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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 ninth 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, Auditor, Tree Warden, and a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of one year.

A member of the Finance Committee for a term of two years.

A Selectman, Treasurer, Assessor, Gateway Regional School Committee member, two constables, Trustee of the Public Library, Cemetery Commissioner, two members of the Planning Board, A member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and a member of the Finance Committee 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 o'clock 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 Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1974, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 4, Section 17.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$77,149.37 for the Gateway Regional School for the period July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975.

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

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$3,800.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Construction for the period July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975, 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 \$576.00 for Chapter 81 Maintenance, for the period July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975, said money to be used in conjunction with State or County funds or both.

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 \$3100.00 for the period July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975, 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	Constable, 1st	60.00
3rd Assessor	150.00	Constable, 2nd	60.00

Art. 12. 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:

HIGHWAYS AND RELATED EXPENSES:

Snow Removal	\$ 11,000.00
Bridge Repairs	300.00
Workmen's Compensation	900.00

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Insurance	125.00
Maintenance	1,000.00

NATURAL RESOURCES

Tree Warden	100.00
Insect Pest Control	95.00
Dutch Elm Control	150.29
Forest Fire Protection	10.00
Conservation Commission	75.00

GOVERNMENT

General Government	\$ 2,000.00
Registrations and Elections	400.00
Health and Sanitation	15.00
Middlefield Disposal Area, Rent	400.00
Middlefield Disposal Area, Maintenance	2,100.00
Town Counsel	150.00
Hampshire County Retirement	623.75
Interest, Short Term Loans	2,000.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

Fire Department	1,000.00
Library	100.00
Cemetery Commission	100.00
Planning Board	350.00
Printing	500.00
War Memorials and Playgrounds	100.00
Street Lights	850.00

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for use as an auxiliary police fund.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chap. 40, Section 8D of the General Laws to establish an historical commission.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$100.00 from Ethel and Frank Pelkey to be deposited and interest used for Perpetual Care of Cemetery Lot.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$7500.00 for the purchase by the Volunteer Fire Department of a 1971 Ford 4 wheel drive 3/4 ton cab, fitted with 1½ ton suspension and stainless steel 320 gallon tank with pump; and 640 gallon stainless steel tank on a tandem axle trailer with self contained pump.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to change the date of its Annual Town Meeting from the second Saturday in February, to the second Saturday in March pursuant to Chapter 39, Section 9.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$576.00 from the Revenue Sharing Account for Chapter 81 Maintenance, for the period January 1, 1974 through June 30, 1974, said money to be used in conjunction with State or County funds or both.

Art. 20 . 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 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 twenty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and seventy-four.

Perley P. Boyer  
Gordon P. Miller  
Michael F. Nevers

Selectmen of Middlefield

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1973

TOWN CLERK  
George W. Olds

MODERATOR

John E. Rice Term expires 1974

TOWN TREASURER

Josephine Z. DeMoss Term expires 1974

SELECTMEN  
and COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Perley P. Boyer, Chairman Term expires 1974  
Gordon P. Miller Term expires 1976  
Michael F. Nevers Term expires 1975

BOARD OF HEALTH and FENCE VIEWERS  
The Selectmen

ASSESSORS

Wayne E. Main, Chairman Term expires 1975  
Nancy J. Olds, Secretary Term expires 1974  
Maurice H. Pease Term expires 1976

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Leo Varsano Term expires 1974  
William R. Denault Term expires 1975

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Neil G. Nickerson Term expires 1976

CONSTABLES

Charles E. Cook Term expires 1974  
Donald A. Savery Term expires 1974

AUDITOR

Perley P. Boyer Term expires 1974

TREE WARDEN

Donald A. Savery Term expires 1974

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Grace H. Olds, Chairman Term expires 1975  
Constance N. Vreeland Term expires 1976  
Marilyn R. Pease Term expires 1974

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Cecil E. Alderman, Chairman  
Hugh S. Miller  
George L. Bell

Term expires 1974  
Term expires 1975  
Term expires 1976

PLANNING BOARD

Michael P. Hale, chairman  
Lois A. Stein  
Carol Varsano  
Richard S. Bellows  
Mary Louise Kearns  
H. Francis Pease

Term expires 1974  
Term expires 1975  
Term expires 1975  
Term expires 1976  
Term expires 1976  
Term expires 1974

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Maurice H. Pease, Secretary  
Evelyn Boyer, deceased  
Howard F. Pease, Jr.

Term expires 1976  
Term expires 1975  
Term expires 1974

FINANCE COMMITTEE

John E. DeMoss, Chairman  
Joseph J. Kearns, Secretary  
John E. Rice  
Lois A. Stein  
Evelyn Boyer, deceased  
Michael P. Hale, appointed

Term expires 1975  
Term expires 1976  
Term expires 1974  
Term expires 1975  
Term expires 1976  
Term expires 1974

OFFICERS APPOINTED

SUPT. OF STREETS and SNOW  
FIRE CHIEF  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS  
INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING  
INSPECTOR OF MILK  
BUILDING AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR  
WIRING INSPECTOR  
SUPT. OF DUTCH ELM and INSECT PEST CONTROL  
FOREST WARDEN  
DOG OFFICER  
BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT  
MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK  
  
SURVEYORS OF LUMBER  
  
FIELD DRIVERS  
  
SPECIAL POLICE

Resigned

Michael F. Nevers  
William L. Paschal  
Perley P. Boyer  
Gordon P. Miller  
Gordon P. Miller  
W. Russell Ferris  
Tony Scapin, Jr.  
Edward Drosehn  
Supt. of Streets  
Charles H. Winn  
Donald A. Savery  
Helen P. Cook  
Michael F. Nevers  
Ira W. Pease  
Donald C. Miller  
Michael F. Nevers  
Michael F. Nevers  
Brewster C. Pease  
C.D. Vreeland III  
Howard F. Pease, Jr.  
G. Robert Olds  
Wayne A. Suriner

