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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 said Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Middlefield Elementary School in said Middlefield on Saturday, the seventh day of May, 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 Town Clerk, Moderator, Auditor and Tree Warden for a term of one year.

A Selectman, Assessor, Treasurer, Trustee of Public Library, School Committee member, Finance Committee, two Constables, two Planning Board members, Cemetery Commissioner and a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of three years.

A member of the Planning Board for two years.

The polls will open at 12:00 P.M. and may 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 revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977 in accordance with the provision of the 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 or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of \$93,007.00 for Middlefield's share of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978 or take any other action thereto, or accept as a net assessment a sum which is less than \$93,007.00 as certified by the Gateway Regional School District.

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 a sum of \$12,000.00 for maintenance of Town Highways.

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 \$9,000.00 for the Machinery Expense Account.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salaries of Elected Town Officers and to determine the amount of salary for each Elective Officer.

Moderator	\$ 40.00	Secretary, Assessors	\$ 35.00
Town Clerk	250.00	Chairman, Selectmen	400.00
Treasurer	825.00	2nd Selectman	200.00
Tax Collector	825.00	3rd Selectman	200.00
Chairman, Assessors	300.00	Auditor	30.00
2nd Assessor	300.00	Constable, 1st	60.00
3rd Assessor	300.00	Constable, 2nd	60.00

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,274.80 for the salaries of Town Officers from January 1, 1977 to election.

Moderator	\$ 13.33	Secretary, Assessors	\$ 11.67
Town Clerk	83.33	Chairman, Selectmen	133.33
Treasurer	275.00	2nd Selectman	66.67
Tax Collector	275.00	3rd Selectman	66.67
Chairman, Assessors	100.00	Auditor	10.00
2nd Assessor	100.00	Constable, 1st	20.00
3rd Assessor	100.00	Constable, 2nd	20.00

Art. 11. 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 fiscal year, July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978:

HIGHWAYS AND RELATED EXPENSES:	
Snow Rmoval	\$ 12,000.00 - <i>6035.39 of 878 - Bal to be raised + exp</i>
PUBLIC BUILDINGS:	
Maintenance	2,500.00
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	300.00
Health and Sanitation	50.00
Middlefield Disposal Area, Rent	600.00
Middlefield Disposal Area, Maintenance	1,500.00
Town Counsel	150.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	2,000.00
Hampshire County Retirement	1,800.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

Fire Department	4,000.00
Fire Department Chief's Salary	200.00 ²⁰⁰
Library	300.00 ✓ 450 as E State Grant
Cemetery Commission	200.00 ✓
Planning Board	25.00 ✓
War Memorials and Playgrounds	100.00 ✓
Street Lights ^{40 per.}	1,072.80 ✓ -? - ditto
Civil Defense	10.00 ✓
Printing	600.00
Veterans Agent	10.00

Jim Phony 5000

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for use as a police fund.

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

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum not to exceed \$8,000.00 to cover all Town Insurance.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$5,000.00 to repair town garage and fire station.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$500.00 for salt storage shed.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 49, Section 28 of General Laws: "Beasts taken up by a field driver in a town which adopts this section or has adopted corresponding provisions of earlier laws may be impounded on his own premises; and for the purposes of this chapter he shall be considered a pound keeper, and such place on his premises shall be considered a town pound relative to beasts therein impounded. (1869, 366; PS 36, & 29; RL 33, & 28.)"

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$200.00 to repair the wall at the Center Cemetery.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a truck for the Highway Department for a sum not to exceed \$15,000.00 to be financed as follows over a period of three years: 1. Transfer \$5,000.00 from Revenue Sharing to Highway Equipment Account.
2. Two notes to be paid annually at \$5,000.00 per note plus interest.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money not to exceed \$45,000.00 for the purchase of a new or used fire truck. Said money to be paid off by a note or notes not to exceed a five year period or take any other action relating thereto.

Art. 21. 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 bulleting 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 first day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and seventy-seven.

Gordon P. Miller
Jan Elovirta
Charles E. Cook

Selectmen of Middlefield

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1976

TOWN CLERK

Edith P. Rice Term expires 1977

MODERATOR

John E. Rice Term expires 1977

TOWN TREASURER

Josephine Z. DeMoss Term expires 1977

SELECTMEN
and COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Gordon P. Miller Term expires 1979
Charles E. Cook Term expires 1978
Jan Elovirta Term expires 1977

BOARD OF HEALTH AND FENCE VIEWERS
The Selectmen

ASSESSORS

Wayne E. Main, Chairman Term expires 1978
Maurice H. Pease Term expires 1979
Michael F. Pensivy, Jr. Term expires 1977

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John E. DeMoss Term expires 1977
William R. Denault Term expires 1978

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Neil G. Nickerson Term expires 1979

CONSTABLES

Charles E. Cook Term expires 1977
Donald A. Savery Term expires 1977

AUDITOR

Deborah Elovirta Term expires 1977

TREE WARDEN

Donald A. Savery Term expires 1977

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Edward M. Ryan, Jr. Term expires 1977
Hugh S. Miller Term expires 1978
George L. Bell Term expires 1979

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Grace H. Olds, Chairman	Term expires 1978
Constance N. Vreeland	Term expires 1979
Julia Y. Andersen	Term expires 1977

PLANNING BOARD

Michael P. Hale, Chairman	Term expires 1977
Lois A. Stein	Term expires 1978
Carol Varsano	Term expires 1978
Douglas Wolff	Term expires 1979
Julie A. Winn (Appointed)	Term expires 1977
Ann Jewett	Term expires 1977

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Nancy Burnham	Term expires 1979
Maurice H. Pease (Appointed)	Term expires 1977
Edith Rice, Alternate	
Perley Boyer, Alternate	
Roger Merrill	Term expires 1978

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joseph J. Kearns, Chairman	Term expires 1979
John E. DeMoss	Term expires 1978
John E. Rice	Term expires 1977
Perley Boyer	Term expires 1978
Joan Hobart, Secretary	Term expires 1979

OFFICERS APPOINTED

SUPT. OF STREETS and SNOW	Brewster C. Pease
FIRE CHIEF	Jan R. Elovirta
ASSISTANT CHIEF	Wayne Main
CHIEF OF POLICE	John DeMoss
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	Charles E. Cook
INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING	Charles E. Cook
INSPECTOR OF MILK	Charles E. Cook
BUILDING AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR	Tony Scapin, Jr.
WIRING INSPECTOR	Edward Droehn
SUPT. OF DUTCH ELM AND INSECT PEST CONTROL	Supt. of Streets
FOREST WARDEN	Jan R. Elovirta
DOG OFFICER	None
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	Jonathan Jones
	Brewster C. Pease
	Robert Miller
	Wayne E. Main
SPECIAL POLICE	G. Robert Olds
DISPOSAL AREA ATTENDANT	Nancy M. Winn
VETERANS' AGENT	Gordon P. Miller

1976 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS

February 27) Patrick Eugene VanBramer, Jr., son of
Patrick E. and Delphine A. VanBramer

March 23) Melissa Rebecca Moulton, daughter of
Douglas M. and Linda S. Moulton

April 21 Jennifer Lynn Smith, daughter of
Lawrence A. and Cynthia A. Smith

April 10/ Jason Lester Artioli, son of
Victor N. and Judith T. Artioli

May 2) Darrin Edward Pensivy, son of
Michael F. and Barbara Z. Pensivy

December 7) Jed Matthew Ryan, son of
Edward M. and Rebecca P. Ryan

MARRIAGES

April 10/ David Archie Eastland and Yvonne Marie Starbird

June 12) Timothy D. Conboy and Barbara Davis Marshall

June 19/ Jeffrey Lynn Burns and Cynthia Lynne Savery

August 7¹ Michael J. Kubicki and Jeri A. Marlow

August 7¹ Michael J. Brighenti and Alice A. Fiske

DEATHS

March 31) Edward A. Peltier - 79 years - 10 months - 25 days

July 4) Michele Lynn Cahalan - 0 years - 11 months - 6 days

July 14) Paul L. Starbird - 68 years - 8 months - 13 days

August 11) Cornelius D. Vreeland, Jr. - 73 years - 1 month - 17 days

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Roger C. Merrell, Chairman	Term expires 1979
Peter Oigny	Term expires 1977
Leon A. Gardner	Term expires 1978
William A. Cook	Term expires 1978
Joan Hobart	Term expires 1979
George L. Bell, Jr. (Resigned)	Term expires 1977
Angela Savery (Resigned)	Term expires 1977

