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TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampshire, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middlefield

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Middlefield Elementary School in said Middlefield on Saturday, the thirteenth day of February next, at 11:45 in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 1. To choose on one ballot a Moderator, Treasurer, Gateway Regional School Committee, Auditor, Tree Warden, Planning Board member, Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of one year:

A Selectman and a member of the Finance Committee for a term of two years:

A Selectman, Assessor, Trustee of Public Library, Cemetary Commissioner, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board member, Finance Committee member, and Gateway Regional School Committee member, for a term of three years.

The polls will open at 12:00 M. and will be closed at 5:00 o'clock P.M. The business meeting will start at 1:30 P.M.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Treasurer, School Committee and Tax Collector and act thereon.

Art. 3. To determine the disposition of the Dog Fund.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1971 and January 1, 1972 in accordance with provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,103.94 for the Gateway Regional School for 1971.

Art. 6. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges and pass any vote in relation to same.

ArtArt. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$3750.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, said money to be used in conjunction with State or County funds or both.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of \$615.00 for Chapter 81 Maintenance, said money to be used in conjunction with State funds.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of \$3,100.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance, said money to be used in conjunction with State or County funds or both.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Machinery Earnings account to the Machinery Expense account.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salaries of Elective Town Officers and to determine the amount of salary for each Elective Officer.

Moderator	\$ 20.00	Secretary, Assessors	\$ 35.00
Town Clerk	125.00	Chairman, Selectmen	200.00
Treasurer	625.00	2nd Selectman	100.00
Tax Collector	625.00	3rd Selectman	100.00
Chairman, Assessors	150.00	Auditor	30.00
2nd Assessor	150.00	1st Constable	60.00
3rd Assessor	150.00	2nd Constable	60.00

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Reserve Fund.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray the expenses of the Town for the current year:

EDUCATION:

School Building Notes #128-#130	\$5,000.00
Interest on School Building Loan	1,020.00

HIGHWAYS AND RELATED EXPENSES:

Snow Removal	7,500.00
Bridge Repairs	1,000.00
Workmen's Compensation	700.00

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Insurance	100.00
Maintenance	200.00

NATURAL RESOURCES:

Tree Warden	100.00
Insect Pest Control	95.00
Dutch Elm Control	150.29
Forest Fire Protection	10.00
Conservation Commission	200.00

GOVERNMENT:

General Government	1,500.00
Registrations and Elections	200.00

Health & Sanitation	10.00
Middlefield Disposal Area	600.00
Town Counsel	150.00
Hampshire County Retirement	1,000.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	2,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS:	
Fire Department	1,000.00
Library	95.00
Cemetery Commission	100.00
Planning Board	75.00
Printing	500.00
Street Lights	595.44
War Memorials and Playgrounds	90.00
Department of Mental Health	10.00

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$975.00 for painting and minor repairs of the Old Town Hall building.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Assessors in their quintannual report of Real Estate and Personal Property Valuation, to list each and every building with its valuation and each and every parcel of land with its acreage and valuation.

Art. 16. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Other articles may be added to this warrant.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same in the Town Post Office, on the bulletin board at the Elementary School and in a designated place in the Bancroft section of the Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Middlefield the eleventh day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and seventy-one.

JOHN E. RICE

MICHAEL F. NEVERS

Selectmen of Middlefield

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1970

TOWN CLERK

George W. Olds

MODERATOR

John E. Rice

Term expires 1971

TOWN TREASURER

Josephine Z. DeMoss

Term expires 1971

SELECTMEN

and COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE

John L. Hobart, Chairman - deceased

Term expires 1973

John E. Rice

Term expires 1971

Michael F. Nevers

Term expires 1972

BOARD OF HEALTH and FENCE VIEWERS

The Selectmen

ASSESSORS

Ralph Bell, Chairman

Term expires 1973

Cecil E. Alderman

Term expires 1972

Nancy J. Olds, Secretary

Term expires 1971

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Leo Varsano

Term expires 1971

Ann Jewett, Resigned

Term expires 1972

William R. Denault, Appointed

Term expires 1972

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Neil G. Nickerson

Term expires 1973

CONSTABLES

Charles E. Cook

Term expires 1971

Donald A. Savery

Term expires 1971

AUDITOR

Perley P. Boyer

Term expires 1971

TREE WARDEN

Donald A. Savery

Term expires 1971

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Grace H. Olds, Chairman

Term expires 1972

Constance N. Vreeland

Term expires 1973

Marilyn R. Pease

Term expires 1971

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Cecil E. Alderman, Chairman	Term expires 1971
Hugh S. Miller	Term expires 1972
George L. Bell	Term expires 1973

PLANNING BOARD

Helen P. Cook, Chairman	Term expires 1971
Jessie A. Hartley	Term expires 1971
Carol Varsano, Secretary	Term expires 1972
Ann Jewett, Vice Chairman, Resigned	Term expires 1972
Walter D. Smith	Term expires 1973
Richard S. Bellows	Term expires 1973

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

John H. Hartley, Chairman, appointed	Term expires 1972
Maurice H. Pease, Secretary	Term expires 1973
Nancy Burnham, Vice Chairman, resigned	Term expires 1971
Evelyn Boyer, appointed	Term expires 1971
Gilbert S. McLeod, appointed	Term expires 1971
Howard F. Pease, Jr., appointed	Term expires 1971

FINANCE COMMITTEE

William H. Slater, Jr., Chairman	Term expires 1972
Wayne E. Main	Term expires 1972
G. Robert Olds	Term expires 1971
Perley P. Boyer	Term expires 1973
Raymond G. Adams, deceased	Term expires 1973
James H. Hunt Sr., appointed	Term expires 1973

OFFICERS APPOINTED

SUPT. OF STREETS AND SNOW	Michael F. Nevers
FIRE CHIEF	Howard F. Pease, Jr.
CHIEF OF POLICE	Charles E. Cook
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	Charles E. Cook
INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING	Charles E. Cook
INSPECTOR OF MILK	W. Russell Ferris
BUILDING AND WIRE INSPECTOR	Edward F. Horalek
GAS PIPING INSPECTOR	Edward F. Horalek
SUPT. OF DUTCH ELM and INSECT PEST CONTROL	Wayne E. Main
FOREST WARDEN	Charles E. Cook
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE	Howard F. Pease, Jr.
DOG OFFICER	Charles E. Cook
BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT	Helen P. Cook
MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK	Michael F. Nevers
	Ira W. Pease
SURVEYORS OF LUMBER	Donald C. Miller
	Michael F. Nevers
FIELD DRIVERS	Michael F. Nevers
	Brewster C. Pease
	Ira W. Pease
	C.D. Vreeland III
	Howard F. Pease, Jr.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Jessie A. Hartley	Term expires 1973
Ralph Bell	Term expires 1973
Angela Savery	Term expires 1972
Perley P. Boyer, resigned	Term expires 1972
Nancy Burnham, resigned	Term expires 1972
Richard A. Waite	
Nancy J. Olds	

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Evelyn Boyer, Chairman	Term expires 1971
Leon A. Gardner	Term expires 1973
Donald A. Savery	Term expires 1972
George W. Olds, Town Clerk	

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS - 1970

March 18 - Kelly Elizabeth, daughter of Bradford P. and Judith A. Fisk.
June 9 - Michele Louise, daughter of Frederick W. and Denise L. Warren.
September 7 - Anthony James, son of Antonio J. and Sally W. Scapin, Jr.

MARRIAGES - 1970

January 17 - Anthony Robert Russo of Pittsfield and Ellen Youtz Andersen.
July 11 - Edward Joseph Batorski and Marjorie Pease Doane.
August 8 - John Edward DeMoss, Jr. and Diane Celeste Kelly of Chester.

DEATHS - 1970

March 5 - Mary Casey Winquist, 72 years, and 16 days.
June 19, Raymond G. Adams, 67 years, and 28 days.
July 2 - Walter Weglowski, 79 years, 1 month, and 14 days.
September 30 - John L. Hobart, 43 years, 9 months, and 24 days.