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Richard A. Waite  
Leon A. Gardner  
Nancy J. Olds  
Joan Hobart  
Julia Donovan  
George L. Bell, Jr.  
Angela Savery

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Evelyn Boyer, Chairman , deceased	Term expires 1974
Josephine Z. DeMoss, chairman	Term expires 1975
H. Francis Pease	Term expires 1976
Deborah B. Elovirta	Term expires 1974
George W. Olds, Town Clerk	

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mary Louise Kearns	Term expires 1976
Edward J. Batorski	Term expires 1976
C.D. Vreeland, Jr.	Term expires 1976
Nancy J. Olds	Term expires 1975
H. Francis Pease	Term expires 1975
Carol Varsano	Term expires 1974
Richard A. Waite	Term expires 1974

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS - 1973

July 27 - Daniel John Theriault, son of Philip O. and Elizabeth Theriault.

August 21 - Ian Mitchell Denault, son of William R. and Ellen Denault.

MARRIAGES - 1973

August 25 - William E. Hunt and Wendy A. Chaffee of Huntington.

DEATHS - 1973

March 24 - Evelyn Raymond Boyer, 55 years, 1 day.

September 22 - Jessie M. Hill Pease, 66 years, 5 months, 25 days

November 17 - Arthur A. Rosener, 62 years, 8 months, 9 days

DOG LICENSES

32 Males at \$3.00 each	\$ 96.00	
4 Females at \$6.00 each	24.00	
23 Spayed Females at \$3.00 each	69.00	
1 Kennel at \$10.00 each	10.00	
1 Kennel at \$25.00 each	<u>25.00</u>	
		\$ 224.00
Clerk's Fees at 35¢ each		<u>21.35</u>
Paid to Town Treasurer		\$ 202.65

SPORTING LICENSES

49 Resident Fishing Licenses at \$8.25 each	\$ 404.25	
25 Resident Hunting Licenses at \$8.25 each	206.25	
34 Resident Sporting Licenses at \$13.50 each	459.00	
6 Resident Minor Fishing Licenses at \$6.25 each	37.50	
7 Non-Resident Fishing Licenses at \$14.25 each	99.75	
4 Non-Resident 7 day Fishing Licenses at \$8.25 ea.	33.00	
2 Non-Resident Hunting Licenses at \$35.25 each	70.50	
11 Resident Sporting Licenses - free		
2 Duplicate Licenses at \$1.00 each	2.00	
5 Archery Deer Hunting Stamps at \$5.10 each	<u>25.50</u>	
		\$1,337.75
Clerk's Fees at 25¢ each	31.75	
Clerk's Fees at 10¢ each	<u>.50</u>	
		<u>32.25</u>
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game		\$1,305.50

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS HELD IN 1973

MARCH 24 - Adjourned to April 23

Voted to approve section 4 item 1 of Zoning By-laws to increase lot size area to 88,000 square feet.

Voted to approve section 4 items 3, 4, 5 of Zoning By-laws to front, side and rear yard lines to a minimum of 40 feet.

Voted to approve the refuse and junk By-law.

Voted to petition the legislature to validate the action taken previously by the Town concerning the Licensing of Beano.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 and \$595.00 to pay the principal and interest on notes 150-154 inclusive.

Voted to stress action to have Chapter 90 monies spent on Arthur Pease and Cone roads.

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,800.00 from the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972 for Special Maintenance Account.

MAY 9

Voted to transfer the sum of \$3,500.00 from the Machinery Account to the Machinery Expense Account.

Voted to Transfer the State Gas Tax refund of \$190.80 from the General Fund to the Machinery Expense Account.

Voted to accept the change of wording of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting.

Voted to establish a Historical Commission composed of seven members appointed for alternate terms, eventually all for three years each.

JUNE 25

Voted to allocate \$1,000.00 of the 1973 revenue sharing money to repair the Old Town Hall to be used under the supervision of the Historical Commission.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Machinery Account to the Machinery Expense Account.

OCTOBER 16

Voted to transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Machinery Account to the Machinery Expense Account.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Olds  
Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The budget recommended by the Finance Committee for the first full 12 month fiscal year, July 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1975 is listed following. This tabulation compares the recommended expenditures with the corresponding figure for the 1972 budget. This is done because the last budget approved, at the 1973 Town Meeting, covered the 18 month "transition" period, making direct comparison difficult.

The recommendations presented are essentially the same as for recent previous years with the following exceptions:

- 1 - Education: The cost of Vocational Education is up over \$5,000.00 due to doubling of tuition for 4 students by Smith and Westfield Vocational Schools.
- 2 - Disposal Area: The Town is under pressure from the State to better maintain, manage and control this activity of the Town and has requested notification of steps to be taken by the Town to comply with State requirements. As a result it is necessary for the Town to appropriate more money in this area.
- 3 - Planning Board: This recommended figure is higher than in the past because the Planning Board intends to have updated Zoning-by-Laws printed and distributed to the townspeople. This effort is desirable and worthwhile.
- 4 - Reserve Fund: Because of increasing costs, possible budget deficits in some areas, and on the advice of the State auditors this figure is somewhat more than double that of the past.

The asterisks preceeding highway related expense items calls attention to the fact that a state bond issue plus additional state funds will probably be made available to cover all or part of our usual highway work. We hope to be able to report more fully on this at Town Meeting time.

The Finance Committee again wishes to point out that borrowing money by the Town in anticipation of revenue results in an additional burden on the taxpayers. This can be minimized by the timely payment of taxes when due.