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Josephine Z. DeMoss, Chairman	Term expires 1978
Janet Gardner	Term expires 1977
Perley P. Boyer	Term expires 1979
Edith P. Rice, Town Clerk	

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mary Louise Kearns	Term expires 1979
Edward J. Batorski	Term expires 1979
Ethel M. Pease	Term expires 1979
Nancy J. Olds	Term expires 1978
H. Francis Pease	Term expires 1978
Carol Varsano	Term expires 1977
Richard A. Waite	Term expires 1977

JURORS DRAWN

1976

April 22, 1976	Marilyn R. Pease
August 3, 1976	Edward F. Horalek
December 30, 1976	Jan R. Elovirta

REMAINING JURORS

Wayne Cunningham
Bradford P. Fisk
Joan H. Hobart
Gordon P. Miller

DOG LICENSES 1976

30 Males at \$3.00 each	\$	90.00
8 Females at \$6.00 each		48.00
23 Spayed Females at \$3.00 each		69.00
2 Kennels at \$10.00 each		20.00
1 Kennel at \$25.00		<u>25.00</u>
	\$	252.00
Clerk's Fees		22.40
Paid to Town Treasurer	\$	229.60

SPORTING LICENSES

12 Resident Fishing Licenses at \$8.25 each	\$	99.00
23 Resident Hunting Licenses at \$8.25 each		189.75
21 Resident Sporting Licenses at \$13.50 each		283.50
7 Non-Resident Fishing Licenses at \$14.25 each		99.75
1 Non-Resident 7 day Fishing Lincense at \$8.25		8.25
2 Non-Resident Hunting Licenses at \$35.25 each		70.50
3 Archery Stamps at \$5.10 each		<u>15.30</u>
	\$	766.05
Clerk's Fees at 25¢ each		16.50
Clerk's Fees at 10¢ each		.30
Paid to Fisheries and Game Division	\$	749.25

Respectfully submitted,

Edith P. Rice
Town Clerk

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS HELD IN 1976

April 12, 1976

Voted to transfer \$500.00 from the Machinery Earnings Account to the Machinery Expense Account.

Voted to transfer \$1,000.00 from unappropriated available funds to the Machinery Expense Account.

Voted to transfer \$555.73 from unappropriated available funds to the Town Snow Account.

Voted to transfer from funds received from Chapter 825, Section 1, the sum of \$9,765.00 to an account for the repair and maintenance of Town Roads and Bridges.

December 30, 1976

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

Voted to transfer the sum of \$689.61 from the General Fund to the Fire Department Account. This is the amount recovered from the insurance company following thefts at the Fire House.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from unappropriated available funds to the Fire Department.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from unappropriated available funds to an account to cover the cost of clean up from the fire in Bancroft and an amendment was made instructing the Selectmen to have the Town Attorney place a lien on the property belonging to Terrance and Rosemarie Barbieri to the extent of the Town incurred expense of the clean up.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$100.00 from unappropriated available funds to the Veterans Agent Account.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to apply for a Community Development Block Grant and spend any monies received from same.

ELECTIONS

March 2, 1976 - Presidential Primary
May 1, 1976 - Town Election and Meeting
September 14, 1976 - State Primary
November 2, 1976 - State Election

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Recommendations:

- 1 - Education: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum approved by the Gateway Regional School Committee.
- 2 - Fire Department: That the town investigate the acquisition of a new fire truck.
- 3 - Highways: That less monies be spent on the town roads because of greatly reduced state reimbursement. The reduced funds will have to be spent with great care to obtain maximum return for our taxes. That the town purchase a new truck on a three year note.
- 4 - Library: That the town vote an additional \$100.00 from Revenue Sharing.
- 5 - Inventory: That every town report contain a list of all items of town property worth more than \$25.00 each.

The Finance Committee has met many times during the past year. Careful consideration was given to the many financial matters coming before the town. One member of the town committee served on the Gateway Regional Finance Committee

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Kearns, Chairman
John E. DeMoss
John E. Rice
Perley Boyer
Joan Hobart, Secretary

FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978 (7/1/77-6/30/78)

EDUCATION

Gateway Regional School	\$ 88,735.57
Vocational	4,271.43

HIGHWAYS

Maintenance of Roads	7,000.00
Snow	12,000.00
Machinery Expense	3,000.00
New truck	5,000.00

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	2,000.00
Registrations & Elections	200.00
Health and Sanitation	15.00
Disposal Area (higher rent \$600.00)	2,100.00
Town Counsel	150.00
Hampshire County Retirement	1,800.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	2,500.00
Salaries, Elected Officials	3,890.00

INSURANCE

7,000.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Printing	700.00
Fire Department	3,000.00
Fire Phones & Siren	550.00
Planning Board	25.00
Cemetery Commission	200.00
War Memorials & Playgrounds	100.00
Library	350.00
Street Lights	1,100.00
Civil Defense	10.00
Public Building Maintenance	2,500.00

RESERVE

2,000.00

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

We have completed our HUD project and have acquired 14 acres of land, demolished the barn and made the site ready for future use. We have also acquired tools for the self help maintainance program which are available to town residents to borrow to assist them in home repairs. These may be borrowed and a deposit is required. Contact the Board of Selectmen for further information. We have also applied for another grant for a fire station and fire truck. These applications have been denied and we are looking into other Federal and State grants as they become available.

Sections of Chester Road and Town Hill Road were blacktopped and Olds' hill was completed. Work was continued on Chipman Road under Chapter 1140, Section 20 and Baum's Hill will be oiled this Spring. We will do more blacktopping provided we get state funding.

We would like to replace the 1971 town truck before we have to spend money for repairs. We also plan to make extensive repairs to the Town Garage.

There will be no money available from the state for our equipment and all machinery expense money will have to come from town funds.

We ask that all residents using the Middlefield Disposal Area, use it during regular dumping hours. Dumping at the end of the fence or in areas other than those designated creates an unsightly mess and the owner of the land will be able to terminate the lease if the dump is not kept in order. We as your cooperation in this matter.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Paul Starbird, former Dump attendant and the family of Ralph Bell who served the Town in various offices for many years.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen
Gordon P. Miller
Jan R. Elovirta
Charles E. Cook

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

January 1, 1976 - June 30, 1976

TOWN SNOW

Bal. 1/1/76		\$ 9,537.28
Transfer Unappropriated Available Funds		<u>555.73</u>
		10,093.01
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 1,432.26	
Robert Miller, Equip. Op.	1,715.00	
Conrad L. Oigny, Labor	852.00	
Mrs. Charles Granger, Plowing	396.00	
Morton Salt, Salt	1,829.96	
Donovan Bros., Sand	3,783.79	
Jonothan Jones, Labor	21.00	
Edward James	45.00	
William Paschal	<u>18.00</u>	
		\$ <u>10,093.01</u>

TOWN HIGHWAYS

Bal. 1/1/76		\$ 1,928.30
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 676.66	
Robert Miller, Equipment Operator	689.00	
Conrad L. Oigny, Labor	429.96	
Pond Brook Tree Service	<u>132.68</u>	
		\$ <u>1,928.30</u>

January 1, 1976 - June 30, 1976

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Bal. 1/1/76		\$ 3,331.88
Ira Pease, Mowing	\$ 64.00	
Lane Construction, Hot Mix	674.16	
Town of Middlefield, Grader	108.00	
Town of Middlefield, GMC	109.00	
Town of Middlefield, Loader	240.00	
Brewster Pease, Supt.	258.34	
Robert Miller, Equipment Operator	236.00	
Conrad Oligny, Labor	177.00	
		<u>1,802.50</u>
		\$ <u>1,529.38</u>

January 1, 1976 - June 30, 1976

CHAPTER 1140 - SECTION 20

Balance		\$ 14,038.00
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 588.63	
Robert Miller, Equipment Operator	558.00	
Conrad Oligny, Labor	307.50	
Stuart Fiske	562.50	
Town of Middlefield, Loader	622.00	
Town of Middlefield, GMC	429.50	
Town of Middlefield, Grader	96.00	
C. D. Vreeland, III, Fill	396.00	
Donovan Bros., Trucking	522.00	
		<u>4,082.13</u>
		\$ <u>9,955.87</u>

CHAPTER 825

Bal. 1/1/76		\$ 361.84
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 34.00	
Robert Miller, Equipment Operator	32.00	
Conrad Oligny, Labor	7.84	
Town of Middlefield, GMC	288.00	
		<u>361.84</u>
		\$ <u>361.84</u>