DOG LICENSES

46 Males at \$2.00 each	\$ 92.00
11 Females at \$5.00 each	55.00
19 Spayed Females at \$2.00 each	38.00
2 Kennels at \$10.00 each	<u>20.00</u>
	\$ 205.00
Clerk's fees at 25¢ each	<u>19.50</u>
	\$ 185.50

SPORTING LICENSES

33 Resident Fishing Licenses at \$5.25 each	\$ 173.25
30 Resident Hunting Licenses at \$5.25 each	158.50
32 Resident Sporting Licenses at \$8.25 each	264.00
8 Resident Minor Fishing Licenses at \$3.25 each	26.00
12 Resident Female Fishing Licenses at \$4.25 each	51.00
4 Non-resident Fishing Licenses at \$9.75 each	39.00
1 Non-resident Special Fishing Licnese at \$5.25 each	5.25
8 Non-resident Hunting Licneses at \$16.25 each	130.00
3 Duplicate Licneses at 50¢ each	1.50
9 Resident Sporting Licenses - free	
3 Resident Military Sporting Licenses - free	
7 Archery Deer Hunting Stamps at \$1.10 each	<u>7.70</u>
	\$ 856.20
Clerk's Fees at 25¢ each and 7 at 10¢ each	<u>33.70</u>
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$ 822.50

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS HELD IN 1970

All votes pursuant to articles in the warrant.

JANUARY 22

Approved three articles in regard to construction and equipping a middle school in the Gateway Regional School District.

Art. 1. Voted to construct and equip a Middle School. 48 Yes - 19 No.

Art. 2. Voted same to include a swimming pool. 39 Yes - 26 No. - \$125,000.00 additional.

Art. 3. Voted same to include a tennis court. 33 Yes - 25 No. -- \$23,000 additional.

MARCH 30

Art. 1. Transferred \$500.00 received from State from General Fund to Library account.

Art. 2. Transferred \$2500.00 from Machinery account to Machinery Expense account.

Art. 3. Voted to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for Westfield Mental Health and Retardation Board.

Art. 4. Voted to table article concerning Town Hall sale to non-profit corporation to be used a youth service center and take matter up with the Town Counsel.

Art. 5. Voted to purchase 4 wheel drive loader not to exceed \$12,000.

1. To apply \$3,000 from Machinery Procurement Fund for down-payment

2. To issue notes for the balance to be paid within a three year period.

Art. 6. Committee appointed to plan for preparing Town Hall for Youth Group meeting place, Robert Olds, Howard Pease, Jr., Abe Hases, Wayne and June Main to be on committee.

JUNE 8

Art. 1. Voted to approve the building of a new Middle School in the Gateway Regional District, constructing, equipping and furnishing, also constructing equipping and furnishing an addition to the Worthington Elementary School, and for remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to the existing Junior-Senior High School. 60 Yes - 21 No. -- \$2,765,000.00

Art. 2. Transferred \$1,000.00 from the Machinery Account to the Machinery Expense account.

Art. 3. Report of Conservation Committee read.

Art. 4. Voted that the Board of Assessors be ordered to hold open meetings in accordance with General Laws and all various properties belonging to the Town of Middlefield be kept in a proper file in a room at the School. U.N.

SEPTEMBER 17

Art. 1. transferred \$2,288.99 from Machinery Account to the Machinery Expense account, for final payment on Ford truck.

Ar Art. 2. Transferred \$1,000.00 from the Machinery Account to the Machinery Expense account.

Art. 3. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for Snow Removal.

Art. 4. Voted to table article concerning Sec. 3 of the supplementary protective by-laws after lengthy discussion with Town Counsel Leonard Cohen taking an active part, and that the Selectmen place the matter with the Planning Board for proper procedure according to Section 6 Chapter 40A.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE W. OLDS
Town Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

	<u>Approp. 1970</u>	<u>Recom. 1971</u>
EDUCATION		
Gateway Regional	\$ 51,382.65	\$ 49,820.62
Vocational	3,172.58	7,283.32
Bond Payment	5,000.00	5,000.00
Interest	<u>1,190.00</u>	<u>1,020.00</u>
	\$ 60,745.23	\$ 63,123.94
HIGHWAYS AND RELATED EXPENDITURES		
Chapter 81 Highways	\$ 615.00	\$ 615.00
Chapter 90 Construction	1,555.26	3,750.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,100.00	3,100.00
Snow Removal	7,500.00	7,500.00
Bridge Repairs	500.00	1,000.00
Workmen's Compensation	<u>900.00</u>	<u>700.00</u>
	\$ 14,170.26	\$ 16,665.00
PUBLIC BUILDINGS		
Insurance	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
NATURAL RESOURCES		
Tree Warden	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Insect Pest Control	95.00	95.00
Dutch Elm Control	150.29	150.29
Forest Fire Protection	10.00	10.00
Conservation Commission	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	\$ 555.29	\$ 555.29
GOVERNMENT		
General	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Registrations & Elections	200.00	200.00
Health & Sanitation	10.00	10.00
Middlefield Disposal Area	400.00	600.00
Town Counsel	150.00	150.00
Hampshire County Retirement	1,600.00	1,000.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	2,000.00	2,500.00
Salaries, Elected Officers	<u>2,355.00</u>	<u>2,430.00</u>
	\$ 8,215.00	\$ 8,390.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Printing	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Fire Department	1,000.00	1,000.00
Planning Board	75.00	75.00
Cemetery Commission	100.00	100.00
Care of Public Grounds	90.00	90.00
Library	95.00	95.00
Street Lights	595.44	595.44
Department of Mental Health	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>
	\$ 2,465.44	\$ 2,465.44
Reserve Fund	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 500.00

WILLIAM H. SLATER, JR., Chairman
WAYNE E. MAIN
G. ROBERT OLDS
PERLEY P. BOYER
JAMES H. HUNT SR.
Finance Committee

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The reports which follow summarize the expenditures of the various departments and accounts under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen. During 1970, a concerted effort was made to curtail expenses wherever possible to offset the effect of rising costs in practically every area of activity. For example, the revised format of this Annual Town Report represents a reduction in cost of more than \$400.00 from the cost of reports of the past several years.

The purchase of a payloader by the Town has eliminated the necessity for hiring expensive equipment on numerous occasions. The performance of this payloader is meeting both the financial and operational forecasts presented to the Town by the Board prior to its purchase.

Thanks to diligent effort on the part of the Tax Collector to improve tax collections and close monitoring of accounts by the various responsible town officers, we are entering 1971 with a considerably reduced level of deficit spending and the very expensive practice of borrowing money.

The Town must in the near future give serious consideration to the acquisition of a Town owned dumpsite. The Board of Selectmen is currently studying several proposals, and will make a recommendation to the Town in the near future.

The Board of Selectmen deeply regrets the tragic and untimely death of its chairman, John Hobart on September 30, 1970. John's conscientious and energetic effort to improve Town government and services were appreciated by all. The community misses John's intense interest in the many aspects of town administration and civic activity.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN E. RICE
MICHAEL F. NEVERS
Selectmen

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		\$ 7,500.00
Additional Appropriation		2,000.00
Transfer, From Reserve Fund		<u>300.00</u>
Total Available		\$ 9,800.00

Michael F. Nevers, Acting Supt.	\$ 591.00	591.00
Brewster Pease, equipment operator	2038.50	
Charles Cook, labor	1114.25	
G.R. Olds, labor	56.75	
John Hobart, labor	63.25	
Wayne Main, labor	398.75	
Tony Scapin, Jr., labor	194.75	
Robert Miller, labor	34.75	
Leon Gardner, labor	72.25	
William Pascal, labor	7.50	
Donald Miller, equipment operator	305.25	
C.D. Vreeland III, 4x4	259.25	
N.E. Mobilehomes, loader	290.00	
N.E. Mobilehomes, tractor	120.00	
Roberts Brothers, tractor	80.00	
G.R. Olds, tractor	147.00	
Donald Miller, bulldozer	164.00	
Petricca Construction Co., bulldozer	788.75	
West Hill Farm, plowing	50.00	
Chemical Corp., salt	1226.27	
Donoval Bros., sand	1689.63	
Town of Middlefield, Chevrolet	<u>108.10</u>	
		\$ 9,800.00