The Finance Committee deeply regrets the untimely death of one of its members, Evelyn Boyer, on March 24, 1973. Mrs. Boyer's sincere interest in Town affairs in missed by the Finance Committee as well as the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. DeMoss, Chairman  
Michael P. Hale  
Joseph J. Kearns  
John E. Rice  
Lois A. Stein

Finance Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

	<u>1972</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>7/1/74 to 6/30/75</u> <u>Recommended</u>
<u>EDUCATION</u>		
Gateway Regional School	\$ 72,338.97	\$ 69,757.41
Vocational	2,313.05	7,391.96
Bond Payment	5,000.00	5,000.00
Interest	850.00	425.00
<u>HIGHWAYS &amp; RELATED EXPENSES</u>		
*Chapter 81 Highways	615.00	576.00
*Chapter 90 Construction	3,800.00	3,800.00
*Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,100.00	3,100.00
*Snow Removal	10,500.00	11,000.00
*Bridge Repairs	500.00	300.00
Workmen's Compensation	900.00	900.00
<u>PUBLIC BUILDINGS</u>		
Insurance	125.00	125.00
Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00
<u>NATURAL RESOURCES</u>		
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	50.00	75.00
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>		
General	1,800.00	2,000.00
Registration & Elections	200.00	400.00
Health & Sanitation	15.00	15.00
Middlefield Disposal Area	800.00	2,500.00
Town Counsel	150.00	150.00
Hampshire County Retirement	1,133.10	700.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	2,300.00	2,000.00
Salaries, Elected Officers	2,430.00	2,430.00
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
Printing	500.00	500.00
Fire Department	900.00	1,000.00
Planning Board	25.00	350.00
Cemetery Commission	100.00	100.00
War Memorials & Playgrounds	90.00	100.00
Library	95.00	100.00
Street Lights	753.36	850.00

Westfield Mental Health & Retardation Board	222.00	222.00
<u>RESERVE FUND</u>	<u>800.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Totals	\$113,760.77	\$119,222.66

\* May be subject to change due to initiation of State Local Transportation Aid Program.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Appropriation		<u>\$ 12,000.00</u>
Michael F. Nevers, Supt.	\$ 105.00	
Brewster Pease, equipment operator	1,080.00	
Robert Miller, equipment operator	906.50	
Wayne Main, labor	35.75	
Jeffery Hunt, labor	65.00	
John Hobart, labor	25.00	
Conrad L. Oligny, labor	133.00	
Gordon Miller, equipment operator	40.25	
William Paschal, equipment operator	21.00	
William Paschal, Plowing	96.00	
Mrs. Charles Granger, Plowing	210.00	
C. D. Vreeland, III, Plowing	68.00	
Rodney Savery, Sanding	37.50	
Chemical Corp, Salt	832.96	
Donovan Bros., Sand	1,131.84	
Donovan Bros., Truck	60.00	
Donald A. Savery, Trucking Salt	<u>59.50</u>	
		\$ 4,907.30
Bal.		<u>\$ 7,092.70</u>

CHAPTER 81 HIGHWAYS

Town Appropriation	\$ 615.00
State Share	<u>10,576.00</u>
Total Available	\$ 11,191.00

SNOW

Town of Middlefield, GMC	\$ 828.00	
Town of Middlefield, Ford	1,298.75	
Town of Middlefield, Loader	<u>757.25</u>	
		2,884.00

HIGHWAYS

Michael F. Nevers, Supt.	\$ 132.00
Brewster Pease, Equipment operator	1,785.00
Robert Miller, Equipment operator	1,027.25
Gordon P. Miller, Equipment operator	14.00
Conrad L. Oligny, Labor	587.50
Donald A. Savery, Truck	72.00
Culverwell, Truck	<u>240.00</u>

W. Striebel, Jr., Trucking	170.00	
R. Steele, Truck	72.00	
Charles Freadman & Son, Steel	902.86	
Michael F. Nevers, Mowing	104.00	
Ira Pease, Mowing	107.00	
Ken Hall, Gravel & Trucking	2,362.80	
Donovan Bros., stone	58.59	
Town of Middlefield, Loader	264.00	
Town of Middlefield, Grader	408.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 8,307.00

### CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Town Appropriation		\$ 3,800.00
County Share		3,800.00
State Share		<u>8,188.00</u>
		\$ 15,788.00

Michael F. Nevers, Supt.	\$ 120.00	
Brewster Pease, Equipment operator	1,395.00	
Robert Miller, Equipment operator	1,456.00	
Conrad L. Oligny, Labor	987.50	
Timothy Pease, Labor	480.00	
William Paschal, Equipment operator	28.00	
Jeffery Hunt, Labor	20.00	
Edward Drosehn, Mulch	82.00	
Ken Hall, Gravel	2,034.00	
Robert Miller, Saw	38.00	
Brewster Pease, Saw	48.00	
Conrad Oligny, Saw	10.00	
Dudley Billings, Bulldozer	2,794.00	
John Winn, Blasting	563.73	
Town of Middlefield, GMC	710.00	
Town of Middlefield, Loader	2,148.00	
Town of Middlefield, Grader	450.00	
Town of Middlefield, Ford	626.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 13,990.23
Bal.		\$ 1,797.77

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

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

Michael F. Nevers, Supt.	\$ 60.00
Brewster Pease, Equipment operator	802.50
Robert Miller, Equipment operator	714.00
Conrad L. Oigny, Labor	322.50
Michael F. Nevers, Mowing	130.00
Ira Pease, Mowing	56.00
All States Asphalt	3,073.90
Donald A. Savery, Trucking stone	166.22
Ken Hall, Truck	80.00
Donovan Bros., stone	2,704.47
Lane Construction, Hot Mix	802.41
Town of Middlefield, Grader	96.00
Town of Middlefield, Loader	96.00
Town of Middlefield, GMC	196.00
	<u>\$ 9,300.00</u>

