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**ANNUAL REPORTS**

**OF THE TOWN OF**

**MIDDLEFIELD**

**MASSACHUSETTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1978

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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 fifth 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, Tree Warden and Planning Board member for a term of one year.

A Selectman, Assessor, Trustee of Public Library, Tax Collector, two Finance Committee members, two Planning Board members, Cemetery Commissioner and a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of three 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, 1979 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 \$86,546.54 for Middlefield's share of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 1979 through June 30, 1980 or take any other action thereto, or accept as a net assessment a sum which is less than \$86,546.54 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 \$16,000.00 for maintenance of Town Highways.

Art. 7A. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of \$10,000.00 for oiling roads.

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 the following sums of money to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year, July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980:

HIGHWAYS AND RELATED EXPENSES:	
Snow Removal	\$ 20,000.00
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	
Maintenance	1,800.00
NATURAL RESOURCES:	
Tree Warden	100.00
Insect Pest Control	95.00
Dutch Elm Control	150.29
Forest Fire Protection	10.00
Conservation Commission	10.00
GOVERNMENT:	
General Government	2,500.00
Elections	300.00
Health and Sanitation	10.00
Middlefield Disposal Area, Rent	600.00
Middlefield Disposal Area, Maint.	2,500.00
Town Counsel	150.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	1,500.00
Hampshire County Retirement	2,336.00
Registration of Voters	300.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

Fire Department	\$ 1,000.00
Fire Department, Chief's Salary	225.00
Library	200.00
Cemetery Commission	200.00
Planning Board	10.00
War Memorials & Playgrounds	200.00
Street Lights	1,042.08
Civil Defense	10.00
Printing	600.00
Veteran's Agent	10.00
Inspections	300.00

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for use as a Police Fund.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund.

Art. 13. 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 \$12,000.00 to cover all Town Insurance.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for holiday and vacation pay for the Highway Department

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for health insurance for Highway Department workers or take any other action relating thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,000.00 for ambulance service or take any other action relating thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200.00 for Town's share of unemployment compensation contribution or take any action relating thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$100.00 to cover expenses of a Dog Officer or take any action relating thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the 1979 State Aid Grant of \$473.27 from the Massachusetts Bureau of Library Extension and to deposit it in the Middlefield Library Fund.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$300.00 from the Library Fund to the Library Account.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$200.00 to continue the restoration needed on the oldest Town record books.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$500.00 received from Henry and Dorothy Cummings for the Perpetual Care Fund.

Art. 23. 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 positng 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 sixteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine.

Gordon P. Miller  
Charles E. Cook  
Michael F. Nevers

Selectmen of Middlefield

T O W N O F F I C E R S F O R 1 9 7 8

TOWN CLERK

Edith P. Rice Term expires 1979

MODERATOR

John E. Rice Term expires 1979

TOWN TREASURER

Josephine Z. DeMoss Term expires 1980

SELECTMEN  
and COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Gordon P. Miller Term expires 1979  
Charles E. Cook Term expires 1981  
Michael F. Nevers Term expires 1980

ASSESSORS

Wayne E. Main, Term expires 1981  
Maurice H. Pease Term expires 1979  
Michael F. Pensivy, Jr. Term expires 1980

BOARD OF HEALTH AND FENCE VIEWERS  
The Selectmen

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John E. DeMoss Term expires 1980  
William R. Denault Term expires 1981

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Neil G. Nickerson Term expires 1979

CONSTABLES

Charles E. Cook Term expires 1980  
Donald A. Savery Term expires 1980

AUDITOR

Edward Kurtz Term expires 1979

TREE WARDEN

Donald A. Savery Term expires 1979

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Edward M. Ryan, Jr. Term expires 1980  
George W. Olds Term expires 1981  
George L. Bell Term expires 1979

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Grace H. Olds  
Constance N. Vreeland  
Julia Y. Andersen

Term expires 1981  
Term expires 1979  
Term expires 1980

PLANNING BOARD

Edward Ryan , resigned  
Carol Varsano  
Mary Louise Kearns  
Ellen Russo  
Douglas Wolff  
William A. Cook  
Priscilla Suriner, appointed

Term expires 1980  
Term expires 1981  
Term expires 1981  
Term expires 1980  
Term expires 1979  
Term expires 1979  
Term expires 1979

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Nancy Burnham  
Maurice H. Pease  
Roger Merrell  
Edith Rice, Alternate

Term expires 1979  
Term expires 1980  
Term expires 1981

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joseph J. Kearns  
Joan Hobart  
John E. Rice  
Martin A. Main  
Bruce Nunn

Term expires 1979  
Term expires 1979  
Term expires 1980  
Term expires 1981  
Term expires 1981

OFFICERS APPOINTED

SUPT. OF STREETS & SNOW  
FIRE CHIEF  
ASSISTANT CHIEF  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS  
INSPECTOR OF MILK  
BUILDING INSPECTOR  
WIRING INSPECTOR  
PLUMBING INSPECTOR  
SUPT. OF DUTCH ELM & INSECT PEST CONTROL  
FOREST WARDEN  
DOG OFFICER  
BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT  
MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK  
  
SURVEYORS OF LUMBER  
  
FIELD DRIVER  
SPECIAL POLICE  
DISPOSAL AREA ATTENDANT  
VETERAN'S AGENT  
CIVIL DEFENSE

Brewster C. Pease  
William Paschal  
Walter Smith  
John E. DeMoss  
Charles E. Cook  
Charles E. Cook  
Walter Smith  
Edward Drosehn  
William J. Zeitler  
Supt. of Streets  
William Paschal  
Charles G. Emerson  
Helen P. Cook  
Michael F. Nevers  
Ira W. Pease  
Donald C. Miller  
Michael F. Nevers  
Wayne E. Main  
G. Robert Olds  
Priscilla Suriner  
Gordon P. Miller  
Howard Pease, Jr.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Roger Merrell	Term expires 1979
Peter Oligny	Term expires 1980
William Cook	Term expires 1981
Jack Guyette	Term expires 1981
Joan Hobart	Term expires 1979

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Josephine Z. DeMoss	Term expires 1981
Janet Gardner	Term expires 1980
Roger Merrell	Term expires 1980
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 1981
H. Francis Pease	Term expires 1981
Carol Varsano	Term expires 1980
Richard A. Waite	Term expires 1980

JURORS DRAWN 1978

February 9, 1978	Nancy Burnham
October 3, 1978	Dulcie Olds

REMAINING JURORS

Gordon P. Miller  
June Main  
Barbara Freehoffer  
Larry Pease  
Edward James  
Virginia Miller  
Josephine Z. DeMoss

1978 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS

January 30 Bradley Richard Cook, son of  
Wendell and Carole Cook

May 1 Gabriel William Patel, son of  
Daniel and Margaret Patel

August 22 Stephen Allen Monson, son of  
Robert and Olive Monson Furioni

October 18 Ainsley Patricia Ryan, daughter of  
Edward and Rebecca Ryan

November 11 Janean Felice Rivers, daughter  
Jonathan and Cynthia Rivers

MARRIAGES

June 3 Antonio J. Scapin, Jr. and Kathleen E. Casey

June 25 Michael Anthony Murray and Karen Louise Brubaker

June 10 David Walter Fuller and Mary Emily Daigneault

July 8 Edmund J. Kurtz and Judith Ann Johnson

September 16 Dnaiel Thomas Harkins and Elizabeth Ann Doane

September 23 John A. Marcoulier and Julie Ann Winn

December 16 Robert Joseph Connor, Jr. and Sally Waite Scapin

DEATHS

January 17 John Grondahl - 64 years - 3 months - 9 days

April 20 Francis A. Romano - 80 years - 0 months - 30 days

December 3 Gottfred William Jacobson - 83 years - 7 months - 1 day

1978

DOG LICENSES

30 Males at \$3.00 each..	\$ 90.00	
4 Females at \$6.00 each	24.00	
27 Spayed Females at \$3.00 each	81.00	
5 Kennels at \$10.00 each	<u>50.00</u>	
		\$245.00
Clerk's Fees at 35¢ each		<u>23.10</u>
Paid to Town Treasurer		\$221.90