January 1, 1976 - June 20, 1976

CHAPTER 825 HIGHWAYS

State Share Available		\$ 9,765.00
		<u>\$ 9,765.00</u>
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 102.00	
Robert Miller, Equipment Operator	96.00	
Conrad Oligny, Labor	88.16	
Town of Middlefield, Grader	192.00	
Donovan Bros., Gravel	65.73	
		<u>543.89</u>
		\$ <u>9,221.11</u>
	Bal.	\$ <u>9,221.11</u>

MACHINERY EARNINGS

Available January 1, 1976		\$	376.45
Chapter 825			
GMC	\$ 288.00		
Grader	192.00		
Chapter 90 Maintenance			
GMC	109.00		
Grader	108.00		
Loader	240.00		
Chapter 1140, Sec. 20			
GMC	429.50		
Loader	622.00		
Grader	96.00		
			2,084.50
		\$	2,460.95

MACHINERY EXPENSE

Balance - January 1, 1976		\$	6,386.41
Transfers			1,500.00
		\$	7,886.41
Olds General Store, supplies and gas	\$ 2,366.93		
Berkshire County Tire	68.81		
Valley Oil, Grease	11.64		
Pittsfield Welding Supplies	90.66		
Charles Freadman & Sons, blades, steel	94.80		
Southgate Motors, parts	291.06		
Raynor's, bearings, parts	176.89		
Smith Auto Electric	40.69		
Topsy's, gas, stickers, parts	48.63		
Brown Oil	247.02		
Tri County Contractors - Sander Body	3,525.00		
Tyler Equipment, parts	578.56		
Jack Mulcare, parts	263.40		
Engwer Saws	82.32		
			7,886.41

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Balance - January 1, 1976		\$ 612.91
Transferred from Reserve Fund		900.00
Total Available		<u>\$ 1,512.91</u>

Western Mass. Electric Co., Lights	\$ 197.82	
Howard Johnson, Fuel	870.14	
Brown Oil, Fuel	267.08	
Joseph Kearns, Material & Labor	78.00	
Doug Wolff, Labor	52.00	
L.P. Adams, Paint	47.87	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,512.91

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Balance - January 1, 1976		\$ 753.51
Reserve Fund Transfer		468.99
		<u>\$ 1,222.50</u>

Blanchard Assoc.	\$ 415.82	
Smith Vocational School, Shelves	24.00	
Olds General Store	140.33	
Charlie's Garage, stickers	4.00	
Agway	625.81	
Jan Elovirta, parts	12.54	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,222.50

PRINTING

Balance - January 1, 1976		\$ 856.75
Berkshire Print & Mail Co., Town Reports	\$ 542.72	
Berkshire Print & Mail Co., Street Lists	38.00	
Appalachian Press, Ballots	58.75	
	<u> </u>	639.47
	Bal. \$	<u>217.28</u>

MIDDLEFIELD DISPOSAL AREA

Balance - January 1, 1976		\$	1,234.76
Transfer from Reserve Fund			<u>19.80</u>
		\$	<u>1,254.56</u>

E.S.M. & Martha Landy, Rent	400.00		
Paul Starbird, Attendent	520.00		
C.D. Vreeland, Fill	207.74		
G.W. Olds, Supplies	37.32		
Brewster Pease, Supt.	25.50		
Robert Miller, Equip. Op.	<u>64.00</u>		
		\$	<u>1,254.56</u>

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Balance - January 1, 1976		\$	948.40
Advertising	33.02		
Association Dues	70.00		
Supplies, Postage and Telephone - All Offices	<u>563.99</u>		
		\$	<u>697.01</u>
		Bal. \$	<u>251.39</u>

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Balance - January 1, 1976		\$	629.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund			<u>183.00</u>
		\$	<u>812.00</u>
Stevenson & Co., Inc.	<u>\$ 812.00</u>		

CIVIL DEFENSE

Balance - January 1, 1976		\$	150.00
Wm. Hotating - Batteries	<u>\$ 73.80</u>		
		Bal. \$	<u>76.20</u>

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Balance - January 1, 1976		\$	95.00
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 51.00		
Robert Miller, Equip. Op.	<u>44.00</u>		
		\$	<u>95.00</u>

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Balance - January 1, 1976		\$ 150.29
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 74.25	
Robert Miller, Equip. Op.	65.00	
Conrad Oigny, Labor	<u>11.04</u>	
		<u>\$ 150.29</u>

CIVIL DEFENSE TRUCK

Balance - January 1, 1976		\$ 98.26
Waymark	<u>\$ 87.22</u>	
		87.22
		Bal. \$ <u>11.04</u>

REGISTRATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Balance - January 1, 1976		\$ 300.00
Tellers:		
Angela Savery	\$ 32.38	
Janet Vreeland	10.50	
Marilyn Pease	7.00	
Peter Oigny	12.25	
Shirley Savery	18.38	
Priscilla Suriner	30.63	
Deborah Elovirta	8.75	
Catherine Nickerson	10.50	
Dulcie Olds	10.50	
Ethel Pease	23.63	
Appalachian Press, ballots	<u>42.00</u>	
		\$ 206.52
		Bal. \$ <u>93.48</u>

RESERVE FUND

Revenue Sharing Transfer - September 2, 1976		\$ 2,000.00
Municipal Bldg.	\$ 900.00	
Street Lights	7.65	
Fire Department	200.00	
Disposal Area	19.80	
Interest - Short Term Loans	136.45	
Workmen's Compensation	<u>183.00</u>	
		\$ 1,446.90
		Bal. \$ <u>553.10</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Expended</u>
Town Counsel	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Forest Fire Protection	10.00	none
Gateway Regional Schools	36,871.54	36,871.54
Interest, short term loans	702.84	702.84
Library, see report		
Street Lights, Western Mass. Electric	536.80	
Transfers	7.65	544.45
School Building Notes, Interest	85.00	85.00
War Memorials & Playgrounds	60.00	60.00
Planning Board	25.00	-
Tree Warden	46.00	-
Police Acct.	221.38	221.38

TREASURY WARRANTS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Withholding Tax	\$ 421.95
Director of Internal Revenue, Federal Withholding Tax	1,397.00
William F. O'Connor, Treas., County Retirement	256.61
William F. O'Connor, Treas., County Tax	7,415.25
William F. O'Connor, Treas., $\frac{1}{2}$ County Tax	368.48
Pittsfield National Bank, Note #238	21,864.00
Pittsfield National Bank, Note #239	25,000.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	
Timothy Pease	4.00
Burton Baroff	22.28
Tony Scapin, Bldg. Inspector	484.00
Edward Drosehn, Wire Inspector	58.00
Edith Rice	.70

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD
 REPORT OF THE TREASURER
 RECEIPTS FOR FISCAL 1976

7/1/75 to 12/31/75

1/1/76 to 6/30/76

COMMONWEALTH OF MASS.

HIGHWAYS:

Chap. 90 Const. '74	\$ 15,664.00	
Chap. 90 Maint. '74	6,200.00	
Pub. Wks. '74 Loc. Aid		
Trans. Authority Dist.	9,765.00	
Spec. Gas Tax Ch. 58 S. 18B	6,563.14	
Local Aid Fund Ch. 58 S. 18A	423.90	\$ 377.67
Chap. 825		18,035.39
Chap. 765		21,864.00
Hwy. Fund Ch. 58 S. 18B		5,702.29
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$ 38,616.04	\$ 45,979.35

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SCHOOLS:

Construction Grant	2,398.19	
Sch. Aid Chap. 70	4,018.25	
Ed. Reg. Sch. Aid Ch. 71		4,043.04
S. 16D 7/1/74 - 6/30/75	115.17	
Ed. Reg. Sch. Aid Chap. 71		
S. 16D		449.43
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$ 6,531.61	\$ 4,492.47

OTHER:

Corp. & Tax. Reimb. Loc. Assist. '74	185.25	
Mass. Bicent. Develop.	1,000.00	
Corp. & Tax. Bur. Local Ass'ment		12,759.64
Animal Inspection		15.00
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$ 1,185.25	\$ 12,774.64

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD

RECEIPTS CONT'

7/1/75 to 12/31/75

1/1/76 to 6/30/76

COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE

HIGHWAYS:

Chap. 90 Maint. '74		
Contract #28380	\$ 3,100.00	
Chap. 90 Const. '74		
Contract #28809	3,800.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 6,900.00

OTHER:

Dog Refund		\$ 74.78	
		<u> </u>	\$ 74.78

OTHER:

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R. B. Pomeroy Agency			
Dividend Credit	19.30		
Travelers Ins. Police Report (Farrell)	4.10		
Aetna Ins. Police Report (Kanasek)	4.00		
Cemetery Assoc. Interest	32.36	32.36	
Perp. Care Int. (A.T.&T.)	10.20	10.80	
Perp. Care Interest		276.29	
Perp. Care (Carl Sternagle)	300.00		
Sale of Cemetery Lots		70.00	
Dog Fees (Edith Rice, Town Clerk)	94.80	198.40	
FID Cards (J. DeMoss, Police Chief)	32.00	4.00	
Pistol Permits (J. DeMoss, Police Chief)	10.00		
Licenses & Permits	45.00	525.00	
H.B. Hood, Milk Insp. (C. Cook)		2.00	
Gas Tax Refund (Geo. Olds)		218.16	
Sale of Ford 4x4 (E. Granger)	1,651.00		
Machinery Earnings	1,924.30	2,084.50	
Check returned #8030		242.13	
Revenue Sharing, Time Acct.	6,500.00	2,000.00	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	\$ 5,663.64
	\$ 10,627.06		

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD

RECEIPTS CONT'

7/1/75 to 12/31/75

1/1/76 to 6/30/76

WITHHOLDINGS:

Federal Taxes	\$ 1,359.80	\$ 1,231.60
State Taxes	388.66	367.78
Hampshire County Retirement	287.72	250.74
	<u>\$ 2,036.18</u>	<u>\$ 1,850.12</u>

LOANS:

Pittsfield National Bank:		
Note 238 Hwy. Reimb.	21,864.00	
Note 239 Antic. of Rev.	25,000.00	
	<u>46,864.00</u>	

TAX RECEIPTS:

Real Estate:

1975-76		49,451.78
1974-75	9,053.06	5,518.98
1974 - 6 mos.	899.14	423.84
1973	1,168.72	942.63
1972	82.92	333.30
Interest	349.99	535.25

Personal Property:

1975-76		7,063.41
1974-75	411.54	78.45
1974 - 6 mos.	28.40	43.04
1973	26.40	4.48
1972		4.20
Interest	10.60	4.93

Motor Vehicle Excise:

1975-76		744.00
1975	627.00	
1974-75	2,633.93	1,568.50
1974 - 6 mos.	417.88	615.33
1973	209.09	118.25
Interest	5.81	.79

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD

RECEIPTS CONT'

7/1/75 to 12/31/75

1/1/76 to 6/30/76

TAX RECEIPTS CONT'

Classified Forest:

1975-76	\$		\$	326.57
1974-75		195.00		
1973		6.40		

Farm Animal:

1974-75			429.21
1974 - 6 mos.		19.25	
Interest			28.66

_____ \$ 16,145.83

_____ \$ 68,235.60

_____ \$128,905.97

_____ \$139,070.60

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Total Receipts	\$267,976.57	
Bal. 6/30/75	74,051.23	\$342,027.80

Selectmens orders	\$277,800.11	
Bal. 6/30/76	64,227.69	\$342,027.80

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD

APPROPRIATION & DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS
AVAILABLE FUNDS & EXPENDITURES

July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

	APPROP.	TRANSFERS	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE	FORWARD
Town Snow	12,000.00	555.73 A.F.	12,555.73	12,555.73	---	---
Chap. 825			5,889.95 C.O.	5,889.95	---	---
Chap. 825 76/77	9,765.00		9,765.00	543.89	9,221.11	9,221.11
Hwy. Repair	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	---	---
Chap. 1140			14,836.00	4,879.63	9,956.37	9,956.37
Chap. 765	28,764.00		28,764.00	27,234.62	1,529.38	1,529.38
Chap. 90 M. 74/75			2,033.52 C.O.	2,033.52	---	---
Chap. 90 C. 74/75			3,762.68 C.O.	3,762.68	---	---
Dutch Elm	150.29		105.29	105.29	---	---
Insect Pest Cont.	95.00		95.00	95.00	---	---
Tree Warden	100.00		100.00	54.00	46.00	---
Forest Fires	10.00		10.00	---	10.00	---
Fire Dept.	1,040.00	468.99 R.F.	1,500.00 C.O. 1,508.99	3,008.99	---	---
Equip. Civil Defense Truck			297.64 C.O.	286.60	11.04	---
Disp. Area Rent	400.00	19.80 R.F.	1,519.80	1,519.80	---	---
General Government	1,000.00		2,000.00	1,748.61	251.39	---

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD
 APPROPRIATIONS & DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS CONT'

	APPROP.	TRANSFERS	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE	FORWARD
Health & Sanit.	15.00		15.00	---	15.00	---
Historical Comm.			1,000.00	---	1,000.00	1,000.00
Library Acct.	150.00		482.38	377.23	105.65	105.65
Mach. Expense		5,000.00 R.S. 1,651.00 G.F. 3,500.00 M.E. 1,000.00	11,151.00	11,151.00	---	---
Mun. Bldg. Maint.	1,000.00	900.00 R.F.	1,900.00	1,900.00	---	---
Planning Bd.	25.00		25.00	---	25.00	---
Printing	1,000.00		1,000.00	792.72	207.28	---
Police Fund	300.00		300.00	300.00	---	---
Reg. & Elec.	300.00		300.00	206.52	93.48	---
St. Lights	1,000.00	7.65 R.F.	1,007.65	1,007.65	---	---
Schools:						
Gateway Reg. D.	73,743.08		73,743.08	73,743.08	---	---
School Bldg. Debt	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	---	---
School Bldg. Int.	255.00		255.00	255.00	---	---
Antic. Interest	2,000.00	136.45 R.F.	2,136.45	2,136.45	---	---
Town Counsel	150.00		150.00	150.00	---	---
Twn. Officers Salaries	2,430.00		2,430.00	2,430.00	---	---

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD

APPROPRIATIONS & DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS CONT'

	APPROP.	TRANSFERS	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE	FORWARD
Insurance:						
Fire Dept. Bldg.	125.00		125.00	88.14	---	---
Liability	32.00		32.00	---	32.00	---
Fire Dept.	960.00		960.00	272.40	687.60	---
Trucks	632.00		632.00	395.00	237.00	
Wk. Comp.	1,000.00	183.00 R.F.	1,183.00	1,183.00	---	---
Officers Bonds	185.00		185.00	145.00	40.00	---
War Mem. & P'area	100.00		100.00	100.00	---	---
Attorneys fees '74	892.00		892.00	892.00	---	---
Cons. Comm.	75.00		75.00	20.00	55.00	---
Civil Defense	150.00		150.00	73.80	76.20	---
County Retirement	736.96		736.96	736.96	---	---
Cemeteries	200.00		200.00	200.00	---	---
Cem. Perp. Care			845.35	439.95	405.40	405.40
	<u>158,280.33</u>	<u>13,422.62</u>	<u>202,200.47</u>	<u>178,159.21</u>	<u>24,041.76</u>	<u>22,217.91</u>

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- A. F. Available Funds
- R. F. Reserve Fund
- R. S. Revenue Sharing
- M. E. Machinery Earnings
- G. F. Genral Fund
- C. O. Carry over

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD

ORDERS TO TREASURER - NO APPROPRIATIONS

First National Bank of Boston (Fed. W'holding)	\$ 2,674.30	
Commonwealth of Mass. (State W'holding)	767.61	
Hampshire County Retirement System (Ret. W'holding)	546.11	
Hampshire County Treasurer (Dog fees)	201.30	
Building Inspections	542.00	
State Assessments:		
Lower Pioneer Valley Anti-pollution System	48.91	
County Tax	14,519.37	
State Recreation System	2,151.11	
Motor Vehicle Bills	37.35	
Audit Municipal Accounts	434.14	
Temporary Loans	75,628.00	
First Agric. Bank - Savings for Sale of Cemetery Lots	395.00	
First Agric. Bank - Savings Acct. for Cem. Assoc. Perm. Fund Int.	915.71	
Checks	29.40	
	<u> </u>	\$98,890.31

Taxes Refunded:

-28-	1973	Motor Vehicle Excise Levy	30.80	
	1974	" " " "	10.72	
	1975	" " " "	174.97	
	1974	Real Estate Levy	220.10	
	1975	" " " "	314.00	
			<u> </u>	750.59
				<u> </u>
				\$99,640.90