CHAPTER 81 HIGHWAYS

Town Appropriation	\$ 615.00
State and County Share	<u>11,275.00</u>
Total Available	\$ 11,890.00

SNOW

Town of Middlefield, Chevrolet	\$ 1593.00
Town of Middlefield, Ford	1446.00
Town of Middlefield, Loader	<u>36.00</u>
	\$ 3,075.00

HIGHWAYS

Michael Nevers, Acting. Supt.	\$ 276.00
Brewster Pease, equipment operator	1878.25

Charles E. Cook, labor	\$1278.00	
Wayne Main, labor	110.00	
William Hunt, labor	390.00	
Ira Pease, Driver	38.50	
Leon Gardner, driver	22.00	
Charles Winn, Jr., driver	22.00	
Duane Salvhus, grader operator	120.00	
Town of Chester, grader	280.00	
Wayne Main, mowing	180.00	
Ira Pease, mowing	168.00	
George Bell, mowing	54.00	
Charles Freadman & Sons, culverts	37.76	
Donovan Bros., stone	394.14	
Donovan Bros., truck	272.00	
Harold Jameson, calcium chloride	85.00	
Ken's Welding & Repair, welder	10.00	
Rodney Savery, truck	208.00	
Francis Nevers, 2 trucks	192.00	
W.E. Morgan, gravel	195.00	
Town of Middlefield, grader	546.00	
Town of Middlefield, loader	850.55	
Town of Middlefield, Chevrolet	1171.80	
Town of Middlefield, Ford	36.00	
		<u>\$ 8,815.00</u>
		<u>\$ 11,890.00</u>

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,555.26
Bond Issue, Chap.788, Acts of 1969	2,244.74
County Share	3,800.00
State Share	7,600.00
Total Available	<u>\$ 15,200.00</u>

CONSTRUCTION

Michael F. Nevers, Acting Supt.	186.00
Brewster Pease, Equipment operator	1128.00
Charles E. Cook, labor	968.50
Leon Gardner, driver	221.00
William Hunt, labor	190.00
Avis Dowsey, roller	20.00
James Winn, blasting	1366.85
Cumington Garage, sweeper	80.00
Gene Washburn, backhoe	400.00
Rodney Savery, truck	312.00
Francis Nevers, truck	96.00
Donovan Bros., truck	160.00

Town of Chester, grader	60.00	
Town of Middlefield, Ford	56.00	
Town of Middlefield, Loader	1320.00	
Town of Middlefield, Chevrolet	<u>1141.30</u>	\$ 7,705.65

MATERIAL

Lane Construction, hot mix	4459.73	
All States Asphalt, liquid bituminous	986.37	
Charles Freadman & Sons, culverts	1314.90	
Donovan Bros., stone and gravel	577.10	
W.E. Morgan, gravel	<u>156.25</u>	\$ 7,494.35
		<u>\$15,200.00</u>

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation		\$ 3,100.00
County Share		3,100.00
State Share		<u>3,100.00</u>
Total Available		\$ 9,300.00

Michael F. Nevers, Acting Supt.	186.00	
Brewster Pease, equipment operator	936.00	
Charles E. Cook, labor	848.00	
Wayne Main, labor	130.00	
William Hunt, labor	400.00	
Wayne Main, mowing	102.00	
Ira Pease, mowing	48.00	
E. Robinson, grader operator	48.00	
Donald Savery, truck	212.93	
Rodney Savery, truck	433.85	
Donald Savery, stone spreader	20.00	
Petricca Construction, roller	85.04	
Charles Farmer, gravel	150.00	
Donovan Bros., gravel	10.50	
Donovan Bros., stone	871.10	
Smith's Rent All, roller	48.00	
Charles Freadman & Sons, steel	222.40	
Banish Lumber, lumber	68.25	
Lane Construction, hot mix	1564.72	
All States Asphalt, liquid bituminous	928.19	
Town of Middlefield, Chevrolet	838.02	
Town of Middlefield, Loader	996.00	
Town of Middlefield, stone spreader	20.00	
Town of Middlefield, grader	<u>133.00</u>	\$ 9,300.00

BRIDGE ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$ 500.00
Total Available	<u>500.00</u>

Charles Freadman & Son, steel	\$ 492.44
	<u>\$ 492.44</u>

MACHINERY EXPENSE

Transfer from Machinery Earnings	\$ 2,000.00
Transfer from Gas Tax Refund	233.40
Additional Transfers	<u>6,788.79</u>
Total Available	<u>\$ 9,022.19</u>

Olds General Store, supplies & gas	\$1540.11
Howe Bros., parts	285.24
Tire Town, tires & recapping	1519.50
Harold Jameson, supplies, oil & grease	139.61
Stapleton, Inc., parts	6.93
Brown Oil, fuel	244.12
Pittsfield Welding Supplies, supplies	208.38
Charles Freadman & Sons, blades, steel	646.73
Carmel Bros., gas	23.33
Southgate Motors, parts	171.84
Raynor's Bearings, parts	637.91
Seyffer Ford, parts	58.22
L.P. Adams, supplies	24.00
Fisk Motors, repair and parts	195.92
Topy's Garage, stickers, gas & supplies	43.72
Charlies Garage	15.91
Dick March, parts	1.33
Berkshire Mill Supply, grinder	117.40
R.B. Pomeroy Insurance, plates, insurance	409.69
Becket Auto Sales, parts	9.45
Western Mass. Electric, electric	79.44
W.B. Bull, parts	18.50
Valley Oil, grease	24.90
Eastern Equipment, rake teeth	181.50
Pittsfield National Bank, truck payment, loan+interest	2291.96
Tyler Equipment, parts	3.34
Jack Lindsey, parts	10.22
Ralph Packard, labor - install 2-way radios	35.00
Avis Dowsey, roller	50.30
Merrick Berkshire Super Supply, supplies	<u>17.69</u>
	<u>\$ 9,012.19</u>

MACHINERY EARNINGS

Available January 1, 1970		\$ 3,687.72
Machinery earnings, 1970		
Chapter 81 Snow		
Chevrolet	\$ 1593.00	
Ford	1446.00	
Loader	36.00	
Chapter 81 Highways		
Chevrolet	1171.80	
Grader	546.00	
Loader	850.55	
Ford	36.00	
Chapter 90 Construction		
Loader	1320.00	
Chevrolet	1141.30	
Ford	56.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Chevrolet	838.02	
Loader	996.00	
Grader	133.00	
Stone Spreader	20.00	
Middlefield Disposal Area		
Chevrolet	62.00	
Loader	138.00	
Town Snow		
Chevrolet	108.10	
Dutch Elm Disease		
Loader	6.00	
Tree Warden		
Loader	60.00	
Other - Private use	<u>626.50</u>	
		<u>\$11,184.27</u>
		\$14,871.99
Transfer to Machinery Expense		<u>2,000.00</u>
		\$12,871.99
Additional Transfers		<u>6,788.79</u>
		\$ 6,083.20
Balance Machinery Expense Account December 31, 1970		<u>10.00</u>
Available January 1, 1971		\$ 6,093.20

OFFICERS' SALARIES

Town Appropriation		\$ 2,355.00
Moderator, John E. Rice	\$ 20.00	
Town Clerk, George W. Olds	125.00	
Treasurer, Josephine Z. DeMoss	625.00	
Tax Collector, Neil Nickerson	625.00	
Chairman & Sec. part-time, Ralph Bell	140.00	
Assessor & Sec. part-time, Cecil E. Alderman	135.00	
Assessor & Sec. part-time, Nancy J. Olds	135.00	
Chairman Selectmen, John L. Hobart	200.00	
Selectman, John E. Rice	100.00	
Selectman, Michael F. Nevers	100.00	
Auditor, Perley P. Boyer	30.00	
Constable, Charles E. Cook	60.00	
Constable, Donald A. Savery	<u>60.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 2,355.00</u>