1978

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

14 Resident Fishing Licenses at \$8.25 each	\$ 115.50	
22 Resident Hunting Lic. at \$8.25 each	181.50	
20 Sporting Lic. at \$13.50 each	270.00	
5 Resident Minor Fishing Lic at \$6.25 ea.	31.25	
3 Non resident Fishing Lic. at \$14.25	42.75	
1 Non resident 7 day Fishing Lic at \$8.25	8.25	
2 Non resident Hunting Lic at \$35.25	70.50	
7 Over seventy Licenses (Free)	----	
3 Archery Stamps at \$5.10	15.30	
1 Waterfowl Stamp at \$1.25	<u>1.25</u>	
		\$736.30
Clerks Fees at 25¢ each (68) and 10¢ each (3)		<u>17.30</u>
Paid to the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife		\$719.00

Respectfully submitted,

Edith P. Rice  
Town Clerk

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS DURING 1978

August 15, 1978 -- Sixteen voters present

It was unanimously voted to adopt the proposed new Zoning By-laws dated August 15, 1978, which conforms to the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A as amended by Chapter 808 of the Acts and Resolves of 1975, entitled Zoning By-laws of the Town of Middlefield, which will supersede the present Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Middlefield as revised in 1975.

The Selectmen agreed that a new signboard should be installed in the Bancroft section of Town to make the reading of posted warrants more available to the public.

The meeting also approved the action by the Selectmen in attempting to secure the older firetruck of Stockbridge and authorized them to set up a special town meeting to appropriate the necessary funds.

The Selectmen were authorized to improve access on West Hill Road and to make additional provisions for improvement in the next fiscal year.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1978 - Twenty-five voters were present

It was unanimously voted to transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Revenue Sharing Account to the Fire Department Account toward the purchase of a used 1956 Ford F750 Pumper.

It was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,000.00 toward the purchase of a used 1956 Ford F750 Pumper.

It was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to equip the Pumper referred to in the previous two articles and to investigate housing for the Dodge Power Wagon.

Other discussion and motions related to the possibility of a burglar alarm system for Town Hall and a study of curfew imposition. Also the Selectmen were authorized to put up signs on the public playgrounds banning the riding of horses thereon. It was voted also to have the Selectmen continue their quest for a HUD grant toward a firehouse and playground area.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

### Recommendations:

1. Education - That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum approved by the School Committee. At the time of submitting of this report, there will be an increase of about 25% in the net budget due to reduced anticipated state reimbursements.

2. Highways - That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum suggested by the Selectmen for Town Highways, Machinery Expense, Oiling of Town Roads, and Town Snow. The increase in the Town Snow account is now a more realistic figure.

3. Fire Department - Would like to compliment the Fire Department on the selection and town's purchase of a new fire engine.

4. Disposal Area - Compliment the Selectmen on the improvement of the care of this area.

5. Municipal Buildings - Encourage any insulation in the Town Garage to reduce our fuel oil-expense for this building.

The Finance Committee has met regularly during the year. Various matters presented by the Selectmen were reviewed by the Committee and suggestions offered. One member participated with Regional Finance Committee with the review of the School Committee budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Kearns, Chairman

Bruce Nunn, Secretary

Martin A. Main

John E. Rice

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen have attended many meetings of the Hilltown Selectmen's Association and County Associations and have worked with regional organizations in an effort to keep local spending in line with the other Hilltowns.

Construction using State funds on Chipmen Road has been completed.

Oiling of roads will begin as soon as weather permits.

The increase in the Snow Removal appropriation will hopefully eliminate the need of Special Town Meetings in January for additional funds. The new appropriation is a more realistic amount to cover winter work.

Charles Emerson of Peru has agreed to be our Dog Officer and will be checking unlicensed dogs. If you are a dog owner, please be sure to obtain a license from the Town Clerk.

Cars parked on the road continue to create driving hazards and block traffic and snow removal. Your cooperation will be appreciated to alleviate this condition.

Street Lights are paid for whether in working condition or not. We would appreciate your cooperation in reporting any that are out of order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gordon P. Miller  
Charles E. Cook  
Michael F. Nevers  
Selectmen

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

This year the Town acquired an insulated file cabinet, designed to protect our valuable old records and ledgers from fire damage or loss. Everyone is invited to stop by the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall to see it.

On September 22, 1978, in memory of her husband, Carl M. Flynn, Helen A. Flynn gave to the Town a collection of engraved illustration plates of the book, A HISTORY OF MIDDLEFIELD written by Edward Church Smith and Philip Mack Smith. A week later Julia Youtz Andersen gave the Town three engraved illustration plates which had been given to her father, the Reverend Herbert A. Youtz, by the authors in return for Dr. Youtz having given them personal photographs for the engravings.

We extend our public expressions of gratitude to these two ladies for their valuable gifts. They may enable the Historical Society to more readily reprint A HISTORY OF MIDDLEFIELD. The collection is safely stored in our new fire retardant file.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edith P. Rice  
Town Clerk

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

JANUARY 1, 1978 - June 30, 1978

TOWN SNOW

Bal. 1/1/78		\$ 8,779.42
Transfer - Available Funds		3,000.00
Transfer Anti-Recession Title II		<u>1,766.00</u>
		13,545.42
Robert Miller, Supt.	\$ 3,136.63	
Conrad Oligny, Labor	679.25	
Donald Miller, Eq. Op.	656.63	
Howard Pease, Eq. Op.	98.31	
William Paschal, Eq. Op.	129.63	
Michael Nevers, Eq. Op.	157.25	
Stephen Miller, Labor	102.38	
Edward James	899.95	
Timothy Pease	27.63	
Mrs. Charles Granger, Plowing	665.00	
International Salt, Salt	1,051.16	
Donovan Bros., Sand	2,671.52	
Olds General Store, Supplies	184.91	
Ken Hall	<u>7.00</u>	
		\$10,467.25
		Bal. \$ 3,078.17

TOWN HIGHWAYS

Bal. 1/1/78		\$ 4,920.53
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 1,310.09	
Robert Miller, Dq. Op.	1,291.21	
Conrad Oligny, Labor	912.38	
Edward James, Eq. Op.	29.75	
Lane Construction, Hot Mix	305.00	
Ken Hall, Gravel	403.10	
William Paschal, Eq. Op.	34.00	
Andrews Excavating, Bulldozer	<u>635.00</u>	
		\$ 4,920.53

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Bal. 1/1/78		\$12,771.60
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 364.09	
Robert Miller, Eq. Op.	320.79	
Conrad Oligny, Labor	224.25	
William Paschal	21.25	
Edward James	21.25	
Ken Hall, Gravel	<u>304.45</u>	
		1,256.08
		Bal. <u>11,515.42</u>