Real Estate Taxes abated on 1976 Levy, per Assessors
 No Cash refund \$ 3,074.49

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD

TRANSFERS MADE FROM THE FOLLOWING
ACCOUNTS

	AVAILABLE FUNDS	TRANSFERS	BALANCE	FORWARD
Machinery Earnings	\$5,460.95	\$3,500.00	\$1,960.95	\$1,960.95
Reserve Fund	2,000.00	1,446.90	553.10	---
Library Fund	542.19	300.00	242.19	242.19

REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

Balance July 1, 1975	\$8,709.96	
Receipts, July 1, '75 - June 30, '76	6,794.00	
	<hr/>	\$15,503.96
Interest, July 1, '75 - June 30, '76		443.28
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		\$15,947.24

Transfers Made:

Printing	\$1,000.00
Res. Fund	2,000.00
Machinery Exp.	5,000.00
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-8,000.00

Total Balance (Time Account)
First Agricultural Nat'l Bank

\$7,947.24

TRANSFERS

Fiscal 1976

From Unappropriated Available Funds to:

Machinery Expense Account	\$1,000.00	
Town Snow Account	<u>555.73</u>	
		\$1,555.73

Fiscal 1977

From Unappropriated Available Funds to:

Chap. 90 Roads Account	\$12,000.00	
Town Insurance Account	8,000.00	
Fire Phones Account	<u>650.00</u>	
		20,650.00

From Revenue Sharing Account to:

Municipal Bldg. Account	2,500.00	
Fire Sirens Account	<u>2,000.00</u>	
		4,500.00

From O'lay Surplus Account to:

Reserve Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>	
		2,000.00

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD
ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Tax Titles	\$4,122.31	
		\$4,122.31

LIABILITIES

Day Trust Co. (10 School Notes)	5,000.00	
Interest	85.00	
		5,085.00

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	<u>Interest Drawn</u>	<u>Balance</u>
J. L. Cottrell	\$ 8.19	\$ 150.00
Rene & Ubaldine Roberts	5.43	100.00
Geo. & Sarah Llewellyn	5.43	100.00
Capt. James Church	5.43	100.00
Daniel Alderman	5.43	100.00
Ethel & Frank Pelkey	5.43	100.00
Oliver Smith	10.93	200.00
Nathan Wright Heirs	5.43	100.00
Henry F. Church	5.99	109.81
Church Lot	23.72	433.55
Elijah J. Churchill	5.43	100.00
Cottrell Lot	8.19	150.00
Wesley A. Olds	16.41	300.00
Carl Sternagle	3.36	300.00
Rev. John B. Clark	5.43	100.00
Arthur D. & Harold M. Pease	16.41	300.00
Asher Pease	14.06	257.14
Hawes & Coombs Lot	4.09	75.00
Clara E. Taylor	5.99	109.81
Col. David Mack	6.93	127.14
Chas. L. Willey	8.19	150.00
G. Crane & Amanda Crane	27.36	500.00
Chas. C. Graves	10.93	200.00
Matthew & Mariah D. Smith	4.47	82.35
John J. Vetter	5.43	100.00
Lizzie Kelly & Morgan Pease	8.19	150.00
Herbert A. Youtz	5.43	100.00
Harvey Root & Geo. Chipman	27.36	500.00
Solomon Root	5.99	109.81
Arthur & Alice Gardner	5.43	100.00

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD
TRUST FUNDS

Sally Dickson School Fund

Balance May 31, 1975	\$1,584.17	
Interest added	86.57	
	<hr/>	\$1,670.74

Sally Dickson Charity Fund

Balance May 31, 1975	\$2,774.08	
Interest added	151.64	
	<hr/>	\$2,925.72

Cemetery Association Permanent Fund

Balance June 30, 1975	\$1,208.41	
Dividends drawn	64.72	
	<hr/>	\$1,208.41

Post War Rehabilitation Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1975	\$ 320.41	
	<hr/>	\$ 320.41

Respectfully submitted,
Josephine Z. DeMoss,
Treasurer

JULY 1, 1976 - DECEMBER 31, 1976

TOWN SNOW

Appropriation		\$ 12,000.00
Brewster Pease, Superintendent	\$ 962.64	
Robert Miller, Equipment Operator	934.00	
Edward James, Labor	15.00	
Conrad L. Oigny, Labor	628.50	
International Salt	501.23	
Donovan Bros., Sand	<u>1,409.02</u>	
		4,450.39
Bal.		\$ <u>7,910.36</u>

JULY 1, 1976 - DECEMBER 31, 1976

TOWN HIGHWAYS

Town Appropriation - Available Funds		\$ 12,000.00
Brewster Pease, Supt.	382.50	
Robert Miller, Equip. Op.	320.00	
Conrad Oigny, Labor	339.70	
Lane Construction, Olds' Hill	1,585.64	
All States	5,271.39	
Tri Town Paving, Bal. on Bridge	3,629.21	
Pond Brook, Tree Service	393.06	
Ernest Nugent	<u>42.50</u>	
		\$ 11,940.00
Bal.		\$ <u>60.00</u>

JULY 1, 1976 - DECEMBER 31, 1976

CHAPTER 1140 - SECTION 20

Balance - July 1, 1976		\$ 9,955.87
Brewster Pease, Supt.	582.25	
Robert Miller, Equip. Op.	452.00	
Conrad Oigny, Labor	432.00	
Ken Hall, Gravel	3,311.95	
L.P. Adams	26.27	
J. Winn, Blasting	85.50	
Frank Hathaway	16.00	
Town of Middlefield, Grader	156.00	
Town of Middlefield, GMC	231.00	
Town of Middlefield, Loader	<u>458.00</u>	
		\$ 5,750.97
Bal.		\$ <u>4,204.90</u>

JULY 1, 1976 - DECEMBER 31, 1976

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Balance - July 1, 1976		\$ 1,529.38
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 216.75	
Robert Miller, Equip. Op.	184.00	
Conrad Oigny, Labor	150.00	
Ira Pease, Mowing	64.00	
Henry Savioli	32.40	
Lane Contruction, Hot Mix	331.79	
Tri Town Paving, Bridge	386.94	
Town of Middlefield, Loader	48.00	
Town of Middlefield, GMC	115.50	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,529.38

JULY 1, 1976 - DECEMBER 31, 1976

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

State		\$ 21,864.00
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 255.00	
Robert Miller, Equip. Op.	252.00	
Conrad Oigny, Labor	162.00	
Town of Middlefield, Loader	48.00	
Town of Middlefield, GMC	56.00	
Donovan Inc., Blacktop	20,395.38	
All States Asphalt	695.62	
	<u> </u>	\$ 21,864.00

JULY 1, 1976 - DECEMBER 31, 1976

MIDDLEFIELD DISPOSAL AREA

Appropriation		\$ 1,900.00
Paul Starbird, Attendant	\$ 40.00	
Marion Starbird, Attendant	320.00	
Nancy Winn, Attendant	140.00	
Ellen Russo, Attendant	20.00	
Marion Starbird, Stove	10.00	
Brewster Pease, Supt.	170.00	
Robert Miller, Equip. Op.	256.00	
Conrad Oigny, Labor	12.00	
C. Lafond, Bulldozer	70.00	
	<u>1,038.00</u>	
Bal.	\$	<u>862.00</u>

JULY 1, 1976 - DECEMBER 31, 1976

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
Insurance Transfer		689.61
Available Funds Transfer		500.00
Total Available		<u>\$ 2,389.61</u>
G.W. Olds, Supplies	\$ 143.20	
Robert Callahan, License	15.00	
Motorola, Inc.	137.10	
Fiske Motor Sales	134.28	
Agway	23.02	
W.S. Darley, parts	95.15	
Eastern Fire Rescue Apparatus	104.64	
Blanchard Associates	974.81	
Jan Elovirta	22.84	
Home Safety Equip., Phone stickers	23.23	
David Deane	14.83	
Mass. Fire Equip.	15.05	
	<u>1,703.15</u>	
Bal.	\$	<u>686.46</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARY

Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Jan Elovirta, Chief	<u>\$ 133.33</u>	
Bal.	\$	<u>66.67</u>

JULY 1, 1976 - DECEMBER 31, 1976

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Advertising	\$ 45.59	
Association Dues	109.56	
Supplies, Tel. & Postage, All Offices	425.22	
Salaries:		
Betty Oigny, Secretary to Selectmen	325.00	
Betty Oigny, Bookkeeping - Highway Dept.	260.00	
C. Winn, Forest Warden	8.34	
Jan Elovirta, Forest Warden	16.66	
Fees, Notes	20.00	
Czelusniak, Transfers	35.75	
	<hr/>	
		\$ 1,246.12
	Bal.	\$ 753.88

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Revenue Sharing Available		\$ 2,500.00
		<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>