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Town Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		<u>50.00</u>
Total Available		\$ 250.00
E. Drosehn, wiring	\$ 108.95	
Howard Johnson, fuel	89.24	
Western Mass. Electric Co., lights	<u>40.23</u>	
		<u>\$ 238.42</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Charles Cook Forest Warden, 1969	\$ 25.00	
R.B. Pomeroy, Insurance	280.06	
Mass. Fire Equipment Corp, equipment & supplies	28.15	
Raynor's Bearing & Supplies, supplies, parts	72.37	
Howard Johnson, fuel	192.66	
Olds General Store, supplies	95.48	
Howard F. Pease, Jr., parts	6.83	
Patterson, Wylde & Windeler Inc., Insurance	<u>295.31</u>	
		<u>\$ 995.86</u>

MIDDLEFIELD DISPOSAL AREA

Town Appropriation		\$ 400.00
Town of Middlefield, Loader	\$ 138.00	
Town of Middlefield, Chevrolet	62.00	
E.S.M. & Martha Landy, rent	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 400.00</u>

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
Advertising	\$ 34.29	
Association Dues	133.80	
Inspections, E. Horalek	57.00	
Insurance	42.35	
Note Registrations	19.00	
Office Maintenance	11.00	
Office Supplies, Selectmen	27.21	
Postage	74.65	
Salaries - Betty Oligny, Secretary to Selectmen	325.00	
Charles E. Cook, Chief of Police	75.00	
Charles E. Cook, Forest Warden, 1970	25.00	
Charles E. Cook, Inspector of Animals	30.00	
Stationery, offices other than Selectmen	249.22	
Sundry	200.33	
Town Office Bonds	145.00	
Telephone	---	
Travel	<u>6.70</u>	
		<u>\$ 1,455.55</u>

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Town Appropriation		\$ 900.00
Stevenson & Co., Inc.	<u>\$ 766.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 766.00</u>

HEALTH & SANITATION

Town Appropriation		\$ 10.00
George W. Olds, Rec. Vital Statistics	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 10.00</u>

TREE WARDEN

Town Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Donald A. Savery, saw, labor	\$ 22.00	
Brewster Pease, equipment operator	18.00	
Town of Middlefield, loader	<u>60.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 100.00</u>

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Town Appropriation		\$ 150.29
Wayne Main, truck, saw, labor	\$ 144.29	
Town of Middlefield, loader	<u>6.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 150.29</u>

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Town Appropriation		\$ 95.00
Wayne Main, truck saw, labor	\$ 95.00	
		<u>\$ 95.00</u>

RESERVE FUND

Town Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
Transfers to:		
Printing	\$ 10.00	
Planning Board	1.90	
Municipal Building	50.00	
Registrations & Elections	.29	
Health & Sanitation	50.00	
Town Snow	<u>\$ 300.00</u>	
		<u>412.19</u>

REGISTRATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Town Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Tellers:	Transfer from Reserve fund	.29
Evelyn Boyer	\$ 15.63	
Ann Theriault	12.63	
Jessie H. Pease	21.26	
Janet Waite	17.63	
Shirley Savery	10.63	
Janet Gardner	20.63	
Laura Horalek	10.63	
Josephine Z. DeMoss	15.00	
Philip Bingley	12.00	
Julia Andersen	10.00	
Gertrude Miller	7.00	
Appalachian Press, ballots	<u>47.25</u>	
		<u>\$ 200.29</u>

TREASURY WARRANTS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Tax	\$ 305.14
Director of Internal Revenue, Federal Tax	1,618.80
Howard Banner, Treas., County Retirement	488.24
Howard Banner, Treas., County Retirement Assessment	1,219.15
Howard Banner, Treas., Dog License Fees	182.00
Howard Banner, Treas., County Tax	6,905.89
Pittsfield National Bank, Note #206	11,275.00
Pittsfield National Bank, Note# 208	17,600.00
Commonwealth of Mass., M.V.D. Bills	37.05
Commonwealth of Mass., State Recreation Areas	723.87
Commonwealth of Mass., Audit Municipal Accounts	1,192.41

Commonwealth of Mass., State Assess. System	50.00
Hampshire County Hospital	138.17
Personal Property Tax Refunds	--
Real Estate Refunds	
A.A. Starbuck	350.00
Maud & Carl Sternagle	79.20
Motor Vehicle Refunds	
James L. Gilbert	1.37
Leonard R. Daigneault	6.60
Alton M. Sternagle	2.20
Leonard L. Daigneault	2.74
Grace H. Olds	11.55
Alton Sternagle	52.80
Marjorie Guild	9.90
John DeMoss	7.97

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

	Approp.	Expend.
Cemetaries	\$ 100.00	100.00
Conservation Commission	200.00	167.00
Forest Fire Protection	10.00	
Gateway Regional	54,555.23	54,555.23
Anticipated Interest	2,000.00	978.62
Library (see report)	605.95	480.78
Town Counsel, Leonard Cohen	150.00	150.00
Municipal Building Insurance	100.00	92.00
School Building Note & Interest	5,595.00	5,595.00
War Memorial and Playground	90.00	90.00
Printing, Town Reports - Hampshire Gazette	500.00)	
Transfer - Reserve Fund	10.00)	510.00
Western Mass. Electric, Street Lights	595.44	595.44
Westfield Mental Health & Retardation Board	10.00)	
Special Town Meeting	90.00)	100.00
Revaluation Account	4,500.00	4,500.00
Two-Way Radion Account	600.00	592.15
Police Protection	800.00	563.25
Machinery Procurement Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00

JURORS FOR 1971

Julia Y. Andersen
Walter Smith
John Hartley

Alton Sternagle
Joyce Slater

G. Robert Olds
Wayne Main

JURORS DRAWN FOR 1970

Hugh S. Miller
Jessie Hartley

John DeMoss
Peter U. Tefts

Evelyn Boyer
Gilbert McLeod

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. RICE
MICHAEL F. NEVERS
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Highways:

1967 Highway Imp. Chap. 616, Sec. 5	\$ 2,244.74	
1969 Chap. 90 Cont. #24920	3,100.00	
1969 Chap. 90 Cont. #25219	7,600.00	
1969 Highway Imp. Chap 768, Sec. 5	6,734.22	
1969 Highway Imp. Loan Act Chap. 788 Sec. 4	2,244.74	
1969 Chap. 81 Hwy. Cont. #8689	4,169.32	
1970 Chap. 81 Hwy. Part. Reimb.	<u>6,228.01</u>	
		\$ 32,321.03

Schools:

School Const. Grant	\$ 2,398.19	
Federal Aid Reg. School Dist.	1,164.00	
School Aid Chap. 70	<u>8,915.00</u>	
		\$ 12,477.19

Other:

Library Grant	\$ 500.00	
Inspection of Livestock	15.00	
Loss of Taxes	1,435.59	
State Valuation Bases	<u>2,977.41</u>	
		\$ 4,928.00

Hampshire County:

Chap. 90 Const. Cont. #25219	\$ 3,800.00	
Chap. 90 Const. Cont. #24920	3,100.00	
Dog Refund	<u>10.95</u>	
		\$ 6,910.95

Other:

Western Hampshire Welfare Dist.	\$ 535.08	
Gas Tax Refund, Geo. Olds	233.40	
Hingham Mutual Fire Ins. Co. Refund	3.75	
Milk License, W.R. Ferris	1.50	
Stevenson & Co., Refund Workmen's Comp.	<u>10.00</u>	
West. Mass. Elec. Co. Overpayment	30.95	
Federal Withholding Tax	1,650.20	
State Withholding Tax	313.16	
Hampshire County Ret. System	507.27	
Cemetary Assn. Perm. Fund, Interest	71.88	
Perpetual Care Interest	276.13	
A. T. & T. , McElwain Lot	15.60	