**MACHINERY EXPENSE**

Balance - January 1, 1978		\$ 3,703.54
Transfer - Revenue Sharing		<u>6,000.00</u>
		9,703.54
Olds General Store, supplies and gas	\$ 3,122.08	
Howe Bros., Transfer case	738.53	
Pittsfield Welding Supplies	192.81	
Charles Freadman & Sons, blades, steel	743.98	
Southgate Motors, parts	465.35	
Raynor's Bearings, bearings, parts	920.41	
Tippy's, gas, stickers, parts	65.36	
Brown Oil	529.37	
Tyler Equipment, parts	332.96	
Jack Mulcare, parts	214.28	
Engwer Saws	44.20	
G. Brehm, lettering	35.00	
Gladwin & Lane, grease	48.60	
Central Tractor	122.26	
World Radio Sales	234.78	
Myron Marcoulier, Carb.	15.00	
Dalton Tractor	128.46	
Kenneth Steel, plow frame	800.00	
Rogers Auto Body	75.00	
Michale Nevers, repair loader	58.50	
Tire Town	337.60	
Juny's Glass	17.00	
Midas Muffler	14.00	
B.J. McLaughlin, parts	<u>262.65</u>	
		<u>\$ 9,518.18</u>
	Bal.	\$ 185.36

**HOLIDAY AND VACATION PAY  
HIGHWAY DEPT.**

Balance 1/1/78		\$ 802.00
Robert Miller, Holiday	\$ 36.00	
Conrad Oigny, Holiday	26.00	
Brewster Pease, ,Vacation	180.00	
Robert Miller, Vacation	180.00	
Conrad Oigny, Vacation	<u>130.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 552.00</u>
	Bal.	\$ 250.00

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Balance 1/1/78		\$ 2,199.43
Western Mass., Electric Co.	\$ 338.50	
Howard Johnson Oil, Fuel	1,079.16	
Brown Oil, Gas - Town Hall	333.36	
Olds General Store, Kerosene	<u>51.20</u>	
		<u>\$ 1,802.22</u>
	Bal.	\$ 397.21

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Balance 1/1/78		\$ 3,104.18
Olds General Store, supplies	\$ 174.88	
David Deane, supplies	1,963.14	
Raynor's Bearings	77.20	
Tire Town	16.85	
Fenwick Fire Prevention Systems	<u>21.00</u>	
	Bal.	<u>\$ 2,253.07</u> 851.11

PRINTING

Balance 1/1/78		\$ 600.00
Berkshire Print & Mail, Town Reports	<u>\$ 469.20</u>	
	Bal	<u>469.20</u> \$ 130.80

TREE WARDEN

Balance 1/1/78		<u>\$ 100.00</u>
	Bal.	\$ 100.00

MIDDLEFIELD DISPOSAL AREA - RENT

Balance 1/1/78		\$ 600.00
E.S.M. & Martha Landy	<u>\$ 600.00</u>	
	Bal.	<u>600.00</u> ---

MIDDLEFIELD DISPOSAL AREA

Balance 1/1/78		\$ 328.78
Transfer - Reserve Fund Available		<u>479.38</u> \$ 808.16
Nancy Winn, Attendant	\$ 270.00	
Priscilla Suriner, Attendant	210.00	
Betty Oigny, Attendant	20.00	
Charles Cook, Attendant	10.00	
Ellen Russo, Attendant	30.00	
Olds General Store, supplies	9.03	
Brewster Pease, Supt.	36.00	
Robert Miller, Eq. Op.	40.75	
Conrad Oigny, Labor	26.00	
Edward James, Labor	6.38	
Berger Pest Control	<u>150.00</u>	
		\$ 808.16

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Balance - January 1, 1978		\$ 95.00
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 16.29	
Robert Miller, Eq. Op.	<u>78.71</u>	<u>95.00</u>

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Balance - January 1, 1978		\$ 150.29
Brewster Pease, Supt.	90.00	
Robert Miller, Eq. Op.	<u>60.29</u>	<u>150.29</u>

GARAGE REPAIR

Balance January 1, 1978		\$ 1,200.00
H.H. Tacke, Electrician	<u>\$ 430.00</u>	<u>\$ 430.00</u>
	Bal.	\$ 770.00

ELECTIONS

Balance January 1, 1978		\$ 300.00
Angela Savery	\$ 7.00	
Nancy Olds	13.00	
Shirley Savery	13.00	
Peter Oligny	20.00	
Priscilla Suriner	13.00	
Catherine Nickerson	13.00	
Dulcie Olds	7.00	
Ethel Pease	20.00	
Appalachian Press, Ballots	130.50	
Berkshire Print & Mail, Voter Lists	<u>28.00</u>	<u>\$ 264.50</u>
	Bal	\$ 35.50

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Balance - January 1, 1978		\$ 928.44
Transfer - Reserve Fund		<u>400.00</u>
Total Available		\$ 1,328.44
Advertising	\$ 216.39	
Assoc. Dues	70.00	
Supplies - all offices	349.98	
Transfers	57.00	
Bonds	20.00	
Telephone - Treas, Selectmen	62.96	
Salaries - B. Oligny, Secy. to Selectmen, 1977	500.00	
Charles Cook, Insp. Animals	<u>30.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 1,306.33</u>
	Bal.	\$ 22.11

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

	Balance	Expended
Conservation Commission	\$ 10.00	\$ --
Civil Defense	15.00	--
Fire Phones	349.83	230.39
Forest Fire Protection	10.00	--
Gateway Regional Schools	43,065.01	43,065.01
Insurance	755.85)	
Trans, Res. Fund	487.15)	1,243.00
Interest, short term loans	2,000.00	972.56
Library, see report		
Officers Salaries	3,825.00	3,825.00
Planning Board	25.00	--
Police Account	300.00	
Trans. Res. Fund	126.09	426.09
Salary, Fire Chief & Forest Warden - 6 mo.	225.00	112.50
Street Lights, Western Mass. Elec.	555.12	543.12
War Memorials & Playgrounds	42.00	36.00
Veterans Agent	10.00	--

TREASURY WARRANTS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Withholding Tax	\$	356.96
Director of Internal Revenue, Federal Withholding Tax		1,719.80
County Treasurer, County Retirement - Withholding		472.76
County Treasurer, County Tax		
Dog Fees		106.00
County Retirement		9,030.01
Commonwealth of Mass., Lower Pioneer Valley Anti-Pollution Sys.		59.68
State Recreation Areas		1,891.74
Motor Vehicle Bills		40.65
Permits, Elec & Building		269.00
Pittsfield National Bank Note		45,000.00
First. Agric. Bank, Pemetery Assoc, Perp Care Interest		80.90
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds		
Helen Cook		9.63
Howard Pease, Jr.		2.75
Real Estate Refunds		
F. Lyder		121.54

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RECEIPTS

July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

Fed. Anti-Recession Fiscal Assist.	\$ <u>2,248.00</u>	\$ 2,248.00
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASS:

HIGHWAYS:

Hwy. Fund Chap. 58 S. 18B	6,028.84	
Pub. Works Hwys.	2,000.00	
Hwy. Transp. Div. Chap. 825 (1974)	<u>18,035.39</u>	26,064.23

SCHOOLS:

School Aid Chap 70	<u>4,510.96</u>	4,510.96
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OTHER:

Reimb. Cit. & Towns Chap 58 S.17	12,586.86	
Dept. Nat. Resources	750.00	
Local Aid Fund (Lottery)	404.05	
Bureau Library Extension	474.78	
Loc. Aid Chap. 58S. 18C Added Assist.	<u>263.23</u>	14,478.92

COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE:

Anti-Recess. Fund Chap. 642 (1977)	122.38	
Dog Refund	<u>1.26</u>	123.64

OTHER:

Berkshire-Hampshire Vet. Dist. Refund	48.26	
Assoc. Indust. of Mass. (Street list)	1.50	
Cemetery Assoc. Perm. Fund Interest	64.72	
A. T. & T. (McElwain lot)	25.80	
Perpetual Care Interest	284.79	
Perpetual Care (Onnie S. & Matthew Kallio)	200.00	
Dog Fees ( E. Rice, Town Clerk)	274.15	
F.I.D. cards (J. DeMoss, Police Chief)	23.00	
Pistol Permits (J. DeMoss, Police Chief)	10.00	
Licenses and Permits	16.00	
Bldg. Permits & Inspections	355.00	
Electrical Inspections	55.00	
Revenue Sharing Account	11,933.94	
Tax Redemption (J. Schwartz)	<u>233.52</u>	13,525.68

LOANS:

Note #242 Antic. of Revenue	45,000.00	
Note #243 Hwy. Reimbursement	<u>21,864.00</u>	66,864.00

WITHHOLDING:

Federal Taxes	\$ 2,305.70	
State Taxes	726.56	
Hampshire County Retirement	<u>710.96</u>	\$ 3,743.22

TAXES::

Real Estate:		
1977-78	69,054.60	
1976-77	16,016.35	
Prior years	13,939.38	
Interest	<u>1,949.76</u>	100.960.09

Personal Property:		
1977-78	9,740.92	
1976-77	369.97	
Prior years	294.42	
Interest	<u>25.09</u>	10,430.40

Motor Vehicle Excise:		
1977-78	750.81	
1976-77	5,472.98	
Prior years	5,072.03	
Interest	<u>318.57</u>	11,614.39

Farm Animal Excise:		
1975-76	291.40	
1974-75	88.75	
Prior years	138.18	
Interest	<u>39.41</u>	557.74

Classified Forest:		
1977-78	96.16	
1975-76	<u>5.00</u>	101.16

Agriculture:		
1977-78	<u>500.40</u>	<u>500.40</u>
		\$255,722.83

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Total Receipts	\$255,722.83	
Balance June 30, 1977	<u>35,043.16</u>	\$290,765.99
Selectmens orders	\$254,939.44	
Balance June 30, 1978	<u>35,826.55</u>	\$290,765.99

APPROPRIATIONS & DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

AVAILABLE FUNDS & EXPENDITURES

July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978

	APPROP.	TRANSFERS	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE	FORWARD
Town Snow	12,000.00	A.F: 3,900.00 A.R: 1,766.00	16,766.00	13,687.83	3,078.17	
Chap 825			C.O. 244.71	244.71	--	
Chap 1140			C.O. 3,643.44	3,643.44	--	
Chap 90			* 21,864.00	10,348.48	11,515.52	11,515.42
Town Highways	12,000.00		12,000.00	12,000.00		
Cemeteries	200.00		200.00	200.00	--	
Perpetual Care			1,187.03	282.00	905.03	905.03
Cemetery Wall Repair	200.00		200.00	200.00	--	
Conservation Comm.	75.00		75.00	20.00	55.00	
County Retirement	1,271.48		1,271.48	1,271.48	--	
Civil Defense	10.00		10.00	--	10.00	
Disp. Area Rent	600.00		600.00	600.00	--	
Disp. Area Maint.	1,500.00	R.F 479.38	1,979.38	1,979.38	--	
Fire Dept.	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,148.89	851.11	
Fire Phones	550.00		550.00	430.56	119.44	
Fire Chiefs Salary	225.00		225.00	157.50	67.50	
Forest Fire Protection	10.00		10.00	--	10.00	
General Government	2,000.00	R.F. 400.00	2,400.00	2,377.89	22.11	

	APPROP		TRANSFERS	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE	FORWARD
Health & Sanitation	50.00			50.00	--	50.00	
Holiday & Vacation Pay	864.00			864.00	614.00	250.00	
Insurance	8,000.00	R.F.	487.15	8,487.15	8,487.15		
Library	200.00	D.R. L.F.	73.27 200.00	473.27	419.90	53.37	53.37
Maint Pub. Bldgs	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,102.79	397.21	
Machinery Expense	9,000.00	R.S.	6,000.00	15,000.00	14,814.64	185.36	
Printing	600.00			600.00	469.20	130.80	
Planning Board	25.00			25.00	--	25.00	
Police Fund	300.00	R.F.	126.09	426.09	426.09	--	
Repair Town Garage	5,000.00			5,000.00	4,230.00	770.00	770.00
Registration & Elect.	300.00			300.00	264.50	35.50	
Gateway Reg. School	86,130.03			86,130.03	86,130.03	--	
Salt Shed Storage	500.00			500.00	--	500.00	500.00
Short Term Loan Int.	2,000.00			2,000.00	972.56	1,027.44	
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	--	
Town Officers Sal.	3,825.00			3,825.00	3,825.00	--	
Town Off. Salaries Jan 1, to election	1,274.80	R.F.	.20	1,275.00	1,275.00	=-	
Town Counsel	150.00			150.00	150.00	--	

	APPROP	TRANSFERS	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE	FORWARD
Town Truck Purchase	2,000.00	R.S. 6,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	--	
Veterans Agent	10.00		10.00		10.00	
War Mem. & Playgrounds	100.00		100.00	94.00	6.00	
Street Lights	1,072.80		1,072.80	1,060.71	12.09	
	\$158,888.40	18,532.09	204,359.67	184,173.02	20,186.65	13,743.92

Key to Abbreviations:

- \* State Funds
- C.O. - carry over
- R.S. - Revenue Sharing
- A.F. - Available Funds
- R.F. - Reserve Fund
- A.R. - Anti-Recession Fiscal Assistance
- L.F. - Library Fund
- D.R. - Dog Refund

ORDERS TO TREASURER - NO APPROPRIATIONS

County Tax	\$18,849.20	
First National Bank of Boston (Fed. Taxes)	2,305.70	
Comm. of Mass. (State Taxes)	473.49	
Hampshire Co. Retirement System	710.96	
Hampshire Co., Treasurer (Dog Fees)	115.65	
State Assessments:		
Lower Pioneer Valley Anti-Poll. System	59.68	
State Recreation Areas	1,891.74	
Motor Vehicle Bills	40.65	
Permit Inspections	390.00	
Checks	15.64	
Cemetery Assoc. Perp. Care Int. (First Agric. Bank)	80.90	\$24,933.61
Taxes Refunded:		
1977 Real Estate	812.73	
Motor Vehicle Excise	20.08	832.81
Loans:		
Short Term Loan Note #242 Antic. of Rev.	45,000.00	45,000.00

REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

Balance June 30, 1977	\$ 7,729.23	
Receipts 7/1/77 - 6/30/78	<u>5,229.00</u>	\$ 12,958.23
Interest 7/1/77 - 6/30/78	434.55	434.55
Funds released from obligation	66.06	<u>66.06</u>
		\$ 13,458.84

Transfers made:

Truck Purchase	6,000.00	
Machinery Expense	6,000.00	- <u>12,000.00</u>

Total amount in Revenue Sharing 6/30/78	\$ 1,458.84
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Respectfully submitted,  
Josephine Z. DeMoss  
Treasurer

REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS

Real Estate Taxes abated on 1978 levy	\$2,206.13
No cash refund	

TRANSFERS

Available funds (free cash) certified Nov. 25, 1977	\$10,233.00
From Available funds to:	
Snow Removal Account 3/1/78	\$3000.00      3,000.00
From Anti-Recession Fiscal Assist to:	
Snow Removal Account	1,766.00      1,766.00
From Revenue Sharing Account to:	
Machinery Expense	6,000.00
Purchase Town Truck	<u>6,000.00</u> 12,000.00
From Reserve Fund to:	
Disposal Area	479.38
General Government	400.00
Insurance	487.15
Police Fund	126.09
Town Officers Salaries	<u>.20</u> 1,492.82
From General Fund to:	
Library Account (dog refund)	73.27      73.27
From Library Fund to:	
Library Account	200.00      200.00