Western Mass. Electric Co., Lights, Town Hall and Garage	\$ 144.80	
Howard Johnson, Fuel	135.59	
Brown Oil, Fuel	72.35	
Fred's Lumber, Shelves	32.64	
Simplex Security Systems	54.64	
L.P. Adams, Paint	35.03	
T. Scapin, Labor & Material	<u>612.11</u>	
		\$ 1,087.16
Bal.		<u>\$ 1,412.84</u>

HEALTH & SANITATION

Town Appropriation Available		\$ 50.00
		<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Bal.		\$ 50.00

TREE WARDEN

Town Appropriation Available		\$ 100.00
		<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Bal.		\$ 100.00

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Town Appropriation Available		\$ 95.00
		<u>\$ 95.00</u>
Bal.		\$ 95.00

CIVIL DEFENSE

Town Appropriation		\$ 15.00
Bal.		\$ 15.00

INSURANCE

Appropriation - Available Funds		\$ 8,000.00
P. L. Haley, Tax Coll. Bond	\$ 120.00	
Stevenson & Co.	6,218.00	
Patterson, Wilde & Windeler	<u>445.00</u>	
		\$ 6,783.00
Bal.		<u>\$ 1,217.00</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

	<u>APPROP.</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>
Cemeteries	\$ 200.00	\$ 106.83
Conservation Commission	25.00	---
Forest Fire Protection	10.00	---
Gateway Regional Schools	92,389.64	46,024.82
Interest, Short Term Loans	2,000.00	---
Library, see report		
Planning Board	25.00	---
Printing, Town Reports	600.00	---
Police Acct.	300.00	91.19
Salary, Town Counsel, Francis Collins	150.00	---
Street Lights, Western Mass. Electric	1,094.48	517.93
War Memorials & Playgrounds	100.00	40.00
School Building Notes	5,000.00	5,000.00
School Building Notes - Interest	85.00	85.00
Hampshire County Retirement	1,598.40	799.20
Registrations and Elections	300.00	269.00
Dutch Elm	150.29	---
Attorney Fees	---	---
Mental Health-Westfield Area	162.00	---
Ambulance Garage Fund	300.00	300.00
Fire Siren (Revenue Sharing)	2,000.00	---
Fire Phones (Revenue Sharing)	650.00	196.66
Clean-up (Barbieri)	500.00	196.00
Veterans Agent	110.00	100.00

CEMETERY ACCT.

Total available funds 1976		\$ 605.39
Total expendable 1976		109.88
		<u>495.51</u>

Payments		
Donovan Bros. (Loam)	\$ 34.83	
G. Bell, Jr. Mowing	75.05	
	<u>109.88</u>	

TREASURY WARRANTS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Withholding Tax	\$ 365.52
Director of Internal Revenue, Federal Withholding Tax	1,340.30
William F. O'Connor, Treas., Couty Retirement	297.05
William F. O'Connor, Treas., Dog License Fees	209.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Excise Tax	51.45
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution	54.28
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Recreation Areas	1,780.32
T. Scapin, Bldg. Permits	56.00
Real Estate Tax Refunds	
Howard Pease, Jr. & Marilyn Pease	175.00
Avis Dowsey	163.02
J. Piscor	74.10
Motor Vehicle Refunds	
George Seefeld	26.95
Maurice H. Pease	21.18
Bruno F. Brenner	16.50
Roger Merrell	15.42
Timothy Pease	6.74

RECEIPTS

July 1, 1976 - Dec. 31, 1976

COMMONWEALTH OF MASS.:

HIGHWAYS:

Chap. 58 S18B	\$ 12,920.92	
Hwy. Trans. Div. Assists.	282.28	
	<hr/>	\$ 13,203.20

SCHOOLS:

School Aid Chap. 70	5,358.26	
School Bldg. Assist.	2,389.22	
	<hr/>	7,756.48

OTHER:

Local Aid Chap. 58 S18C	407.39	
Sec. Comm. Cen. Exp. Reimb. (census)	76.75	
Dept. Nat. Resources	207.91	
Corp. & Tax. Reimb. Cities & Towns Pub. owned Land	12,484.17	
Local Aid Fund Ch. 58 S18C (Lottery)	384.71	
	<hr/>	13,560.93

COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE:

Dist. Court of Hamp. (fine)	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	1,000.00

OTHER:

CBS Precinct - Pres. Perf. Prim.	1.00	
G. Parker (record Cert. of Redemp.)	8.00	
Stevenson & Co. Theft claim	689.61	
Stevenson & Co. credit on Policy	35.00	
Perpetual Care Income	17.10	
Cemetery Assoc. Interest	48.54	
Dog Fees (E. Rice, Town Clerk)	46.55	
FID cards (J. DeMoss, Police Chief)	18.00	
Pistol Permits (Police Chief)	10.00	
Licenses	11.00	
Permits (Tony Scapin, Bldg. Insp.)	56.00	
Revenue Sharing Acct.	2,901.00	
Machinery Earnings	1,476.50	
	<hr/>	5,318.30

LOANS:

Note #240 Hwy. Reimb.	21,864.00	
Note #241 Antic. of Revenue	30,000.00	
	<hr/>	51,864.00

WITHHOLDINGS:

Federal taxes	1,328.60	
State taxes	412.73	
Hamp. Co. Retirement System	293.49	
	<hr/>	2,034.82

TAXES:

Real Estate:

1973	993.37	
1974 (6 mos.)	1,005.52	
1974-75	2,481.92	
1975-76	7,556.93	
1976-77	4,121.93	
Interest	669.99	
	<hr/>	16,829.66

Personal Property:

1973	16.00	
1974 (6 mos.)	8.00	
1974-75	15.00	
1975-76	292.16	
1976-77	14.25	
Interest	12.45	
	<hr/>	357.86

Motor Vehicle Excise:

1970	13.20	
1971	13.20	
1972	13.20	
1973	254.65	
1974 (6 mos.)	288.50	
1974-75	352.83	
1975-76	4,282.24	
Interest	122.55	
	<hr/>	5,340.37

Farm Animal:

1974 (6 mos.)	44.37	
1975-76	183.75	
Interest	12.66	
	<hr/>	240.78

Classified Forest:

1975-76	142.88	
	<hr/>	142.88

Certified Lein:

1975-76	6.00	
	<hr/>	6.00

\$ 117,655.28

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Total Receipts	\$ 117,655.28	
Balance July 1, 1976	64,227.69	
	<hr/>	\$ 181,882.97
Selectmens orders	\$ 128,485.74	
Balance 12/31/76	53,397.23	
	<hr/>	\$ 181,882.97

APPROPRIATIONS & DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS
AVAILABLE FUNDS & EXPENDITURES

July 1, 1976 - December 31, 1976

	APPROP.	TRANSFERS	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE FORWARD
Town Snow	12,000.00		12,000.00	4,450.39	7,549.61
Chap. 825			C.O.* 9,221.11	3,484.34	5,736.77
Chap. 1140			C.O.* 9,955.87	5,750.97	4,204.90
Chap. 90			C.O.* 1,529.38	1,529.38	-----
Chap. 765			C.O.* 21,864.00	21,864.00	-----
Town Highways		12,000.00 A.F.	12,000.00	12,000.00	-----
Mass. Bicent. Comm.			C.O.* 1,000.00	1,000.00	-----
-43- Cemeteries	200.00		200.00	106.83	93.17
County Retirement	1,598.00		1,598.00	799.20	798.80
Clean-up (Barbieri)		500.00 A.F.	500.00	196.00	304.00
Civil Defense	15.00		15.00	----	15.00
Conservation Comm.	25.00		25.00	----	25.00
Disp. Area Rent	400.00		400.00	----	400.00
Disp. Area	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,038.00	462.00
Fire Phones		650.00 A.F.	650.00	196.66	477.92
Fire Sirens		2,000.00 R.S.	2,000.00	----	2,000.00
Fire Dept.	1,200.00	689.61 G.A. 500.00 A.F.	2,389.61	1,703.15	686.46
Fire Chief's Salary	200.00		200.00	133.33	66.67

