Recommended Available Funds <i>Plus Override</i>
29.0 Office Equipment					
29.1 Acquisition	31.48	500	500	0	500
29.2 Maintenance	5,411.38	7,000	7,000	5,000	7,000
29.3 Supplies	921.88	5,000	5,000	2,000	5,000
29.4 Postage	9,739.45	9,778	9,778	8,000	9,778
Total Office Equipment	16,104	22,278	22,278	15,000	22,278
30.0 Parks and Recreation					
30.1 Salaries	6,296.51	500	5,120		5,120
30.2 Operating Expenses	6,283.24	3,650	6,530		6,530
30.3 Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0
30.4 Baseball	0	0	0		0
30.5 Softball	0	0	0		0
30.6 Girls Soccer	0	0	0		0
30.7 Boys Soccer	0	0	0		0
30.8 Basketball	0	0	0		0
30.9 Director's Salary	30,875.00	33,501	35,549		35,549
Total Parks and Recreation	43,455	37,651	47,199		47,199
31.0 Public Grounds	31,098.00	25,559	30,178	26,000	30,178
32.0 Town House Maintenance					
32.1 Custodial	10,736.69	16,585	16,585	12,000	16,585
32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	5,389.93	6,000	6,800	5,400	6,800
32.3 Heat and Utilities	26,431.69	29,600	37,300	28,000	37,300
Total Town House Maintenance	42,558	52,185	60,685	45,400	60,685

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33.0 Tree Warden					
33.1 Expenses	225.00 *14	500	3,500	500	3,500
33.2 Planting Trees	0	0	0	0	0
Total Tree Warden	225	500	3,500	500	3,500
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Total Council on Aging	52,313	50,018	59,545		59,545
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38.2 Utilities	11,664.72 *16	10,139	12,139		12,139
38.3 Building Maintenance	6,227.17	6,000	8,000		8,000
38.4 Grounds Maintenance	0	0	0		0
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46.1 Highway Engineering		0	0	0	0
46.2 Road Machinery Maintenance	9,997.44	10,000	10,000	9,000	10,000
46.3 Town Garage Maintenance	4,600.00	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	327,967	301,940	308,793	229,766	308,793

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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
50.0 Animal Inspection					
50.1 Salary	1,808.00	1,853	1,900	1,853	1,900
50.2 Expenses	0	240	240	0	240
50.3 Rabies Management	0	0	0	0	0
Total Animal Inspection	1,808	2,093	2,140	1,853	2,140
51.0 Civil Defense Supplies	0	10	10	10	10
52.0 Dog Officer					
52.1 Animal Control Account	13,435.00	13,445	13,915	13,445	13,915
52.2 Dog Damage Fund	45.00	300	300	100	300
Total Dog Officer	13,480	13,745	14,215	13,545	14,215
53.0 Fire Department					
53.1 Fire Chief Salary	847.00	868	890	890	890
53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	636.58	1,000	1,200	100	1,200
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Total Fire Department	23,522	24,457	25,244	24,144	25,244
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56.1 Salary	3,582.96	3,673	3,764	3,673	3,764
56.2 Clerk Salary	-	17,760	20,358	17,760	20,358
56.3 Expenses	1,333.07	3000	3000	500	3000
Total Board of Health	4,916	24,433	27,122	21,933	27,122

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565.5 Water District					
565.1 Operations	2,367.77	6,889	6,889	6,889	6,889
565.2 Testing	5,951.90	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900
Total Water District	8,319.67	9,789	9,789	9,789	9,789
57.0 Police					
57.1 Chief's Salary	61,500.00	63,038	63,038.00	61,500.00	63,038.00
57.2 General Salaries	635,620.64 *19	671,188	674,748.03	559,575.00	674,748.03
57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	7,889.00	12,291	15,082.00	8,500.00	15,082.00
57.4 General Expenses	33,424.08	35,500	36,625.00	30,750.00	36,625.00
57.5 New Cruisers	0	27,000 *20	0.00	0.00	0.00
57.6 Training	17,929.00	19,500	24,852.86	3,374.00	24,852.86
57.7 Equipment		5,616	6,828.36	6,828.36	6,828.36
57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	74,500.00	74,960	83,651.61	74,398.85	83,651.61
57.9 Additional Officer	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
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58.0 Other Police Accounts					
58.1 Election and Town Meetings	871.00	2,100	910.00	910.00	910.00
58.2 Towing Clerk	250.00	100	100.00	0.00	100.00
58.3 WMLEC		250	250.00	250.00	250.00
59.0 Parking Clerk		0			
Total Police	831,984	911,543	906,086	746,086	906,086
TOTAL PROTECTION	885,916	987,960	986,560	819,314	986,560

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SCHOOLS					
69.0 Regional School District					
69.1 Assessment	5,309,652.00	5,539,683	5,881,172	5,831,172	5,881,172
69.2 Teacher Deferral	7,616.00	7,616	7,616	7,616	7,616
Total Regional School District	5,317,268	5,547,299	5,888,788	5,838,788	5,888,788
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70.1 Principal	292,570.00	290,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
70.2 Interest	29,850.00	29,850	13,350	13,350	13,350
70.3 School Debt	65,807.85	56,173	53,072	53,072	53,072
70.4 Green Meadow BAN		120,515	295,000	295,000	295,000
70.5 Highway Truck		0	71,400	15,000	55,000
Total Local Government Debt	388,228	496,538	682,822	626,422	666,422
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GRAND TOTAL	7,967,675	8,515,230	9,187,620	8,625,930	9,196,590