LIABILITIES

Note #243 Pittsfield National Bank	
Highway Reimbursement Loan due 10/13/78	\$21,864.00

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Interest Drawn	Balance
Wesley A. Olds	15.00	300.00
Rene & Ubaldine Roberts	4.97	100.00
Carl Sternagle	15.00	300.00
George & Sarah Llewellyn	4.97	100.00
Ethel & Frank Pelkey	4.97	100.00
Charles L. Willey	7.49	150.00
J.W. & L.A. Cottrell	7.49	150.00
George Crane & Amanda Pease Crane	25.01	500.00
Lizzie Kelly & Morgan Pease	7.49	150.00
Nathan Wright Heirs	4.97	100.00
Arthur D. & Harold M. Pease	15.00	300.00
Elijah J. Churchill	4.97	100.00
Arthur & Alice Gardner	4.97	100.00
Cottrell Lot	7.40	150.00
John J. Vetter	4.97	100.00
Harvey Root & George Chipman	25.01	500.00
Herbert Alden Youtz	4.97	100.00
Charles C. Graves	9.99	200.00
Rev. Charles Brittan Clark	4.97	100.00
Hawes & Combs Lot	3.74	75.00
Daniel Alderman	4.97	100.00
Capt. James Church	4.97	100.00
Henry F. Church	5.47	109.81
Clara E. Taylor	5.47	109.81
Oliver Smith	9.99	200.00
Matthew & Mariah D. Smith	4.09	82.35
Asher Pease	12.85	257.11
Soloman Root	5.47	109.81
Church Lot	21.69	433.55
Col. David Mack	6.33	127.14
George E. & Helen M. Cook	15.15	308.26
Catherine Tefts	4.90	100.00
Onnie S. & Matthew Kallio	200.00	200.00
	\$ 284.79	\$5,912.87

TRUST FUNDS

SALLY DICKSON SCHOOL FUND

Balance May 31, 1977	\$ 1,762.05	\$ 1,762.05
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SALLY DICKSON CHARITY FUND

Balance May 31, 1977	3,085.62	3,085.62
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CEMETERY ASSOCIATION PERMANENT FUND

Balance	1,208.41	
Dividends Drawn	<u>64.72</u>	1,208.41

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Balance June 30, 1977	364.73	
Interest Added	<u>17.91</u>	382.64

CEMETERY ASSOC. PERMANENT FUND INTEREST

Balance June 30, 1977	1,078.59	
Interest Added	<u>71.98</u>	1,150.57

CEMETERY LOTS ACCOUNT

Balance June 30, 1977	515.79	
Interest Added	<u>34.42</u>	550.21

Respectfully submitted,  
Josephine Z. DeMoss  
Treasurer

JULY 1, 1978 - December 31, 1978

TOWN SNOW

Appropriation		\$12,000.00
Brewster Pease, Supt	\$ 1,005.75	
Robert Miller	979.63	
Conrad Oigny, Labor	656.51	
Edward James, Labor	26.00	
William Paschal, Eq. Op.	17.00	
International Salt	1,578.06	
Donovan Bros, Sand	<u>1,080.86</u>	
	Bal.	<u>\$ 5,343.81</u>
		\$ 6,656.19

TOWN HIGHWAYS

Appropriation		\$16,000.00
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 1,829.25	
Robert Miller, Eq. OP.	1,581.00	
Conrad Oigny, Labor	1,136.13	
Mark Doane, Signs	45.00	
Lane Construction, Hot Mix - Blacktop	3,640.83	
Rays Sweeping	180.00	
Ken Hall	1,223.51	
Donovan Bros., Blacktop	1,024.95	
Donald Savery, Mowing	942.00	
Michael F. Nevers, Mowing	56.00	
Gordon Miller, Mowing	40.00	
Andrews Excavating	437.50	
M.C.I. Framingham Industries, signs	<u>15.89</u>	
	Bal.	<u>\$13,816.94</u>
		\$ 2,813.06

TOWN HIGHWAYS - OILING ACCOUNT

Appropriation		\$10,000.00
Donovan Bros., Stone	\$ <u>228.24</u>	
	Bal.	<u>228.24</u>
		\$ 9,771.76

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CHAPTER 90

Balance 7/1/78		\$11,515.52
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 184.50	
Robert Miller, Eq. Op.	174.25	
Conrad Oligny, Labor	133.25	
Robert Olds, Eq. Op.	85.00	
Donovan, Inc., Blacktop	10,337.52	
Rays Sweeping	540.00	
Lane Construction, Hot Mix	61.00	
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		<u>\$11,515.52</u>

CHAPTER 90

State		\$21,864.00
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 963.00	
Robert Miller, Eq. Op.	884.00	
Conrad Oligny, Labor	637.00	
Timothy Pease, Eq. Op.	55.25	
Donovan, Blacktop	10,316.33	
Charles Freadman Steel	1,012.28	
Stuart Fiske, Backhoe	1,092.00	
Ken Hall	5,427.64	
Town of Middlefield, Loader	692.00	
Town of Middlefield, Truck	560.00	
Town of Middlefield, Grader	200.00	
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		<u>\$21,864.00</u>

MACHINERY EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$ 9,000.00
Olds General Store, supplies and gas	\$ 1,490.62	
Central Tractor	38.86	
Pittsfield Welding Supplies	162.11	
Charles Freadman & Sons, Hades, steel	278.23	
Southgate Motors, parts	37.51	
Raynor's bearings, parts	508.91	
Tyler Equipment, parts	249.31	
Jack Mulcare, parts	291.59	
Engwer Saws	72.14	
L.P. Adams	13.33	
Brown Oil, fuel	816.53	
B.J. McLaughlin, parts	146.32	
Smiths Rent-Alls	149.63	
Glendale Glass	53.05	
Tire Town	297.00	
Tri County Contractors Supply	242.98	
Ferrara Auto Parts	800.96	
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		\$ 5,649.08
	Bal.	<u>\$ 3,350.92</u>

JULY 1, 1978 - DECEMBER 31, 1978

HOLIDAYS & VACATION PAY  
HIGHWAY DEPT.

Appropriation		\$ 864.00
Brewster Pease, Supt.	\$ 108.00	
Robert Miller, Eq. Op.	102.00	
Conrad Oigny, Labor	<u>78.00</u>	
	Bal.	<u>288.00</u>
		<u>576.00</u>

MIDDLEFIELD DISPOSAL AREA

Appropriation for Maintenance		\$ 2,500.00
Appropriation for Rent		<u>600.00</u>
		\$ 3,100.00
Priscilla Suriner, Attendant	\$ 500.00	
Conrad Oigny, Labor	39.00	
Brewster Pease, Supt.	72.00	
Robert Miller, Eq. Op.	68.00	
Edward James, Labor	<u>26.00</u>	
	Bal.	<u>705.00</u>
		\$ 2,395.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Olds General Store, Supplies	\$ 173.14	
Howard Johnson Oil, Tank Guard	77.31	
Lock Shop	9.00	
Raynors Bearings, parts	118.38	
Fenwick Fire Prevention Systems	165.50	
Berkshire County Mutual Aid, Dues	<u>15.00</u>	
	Bal.	<u>558.33</u>
		\$ 441.67