	APPROP.	TRANSFERS	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE FORWARD
Forest Fire Protection	10.00		10.00	----	10.00
General Government	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,246.12	753.88
Huntington Ambl. Gar.	300.00		300.00	300.00	-----
Health & Sanitation	50.00		50.00	----	50.00
Insurance		8,000.00 A.F.	8,000.00	6,783.00	1,217.00
Library		225.00 L.F.			
	175.00	74.78 D.R.	580.43	113.04	467.39
Municipal Bldg.		2,500.00 R.S.	2,500.00	1,087.16	1,412.84
Machinery Expense	3,000.00	3,000.00 M.E.	6,000.00	4,200.12	1,799.88
Police Fund	300.00		300.00	91.19	208.81
-44- Printing	600.00		600.00	----	600.00
Planning Board	25.00		25.00	----	25.00
Reg. & Elections	300.00		300.00	269.00	31.00
G'way Reg. School	92,389.64		92,389.64	46,024.82	46,364.82
School Bldg. Note	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	-----
School Bldg. Interest	85.00		85.00	85.00	-----
Street Lights	1,094.48		1,094.48	517.93	576.55
Interest on Loans	2,000.00		2,000.00	----	2,000.00
Tree Warden	100.00		100.00	----	100.00
Insect Pest Control	95.00		95.00	----	95.00
Dutch Elm Disease	150.29		150.29	----	150.29

	APPROP.	TRANSFERS	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE FORWARD
Town Officers Salaries	3,825.00		3,825.00	3,725.00	100.00
Town Counsel	150.00		150.00	----	150.00
Veterans Agent	10.00	100.00 A.F.	110.00	100.00	10.00
War Mem. & Playarea	100.00		100.00	40.00	60.00
W'sfld Mental Health	162.00		162.00	----	162.00
	<u>129,059.41</u>	<u>30,239.39</u>	<u>202,974.81</u>	<u>123,817.98</u>	<u>79,181.41</u>

Key to Abbreviations:

* State Funds

C.O. Carry over
A.F. Available Funds
R.F. Reserve Fund
L.F. Library Fund
D.R. Dog Refund
R.S. Revenue Sharing
G.A. General Account
M.E. Machinery Earnings

ORDERS TO TREASURER - NO APPROPRIATIONS

First National Bank of Boston (Fed. W'holding)	\$ 1,340.30	
Commonwealth of Mass. (State W'holding)	365.52	
Hampshire County Retirement System (Ret. W'holding)	297.05	
Hampshire County Treasurer (Dog fees)	209.00	
State Assessments:		
Lower Pioneer Valley Anti-pollution System	54.28	
State Recreation Area	1,780.32	
Motor Vehicle Excise bills	51.45	
Permit Inspections	56.00	
Checks	14.93	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,168.85
Taxes Refunded:		
1976 Real Estate	412.12	
1976 Motor Vehicle Excise	86.79	
	<hr/>	498.91
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		\$ 4,667.76
Real Estate Taxes abated on 1976 Levy, per Assessors No Cash Refund	\$ 3,743.62	

REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

Balance June 30, 1976		\$ 7,947.24	
Receipts July 1, 1976 - Dec. 31, 1976		2,901.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 10,848.24
Interest July 1, 1976 - Dec. 31, 1976			263.20
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			\$ 11,111.44
Funds Released from obligations			771.42
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			\$ 11,882.86
Transfers Made:			
Maint. Public Bldg.	2,500.00		
Fire Siren Acct.	2,500.00		
	<hr/>	\$ 4,500.00	
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			- 4,500.00
Total Balance, Dec. 31, 1976			\$ 7,382.86

CEMETER ASSOCIATION PERMANANT FUND

Balance July 17, 1975	915.71	
Interest added	98.73	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,014.44

SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS

Balance July 17, 1975	395.00	
Interest added	43.90	
	<hr/>	\$ 438.90

Respectfully submitted,
Josephine Z. DeMoss, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

I hereby certify that I have examined the Accounts of the Town Treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1976, and have found them to be in good order and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah B. Elovirta,
Auditor

REPORT OF THE BUILDING AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR

For the year 1976, I issued:

7 Building Permits	-	\$65.00
3 Septic Permits	-	<u>36.00</u>
10 Total Permits		

Total Fees \$ 101.00

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Scapin, Jr.,
Building and Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE WIRING INSPECTOR

In the year 1976 I inspected the following:

3 Rough-In
1 Finish
1 Service

Total of 5 calls.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward L. Droseh
Wiring Inspector

REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

During calendar 1976 the following complaints or incidents were investigated:

Six cases of disturbance of the peace along Skyline Trail by youthful automobile drivers.

Six automobile accidents, including one fatal accident, the first such in the town's history.

Six suspicious vehicles.

One abandoned car on West Hill.

One missing child.

Nude swimming in the river off East River Road.

Two cases of trespass or illegal camping.

Six house breaks.

Four false alarms on house-breaking.

One stolen snow plow.

Constable Cook apprehended a local youth stealing gasoline from the town garage.

Eleven Firearms Identification Cards (FID's) and one Permit to Carry Firearms (Pistol Permit) were issued.

The Constables posted warrants for the Annual and two Special Town Meetings, plus two National and one State elections.

Again, we urge the townspeople to be alert to strange vehicles and unusual incidents and to report them promptly to the undersigned. A vigilant citizenry is one of the best safeguards against crime.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. DeMoss, Chief of Police
Charles E. Cook, Constable
Donald A. Savery, Constable

REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Middlefield Conservation Commission is comprised of many new faces who are eager to have the Commission once again be a very active part of the town government. Because we are new to the commission, we are trying to acquaint ourselves with the duties and responsibilities assigned to us.

We are very thankful to Richard Waite for helping us to re-organize and consenting to serve as a consultant to the Commission. We would also welcome any help or suggestions from all interested townspeople. All of our meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Tuesday of every month at the School.

The Conservation Commission is hoping to undertake the following programs: repair of the picnic tables in the playground in the center, a town cleanup and improvement of the appearance of the disposal area.

Because we cannot begin these projects at this time of year, we are using this time to become more familiar with state agencies and other resources available to us. The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions and the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs have provided us with a good deal of material to study and learn from.

This winter has emphasized our need for conservation. The entire country has realized that we have limited resources and must conserve as much as possible. Because of this the government is instituting new programs and our Commission is hoping to become involved in these types of programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger C. Merrell, Chairman
Peter Oigny
Loen A. Gardner
William A. Cook
Joan Hobart

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

In 1976 the Middlefield Fire Department responded to 22 calls. A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

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REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Other repairs included the installation of a fire door, replacement of timbers in the foundation and the front door, and the addition of insulation under the Town Clerk's office. Part of the expense of the repairs in the first floor was paid for by the town. Materials for the display cases and standards have been secured and will be used in the preparation of exhibits in the near future.

In connection with the Bicentennial celebration, the Commission joined the members of the Ladies' Aid and the Grange in a gala event with a most original parade, a dinner at the Agricultural Hall and a program. Edward Batorski was in charge of the parade, while Richard Waite was master of ceremonies. Ross Wolff photographed many of the parade units and participants and gave these pictures to the Commission for use in the museum.

The July Flea Market was widely attended and provided a welcome addition to the treasury. A memorial fund contributed by relatives and friends of Corn Vreeland, a long-time supporter of the Commission, will be used for a special plaque or exhibit.

It is hoped that the museum will be open to the public sometime this summer. Donations of furniture and clothing have already been received or promised. One of the most prized possessions is the community quilt composed of blocks portraying many of the Middlefield homes and public buildings.

Meetings have been held with the Board of Selectmen and the insurance agent to discuss the plan for securing insurance on the building and its contents. In compliance with the suggestions of the insurance inspector, new fire extinguishers have been installed.

Plans for the future include the securing of more copies of the Middlefield history, provided that a feasible plan for financing the project can be evolved.

