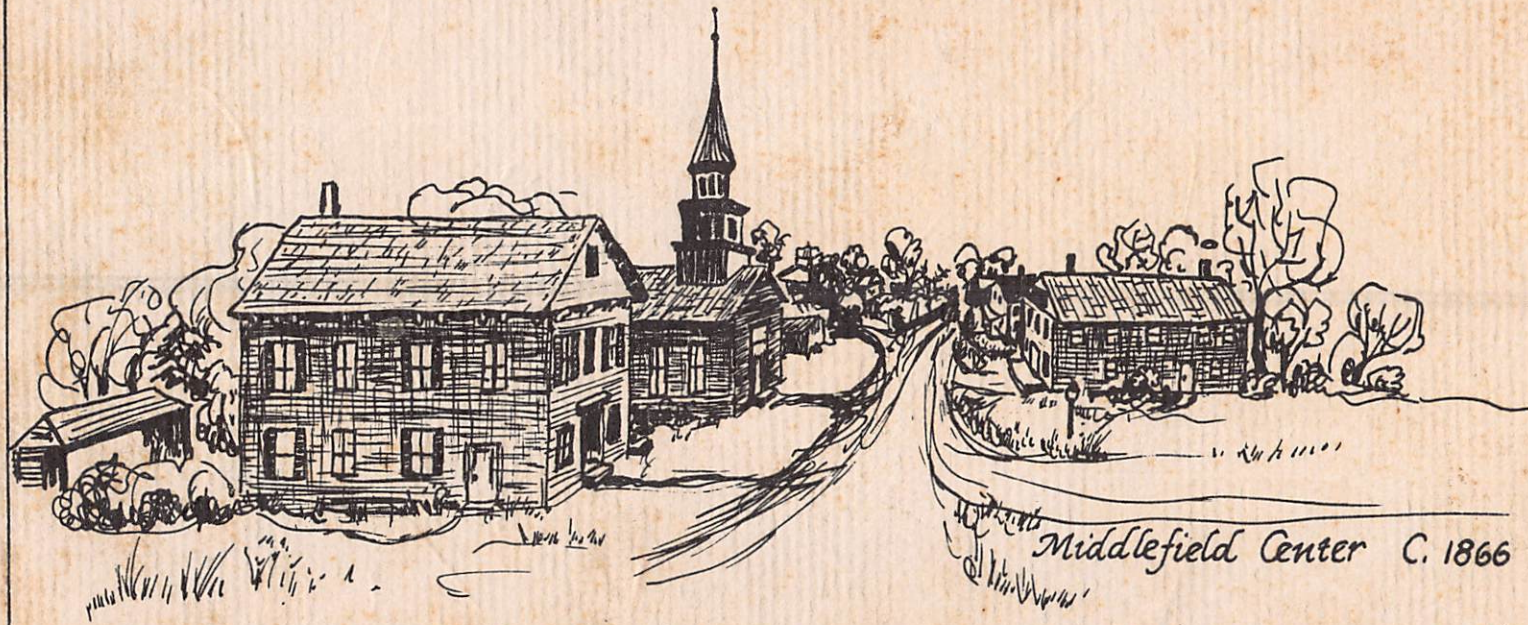


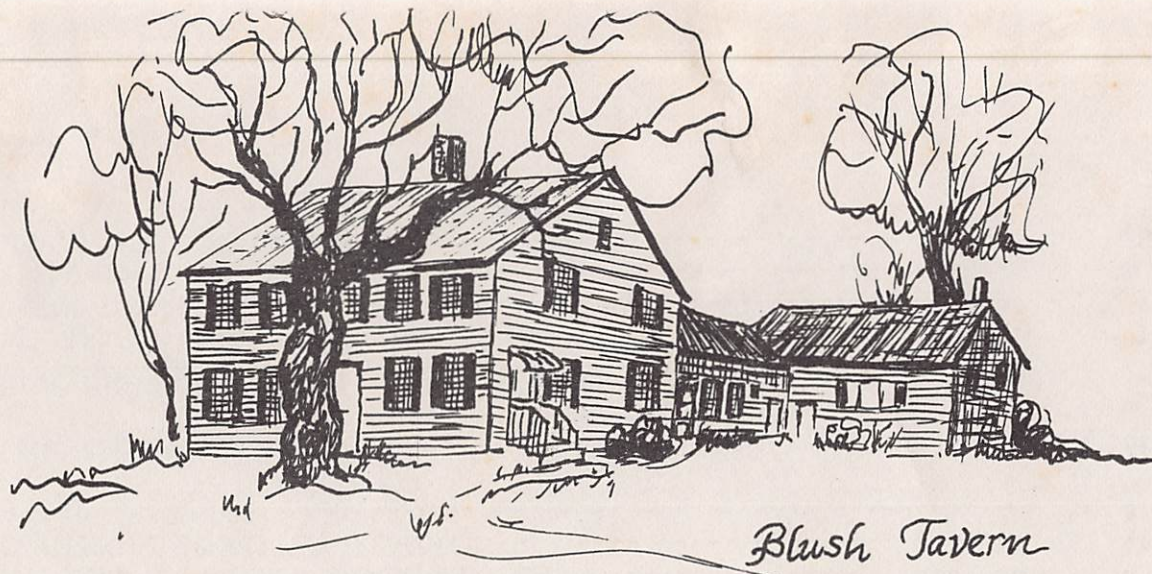
Town of Middlefield



Annual Town Report
Fiscal 1984

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There were three taverns in Middlefield in the 1780's; Blush Tavern, David Mack Tavern and Blossom Tavern, all three functioning as meeting places for church services and town meetings. Once the church buildings and town hall were built, the taverns' primary purposes were for travellers and informal gatherings of townspeople. During the early days there were military training events when young men met according to state law for drill instruction on the parade grounds next to the meetinghouse. Afterward, they would gather at the Blush bar to celebrate. Townspeople also went to Blush Tavern to dance, for it is said it also had a springboard dance floor.

Joseph Blush built the Tavern in 1783 and operated it until 1790 when his son took it over. Oliver was very popular as an innkeeper and story teller.

Other owners were: Ambrose Newton, Kate Smith, Mary Smith and Richard A. Waite. It is currently owned by Janet F. Waite (Mrs. Richard A. Waite).

History of the Town of Middlefield - Smith and Smith, pg. 97-98.



Blossom Tavern

The original owner was Enos Blossom who lived there from 1780 until 1792 when he sold it to Ebenezer Selden. Daniel Alderman must have owned it for a short time since it is written that he sold it to Dr. William Coleman in 1805 who lived there for a decade. It was converted to a dwelling place when Dan Pease bought it in 1821 and remained in the Pease family until 1952 when it was purchased by George and Irene Platzer.