SPECIAL FLOOD DAMAGE ACCOUNT

Total Available	\$ 10,000.00
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Michael F. Nevers, Supt.	\$ 72.00
Dudley Billings, Bulldozer	528.00
Donovan Bros., Gravel	1,543.43
Brewster Pease, Equipment operator	746.25
Robert Miller, Equipment operator	658.00
Conrad Oigny, Labor	255.00
Ken Hall, Trucking	2,866.32
Ken Hall, Gravel	754.90
William Paschal, Equipment operator	14.00
Donald A. Savery, Trucking	336.00
F. Nevers, Trucking	240.00
Town of Middlefield, Grader	900.00
Town of Middlefield, GMC	798.00
Town of Middlefield, Loader	288.00
	<u>\$ 9,999.90</u>
Bal.	<u>.10</u>

## BRIDGE ACCOUNT

Appropriation		\$ 1,300.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		<u>400.00</u>
Total Available		2,200.00

Michael F. Nevers, Equipment operator	\$ 35.00	
Robert Miller, Equipment operator	56.00	
Conrad L. Oigny, Labor	20.00	
Brewster Pease, Equipment operator	60.00	
Bannish Lumber Co.	21.00	
Charles Freadman & Son, Steel	<u>1,669.60</u>	
Bal.		\$ <u>1,861.60</u> 338.40

## MACHINERY EXPENSE

Transfer from Machinery Earnings		\$ 2,000.00
Additional Transfers		<u>7,500.00</u>
Total Available		\$ 9,500.00

Olds General Store, supplies and gas	\$2,379.55	
Tire Town, Tires	319.48	
Stapleton, Inc., parts	401.49	
Brown Oil, fuel	45.37	
Pittsfield Welding Supplies	207.04	
Charles Freadman & Sons, blades, steel	491.33	
Southgate Motores, parts	214.96	
Raynor's Bearings, parts	304.16	
Tyler Equipment, parts	58.37	
Seyffer Ford, parts	145.67	
Topy's	54.13	
Edward Drosehn, wiring sander	10.50	
Tri County Contractors, rake teeth	221.10	
Agway, Inc., Canvas	14.64	
Carmel Bros	10.20	
Paradise Radiator Service	38.00	
Robert Miller, repairs	38.50	
Graves Equipment, parts	37.53	
Harry C.B. Sales	25.02	
Pittsfield National Bank, loader payment, loan + int.	<u>3,136.88</u>	
Bal		\$ <u>8,153.92</u> \$ 1,346.08

MACHINERY EARNINGS

Available January 1, 1973		\$ 2,096.49
Machinery Earnings, 1973		
Chapter 81 Snow		
GMC	\$ 828.00	
Ford	1,078.25	
Loader	744.00	
Chapter 81 Highways		
Loader	264.00	
Grader	408.00	
Chapter 90 Construction		
Loader	2,148.00	
GMC	710.00	
Grader	450.00	
Ford	626.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Grader	96.00	
Loader	336.00	
GMC	196.00	
Other		
M. Hale	30.00	
Town of Peru	<u>819.50</u>	
Floor Damage Account		
Grader	900.00	
GMC	798.00	
Loader	<u>288.00</u>	
		\$ 10,719.75
		\$ 12,816.24
Transfer to Machinery Expense, Town Meeting		<u>2,000.00</u>
		\$ 10,816.24
Additional Transfers, Special Town Meetings		<u>7,500.00</u>
Balance Machinery Earnings January 1, 1974		\$ 3,316.24

## OFFICERS SALARIES

Town Appropriation	\$ 2,430.00
Available	<u>\$ 2,430.00</u>

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
Assessors, Chairman, Wayne E. Main	150.00
Assessor, Maurice H. Pease	150.00
Assessor, Secretary, Nancy J. Olds	185.00
Selectman, Chairman, Perley P. Boyer	200.00
Selectman, Gordon P. Miller	100.00
Selectman, Michael F. Nevers	100.00
Auditor, Perley P. Boyer	30.00
Constable, Charles E. Cook	60.00
Constable, Donald A. Savery	60.00
	<u>60.00</u>
	<u>\$ 2,430.00</u>

## MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,900.00
Available	<u>\$ 1,900.00</u>

Western Mass. Electric Co., lights	\$ 131.73
George W. Olds, Roofing	291.15
Howard Johnson, fuel	419.73
Brown Oil, fuel	282.61
	<u>282.61</u>
	<u>\$ 1,125.22</u>
Bal.	\$ 774.78

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,050.00
Available	<u>\$ 1,050.00</u>

R.B. Pomeroy, insurance	\$ 585.71
Olds General Store, supplies	67.97
Patterson, Wylde & Windeler Inc., insurance	295.31
	<u>295.31</u>
	<u>\$ 948.99</u>
Bal.	\$ 101.01

MIDDLEFIELD DISPOSAL AREA

Town Appropriation		\$ 1,800.00
Available		<u>\$ 1,800.00</u>
E.S.M. & Martha Landy, Rent	\$ 400.00	
Robert Miller, Equipment operator	7.00	
Gordon P. Miller, Bulldozer	105.00	
Gaynel Nickerson, Drawing Fill	<u>560.00</u>	
		\$ 1,072.00
Bal.		<u>\$ 728.00</u>

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Appropriation		\$ 2,700.00
Available		<u>\$ 2,700.00</u>
Advertising	\$ 9.45	
Association Dues	141.84	
Inspections, E. Drosehn, electric	3.00	
T. Scapin, Jr., building	15.00	
Note Registrations	17.00	
Office Supplies & Maintenance, Selectmen	62.24	
Office supplies, other than Selectmen	187.38	
Postage	105.85	
Salaries - Betty Oigny, Secretary to Selectmen	325.00	
Perley P. Boyer, Chief of Police	75.00	
Charles Winn, Forest Warden	25.00	
Sundry	61.05	
Town Officers Bonds	<u>185.00</u>	
		\$ 1,212.81
Bal.		<u>\$ 1,487.19</u>

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Town Appropriation		\$ 1,800.00
Available		<u>\$ 1,800.00</u>
Stevenson & Co., Inc.	\$ 651.00	
		\$ 651.00
Bal.		<u>\$ 1,149.00</u>