The Commission is deeply appreciative of the support given to this restoration and hopes to continue its service to the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Middlefield Historical Commission
Mary Lou Kearns, President
Ethel M. Pease, Secretary
Carol Varsano, Treasurer
Richard Waite
Francis Pease
Edward Batorski

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR 1976

		Warrant	Taxes Col.	Int.	Fees Abated	Tax Titles	Balance Due
1975-76	Real Estate	\$74,372.17	\$57,008.71	\$ 189.81	\$ 3,447.31		\$13,916.15
	Per. Property	7,695.85	7,355.57	8.28			340.28
	Cl. Forest	485.65	480.65	5.00			5.00
	M.V.E.	6,775.76	5,014.84		184.13		1,196.63
	F. Excise	559.90	188.63	12.66			371.27
1974-75	Real Estate	20,820.22	8,000.90	533.52	8.00		12,811.32
	Per Property	383.74	93.45	3.70		Add.Comm.	290.29
	M.V.E.	1,788.59	1,921.33	8.79	428.17	4,067.10	4,506.19
	F. Excise	488.03	424.33	28.66			63.70
1974 6M	Real Estate	3,701.93	1,429.36	155.89			2,272.57
	Per. Property	185.24	51.04	1.76			134.20
	M.V.E.	3,484.94	456.88	38.08	13.20		3,014.86
	F. Excise	318.68	44.37				229.93
1973	Real Estate	4,920.58	1,928.80	252.06			2,991.78
	Per. Property	267.56	20.48	2.52			247.08
	M.V.E.	1,899.58	372.90	60.96	23.10		1,503.58
	F. Excise	9.43					9.43
1972	Real Estate	573.10	333.30	81.16			239.80
	Per. Property	187.20	4.20	1.12			183.00
	M.V.E.	1,480.29	13.20	4.16			1,467.09
	F. Excise	110.62					110.62
1971	Real Estate	487.89					487.89
	Per. Property	125.57					125.57
	M.V.E.	628.04	13.20	5.20			614.84
	F. Excise	54.25					54.25
1970	Real Estate	386.25					386.25
	Per. Property	51.25					51.25
	M.V.E.	232.36	13.20	6.15			219.16
	F. Excise	58.63					58.63
1969	Per. Property	18.25					18.25
	M.V.E.	138.33					138.33
1968	M.V.E.	35.40					35.40
1967	Per. Property	15.20					15.20
	F. Excise	74.09					74.09
	M.V.E.	191.40					191.40
	Taxes Collected	\$89,306.12					
	Interest	1,399.48					
			1976-77 Taxes on Account	\$4,136.78			191.40

Respectfully submitted, Neil G. Nickerson, Tax Collector

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REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF (contd.)

As you can see, the requested budget for next year is much higher than last year, but fire equipment is high priced and there is a lot that we still need. We are asking for a new portable pump to replace the one on the tank truck and modify the pump setup. The new pump would allow us to refill our tank faster since a new pump would pump 300-350 gallons per minute compared to 150-200 with the old one and would also be mounted so the pump could come off the truck in seconds and be put anywhere to pump water. There is some work that should be done on the power wagon's brakes. They are very poor and it is hard to stop the truck. We also want to purchase other small equipment such as we did last year.

It has been said by past chiefs that our trucks are old, slow, and hard to get parts for, which are all true. But, I feel that more importantly neither one of them is built to fight house fires. This is what the townspeople should look at, and decide if all they want is equipment to fight forest fires or house fires. Better equipment would reduce our fire insurance some, needless to say that we would have a better chance of saving a house or a life. Presently the Selectmen have applied for a federal grant to buy a new truck and also to build a new station but in the event that the town doesn't receive the grant, I think the town should start to think about the needs of the Fire Dept., as well as your own safety.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan B. Elovirta,
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

During the past year the Middlefield Public Library has attained a new goal, namely year-round service. With the addition of new shelves in the town clerk's office and a connecting door between the office and the rooms used as a summer library, the librarian and patrons have found the winter quarters very pleasant and convenient. Placing insulation beneath the room has made the combination office and library much warmer.

Last spring the library received through a federal grant many, new reference books dealing with crafts, repairs, home management, law, health, etiquette, science, history and biography. Both adults and students have found these books very useful. Many new books and gifts have increased the number of books to over four thousand volumes.

The Bookmobile continues to render a valuable service to the community. Mrs. Julia Y. Andersen has aided in contacting the Bookmobile office for special requests and in notifying residents of the dates of Bookmobile visits. The Bookmobile reported that it had loaned Middlefield readers 5,426 books, while the local library loaned 578, making a total of 6004, or over a thousand more than were loaned in 1975.

An application for state aid was filed in September with the hope that Middlefield had met all requirements for such aid. The following financial report shows that the reserve fund of \$1600 in 1971 is nearly exhausted with only \$17.19 as a balance. Until this year this fund has aided in reaching the four-year average required for state aid. It is hoped that the voters will understand the need for a larger appropriation this year so that an average of \$350.00 can be realized. In an effort to solve the financial problem, the 1976 library expenses have been curtailed in every way possible. Before July 1977, more books will be purchased if funds are available.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Available Funds

Balance in the Library Reserve Fund December 1976	\$ 17.19
Transfer from the Library Reserve Fund May 1976	225.00
Refund from Dog Tax	74.78
Appropriated by the town May 1, 1976	175.00
Balance in the Library Fund December 1975	105.65
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Total	\$ 597.62

Expenditures

Purchase of books	\$ 66.09
Salary	65.00
Supplies	15.00
	<hr/>
Total	\$ 146.09

<u>Balance in the Library Fund</u>	\$ 451.53
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Respectfully submitted,

Ethel M. Pease
Librarian

REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

During the past year, the Middlefield Historical Commission has completed another important phase of the restoration of the Town Hall. Volunteers painted most of the upstairs and hallway and Ray Shook of Pittsfield sanded and refinished the floors.

Other repairs included the installation of a fire door, replacement of timbers in the foundation and the front door, and the addition of insulation under the Town Clerk's office. Part of the expense of the repairs in the first floor was paid for by the town. Materials for the display cases and standards have been secured and will be used in the preparation of exhibits in the near future.

In connection with the Bicentennial celebration, the Commission joined the members of the Ladies' Aid and the Grange in a gala event with a most original parade, a dinner at the Agricultural Hall and a program. Edward Batorski was in charge of the parade, while Richard Waite was master of ceremonies. Ross Wolff photographed many of the parade units and participants and gave these pictures to the Commission for use in the museum.

The July Flea Market was widely attended and provided a welcome addition to the treasury. A memorial fund contributed by relatives and friends of Corn Vreeland, a long-time supporter of the Commission, will be used for a special plaque or exhibit.

It is hoped that the museum will be open to the public sometime this summer. Donations of furniture and clothing have already been received or promised. One of the most prized possessions is the community quilt composed of blocks portraying many of the Middlefield homes and public buildings.

Meetings have been held with the Board of Selectmen and the insurance agent to discuss the plan for securing insurance on the building and its contents. In compliance with the suggestions of the insurance inspector, new fire extinguishers have been installed.

Plans for the future include the securing of more copies of the Middlefield history, provided that a feasible plan for financing the project can be evolved.

The Commission is deeply appreciative of the support given to this restoration and hopes to continue its service to the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Middlefield Historical Commission
Mary Lou Kearns, President
Ethel M. Pease, Secretary
Carol Varsano, Treasurer
Richard Waite
Francis Pease
Edward Batorski

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Savings Account	\$ 429.75
C.D. Vreeland, Jr. Memorial Fund	65.00
Checking Account	<u>506.54</u>
Total on hand March 15, 1977	\$1,001.29

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Varsano,
Treasurer

NORTHAMPTON VISITING NURSING ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Northampton Visiting Nursing Association has provided nursing service, physical therapy and supervision of the Home Health Aide since January 1, 1976. 0 visits were made and 0 miles were driven in your community.

The physicians are very grateful to the Northampton Visiting Nursing Association for providing home care to the ill.

Where feasible, medicare and medicaid have paid for the services rendered. Because of the extra time and mileage involved each town has reimbursed the association.

A much needed service has been established.

Ruth E. Gallagher, R.N.
Executive Director

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

There were 295 head of cattle, 42 horses, 3 sheep, 6 swine and 15 ponies listed in my annual inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Cook
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Fiscal Year 1977

Appropriations	\$176,278.02	
Total offset from Cherry Sheet	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Gross Amount to be raised		\$177,278.02

Estimated Receipts & Available Funds:

1977 Fiscal Year Estimated Receipts Certified by the Commission on Cherry Sheet	54,484.03	
Prior Year Overestimates (C.S.)	2,667.54	
Local Estimated Receipts	7,250.00	
Available Funds	<u>39,195.73</u>	
Total Estimated Receipts		103,597.15
Net Amount To Be Raised By Taxation		102,553.78

Amount To Be Raised By Taxation

Total Personal Property	404,277.00	
	@ 22.50/1000=9,096.23	
Total Real Estate	4,153,669.00	
	@ 22.50/1000= <u>93,457.55</u>	
Net Amount To Be Raised By Taxation		102,553.78

July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977 Tax Rate if \$22.50 per \$1,000

School Rate	\$11.48
General Rate	<u>11.02</u>
Total	22.50

Total Value of Personal Property	404,277.00	
Total Value of Real Estate	<u>4,153,669.00</u>	
Total Value - Real and Personal		\$4,557,946.00

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne E. Main, Chairman
Michael F. Pensivy, Jr., Secretary
Maurice H. Pease