The house is of the traditional New England tavern construction with two identical sides, each facing a road. Currently one faces Skyline Trail, the other Arthur Pease Road. Taverns like this were places for travellers to stay and for townspeople to meet and exchange news and opinions. They were places for holding town meetings and church services before meetinghouses and town halls were built. Blossom Tavern has two square rooms on either side of the hallway; one enters from the Skyline side, one of which was the card room, the other the tap room. The kitchen and dining area are at the rear downstairs. Upstairs, in addition to sleeping rooms, was a springboard dance floor above the tap room. Harold Pease, the last Pease to own the house, told of being forbidden as a child to jump up and down on that floor for fear of bringing the plaster down on the room below.

History of the Town of Middlefield - Smith and Smith, pg. 95, 96, 131, 450.

MIDDLEFIELD ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

<u>OFFICE</u>		<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
TOWN CLERK	Edith P. Rice	1985
MODERATOR	John E. Rice	1985
TREASURER	Nancy C. Pease	1986
SELECTMEN AND COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE	Joseph J. Kearns* Isabella C. Jordan Donald A. Savery	1985 1986 1987
ASSESSORS	John E. Rice Michael F. Pensivy Wayne E. Main*	1985 1986 1987
BOARD OF HEALTH & FENCE VIEWERS	The Selectmen	
GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Joan Daly Kathleen Crean, Resigned Edward Donnelly, Appointed	1986 1987
TAX COLLECTOR	Neil G. Nickerson	1985
CONSTABLES	Donald A. Savery William L. Paschal	1986 1986
AUDITOR	Peter G. Oligny	1985
TREE WARDEN	Clyde A. Savery	1985