Sale of Cemetary Lots	\$ 40.00	
Leon Gardner, gravel	8.00	
Licenses & Permits, Geo. W. Olds	22.00	
Gun permits & Ident. Cards, Charles Cook	30.00	
Tax Title Redemption	104.21	
Dog Fees, Geo. W. Olds	<u>185.50</u>	
		\$ 4,038.63
Machinery Earnings	\$10,557.77	
Other Machinery Earnings;		
Tony Scapin, Loader	67.50	
A. Arcouette, Loader	30.00	
C.F. Richardson, Grader	26.00	
Ruby Garrett, Grader, Truck & Rake	207.00	
Gateway Reg. School, Snow Removal	160.00	
Tri-Town Paving Co., Truck	97.00	
Michael Nevers, Loader	24.00	
Maurice Pease, Loader	<u>15.00</u>	
		\$ 11,184.27
Loans:		
Pittsfield Nat'l Bank, Note #210, Antic. Revenue	\$45,000.00	
Pittsfield Nat'l Bank, Note #212, #213, #214		
Purchase Hwy. Equip	9,000.00	
Pittsfield Nat'l Bank, Note #215, Antic. Reimb		
Sect. 6A Chap. 44, General Laws	<u>17,600.00</u>	
		\$ 71,600.00
Taxes, Neil Nickerson, Tax Collector:		
1970 Real Estate	\$46,505.61	
1969 Real Estate	13,845.05	
1968 & Previous years, Real Estate	3,165.87	
1970 Personal Property	7,771.18	
1969 Personal Property	244.45	
1968 & Previous years, Personal Property	215.98	
1970 Motor Vehicle Excise	3,217.89	
1969 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,377.18	
1968 & Previous years, Motor Vehicle	512.57	
1969 Farm Animal	96.88	
1968 & Previous years, Farm Animal	612.85	
1969 Farm Machinery	386.45	
Poll Tax	12.00	
Interest:		
Real Estate	457.44	
Personal Property	45.24	
Motor Vehicle Excise	30.64	
Farm Excise	60.53	
Fees	<u>20.00</u>	
		\$ 78,579.81

Total Receipts		\$222,039.88
Balance, January 1, 1970		<u>25,843.21</u>
		\$247,883.09
Warrants	\$186,671.56	
Balance Dec. 31, 1970	<u>61,211.53</u>	
		\$247,883.09

ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Chap. 90 Construction	\$ 10,700.00	
Chap. 90 Construction, County	6,900.00	
Chap. 81 Hwys., Balance of Reimb.	<u>5,046.99</u>	
		\$ 22,646.99
Tax Titles	\$ 16,515.15	
Interest	<u>4,230.12</u>	
		\$ 20,745.27
		\$ 43,392.26

LIABILITIES

Day Trust Co. 30 School Notes	\$ 30,000.00	
Interest	1,020.00	
Pittsfield Nat'l Bank, Note #210, Antic. Revenue	45,000.00	
Interest	1,455.63	
Pittsfield Nat'l Bank, Note #212, Purchase Hwy. Equip., Loader	3,000.00	
Interest	399.38	
Pittsfield Nat'l Bank, Note #213, Purchase Hwy. Equip., Loader	3,000.00	
Interest	274.50	
Pittsfield Nat'l Bank, Note #214, Purchase Hwy. Equip., Loader	3,000.00	
Interest	136.88	
Pittsfield Nat'l Bank, Note #215, Antic. Reimb. Chap. 90	17,600.00	
Interest	<u>567.21</u>	
		\$105,453.60

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Int., Drawn	Balance
Daniel Alderman	\$ 5.62	\$ 100.00
Henry F. Church	6.15	109.81
Church Lot	24.37	433.55
Harvey Root & George Chipman	28.12	500.00
Cottrell Lot	8.42	150.00
Elijah J. Churchill	5.62	100.00
Arthur & Alice Gardner	5.62	100.00
Lizzie Kelly & Morgan Pease	8.42	150.00
George & Amanda Crane	28.12	500.00
Wesley A. Olds	16.87	300.00
J.W. & L.A. Cottrell	8.42	150.00
Clara E. Taylor	6.15	109.81
Col. David Mack	7.13	127.14
Nathan Wright Heirs	5.62	100.00
Oliver Smith	11.25	200.00
Solomon Root	6.15	109.81
Herbert A. Youtz	5.62	100.00
Capt. James Church	5.62	100.00
John J. Vetter	5.62	100.00
Matthew & Mariah D. Smith	4.62	82.35
Charles C. Graves	11.25	200.00
Hawes & Combs Lot	4.19	75.00
Asher Pease	14.45	257.14
Arthur D. & Harold M. Pease	16.87	300.00
Rev. John Brittan Clark	5.62	100.00
George & Helen Cook	15.17	300.00
Catherine Tefts	5.05	100.00

TRUST FUNDS

Sally Dickson School Fund

Balance, January 1, 1970	\$1182.01	
Interest added	<u>66.52</u>	
		<u>\$ 1248.53</u>

Sally Dickson Charity Fund

Balance January 1, 1970	\$2069.79	
Interest added	<u>116.48</u>	
		<u>\$ 2186.27</u>

Cemetery Association Permanent Fund

Balance, January 1, 1970	\$1208.41	
Interest Drawn	<u>71.88</u>	
		<u>\$ 1208.41</u>

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR 1970

	Warrant	Taxes Co.	Int.	Fees	Abated	Tax Titles	Bal. Due
1970 Real Estate	\$72,256.61	\$45,494.00	\$ 3.56	\$	\$2,648.87	\$1,131.75	\$22,981.99
Per. Property	8,525.60	7,771.18			17.50		736.92
Farm Excise	422.83						422.83
M.V.E.	5,468.40	4,229.50			59.34		1,179.56
1969 Real Estate	16,316.41	13,316.41	233.75	22.00	86.00		2,385.36
Per. Property	316.48	244.45			12.90	Com. 130.50	189.63
Farm Excise	311.72	139.76	.76				171.86
M.V.E.	2,171.01	1,720.75	12.98		73.13	" 191.91	569.04
1968 Real Estate	2,861.97	1,885.80	55.38				976.17
Per. Property	81.33						81.33
Farm Excise	165.96	243.75	9.88			O.T. 106.54	28.75
M.V.E.	868.26	243.83	12.54				624.43
1967 Real Estate	2,412.93	881.50	107.77		75.05		1,456.38
Per. Property	90.25	22.80	1.32				67.45
Farm Excise	208.89	134.80	9.27				74.09
M.V.E.	525.88	161.15	5.02				364.73
1966 Real Estate	258.97	253.27	37.38		5.70		-0-
Per. Property	36.10						36.10
Farm Excise	86.20	86.20	10.32				-0-
M.V.E.	137.58	54.24					83.34
1965 Real Estate	145.30	145.30	18.70				-0-
Per. Property	46.20						46.20
Farm Excise	78.32	78.32	14.04				-0-
M.V.E.	81.68	41.25					40.43
1964 Per. Property	232.26	110.46	22.50				121.80
Farm Excise	42.00	42.00	9.24				-0-
M.V.E.	76.73	12.10					64.63

1963 Poll	8.00	6.00		2.00
Per. Property	100.32	82.72	21.32	17.60
Farm Excise	27.78	27.78	7.02	-0-
M.V.E.	143.71			143.71
1962 Poll	4.00	4.00		-0-
Per. Property	4.50			4.50
M.V.E.	59.30			59.30
1961 Poll	4.00	2.00		2.00
Per. Property	4.80			4.80
M.V.E.	46.20			

Taxes Collected	\$77,963.96
Interest	593.75
Fees	<u>22.00</u>

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Total \$78,579.71

1970 Outstanding Taxes \$25,321.30
Prior Years 7,661.81

Respectfully submitted,
NEIL. G. NICKERSON
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Our library has nearly completed 100 years of service to the community. In 1871 the town first voted to appropriate the dog fund for a library and in 1873 it was able to purchase some books and begin circulating them. With 1973 in view let us consider a fitting way to celebrate our century birthday.

This year we were again assisted during the summer by Beth Doane and Mrs. Constance Vreeland, with the library open $10\frac{1}{2}$ hours a week, including one evening hour. Our circulation from our own library was 645 for the year, and the State Bookmobile reports that they loaned us 4680 books, making a total of 5325 books our town has read this year.