FIRE TRUCK ACCOUNT

Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Transfer - Revenue Sharing		<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Available Funds		\$ 3,500.00
Town of Stockbridge - Used Pumper	\$ 3,500.00	
		<u><u>3,500.00</u></u>

JULY 1, 1978 - DECEMBER 31, 1978

EQUIP FIRE TRUCK

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
	Bal.	\$ 2,500.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Advertising	\$ 30.10	
Association Dues	100.00	
Fees - Notes	20.00	
Supplies - All Offices	508.85	
Transfers	35.25	
Trips - G. Miller	47.00	
C. Cook	35.00	
Salaries:		
B. Oigny, Secretary to Selectmen	500.00	
B. Oigny, Bookkeeper - Highway Dept.	260.00	
Vera Zink, Typing for Assessors	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,586.20
	Bal.	\$ 913.80

MINICIPAL BUILDING

Appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
Western Mass. Electric:		
Town Hall	\$ 73.78	
Garage	157.73	
Brown Oil - Gas - Town Hall	106.50	
Howard Johnson Oil	5.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 343.51
	Bal.	\$ 1,156.49

HEALTH & SANITATION

Appropriation		\$ 10.00
	Bal.	10.00

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
	Bal.	\$ 100.00

JULY 1, 1978 - DECEMBER 31, 1978

INSECT PEST CONTROL

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

DUTCH ELM

Appropriation		<u>\$ 150.29</u>
	Bal.	\$ 150.29

INSURANCE

Appropriation		\$ 9,000.00
Stevenson & Co.	<u>\$ 5,649.08</u>	<u>5,649.08</u>
	Bal.	\$ 3,350.92

REPAIR - TOWN GARAGE

Carry Over Balance		\$ 770.00
Donovan	\$ 200.00	
L.P. Adams	<u>553.89</u>	<u>\$ 753.89</u>
	Bal.	\$ 16.11

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appropriation		\$73,380.68
Gateway Regional School District	<u>\$36,690.34</u>	<u>36,690.34</u>
	Bal.	\$36,690.34

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		\$ 1,072.80
Western Mass. Electric	<u>\$ 503.12</u>	<u>503.12</u>
	Bal.	\$ 569.68

INTEREST  
SHORT TERM LOANS

Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Pittsfield National Bank	<u>\$ 787.10</u>	<u>\$ 787.10</u>
	Bal.	\$ 1,212.90

JULY 1, 1978 - DECEMBER 31, 1978

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

	<u>APPROP</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>
Cemeteries (see Report)		
Library, (see report)		
Forest Fire Protection	\$ 10.00	\$ --
Conservation Commission	75.00	--
Planning Board	25.00	--
Reserve Fund	2,000.00	--
Printing, Town Reports	600.00	--
Salary, Town Counsel, Francis Collins	150.00	--
Veterans Agent	10.00	--
Officers Salaries	3,825.00	--
Police Account	400.00	20.00
War Memorials & Playgrounds	150.00	48.00
Elections	300.00	192.00
Registration of Voters	500.00	124.00
Fire Phones	550.00	201.61
Unemployment Security	200.00	105.07
Civil Defense	10.00	--
Health Insurance	540.00	224.28
Huntington Ambulance Service	692.28	692.28
Restoration of Town Records	200.00	--
Fire Retardant Safe	500.00	--
County Retirement	1,662.07	831.04
Salt Shed	500.00	500.00
Fire Chief's Salary	225.00	--

TREASURY WARRANTS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Withholding Tax		\$ 510.79
Director of Internal Revenue, Federal Withholding Tax		1,244.84
County Treasurer, County Retirement		443.95
County Treasurer, Dog License Fees		203.95
Blue Cross-Blue Shield - Withholding		213.60
Group Health Insurance Withholding (Aetna)		10.68
Walter Smith, Building Permits		326.00
Pittsfield National Bank, Temporary Loans		21,864.00
County Tax		7,801.86
State Recreation Area		1,215.89

Real Estate Refunds	
C. Vreeland	\$350.00
C. Alderman	\$237.89
E. Batorski	2.62
M. King	175.00

Motor Vehicle Refunds	
E. Rice	9.90
P. Suriner	13.20
J. Rice	12.36
H. Guyette	6.60

REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
RECEIPTS

July 1, 1978-DECEMBER 31, 1978

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HIGHWAYS:

Highway Fund Chap. 58 Sec. 18B	\$ 6,028.84	
Dept. Public Works Chap 90	<u>21,864.00</u>	\$27,892.84

SCHOOLS:

School Aid Chap 70	<u>1,475.96</u>	1,475.96
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OTHER:

General Fund Distribution	263.23	
Local Aid Fund Chap. 58 Sec. 18C	571.66	
Loss of Taxes Chap. 58 Sec. 13	12,625.78	
Mass. Bd. Library Commission	473.27	
Elderly Exemption Chap. 967	<u>764.43</u>	14,698.57

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

Anti-Recession Fiscal Assist.	<u>284.00</u>	284.00
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WITHHOLDINGS:

Federal Taxes	1,480.50	
State Taxes	516.68	
Hamp. Co. Retirement System	519.54	
Group Insurance	13.35	
Blue Cross Insurance	<u>256.32</u>	2,786.39

LOANS:

Pittsfield National Bank:		
Note #244 Antic. of Revenue	45,000.00	
Note #245 Highway Reimbursement	<u>21,864.00</u>	66,864.00

OTHER:

Cemetery Assoc, Perm. Fund	16.18	
A.T.&T.	6.90	
Perpetual Care (Henry & Dorothy Cummings)	500.00	
FID Cards (John DeMoss, Police Chief)	8.00	
Pistol Permits (John DeMoss, Police Chief)	50.00	
Dog Fees (Edith Rice, Town Clerk)	55.45	
Licenses & Permits	24.00	
Bldg. Inspections	326.00	
Electric Inspections	30.00	
Tax Title Redemption (Emanuel Grafstein)	1,608.76	
Revenue Sharing Account	2,500.00	
Machinery Earnings	<u>1,452.00</u>	6,577.29

TAXES

REAL ESTATE:

1978-79	\$ 29,500.22	
1977-78	13,869.95	
1976-77	2,633.20	
1975-76	1,350.21	
1975 & Previous years	1,671.00	
Interest	<u>648.94</u>	\$ 49,673.52

PERSONAL PROPERTY:

1978-79	5,952.54	
1977-78	2,461.83	
1976-77	32.68	
1975-76	54.63	
1975 & Previous years	<u>55.12</u>	8,556.80

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:

1977-78	4,629.29	
1976-77	2,034.03	
1975-76	1,129.93	
1975 & Previous Years	1,653.34	
Interest	<u>556.07</u>	10,002.66

CLASSIFIED FOREST:

1978-79	292.59	
1977-78	187.72	
1967	<u>5.70</u>	486.01

AGRICULTURAL:

1978-79	249.26	
1977-78	<u>2,025.78</u>	2,275.04

FARM ANIMAL EXCISE:

1975-76	<u>75.50</u>	75.50
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MUNICIPAL LIEN:

1978-79	<u>15.00</u>	15.00
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FEEES:

	<u>82.00</u>	82.00
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\$ 71,166.53

Total Receipts	\$191,745.58	
Balance June 30, 1978	<u>35,826.55</u>	\$227,572.13
Selectmen's orders	148,968.03	
Balance Dec. 31, 1978	<u>78,604.10</u>	\$227,572.13

REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

Balance June 30, 1978	1,458.64	
Receipts 7/1/78-12/31/78	<u>3,692.64</u>	5,151.28
Interest 7/1/78	46.52	46.52
Funds released from obligation	185.96	<u>185.96</u>
		\$5,383.76