HEALTH & SANITATION

Town appropriation		\$	15.00
Available		\$	15.00
George W. Olds, Rec. Vital Statistics	\$	6.00	
		\$	6.00
Bal.			9.00

TREE WARDEN

Town appropriation		\$	100.00
Available			100.00
Donald A. Savery, saw, labor, truck	\$	100.00	
		\$	100.00

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Town appropriation		\$	150.29
Available		\$	150.29
Bal.		\$	150.29

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Town appropriation		\$	95.00
Available		\$	95.00
Bal.		\$	95.00

RESERVE FUND

Town Appropriation		\$	1,000.00
Available		\$	1,000.00
Transfer to:			
School Building Notes, Interest	\$	340.00	
Bridge Account		400.00	
			\$ 740.00
Bal.		\$	260.00

REGISTRATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Town appropriation	\$	300.00
Available	\$	<u>300.00</u>

Tellers:

Jessie Hartley	\$	7.00
Angela Savery		7.00
Shirley Savery		7.00
Janet Gardner		28.00
Mary Louise Kearns		7.00
Peter Oligny		21.00
Sharon Barry		14.00
Dulcie Olds		7.00
Francis Pease		14.00
Appalachian Press, ballots		<u>83.25</u>
		\$ 195.25
Bal.		<u>\$ 104.75</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Expended</u>
Cemeteries, see report	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Conservation Commission	30.00	---
Forest Fire Protection	10.00	---
Gateway Regional Schools	129,393.76	89,220.44
Interest, Short Term Loans	3,000.00	1,013.02
Library, see report		
Municipal Building Insurance	135.00	29.00
Planning Board	45.00	45.00
Printing, Town Reports, A. Hases	1,000.00	456.00
Special Police Coordinator, C.E. Cook	450.00	300.00
Special Police (Auxiliary) G.R. Olds, (\$21.00)		
H.S. Cummings, 2-way Radio (250.00)	450.00	332.66
C.E. Cook, sign for car (28.84)		
Badges (32.82)		
Salary, Town Counsel, Francis Collins	150.00	150.00
Street Lights, Western Mass. Electric	1,135.00	805.88
War Memorials and Playground	135.00	90.00
Westfield Area Mental Health & Retardation Board	239.00	239.00
School Building Notes	5,000.00	5,000.00
School Building Notes - Interest		
Approp.	\$595.00)	
Trans. Reserve Fund (340.00)	935.00	680.00

TREASURY WARRANTS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Withholding Tax	\$ 458.00
Director of Internal Revenue, Federal Withholding Tax	2,114.42
Howard Banner, Treas., County Retirement	304.90
Howard Banner, Treas., County Tax	10,926.52
Howard Banner, Treas., Dog License Fees	112.00
Pittsfield National Bank, Note #222	3,125.00
Pittsfield National Bank, Note #228	25,000.00
Pittsfield National Bank, Note #230	10,000.00
Pittsfield National Bank, Note #231	25,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, M.V.E. Bills	35.55
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Recreation Areas	1,436.24
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Assess. System	50.00
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution	37.90
Hampshire County Hospital	1,259.20
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	
E. F. Pelkey	4.95
A. L. Smith	8.25
L. Daigneault	6.60
W. Cunningham	9.90
M. Guild	19.80
H. F. Pease, Jr.	9.90
W. Slater	3.30
Real Estate Tax Refunds	
I. Ross	6.00
V. Wright	17.70
S. Andrews	8.50
C. E. Alderman	350.00
R. Bell	350.00
A. Dowsey	238.40
J. & J. DeMoss	259.20
J. Theriault	12.80
Cemetery Lot Overcharge, Eliza Tefts	5.00

SPECIAL MACHINERY EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Transfer from Revenue Sharing	\$ 3,800.00
Tyler Equipment Co.	\$ 2,588.18
Pomeroy Insurance	634.43
	<u>3,222.61</u>
Bal.	\$ 577.39

JURORS FOR 1974

Lois A. Stein  
Wayne A. Suriner  
Edward J. Batorski  
Jan Elovirta

Edith Rice  
Barbara Winn  
Grace H. Olds

John E. DeMoss  
Peter U. Tefts  
Perley P. Boyer

JURORS DRAWN FOR 1973

Wayne Main  
Leonard L. Daigneault  
Michael F. Nevers

Nancy J. Olds  
Michael P. Hale  
Hugh S. Miller

Respectfully submitted,

Perley P. Boyer, Chairman  
Gordon P. Miller  
Michael F. Nevers  
Selectmen

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1973, and have found them to be in good order and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

Perley P. Boyer  
Auditor

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

## RECEIPTS

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

#### Highways:

Chap. 90 Const.	\$ 7,600.00	
Chap. 90 Maint.	2,900.00	
Chap. 81 Hwys. 1972	3,156.27	
Chap. 90 St. Aid Project	<u>9,999.90</u>	
		\$ 23,656.17

#### Schools:

Const. Grant	2,398.19	
School Aid Chap. 70	7,185.11	
St. Aid. Assist. Chap. 71	336.67	
School Aid Chap. 70 1972	209.21	
Educ. Fed. Funds. P.L. 92	<u>7,535.09</u>	
		17,664.27

#### Other:

Anti-trust Settlement, Anti-biotics	27.70	
Corp. & Taxation Reimb. Local Assist.	10,047.22	
Insp. of Animals	15.00	
Reimb. 1971 Census	77.00	
Local Aid Lottery Chap. 58	<u>918.04</u>	
		11,084.96