During the winter months, with neither heat nor light at our library anyone needing books can contact the librarian who will endeavor to fill requests either from our own shelves or by contacting the State Bookmobile, or the Interlibrary Loan.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Available:

Town appropriation	\$ 95.00
Dog tax refund	10.95
State grant	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$605.95

Expenditures:

Books	\$242.28
Salaries	232.50
Postage & transportation	<u>6.00</u>
Total	\$480.78

1970 carry over balance \$1546.50

Respectfully submitted,
JULIA Y. ANDERSEN
Librarian

REPORT OF THE BUILDING AND WIRE INSPECTOR

For the year 1970 I made 14 Wire Inspections and 4 Building Inspections at \$3.00 per visit. Total expended \$54.00.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD F. HORALEK
Building and Wire Inspector

REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR

Number of Licenses issued for Dairy Products: 3 at 50¢ each. Total collected and paid to Town Treasurer, \$1.50.

Respectfully submitted,
W. RUSSELL FERRIS
Milk Inspector

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

There were 368 cattle, 28 horses, 9 ponies, 6 sheep and 2 swine listed in my annual inspection.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES E. COOK
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

Thirty-four outdoor fire permits were issued during the year 1970. Due to the ban on outdoor burning, this number was much less than in previous years.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES E. COOK
Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Two hogs were inspected during 1970.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES E. COOK
Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Under a new program instituted during this year by the town, periodic checks of the 75 vacant houses in the town was made. Windows and doors of all these places were checked for possible entry.

Inspite of this concentrated effort, four house breaks were reported during the year, one of these being a case of vandalism.

Many trips were made to Glendale Falls where a problem of unauthorized camping and picnic fires persisted during the summer months.

One auto accident was investigated. Five licenses to carry firearms were issued and 7 firearm identification cards were issued.

Supervision of the dump on week ends during the last few weeks before snowfall was done in an effort to get people to make proper use of the town disposal area, and to keep out-of-town people from using it.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES E. COOK
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

All dog licenses this year were paid to the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES E. COOK
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department responded to six fire calls this year.

The Lions Club broom sale and the Fire Department Penny Pitch at the annual fair were very successful and I wish to thank those who patronized both events.

An increase in medical insurance coverage for the men resulted in an increased cost as noted in the Fire Department appropriations.

The Hampden County Radio Association donated a large portable generator to the Department this summer for use as an emergency power unit.

Respectfully submitted,
HOWARD F. PEASE, JR.
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Middlefield Conservation Commission presented the final Inventory of Sites and Natural Resource Potential report conducted by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Amherst, to the townspeople at a special town meeting held in the Spring. This report is the result of two years groundwork by the Commission and is available at the Office of the Town Clerk.

During the year the commission was enlarged from five to seven members. A necessary step in order to insure a quorum at the monthly meetings. At that time the Selectmen appointed Richard A. Waite and Miss Nancy J. Olds to the Board.

In June the sudden death of Commission member Raymond G. Adams left a wide gap not only on the Board, but in the Town. Mr. Adams was always a solid supporter and contributor to the conservation program: A good friend and neighbor to all. He is deeply missed.

In August the commission suffered another great loss by the resignation of Mrs. Nancy Burnham who was Chairman. She diligently served the Commission since 1965 as a member, secretary and chairman. Her inspiration and spirit is missed.

The Board of Selectmen appointed Mrs. Joan H. Hobart and Mr. Leon A. Gardner to fill these two vacancies.

Your Conservation Commission sent representatives to the Westfield River Watershed meetings, and kept abreast of other Conservation matters in the Commonwealth.

The Conservation Commission needs your help in order to bring its present programs to a conclusion and to instigate new ones. We at present are in need of volunteers from organizations or individuals to help create a Nature Trail for hiking on the old road that runs in back of the school. Also we would like to create a skating rink for the Youth of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John H. Hartley, Acting Chairman
Miss Nancy J. Olds, Secretary
Richard A. Waite
Ralph Bell
Mrs. Rodney G. Savery
Mrs. Joan H. Hobart
Leon A. Gardner

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has met 19 times in the past year including 14 Board Meetings and five joint meetings.

In the past year the Board has planned a Memorial to Dr. Starbuck and is currently soliciting funds to finance it. We have obtained a base map of the town and seen to it that each house and road is drawn accurately on the map. We have met with the Conservation Committee and helped to draw up a list of the potential natural resources of the town. The Planning Board has written a Building Permit Application to facilitate the system of obtaining building permits for anyone wishing to construct or renovate a building. The Board has written and put a filler in each tax bill notifying taxpayers of the Building Permit Application and the availability of the Zoning By-Laws.

The main concern of the Planning Board this year has been to rewrite parts of the Mobile Home By-Law that were not accepted by the Attorney General in 1969. The Board regrets that after so many meetings and innumerable phone calls and letters we have not been able to bring this proposed by-law to a public hearing. This is due in part to the newness of this type of zoning, which has caused us to receive contradictory advice from state departments, legal counsel, and neighboring towns. As we are concerned about presenting the voters a protective by-law that would not greatly alter the tax base of the community we are still investigating the by-law. The following is a summary of the progress to date:

A joint meeting was held with the Selectmen, Planning Board, Finance Committee and the Town Counsel, Mr. Leonard Cohen. Mr. Cohen explained that the Mobile Home By-Law Section 3A and 3C were not accepted by the Attorney General because they were discretionary and did not have use regulations. He further explained that the Zoning Board of Appeals could not give a permit to a mobile home; that mobile homes could only be allowed in mobile home parks according to our by-laws. Mr. Cohen asked that the Planning Board write to him asking him to check into Parts 3A and 3C. This we did the end of July.

While waiting for a reply to our inquiry, parts of 3C of the Mobile By-Law were put on a special Town Meeting warrant without being referred to the Planning Board. On September 28th the Planning Board rewrote the Mobile Home By-Law, Parts 3A and 3C, and tried to send it on to the Town Counsel for legal advice. Mr. Cohen told us he could not deal with it until we heard from him concerning the parts of Section 3C that were on the warrant. On November 2nd the Chairman read the letter from Mr. Cohen explaining that the warrant was illegal. The Planning Board immediately sent the new proposal to Mr. Cohen in hopes of posting a public hearing to be held November 23rd.

Mr. Cohen met with us November 11th at his request questioning that mobilehomes can be taxed as Real Estate and suggested we send the proposed By-Law to the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission to get the advice of a professional planner. We have also written again to the State Tax Commissioner, and we have again consulted neighboring towns.

We hope that when this information comes in we will be able to present to the voters an objective, legal by-law that will not harm the finances of the town.

Respectfully submitted,
 HELEN P. COOK, CHAIRMAN
 CAROL VARSANO, SECRETARY
 RICHARD BELLOWS
 JESSIE HARTLEY
 WALTER SMITH
 Planning Board

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Total available funds for 1970		\$ 769.71
Total expended for 1970		<u>2299.00</u>
Balance		\$ 470.71
CENTER CEMETERY		
Cecil Alderman, labor and mower	\$ 15.00	
Hugh Miller, labor and mower	<u>196.00</u>	
		\$ 211.00
MACK CEMETERY		
Cecil Alderman, labor and mower	<u>15.00</u>	
		15.00
BELL CEMETERY		
Cecil Alderman, labor and mower , power saw	<u>7.50</u>	
		7.50
WRIGHT CEMETERY		
Cecil Alderman, labor and mower	<u>5.00</u>	
		5.00
Cecil Alderman, labor, mower, and laying out for corner stones for 3 gravesites	<u>60.50</u>	<u>60.50</u>
		<u>\$ 299.00</u>

Some cemeteries were not mowed as often as usual due to the dry weather. No extra work was done, but hope to do some necessary work in 1971.