<u>OFFICE</u>		<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Helen Alderman Cynthia Oligny Elizabeth Oligny	1985 1986 1987
PLANNING BOARD	Ellen Russo Priscilla Suriner Lesley Jordan Mark Lipton* Carol Varsano Vacant	1985 1985 1986 1986 1987 1987
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	Peter G. Oligny Maurice H. Pease* Roger C. Merrell Henry Rock, Alternate Howard Pease, Alternate	1985 1986 1987
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Priscilla Suriner Elizabeth Oligny, Appt'd Richard Merrell, Appt'd T. Crean, Resigned Vacant Thomas Rock*	1985 1985 1986 1987 1987 1987
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	Lois Leonardo-Bell* Neil G. Nickerson Larry F. Pease	1985 1986 1987

*Chairperson

MIDDLEFIELD APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS EACH FOR 1 YEAR

OFFICE

REGISTRARS OF
VOTERS

Ellen A. Russo
Janet E. Gardner
Roger C. Merrell
Edith P. Rice, Town Clerk

HISTORICAL
COMMISSION

Marjorie Batorski*
Ann Jewett
Priscilla Suriner

COUNCIL ON
AGING

Priscilla Suriner*
Helen P. Cook
Helen Alderman
Dulcie Olds
James Hale
Isabella Jordan
Elizabeth Oligny

RECREATION
COMMITTEE

The Selectmen
Bicentennial Committee

CONSERVATION
COMMISSION

Jack Guyette*
Ann Baruzzi
Cynthia Oligny

ARTS COUNCIL

Ann Jewett*
Michael Hale
Judith Artioli
Ellen Russo
Leo Varsano
Janet Gardner

OFFICE

SUPT. OF STREETS

Robert P. Miller

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN

G. Robert Olds

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

William L. Paschal

CHIEF OF POLICE

Thomas Austin

Deputy

Paul Scapin

Deputy

Bob Keach

Deputy

Michael Pensivy

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Charles E. Cook

INSPECTOR OF MILK

Charles E. Cook

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Walter Smith

WIRING INSPECTOR

John Savery

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

William J. Zeitler

SUPT. OF DUTCH ELM &
INSECT PEST CONTROL

Supt. of Streets

DOG OFFICER

Michael Brighenti

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Helen P. Cook

MEASURERS OF WOOD & BARK

Michael F. Nevers
Ira W. Pease

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER

Michael F. Nevers

FIELD DRIVER

VACANT

DISPOSAL AREA ATTENDANT

Priscilla Suriner, Resigned
Martin A. Main

VETERANS AGENT

Brian Martin

CIVIL DEFENSE

Howard Pease, Jr.

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Olive Furioni

*Chairperson

*Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts - May 4, 1985*

Hampshire S.S.

*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 fourth of May next, at 11:45 in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose on one ballot a Town Clerk, Moderator, Auditor, Tree Warden and a Finance Committee Member for a term of one year.

A Planning Board Member, School Committee Member and a Finance Committee Member (due to resignation) for the term of two years.

A Selectman, Assessor, Tax Collector, Cemetery Commissioner, Zoning Board of Appeals Member, Trustee of the Public Library, two Planning Board Members and two Finance Committee Members for the term of three years.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 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, 1985 in accordance with the provision of the General Laws, Chapter 14, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore 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.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$114,439.82 for Middlefield's share of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 1985 through June 30, 1986, or take any other action thereto, or accept as a net assessment a sum which is less than \$114,439.82 as certified by the Gateway Regional School District.

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

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$24,000 for maintenance of Town Highways, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$18,000 for Machinery Expense Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$10,000 to seal roads with oil and stone, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salaries of Elected Town Officials and determine the amount of salary for each Elective Official:

Moderator	\$ 60.00	Selectman, Chairman	\$ 600.00
Town Clerk	375.00	Selectman, 2nd	300.00
Tax Collector	1,200.00	Selectman, 3rd	300.00
Treasurer	1,200.00	Auditor	45.00
Assessor, Chairman	450.00	Constable, 1st	90.00
Assessor, 2nd	450.00	Constable, 2nd	90.00
Assessor, 3rd	450.00		

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600 for Selectmen's Expenses, which includes \$1,100 for Secretary's Salary and \$500 for travel, telephone and office supplies, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the Assessor's Expense Account, which includes \$1,600 for Computer Up-Date and \$400 for travel and office expenses.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year July 1, 1985 through June 30, 1986, or take any other action relating thereto:

HIGHWAYS AND RELATED EXPENSES

Snow Removal	\$20,000.00
Employees Holiday and Vacation Pay	2,800.00
Health Insurance, Employees	2,100.00
Unemployment Compensation, Town's Share	100.00

NATURAL RESOURCES

Dutch Elm Disease Control	155.00
Forest Fire Protection	10.00
Insect Pest Control	100.00
Tree Warden	100.00
Conservation Commission	10.00

GOVERNMENT

Office Expense	1,200.00
Elections & Registration	300.00
Hampshire County Retirement	4,882.00
Health & Sanitation	10.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	2,000.00
Printing	1,200.00
Town Counsel	150.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Civil Defense	\$ 10.00
Dog Officer	300.00
Fire Chief & Forest Warden Salary	325.00
Fire Department Expenses	2,500.00
Fire Department Radio	700.00
Fire Phones	400.00
Inspections	700.00
Library	250.00
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	60.00
Planning Board	10.00
Police Chief Salary	300.00
Police Department Expenses	400.00
Recreation	100.00
Street Lights	600.00
Veterans Agent	10.00
War Memorials & Playgrounds	500.00

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 for the purchase of a copy machine for the Town Offices, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$5,000 for maintenance of public buildings, including heat, electricity, telephones, etc., or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$12,000 to cover all Town Insurance, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlay Surplus a sum of \$3,000 for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,200 for the Hinsdale Ambulance Fund and \$500 for the Huntington Lions Club Ambulance Fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,750 for payment of the fire-house note, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,400 for interest of the fire-house note, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$8,000 for rubbish removal and disposal area, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote (1) to continue to belong to the Western Massachusetts Coalition of Governments and Institutions for the purpose of supporting an effective legal challenge to the rate increase request filed by Western Massachusetts Electric Company with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities; (2) to raise and appropriate funds according to the established fee schedule, or otherwise provide its share of coalition expenses, which is \$100 for municipalities less than 500 population.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$300 for the Visiting Nurse Association, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$5,000 for a reinforced concrete wall and pad at the Town Transfer Station, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$5,000, or any other amount, for a Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$800 for the Middlefield Arts Council to be used for the Middlefield Arts Celebration to be held in June, 1985, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the West Hill Road from the former Berkshire Lakes Field Office (about 1,000' beyond the Becket Road) to the Washington Town line.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article I, Section 2 of the Town By-Laws to read:
Notice of every town meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the warrant calling the same in the Town Post Office, on the bulletin board at the Middlefield Elementary School, a designated place in the Bancroft section of the Town and a designated place in Smith Hollow, not less than seven days before the day appointed for such meeting, and the return of the officer stating the manner of notice shall be endorsed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to permit the Collector of Taxes to submit a bill once per Fiscal Year to receive the fees for Certified Liens issued in accordance with the General Laws Chapter 60, Section 23.

ARTICLE 30. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Other articles may be added to this warrant.

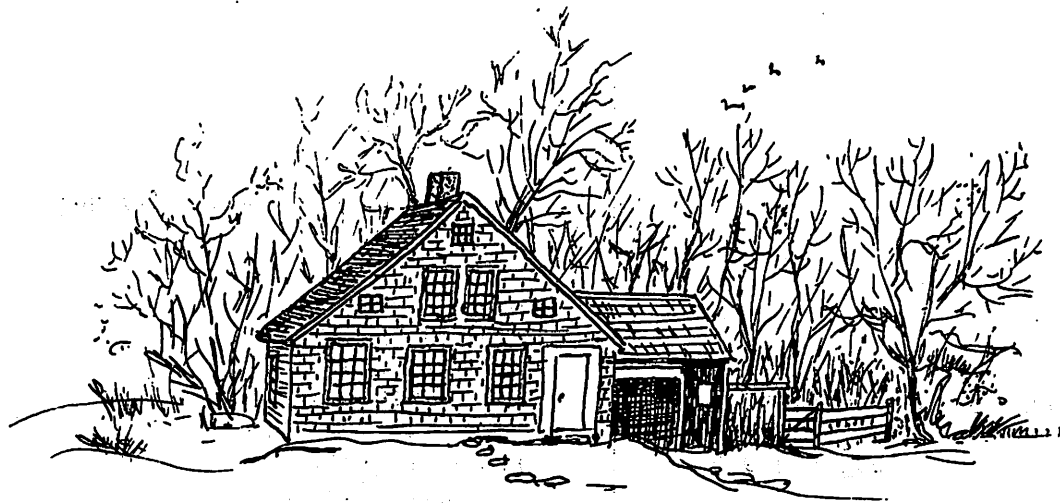
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of same in the Middlefield Post Office, on the bulletin board at the Elementary School and in a designated place in the Bancroft section of the Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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 second day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine-hundred and eighty-five.