### Hampshire County:

#### Highways:

1972 Cont. #26972 90 M.	2,900.00	
1972 Cont. #27292 90 C.	<u>3,800.00</u>	
		6,700.00

#### Other:

Gas Tax Refund	190.88	
W.R. Ferris (Milk Insp.)	1.50	
Stevenson & Co. (Work. Comp. Refund)	304.00	
Mersick-Berkshire Supply (Refund)	60.76	
Town of Peru (Grader Rental)	176.00	
Stop payment charge (J. Hobart)	2.00	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	65.00	
Cem. Assoc. Interest	48.54	
Perpetual Care (Frank & Ethel Pelkey)	100.00	
Perpetual Care Interest	278.81	
A. T. & T. McElwain Lot	16.80	

Licenses & Permits	\$	42.00	
Gun Permits		70.00	
Dog Fees (Geo. Olds, Town Clerk)		202.65	
Voided Checks #5938 & #5975		146.00	
Reimb. for checks #6187 and #6188		919.00	
Revenue Sharing Checks		2,975.00	
Machinery Earnings		10,104.00	
Machinery Rental:			
Michael Hale		30.00	
Town of Peru		819.50	
Tax Title Redemptions		<u>14,473.92</u>	
	\$		31,026.36

Loans:

Pittsfield National Bank			
Note #230 Antic. of Revenue		10,000.00	
Note #231 Antic. of Revenue		25,000.00	
Note #232 Chap. 81		10,000.00	
Note #234 Chap. 90		17,600.00	
Note #235 Antic. of Revenue		<u>20,000.00</u>	
	\$		82,600.00

Tax Receipts:

Real Estate:

1973	62,906.35
1972	10,795.11
1971	890.47
1970 & previous years	20.63

Personal Property:

1973	11,246.45
1972	231.75
1971	78.57
1970 & previous years	178.66

Motor Vehicle Excise:

1973	3,178.25
1972	3,435.76
1971	725.31
1970 & Previous years	210.33

Farm Animal Excise:

1973	324.40
1972	183.11
1971	157.37
1970 & previous years	119.88

Classified Forest Land 1973	388.40	
Interest:		
Real Estate	299.09	
Personal Property	66.09	
Motor Vehicle Excise	97.43	
Farm Animal Excise	<u>13.00</u>	
		\$ 95,546.61

Withholding Receipts:		
Federal Withholding	\$ 2,058.50	
State Withholding	506.44	
Hampshire County Retirement	<u>283.15</u>	
		2,848.09
		<u>\$ 271,126.46</u>

Balance January 1, 1973		<u>30,538.85</u>
		\$ 301,665.31

Warrants - Selectmen's Orders		\$ 252,539.68
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Balance December 31, 1973		<u>49,125.63</u>
		\$ 301,665.31

ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Chap. 81 Highways	\$ 10,576.00	
Chap. 90 Const. State	8,188.00	
Chap. 90 Const. County	3,800.00	
Chap.90 Maint. State	3,100.00	
Chap. 90 Maint. County	3,100.00	
Chap. 90 State 1972	200.00	
Chap.90 County 1972	200.00	
Tax Titles	<u>7,626.82</u>	
		\$ 36,790.82

## LIABILITIES

Day Trust Co. (15 School Notes)	\$ 15,000.00	
Interest	510.00	
Pittsfield National Bank:		
Note #232, Chap. 81 due 4/16/74	10,000.00	
Interest due 4/16/74	343.80	
Note #234, Chap 90 due 4/16/74	17,600.00	
Interest due 4/16/74	600.09	
Note #235, Antic. of Revenue due 3/15/74	20,000.00	
Interest due 3/15/74	<u>606.66</u>	
		\$ 64,660.55

## REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

1972 Receipt carried over	\$1,945.00	
1973 Receipts	<u>4,581.00</u>	
		\$ 6,526.00
Payments made from Revenue Sharing		
Spec. Machinery Account	\$3,222.61	
Historical Comm.	<u>1,000.00</u>	
		- 4,222.61
		2,303.39
Interest to date		<u>119.59</u>
Total Balance (C. of D) First Agricultural Bank		\$ 2,422.98

## PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	<u>Interest Drawn</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Daniel Alderman	\$ 5.42	\$100.00
Henry F. Church	5.97	109.81
Church Lot	23.67	433.55
Harvey Root & George Chipman	27.30	500.00
Cottrell Lot	8.18	150.00
Elijah J. Churchill	5.42	100.00
Arthur & Alice Gardner	5.42	100.00
Lizzie Kelly & Morgan Pease	8.18	150.00
George & Amanda Crane	27.30	500.00
Weley A. Olds	16.38	300.00
J.W. & L.A. Cottrell	8.18	150.00
Clara E. Taylor	5.97	109.81
Col. David Mack	6.91	127.14
Nathan Wright Heirs	5.42	100.00

Oliver Smith	\$ 10.91	\$200.00
Solomon Root	5.97	109.81
Herbert A. Youtz	5.42	100.00
Capt. James Church	5.42	100.00
John J. Vetter	5.42	100.00
Matthew & Mariah D. Smith	4.46	82.35
Charles C. Graves	10.91	200.00
Hawes & Combs Lot	4.07	75.00
Asher Pease	14.03	257.14
Arthur D. & Harold M. Pease	16.38	300.00
Rev. John Brittan Clark	5.42	100.00
Charles L. Willey	8.18	150.00
George & Helen Cook	8.08	308.26
Catherine Tefts	2.67	102.75
Ethel & Frank Pelkey	.42	100.00

### TRUST FUNDS

#### Sally Dickson School Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$1,386.86	
Interest Added	<u>75.78</u>	
		\$1,462.64

#### Sally Dickson Charity Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$2,428.53	
Interest Added	<u>132.72</u>	
		\$2,561.25

#### Cemetery Association Permanent Fund

Balance January 1973	\$1,208.41	
Dividends	<u>48.54</u>	
		\$1,256.95

#### Post War Rehabilitation Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 281.25	
Interest Added	<u>15.24</u>	
		\$ 296.49

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Z. DeMoss  
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