Respectfully submitted,
 CECIL E. ALDERMAN
 HUGH S. MILLER
 GEORGE L. BELL
 Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

No. of parcels assessed		513
No. of bills for personal estate	80	
No. of bills for real estate	412	
No. of bills for farm machinery & cattle Ex.	9	
No. of bills for Classified Forest land	<u>12</u>	
	Total	513
Value of assessed personal estate:		
Stock in trade	\$ 5,691.00	
Machinery & Household Furniture, Livestock and Western Mass. Elec., Tel. Companies	<u>335,330.00</u>	
Total vlaue personal estate		\$ 341,021.00
Value of assessed real estate:		
	\$1,223,250.00	
Value of land exclusive of buildings	<u>1,645,790.00</u>	
Total value of real estate		<u>\$ 2,869,040.00</u>
Total value of real estate and personal estate Not including Classified forest land		\$ 3,210,061.00
Taxes assessed for State, County & Town purposes, incl. overlay:		
On personal estate	8,525.53	
On real estate	<u>71,726.00</u>	
	Total	\$ 80,251.53
School rate	\$13.60	
Regular rate	<u>11.40</u>	
1970 Tax rate	\$25.00	per \$1,000.00
Overlay for 1970		\$ 3,711.86
Value of farm machinery and animal excise not used to set the tax rate		84,560.25
Motor vehicle excise committed to tax collector		7,282.33
Assessed excise on animals & machinery		422.83
Number of livestock assessed:		
	General	Excise
Horses, ponies and donkeys	22	6
Milk Cows	6	206
Heifers	1	35
Bulls & Steers	2	8
Swine over six months	2	--
Sheep over six months	--	--
Fowls, laying hens	--	33
Ducks	--	7

Acres of land assessed regular	10,233.2
Classified Forest land	2,104
Acres owned by The Commonwealth of Mass.	1,700.9
Acres owned by non profit organizations	795.5
Acres in Town Forest, Cemeteries, Schoolyard, etc.	96
Acres, Ommitted to be assessed in December and committed	164

We think all taxpayers should be interested in the acres of land assessed at the base price of \$90.00 per acre it could add \$422,550.00 to our tax base. As it is now, there is 4,695 acres the value of which cannot be used to set the tax rate.

And then we should consider the exemptions granted by law, these use up most of the overlay.

A word about our new revaluation by the New England Municipal Appraisal Co.. We can assume, that we are now at 100% value. Let us be careful with our appropriations and see if we can keep on a low rate. Spending less is what will accomplish this.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH BELL
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Assessors of Middlefield

1970 REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL EVALUATION LIST

	Real Estate	Personal Property	Animal Machinery Excise
Adams, Edwin S.	\$ 100.00	\$	\$
Adams, Leroy P.	6,800.00		
Adams, Mary E.	31,450.00	500.00	
Alderman, Cecil E.	20,180.00		2,580.00
Allen, John C. & Ruth H.	28,060.00		
Amatus, Arvids G.	380.00		
American Telephone & Telegraph	16,600.00	216,200.00	
Andersen, Julia Y.	21,790.00		
Anderson, Hazel B.	380.00		
Andrews, Samuel & Kowick, Joseph	6,830.00	300.00	
Arcouette, Arthur & Carol A.	21,670.00		10,025.00
Aube, Bernard	380.00		
Avondo, Eileen G.	5,910.00	300.00	
Avondo, Eileen G. & Quinto J.	500.00		
Avondo, Quinto J. & Mclelian, Hazel J.	420.00		
Babakhanian, Armast & Linda J.	9,540.00		
Batorski, Edward J.	19,540.00		
Baum, Joseph L. & Arlene	5,440.00		
Becket Corporation	9,140.00		
Bell, George L.	13,300.00		16,165.25
Bell, Ralph, Eila K. & George L.	32,955.00		
Bellows, Richard & Carol Ann	13,090.00		
Benwell, Daniel K. & Alice H	380.00		
Blanchard, Gerald A. & Eileen M.	10,370.00	250.00	
Blumenauer, C.E.	380.00		
Borden, Arthur E. & Kaufman, Dorthy E	1,250.00		
Borst, Verna E. & Russell	11,260.00		
Boyer, Perley P. & Evelyn R.	11,880.00		
Brenner, Bruno F. & Hazel J.	3,860.00		
Brush, Frederick I. & Dorothy A.	13,620.00	150.00	
Buckhold, Fred M. & Luch L.	9,250.00		
Bujdosa, Laszlow & Magda C.	3,120.00		
Burns, Kathryn B.	5,990.00		
Carr, Douglas & Gertrude	3,150.00		
Cavanaugh, Jeremiah & Mary	500.00		
Chiappetta, Domonick & Sylvia	1,380.00		
Clausen, Ralph & Lucy M.	1,180.00		
Cobb, Jack & Haapala, Roy	12,500.00		
Cole, William E.	7,750.00	200.00	
Cone, Harold S. & Kathleen	100.00		
Congregational Church	12,060.00		
Cook, Charles E. & Helen P.	13,710.00	575.00	
Cook, William & Dorothy	3,650.00		
Cormine, Frank H. & Virginia E.	1,140.00		

Costello, Thomas & Beringer, Christopher	250.00	
Costello, Thomas	750.00	
Crane, Lulu R.	6,120.00	
Crane, Rachel M.	8,810.00	
Cross, Herbert M.	1,720.00	
Cross, Robert A. & Virginia H.	11,660.00	
Crothers, Clayton M. & Helen M.	32,800.00	200.00
Cummings, Dorothy	49,860.00	1,000.00
Daborski, John C.	1,250.00	
Daigneault, Leonard & Emily	4,290.00	
Davenport, George & Norma F.	17,500.00	
Dazelle, Harold & Helen M.	5,000.00	7,500.00
Denault, William R. & Ellen J.	15,150.00	
Deschaine, Robin	380.00	
DeMoss, John E. & Josephine Z.	20,490.00	325.00
Doane, Marjorie P.	16,000.00	
Dodge, Lela C.	4,050.00	
Dowsey, Avis W.	7,370.00	
Eames, Ida B.	6,980.00	
Fairman, Fred		25.00
Farmer, Barbara	53,510.00	
Feeney, Charles M.	7,130.00	100.00
Ferris, Walter J. & Helen M.	10,810.00	
Ferris, W. Russell & Nellie H.	13,535.00	1,015.00
Fiske, Bradford F. & Judith C.	22,660.00	
Fleming, Daniel J.	3,700.00	
Fleming, Lillian M.	10,550.00	
Fleming, Thomas H. & Mary A.	8,910.00	
Flynn, Helen D.	15,070.00	
Flynn, Helen D. & Carl M.	8,750.00	
Foss, Earl & Pelkey, Agnes V.	9,390.00	
Fox, Walter B. & Vera M.	4,630.00	
Frederickson, F. Lyder & Renee	7,900.00	250.00
French, Thomas & Georgia P.	1,800.00	
Frohman, David P.	6,120.00	
Garbe, George F.W. & Irmgar	7,800.00	
Gardner, Leon A.	17,390.00	1,250.00
Garrett, Ruby D. & Beth E., Jr.	28,710.00	1,400.00
Gellert, Donald N.	40,850.00	500.00
Gnam, Rene	11,910.00	1,000.00
Graves, Amasa C.	7,550.00	
Graves, Lillian A.	14,960.00	
Green, George F.	3,700.00	
Gregory, Wayland	6,140.00	
Guilds, Marjorie H.	15,260.00	3,320.00
Guyette, Jack M & Hazel E.	7,490.00	
Haber, Edward	380.00	
Hale, Michael P. & Shirley	24,780.00	

Hallgren, John G. & Karin T.	380.00		
Hartley, John H. & Jessie	55,930.00		11,725.00
Hases, Abraham & Ruth	36,380.00	250.00	
Heald, Allan L. & Gloria P.	750.00		
Hewinson, Donald H. & Catherine	4,860.00		
Horalek, Edward F & Laura	5,980.00		
Horton, James B. & Inesk	7,060.00		
Hosford, Lillian L.	13,020.00	450.00	
House, Ruth E. est. & Scottsmith, Donald	9,260.00		
Humphrey, Robert W.	15,520.00		
Hunt, James A. & Ellen	18,180.00		
Inman, Mahlon D.	5,770.00	150.00	
Jacobos, G. William & Lillian	15,420.00	125.00	
Jewett, Ann	49,550.00		
Jochimo, Louis & Bernice	3,220.00		
Jodoin, Herbert, et. als	3,220.00	150.00	
Jones, James & Patricia	4,300.00		
Kabatchnick, David Est.	18,420.00		
Kallio, Onnie S.	6,210.00		
Kane, Alan DeForest & Anna	5,040.00		
King, Mary & Joyce Soules	25,020.00		
Klevana, Leighton	380.00		
Klevana, C.J.	380.00		
Kneeland, Robert S.	31,540.00	1,000.00	
Knobler, Nathan & Lois J.	14,000.00	150.00	
Kotchschnig, Walter M. & Elizabeth	7,120.00	250.00	
Kowick, Joseph & Shea, Donald	1,880.00		
Landy, E.S.M.	4,340.00	800.00	
Lane, Francis W. & Jill M.	8,660.00		
Lawrence, Belle F.	4,200.00		
Lellouche, Gerald S. & Margaret D.	6,300.00		
Lemery, Harlan & Marion	2,450.00		
Leonard, John P. & Cecile & Patricia	1,260.00		
Levenson, Emanuel & Fay	3,060.00		
Lewis, Boise E.	3,510.00		
Lewis, Mona J.	7,940.00	500.00	
Libardi, Carl G.	12,790.00	400.00	
Libbey, Clyde H. & Myrtle G.	760.00		
Lipper, Norbert & Lois	13,110.00		
Long, Paul	50.00		
MacKenzie, Elizabeth B.	8,220.00	450.00	
Madsen, Samuel & Lavinia	30,170.00		
Madsen, Lavinia	6,540.00		
Main, Wayne E. & June M	14,160.00	950.00	
Mardus, Elaine B.	22,160.00		
Marshall, John R. Jr.	13,760.00	100.00	
Martin, Althea M.	380.00		
Martin, Kathleen D.	28,380.00		