Transfers made:

To Fire Truck Pumper account	2,500.00	
To General Fund	<u>268.99</u>	- <u>2,768.99</u>

Total Balance December 31, 1978		\$ 2,614.77
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TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD

APPROPRIATION & DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS  
AVAILABLE FUNDS & EXPENDITURES

July 1, 1978 - December 31, 1978

	APPROP.	TRANSFERS	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE
Town Snow	\$12,000.00		\$12,000.00	\$ 5,343.81	\$ 6,656.19
Town Highways	16,000.00		16,000.00	13,186.94	2,813.06
Oiling Town Roads	10,000.00		10,000.00	228.24	9,771.76
Chap. 90 (77-78)		C.O.	11,515.52	11,515.52	--
Chap. 90 (78-79)		S.F.	21,864.00	21,864.00	--
Disposal Area Rent	600.00		600.00	--	600.00
Disposal Area Maint.	2,500.00		2,500.00	705.00	1,795.00
Fire Dept.	1,000.00		1,000.00	558.33	441.67
Fire Truck Pumper	1,000.00	R.S. 2,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	--
Equiping Fire Pumper	2,500.00		2,500.00	--	2,500.00
Fire Phones	550.00		550.00	201.61	348.39
Fire Chiefs Salary	225.00		225.00	--	225.00
Forest Fire Portection	10.00		10.00	--	10.00
General Government	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,586.20	913.80
Health & Sanitation	10.00		10.00	--	10.00
Holiday & Vacation Pay	864.00		864.00	288.00	576.00
Health Insurance	540.00		540.00	224.28	315.72

	APPROP	TRANSFERS	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	AMOUNT	BALANCE
Huntington Ambulance Ser.	692.28		692.28	692.28	--
Insurance	9,000.00		9,000.00	7,713.15	1,286.85
Maint. Public Bldgs	1,500.00		1,500.00	343.51	1,156.49
Machinery Expense	9,000.00		9,000.00	5,649.08	3,350.92
Printing	600.00		600.00	--	600.00
Planning Board	25.00		25.00	--	25.00
Police Fund	400.00		400.00	20.00	380.00
Restoration Twn. Records	200.00		200.00	--	200.00
Fire Retardant Safe	500.00		500.00	--	500.00
Repair Town Garage			C.O. 770.00	753.89	16.11
Registrar of Voters	500.00		500.00	124.00	376.00
Registration & Elect.	300.00		300.00	192.00	108.00
Reserve Fund	2,000.00		2,000.00	--	2,000.00
Gateway Reg. School	73,380.68		73,380.68	36,690.34	36,690.34
Salaries (Elected Off.)	3,825.00		3,825.00	--	3,825.00
Town Counsel	150.00		150.00	--	150.00
Salt Shed Storage	500.00		500.00	500.00	--
Street Lights	1,072.80		1,072.80	503.12	569.68
Short Term Loan Interest	2,000.00		2,000.00	787.10	1,212.90
Tree Warden	100.00		100.00	--	100.00
Insect Pest Control	95.00		95.00	--	95.00
Library	200.00	L.F. 250.00	450.00	102.69	347.31

	APPROP.	TRANSFERS	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE
Dutch Elm Disease	150.29		150.29	--	150.29
Unemploy. Security	200.00		200.00	105.07	94.93
War. Mem. & Playarea	150.00		150.00	48.00	102.00
Veterans Agent	10.00		10.00	--	10.00
Cemeteries	200.00		200.00	68.00	132.00
Conservation Comm.	75.00		75.00	--	75.00
County Ret. (Town Share)	1,662.07		1,662.07	831.04	831.03
Civil Defense	10.00		10.00	--	10.00
	158,797.12	2,750.00	195,696.54	114,325.20	81,326.44

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Key to Abbreviations:

C.O. Carry over  
R.S. Revenue Sharing  
S.F. State Funds  
L.F. Library Fund

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD

ORDERS TO THE TREASURER - NO APPROPRIATIONS

First National Bank of Boston (Fed. Withholding)	\$ 1,244.84	
Commonwealth of Mass. (State Withholding)	510.79	
Hampshire County Ret. System (Ret. Withholding)	443.95	
Group Health Insurance (Withholding)	10.68	
Blue Cross Withholding	213.60	
Hampshire County Treasurer (dog fees)	203.95	
Building & Electrical Inspections	326.00	
Temporary Loans (Pittsfield National Bank)	21,864.00	
County Tax	7,801.86	
State Recreation Area	<u>1,215.59</u>	\$33,835.26

Taxes Refunded:

1975 Motor Vehicle Excise	13.20	
1977 Motor Vehicle Excise	22.26	
1978 Motor Vehicle Excise	6.60	
1978 Real Estate	<u>765.51</u>	<u>807.57</u>
		\$34,642.83

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Z. DeMoss  
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

	WARRANT	TAXES COL.	INT.	FEEES	ABATED	TAX TITLES	BALANCE DUE	
1978-79	Real Estate	\$106,703.14	\$ 29,500.22			\$ 2,382.65	\$ 74,820.27	
	Per.Property	10,591.34	5,952.54				4,638.80	
	Agriculture	3,139.71	249.26				2,890.46	
	C. Forest	649.92	292.59				357.33	
	Mun. Lein		15.00					
1977-78	Real Estate	105,748.86	82,324.55	\$128.98	\$2.00	\$1,414.21	3,079.07	18,931.03
	Per.Property	10,675.67	10,252.02			5.24		418.41
	Agriculture	3,281.69	2,526.18					755.21
	C. Forest	654.10	517.69					136.41
	M.V.E.	11,573.21	7,097.02			1,486.65		2,973.94
1976-77	Real Estate	19,799.47	4,532.16	143.43			1,800.88	13,466.43
	Per.Property	413.89	78.80					335.09
	M.V.E.	5,594.89	3,411.91	4.53		365.72		1,817.26
1975-76	Real Estate	7,043.66	1,404.55	189.41			1,487.70	4,151.41
	Per.Property	293.72	128.16	3.87				165.56
	Farm Excise	79.87	75.50					4.37
	C. Forest	5.00	5.00					--
	M.V.E.	3,604.09	2,150.00	170.29	32.00			1,454.09
1974-75	Real Estate	7,705.29	2,339.85	260.89			420.00	5,032.94
	Per. Property	258.62	46.62	1.36				212.00
	Farm Excise	23.83						23.83
	M.V.E.	1,814.42	1,051.96	192.90	20.00	13.20		749.26
1974-6M	Real Estate	1,228.60	273.60	44.00			459.52	495.48
	Per.Property	128.00	16.00	2.56				112.00
	Farm Excise	114.97						114.97
	M.V.E.	1,595.08	565.06	116.52	8.00	29.70		1,000.32
1973	Real Estate	1,432.80				448.00		984.80
	Per.Property	220.48	39.20	5.82				181.28
	Farm Excise	9.43						9.43
	M.V.E.	1,162.32	356.03	81.55	10.00			806.28
1972	Real Estate	430.40	91.45					338.95
	Per.Property	183.00	39.00	4.92				144.00
	Farm Excise	110.62						110.62
	M.V.E.	1,040.07	229.63	60.25	6.00	16.50		793.94