Total available funds	1973	\$	881.68
Total Expended in 1973			<u>418.81</u>
Balance			462.87
<u>CENTER CEMETERY</u>			
Hugh Miller, Mower & Labor		\$	<u>278.75</u>
		\$	278.75
<u>MACK CEMETERY</u>			
Hugh Miller, Mower & Labor		\$	29.50
Jeremy Hobart, labor			<u>6.00</u>
		\$	35.50
<u>BELL CEMETERY</u>			
Hugh Miller, Mower & Labor		\$	<u>8.75</u>
		\$	8.75
<u>PINE GROVE CEMETERY</u>			
Hugh Miller, Mower & Labor		\$	44.75
Jeremy Hobart, Labor			15.00
Cecil Alderman, Mower & Labor			<u>21.31</u>
			81.06
<u>WRIGHT CEMETERY</u>			
Hugh Miller, Mower & Labor		\$	<u>14.75</u>
		-	<u>14.75</u>
Total		\$	418.81

Respectfully submitted,  
 Cecil E. Alderman, Chairman  
 Hugh S. Miller  
 George L. Bell  
 Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

There were 326 cattle, 35 horses, 10 ponies, 8 sheep, and 1 goat listed in my annual inspection.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Gordon P. Miller  
 Inspector of Animals

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

During the past year the Planning Board proposed a change in the intensity regulations for the Agricultural-Residential Zone from one acre to two acres. We also proposed the incorporation of a junk and refuse ordinance into the By-Law. Both of these proposals were approved by a two-thirds majority at a Special Town Meeting and have been signed into law by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth.

Work has continued on the reorganization and reprinting of the Zoning By-Law; the new printing will include the several additions to the By-Law enacted since the last printing in 1964.

The members of the Planning Board are aware that Middlefield's character as a hill-town will be changing more rapidly during the next few years, and we would welcome the ideas of all town officials and members of the community in planning for these changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Hale, Chairman  
Richard Bellows  
Mary Louise Kearns  
Lois Stein  
Carol Varsano  
H. Francis Pease

## REPORT OF THE CONSTABLE

During 1973 there were sixteen house breaks reported for investigation.

One case of suicide and one of a missing person were also investigated, besides numerous calls of complaints.

I appreciate the alertness of the townspeople who have reported suspicious acting persons and strange cars. This will increasingly help to solve some of the crimes.

Five of the house breaks last winter were solved by the alertness of a young man who reported the registration of a strange car to me.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Cook  
Constable

## REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

This year Julia Y. Andersen and Kim Vreeland assisted the librarian. Mrs. Andersen continued her work with the Bookmobile, and contacted the Bookmobile staff for special requests for books made by our readers between visits of the Bookmobile.

Kim Vreeland served in the library on an hourly basis.

In the summer, the library is open on a regular schedule for 11½ hours per week. The library was available on request at other hours, as needed. In the winter there are no regular hours, because the library has no heat or electricity. However, requests for books are filled from our library in the not too distant future, as a part of the Historical Commission's restoration of the Old Town Hall, which is underway.

The circulation of books from our library was 879 this year. The State Bookmobile reported that they had loaned Middlefield Readers a total of 4618 books. This makes a total of 5497 books circulated to our readers.

### Financial Report of the Middlefield Public Library

#### Available Funds:

Balance in the Town-appropriated Library Fund		\$1,090.76
Appropriated by Town - February 10th, 1973		140.00
Refund on the Dog Tax		<u>none</u>
	Total	\$1,230.76

#### Expenditures:

For the purchase of Books	\$132.57	
Salaries	<u>256.00</u>	
Total	\$388.57	<u>388.57</u>
Balance in the Town-appropriated Library Fund		\$ 842.19

Respectfully submitted,

Constance N. Vreeland  
Librarian

## REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The year 1973 saw the establishment of the Middlefield Historical Commission. The commission first formed in the interest of saving the Town Hall from further deterioration or destruction. Through the efforts of the commission and the support and hard work of interested townspeople enough money was raised through donation, weekly flea markets, a smorgasbord, auction, raffle, etc. to pay for the painting of the Town Hall, repairs of the roof, wiring, and miscellaneous repairs.

Thus far the building has been painted, all windows repaired, fire escape painted and repaired, and the roof repaired with the chimney rebuilt. Wiring of the downstairs, replacement of the front door and fire escape door and repairs to the foundation will be completed in the Spring.

Plans for raising money to supplement the balance in the commissions account to enable repairs to or replacement of the present heating plant are now underway.

We, of the commission feel we had a very successful year but that without the help and the support of the many interested townspeople and friends who donated their time and money we would have floundered by the roadside. A special thank you to all who worked at our flea markets, smorgasbord, and auction. Special mention and thanks to Janet Waite who so very successfully organized the Watershed Supper and the Smorgasbord, and to Joe Sena who donated his time as auctioneer. We offer a very special thank you for the time and efforts of the late and beloved Jessie Pease who was instrumental in organizing our successful food sales.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Voted to the Commission \$ 1,000.00

#### Expended:

Olds General Store (paint)	\$ 81.00	
Olds General Store (paint)	268.25	
W. J. Wilson (painter)	<u>650.75</u>	
		<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

#### INCOME

Solicited Donations	\$ 858.00
Watershed Dinner	165.00
Auction	711.70
Smorgasbord	379.00
Candle Stand Raffle 1	80.25
Craft Show, donation	5.20
Craft Show, donation	14.00

Flea Markets	\$ 1,152.67	
Rent (flea market and building)	336.50	
Miscellaneous income	56.56	
Proceeds of craft instruction donated by Mrs. Joan Hobart	<u>100.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 3,858.88

EXPENSES

Daily Hampshire Gazette	\$ 99.87	
Berkshire Evening Eagle	164.00	
Dalton Record News	17.50	
Westfield Evening News	100.54	
George W. Olds, Merchandise	203.16	
Charles E. Cook, Church janitor	8.00	
Janet Waite, Misc. Expense	6.79	
Caviornos Home Roofing	439.00	
W. J. Wilson, Painting	522.25	
Consignments for Auction	<u>356.61</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ <u>1,917.72</u>

BALANCE ON HAND		\$ 1,941.16
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Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Olds, Chairman  
Mary Louise Kearns, Sec.  
Carol Varsano, Treas.  
Richard A. Waite  
H. Francis Pease  
C.D. Vreeland, Jr.  
Edward J. Batorski  
Historical Commission

## REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

The Volunteer Fire Department responded to a number of calls this year, including several brush fires along the railroad tracks, 1 house fire, 1 gas stove explosion, several dump fires, and the fire which burned the town truck. In addition, we were called upon to use the resuscitator on two occasions.