May, Meril & Marguerite	57,250.00	100.00	
McLeod, Gilbert	12,450.00	175.00	
Merrill, Roger C. & Jacquelyn	13,110.00	100.00	
Middlesex Engineers	12,600.00		
Miller, Donald C.	20,380.00	1,400.00	
Miller, Gordon & Yvonne	38,925.00		23,975.00
Miller, Hugh S. & Gertrude	8,110.00	150.00	
Minick, Anthony J. & Dorothy	9,080.00	150.00	
Mongillio, Frank & Mrs. Hazel Gilley	1,170.00		
Nagy, Helena	1,440.00		
Neighborhood Corporation	700.00		
Nevers, Michael & Myrtle	15,680.00	500.00	
New England Telephone & Telegraph		9,300.00	
Newmarker, Kenneth & Virginia	10,630.00		
Nickerson, Neil G.	15,000.00	350.00	
Nicolazzo, Joseph & Barbara	9,020.00	200.00	
Olds, Robert & Dulcie J.	8,890.00		8,300.00
Olds, George W.	33,520.00	6,861.00	
Olds, Nancy J.	11,800.00	400.00	
Oleksak, Norbert P. & Andrew & Sophia Fitzgerald	9,000.00		
Oleksak, Stephen J. & Sophia	9,040.00		
Oligny, Conrad & Elizabeth	380.00		
Olsen, Yengve H. & Paulina	22,170.00	500.00	
Oscarson, Andres G. & Gurli	380.00		
Otto, Henry G. & Florence	4,630.00	100.00	
Parker, Gwendolyn A.	38,280.00		
Patell, Sam & Thelma	23,440.00	350.00	
Pease, Brewster		250.00	
Pease, Howard F. Jr. & Marilyn	17,930.00	175.00	
Pease, Ira W.	16,695.00		9,525.00
Pease, Francis & Jessie H.	18,470.00		
Pease, Maurice H. & Nancy C.	19,070.00	775.00	
Pelkey, Edgar F. & Ethel M.	10,550.00	600.00	
Penn Central Railroad	8,730.00		
Perez, Milton L. & Rosina	11,670.00		
Piscor, Joseph J. & Thelma	10,680.00	2,075.00	
Plasmati, John	7,220.00	150.00	
Platzer, George E. & Irene	43,510.00	1,775.00	
Piliero, James J.	11,300.00		
Rasta, Theodore W. & Mae G.	500.00		
Reidy, Thomas	300.00		
Rice, John E. & Edith P.	24,230.00	650.00	
Richards, Raymond F. & Yvette	750.00		
Robbins, Henry C. Est.	9,720.00		
Rock, Hazel B.	12,430.00	200.00	
Romano, Yolanda A.	31,670.00	100.00	
Rose, Ivan M. & Katherine	380.00		
Rathnam, Warren W. & Janet	10,000.00	1,350.00	

Rubo, Antonio J. & Isabella J.	14,300.00	
Savery, Donald J. & Shirley A.	21,050.00	
Savery, Rodney G. & Angela	20,520.00	350.00
Scannel, Thomas J. & Gloria	380.00	
Schwartz, Joseph & Hildegarde	5,970.00	300.00
Schweitzer, Hans & Katrina	5,400.00	
Scott, Barbara	4,200.00	
Seefeld, Elizabeth	11,530.00	250.00
Seibold, Charles F. & Helen M.	5,650.00	
Seibold, Charles F.	4,500.00	
Seibold, Charles F. & Robert W.		
Seibold, John E. & Mary E.	3,470.00	
Seitter, Isoldi R. & Ronald	380.00	
Shea, Donald	9,560.00	
Slater, William H. & Joyce M.	14,370.00	
Smith, Leland & Doris	28,120.00	750.00
Smith, Ralph W. & Madeline E.	17,470.00	425.00
Smith, Walter D. & Sandra	9,760.00	675.00
Smith, Mrs. Walter A.	2,700.00	
Snow, Geraldine L.	380.00	
Snyder, Hazel B.	11,820.00	150.00
Stansen, Mils R. & Mary S.	3,630.00	
Starbird, Paul		200.00
Starbuck, Amber A.	20,000.00	
Starbuck, George W.	4,960.00	
St. Lauriet, Roger & Jacqueline	380.00	
Stebbins, Frederick & Dorothy	3,000.00	
Stein, Peter B. & Lois A.	26,930.00	
Steinbrecher, Stephen & Robert Y.	49,130.00	500.00
Sternagle, Alton M. & Mary E.	20,580.00	
Sternagle, Carl H.	8,740.00	660.00
Sternagle, Clara	30,210.00	
Suriner, Wayne A. & Priscilla	29,200.00	1,155.00
Sweeney, William	6,670.00	
Steward, Andrew & Martha	12,990.00	400.00
Tefts, Peter U.	10,270.00	
Theriahult, Joseph & Margaret A.	9,980.00	
Toro, Louis & Norma	50.00	
Toscano & John L.	380.00	
Tucker, Seva M.	380.00	
Varsano, Leo P. & Carol	21,640.00	
Virginia Lake Shores, Inc.	12,600.00	
Vreeland, Cornelius D. & Constance	21,600.00	200.00
Vreeland, Cornelius III, & Janet	10,990.00	3,975.00
Waite, Richard A. & Janet	28,080.00	
Walnut Hill Hunt Club	1,250.00	
Warren, Charles B.	5,380.00	
Warren, William E. & Marion M.	990.00	

Watts, Marie R.	11,350.00	
Webb, Harold C. (Fox Club)	2,710.00	100.00
Weglowski, Walter	8,000.00	
Wehman, Harry H. & Marjorie R.	12,150.00	250.00
Wehman, Henry H.	4,500.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.		68,500.00
White, Frank S. & Bernice M.	860.00	
Wilson, Fannie	7,650.00	
Wilson, Walter	39,510.00	
Winn, Charles H. & Barbara	6,930.00	
Winquist, Gustof W.	21,840.00	100.00
Wolfe, Frederick W. & Agnes L.	3,960.00	
Wolf, Ross S.	13,780.00	250.00
Wood, Angela B.	6,290.00	100.00
Wright, Charles A.	2,860.00	
Zimmer, William R. & Ernestine	380.00	
Zisk, Joseph & Adeline	2,090.00	

CLASSIFIED FOREST

DeMoss, John E. & Josephine Z.	1,455.00
Pelkey, Edgar F. & Ethel M.	600.00
Seibold, Charles F. & Helen M.	9,810.00
Sternagle, Carl H.	1,950.00
Walnut Hill Hunt Club	7,220.00

EXEMPT PROPERTY

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	149,870.00
Franciscan Manor Conventional Association	40,000.00
First Congregational Church	49,950.00
Highland Agricultural Fair	26,610.00
Pioneer Valley Council Boy Scouts	1,000.00
Town of Middlefield	149,460.00