Joseph J. Kearns
Isabella C. Jordan
Donald A. Savery

SELECTMEN OF MIDDLEFIELD



Seefeld House

Enoch Crowell, who came from Yarmouth, built this house c. 1780-81. It was constructed, as were many of that time, of hand hewn planks pinned together with wooden pegs instead of nails. There are two fireplaces lined with soapstone which may have been a later addition when the local soapstone quarry was discovered. All of the hinges in the house are hand made and there are indian bars on the doors.

Subsequent owners were Amasa Blush, David Mack, Jr., Stephen Graves, Selden Root, John Dolman, Jessie Hopkins, Marian Emerine. The present owners are George and Elizabeth Seefeld.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

<u>DOG LICENSES</u>	<u>EACH</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
48 Males	3.00	\$144.00
3 Females	6.00	18.00
37 Spayed Females	3.00	111.00
6 Kennels	10.00	60.00
1 Kennel	25.00	25.00
TOTAL		<u>358.00</u>
95 Clerk's Fees	.75	71.25
PAID TO TOWN TREASURER		<u>\$286.75</u>

JURY LIST

*Judith Artioli
 *Michale J. Brighenti
 *Robert S. Brown
 *Eric P. Guerke
 Hazel Guyette
 *Michael P. Hale
 Hazel M. Hall
 *Cheryl Harper
 *Jimmy L. Jasmin
 *Joseph J. Kearns
 *Linda McAlary

*Laurie Rahilly
 *Peter Rocke
 *Anthony Russo
 *Clyde Savery
 Ralph Smith
 Priscilla Suriner
 *Carol Varsano
 *Anne Keach
 *Brian Miller
 James F. Hale
 Lesley V. Jordan

*Drawn for jury duty. The rest remain in the pool for 1985.

<u>SPORTING LICENSES</u>	<u>EACH</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
10 Resident Fishing	12.50	\$125.00
11 Resident Hunting	12.50	137.50
12 Sporting	19.50	234.00
1 Resident Alien Fishing	14.50	14.50
5 Non-resident Fishing	17.50	87.50
1 Duplicate	2.00	2.00
1 Non-resident Hunting	48.50	48.50
1 Sporting (over 70)	FREE	-0-
2 Sporting (65-69)	9.75	19.50
10 Archery/Primitive	5.10	51.00
TOTAL		<u>719.50</u>
42 Clerk's Fees	.50	21.00
10 Clerk's Fees	.10	1.00
PAID TO DIV. OF FISHERIES AND GAME		<u>\$697.50</u>

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1984

May 1 Ellen Frances Donnelly, daughter of Joseph Michael and Susan Pierre Donnelly.
Aug. 9 Susan Elizabeth Pease, daughter of Larry Francis and Marie Rock Pease.
Aug. 24 Kaitlyn Marie Guerke, daughter of Eric Philip and Debra J'Anthony Guerke.
Sept. 17 Amber Rea Guild, daughter of Loren Everett and Lisa Talis Guild.
Oct. 15 James David Daigneault, son of Peter Robin and Debra Bolduc Daigneault.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1984

June 2 Donald H. Carter and Christine Louise Hall.
June 23 David Alan Vreeland and Meredith Susan Lein.

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1984

May 2 George Louis Bell Age 61
Nov. 6 Thelma Piscor Age 77

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

August 7, 1984 - Twelve registered voters were present.

Voted unanimously to rescind the vote on Article 24 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 1984, and voted to transfer \$10,500 from Revenue Sharing and \$8,000 from Free Cash to pay for the purchase of a 1967 Austin Western Grader, total price to be \$18,500.

November 6, 1984 - Nineteen registered voters were present.

Voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a grant in the amount up to \$150,000 under the Small Town Road Assistance Program (STRAP) pursuant to the provisions of Section 32 of Chapter 637 of the Acts of 1983 for the purpose of the repair of Skyline Trail from the Chester Town Line to the intersection with the Chester Road.