Our annual Penny Pitch at the Middlefield Fair netted a total of \$45.00 for our treasury.

Help at fires has been excellent, but we get no participation at meetings, and volunteers are badly needed to learn to use the equipment efficiently.

Our fire fighting equipment is in extremely poor condition. The tank truck is completely unsafe to be driven, and parts to repair it are unavailable due to its age, as are parts for the fire power wagon.

We would strongly urge the townspeople to give immediate consideration to the town's urgent need for fire fighting equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

William L. Paschal  
Fire Chief

## 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 WIRING INSPECTOR

I submit my report as Wiring Inspector for the Town of Middlefield for the year ending December 31, 1973.

7 service calls, 5 rough-in, 2 temporary services; making a total of 14 calls.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward L. Droseh  
Wiring Inspector

REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

There was one forest fire and two railroad fires during 1973. One burning permit was issued during 1973.

As of this date there is still a ban on outdoor burning.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Winn  
Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE BUILDING & PLUMBING INSPECTOR

For the year 1973, I made 6 inspections; 2 for new homes, 1 sugarhouse, 1 green house & tool shed, 2 additions. -- As building inspector \$36.00.

For the year 1973, I made 2 inspections on new homes as Plumbing Inspector, \$12.00.

Total - \$48.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Scapin, Jr.  
Building and  
Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Appropriations	\$190,540.18	
County Tax Assessments	14,093.35	
State Tax & Assessments	1,766.20	
Overlay	6,550.36	
		\$212,950.09

Estimated & Available Funds

General Fund Distribution		
and Reimbursement	27,599.82	
Motor Vehicle Excise	9,000.00	
Farm Animal Excise	350.00	
Interest	1,300.00	
	38,249.82	
Overestimates (Cherry Sheet)	584.39	
Amounts taken from Available Funds	11,490.88	
	12,075.27	
		- 50,325.09
Eighteen Month Period		162,625.00
1973 (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31)		108,416.67

Amount to be Raised by Taxation

Total Personal Property	368,594	@32/1000	11,795.01	
Total Real Property	3,019,427		96,776.86	
				108,416.67

1973 Tax Rate.....\$32 per \$1000

School Rate	\$21.91
General Rate	\$10.09

Total Value of Personal Property	368,594.00
Land Valuation	1,313,677.00
Building Valuation	1,710,600.00
Total Value of Real and Personal Property	3,392,871.00
Value of Livestock and Farm Machinery	79,262.00
Value of Classified Forestland @10/acre	25,570.00
Value of Exempt Property (Town, State, Non-Profit Org.)	328,990.00

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne E. Main, Chairman  
Nancy J. Olds, Secretary  
Maurice H. Pease  
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR 1973

	Warrant	Taxes Col.	Int.	Fees	Abated	Tax Titles	Balance Due
1973 Real Estate	\$96,776.86	\$62,906.35	\$		\$3,216.44	\$2,845.60	\$27,808.47
Per. Property	\$11,795.01	11,246.65					548.36
Class. Forest	747.22	388.40					358.82
Farm Excise	396.33	324.40					71.93
M.V.E.	6,952.91	3,178.25			667.15		3,107.51
1972 Real Estate	15,872.91	10,795.11	198.63		844.00		4,233.80
Per. Property	461.70	231.75	1.13		30.75		199.20
Farm Excise	384.10	183.11					200.99
M.V.E.	6,770.28	3,435.96	17.67		730.13		2,604.19
1971 Real Estate	1,843.99	890.47	96.33		77.76		875.76
Per. Property	204.14	78.57	9.44				125.57
Farm Excise	255.62	157.37	5.00				98.25
M.V.E.	1,790.88	725.31	18.40		82.50		983.07
1970 Real Estate	824.63	20.63	4.13		184.50		619.50
Per. Property	91.25	40.00	8.80				51.25
Farm Excise	197.50	119.88	8.00				77.62
M.V.E.	418.96	57.90	4.13		128.70		232.36
1969 Per. Property	70.93	52.68	15.36				18.25
Farm Excise	47.90						47.90
M.V.E.	138.33						138.33
1968 Per. Property	67.53	52.73	18.16				14.80
M.V.E.	136.33	100.93	37.45				35.40
1967 Per. Property	48.45	33.25	13.20				15.20
Farm Excise	74.09						74.09
M.V.E.	242.90	51.50	19.60				191.40
Taxes Collected	\$95,071.00						
Interest	475.60						
	<u>\$95,546.61</u>						

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Respectfully submitted,  
Neil G. Nickerson, Tax Collector

## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

At the Annual meeting of the Conservation Commission held in December, 1973, the following members were present: Richard Waite, Chairman; Joan Hobart, Secretary; Nancy Olds; and Julia Donovan; and George Bell, Jr.; newly appointed members.

Various projects for 1974 were discussed namely; evaluation of town forests under the direction of the State Forester, planting of roadside banks to prevent erosion, Spring Fishing Derby, and other conservation measures.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Waite, Chairman  
Joan Hobart, Secretary  
Nancy Olds  
Angela Savery  
Leon Gardner  
Julia Donovan  
George Bell, Jr.