		WARRANT	TAXES COL.	INT.	FEES	ABATED	TAX TITLES	BALANCE DUE	
1971	Real Estate	\$ 232.20						232.20	
	Per.Property	125.57	6.75					118.82	
	Farm Excise	54.25						54.25	
	M.V.E.	583.76	69.30	19.08	2.00			514.46	
1970	Real Estate	168.00						168.00	
	Per.Property	51.25	22.50	2.48				28.75	
	M.V.E.	205.96	20.08	9.96	2.00			140.37	
1969	Per.Property	98.05	36.55					61.50	
	M.V.E.	127.33	105.88					21.45	
1968	M.V.E.	35.40	3.30					32.10	
1967	Per.Property	15.20	Refunded in error \$5.70 Collected \$5.70						15.20
	Farm Excise	23.22	23.22					--	
	M.V.E.	191.40	29.70					161.70	
	Taxes Collected	\$155,870.70							
	Int.	1,448.03							
	Fees	82.00							
	Total		\$157,400.73						

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Respectfully submitted,  
Neil G. Nickerson  
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

FISCAL YEAR 1979

APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 200,501.21	
Total offset from Cherry Sheet	1,000.00	
Gross amount to be raised		\$225,587.70
<u>Estimated Receipts &amp; Available Funds:</u>		
1979 F.y. Estimated Receipts Certified by the Commission on Cherry Sheet	47,053.16	
Prior Year Overestimated (C.S)	899.54	
Local Estimated Receipts	43,035.37	
Available Funds	<u>13,516.00</u>	
Total Estimated Receipts		104,504.07
Net amount to be Raised by Taxation		121,083.63
<u>Amount to Be Raised By Taxation:</u>		
Total Personal Property 405,795.00		
@ 26.10/1000=	10,541.24	
Total Real Estate 4,233,425.00		
@ 26.10/1000=	<u>110,492.39</u>	
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		121,083.63
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979 Tax Rate \$26.10 per \$1,000		
School Rate ...	\$13.92	
General Rate...	12.18	
Total	<u>\$26.10</u>	
Total Value of Personal Property	\$ 405,795.00	
Total Value of Real Estate	<u>4,233,425.00</u>	
Total - Real And Personal		\$4,639,220.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

## REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

In reporting the status of the Middlefield Public Library in the 1978-79 fiscal year, your librarian has reviewed the reports of previous years. One of the most interesting is the report of Lucy S. Newton, submitted February 1, 1899. She stated that the Middlefield Public Library was established in 1872 from a nucleus of 100 volumes which had been given to the old school district libraries by the state nearly sixty years earlier. A few years later, the town received \$100.00 worth of books from the state on condition that the town each year appropriate at least \$15.00 for the purchase of books. The total number of books in the library February 1, 1899 was 1,090. The number of books drawn during that year was 302. The number of patrons was 60.

During the eighty year span since 1899, many changes have been made in the library rooms as well as in the selection of books. The reading public of 1978-79 has shown a preference for books dealing with the problems of society and events affecting the development of our country. The increase in cost of books from \$1.25 per copy to \$10.00 has made the selection of worthwhile books more difficult. In 1899 many books dealing with history or classics were chosen by the state, while today greater freedom in the selection of books is practiced. Magazine reviews, recommendations by the Western Regional Public Library System and individual requests aid the librarian and the trustees in choosing new books. Contributions of books and magazines are helpful in providing a greater range of reading material.

The 1978 report submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in the application for a state grant lists 4,582 books and 145 records available for circulation. During the year, 781 books from the local library and 2517 from the Bookmobile were circulated. Some of the books of older vintage have been sold or given to the Goodwill Industries. The financial report indicates that \$154.94 has already been spent for books by March 1, 1979. It is estimated that at least \$150.00 will be spent for books by June 30, 1979.

The Bookmobile continues to render a valuable service to the community. Mrs. Julia Y. Andersen has aided in contacting the Bookmobile office in Pittsfield for special requests and in notifying residents of the dates of the Bookmobile visits. She has also volunteered her services in assisting the librarian.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ethel M. Pease  
Librarian

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Available funds

Balance in the Library Account 6/30/78	\$ 640.64
State Library Grant May 1978	474.78
Dog Fund	1.26
Appropriated by the Town May, 1978	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$1,316.68

Expenditures 7/1/78-3/1/79

Books	\$ 154.94	
Salary ( Librarian)	80.00	
(Mark Doane)	28.00	
Expenses (telephone, postage, clerical sup)	<u>8.50</u>	
Total		271.44

Balance in the Library Account 3/1/79 \$ 1,045.24

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel M. Pease  
Librarian

REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following complaints and incidents were responded to and investigated when required during calendar 1978.

Four motor vehicle accidents.  
Five reports of trespassers or suspicious persons.  
One report of under-age Motor Vehicle Operator.  
Two reports of speeding.  
One non-resident ejected from the Disposal Area.  
One complaint of local youths disturbing the peace.  
Three reports of damage to Mail Boxes.  
Four reports of lawn damage by motor vehicles.  
Two searches for lost or injured non-resident Sportsmen.

Seven Firearms Identification Cards (FID's), five permits to carry firearms (Pistol Permits) and one license to sell ammunition were issued.

The Constables posted warrants for the Annual and three Special Town Meetings plus one State Election.

The Chief of Police completed the State required course in Cardio-Pulmonary Resusitation (CPR) and First Aid.

Early in the year the Hilltown Police Association was formed, comprising thirteen area towns, and your Chief of Police was elected Secretary of the Association for 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE WIRING INSPECTOR

In the year of 1978, I have inspected the following:

2 - Temporary  
4 - Rough - In  
4 - Service  
1 - Furnace

14 Calls, total

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Droseh  
Wiring Inspector

## REPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department has responded to 9 track fires and 2 chimney fires this year.

There was a First Responders Course given in Paril, 1978 with 10 members present. All 10 have been certified as First Responders. Being a Certified First Responder qualifies said person to administer emergency treatment at the scent of the emergency, accident, etc. This includes C.P.R.

With the help of the Middlefield Grange the Department was able to purchase the books needed for the course and we thank them.

The Town has purchased a new fire truck. It is a 1956 Ford Pumper with a 500 gallon tank, which will be in use very soon. We need to purchase the hose and the Hinsdale Fire Department has offered to come up and show us how to run the pumps.

We and the Ladies Auxiliary have had some fun this past year, marching in parades and as you may know we even brought home a couple of trophies. We got together and cleaned up and restored, the best we could, the old pumper, one of Middlefield's first fire vehicles and marched in Chester's parade with it.

The younger men decided to try their luck at organizing a muster team. They are enjoying it and I hope they will get all the support they need. They ran in a couple of events in two musters last year. Although they didn't finish first, they did get a lot of practical experience.

I feel it has been a good year for the Fire Department and hope the support of the Town will continue.

Respectfully submitted,

William Paschal  
Fire Chief

## REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1978, and have found them to be in good order and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

Edmund Kurtz  
Auditor

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

I have found 228 head of cattle, 41 horses, 2 swine, five sheep, and four goats in my annual inspection.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles E. Cook  
Inspector of Animals

INSPECTOR OF MILK

As inspector of milk I issued one permit for the sale of milk during the year 1978.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles E. Cook  
Inspector of Milk

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

In the year of 1978, I received five (5) calls.

2 dogs picked up  
1 dog returned to owner  
1 dog put down

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles G. Emerson  
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE DISPOSAL AREA ATTENDANT

As dump attendant, I have enjoyed my association with my fellow townspeople in making our local dump site serviceable to all entitled to use it. However, those who do not find the dump open hours convenient to their needs, should be advised that unsightly trash left by the opening at the end of the fence, can result in a closing of the facility entirely.

We are fortunate that the present sight is available

Dump hours this summer will be:    Sunday            11:00 - 2:00  
   Wednesday        4:00 - 7:00  
   Saturday         10:00 - 1:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Priscilla Suriner  
Attendant