Henry Rock spoke about the completed Becket Bridge on the Rainy Day Camp Road and suggested that the Town plan ahead to re-surface the road to Becket because it would reduce the mileage to Becket from 14+ miles to 3+ miles.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith P. Rice, Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1984
JULY 1, 1983 — JUNE 30, 1984

RECEIPTS

Taxes	\$156,264.93
Local Aid	2,335.90
Lottery	3,010.14
Highways	67,831.02
Revenue Reimbursement	45,797.34
Arts Council Aid	500.00
Bicentennial	3,439.75
Court	25.00
Council on Aging Aid	650.00
Dog Fund	96.54
Dog Licenses	336.75
Dog License Overpayment	15.75
Excrow	10.00
Historical Commission Donation	10.50
Income from Copy Machine	61.55
Interest Earned: Investment	2,898.87
Revenue Sharing	874.63
Taxes & Assessments	1,540.32
Library Aid	1,018.00
Library Gift	25.00
Licenses, Permits & Inspections	954.00
Loans	30,000.00
Revenue Sharing Federal Deposit	8,237.50
Registration & Elections Check	40.20
Sale of Cemetery Lots	50.00
Withholding Taxes:	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	1,245.01
Federal Income Tax	3,743.89
Hampshire County Retirement	1,614.97
State Income Tax	1,442.71
TOTAL RECEIPTS	334,070.27
Cash Balance beginning of Fiscal Year	14,628.77
Revenue Sharing Balance beg. of FY	12,940.71
TOTAL CASH FOR FISCAL YEAR 1984	<u>\$361,639.75</u>

PAYMENTS

Selectmen's Orders (Warrants)	\$249,281.44
Treasurer's Warrants	51,908.48
Cash on Hand end of Fiscal Year	14,203.81
Revenue Sharing Bal. end of Fiscal Year	6,246.36
Investment of General Cash in Money Market during Fiscal Year	<u>40,000.00</u>
CASH ON HAND END OF FISCAL YEAR AND TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>\$361,639.75</u>

LIABILITIES

Firehouse FHA Loan	\$ 35,000.00
Payments to reduce Principal 1981-1984	7,000.00
PRINCIPAL BALANCE	<u>\$ 28,000.00</u>
Interest Paid on Firehouse Loan at 5% 1981-1984	\$ 6,473.00
Short Term Loans:	
Note #263	\$ 30,000.00
Paid in Fiscal Year 1984	30,000.00
BALANCE	<u>-0-</u>

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPRO- PRIATION</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT AVAILABLE</u>	<u>RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS</u>	<u>EXPEN- DITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	<u>BALANCE CLOSED OUT</u>
Ambulance Service	1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00	-0-	-0-
Assessor's Computer Update	1,600.00		1,600.00		1,377.70	-0-	222.30
Assessor's Expense	400.00		400.00		377.85	-0-	22.15
Bicentennial-Balance 7/1/83	2,366.98						
-Appropriation	2,000.00						
-Earned FY 1984	3,439.75		7,806.73		3,288.26	4,518.47	-0-
Civil Defense	10.00		10.00		-0-	-0-	10.00
Conservation Commission	10.00		10.00		-0-	-0-	10.00
Disposal Area		5,000.00 ¹	5,000.00	2,331.50	7,331.50	-0-	-0-
Dog Officer's Salary & Expense	300.00		300.00		100.00	-0-	200.00
Elected Officials Salaries	5,610.00		5,610.00		5,610.00	-0-	-0-
Employees Holiday & Vacation Pay	1,500.00		1,500.00		1,411.20	-0-	88.80
Fire Chief's Salary	325.00		325.00		325.00	-0-	-0-
Fire Department Expense	2,500.00		2,500.00	54.44	2,554.44	-0-	-0-
Firehouse Loan Payment on Principal		1,750.00 ²	1,750.00		1,750.00	-0-	-0-
Fire Phones	450.00		450.00		383.81	-0-	66.19
Forest Fire Protection	10.00		10.00		-0-	-0-	10.00
Gateway Regional School District	86,718.75	(17,076.00) ³	69,642.75		69,642.75	-0-	-0-
Hampshire County Retirement	1,483.00		1,483.00		1,483.00	-0-	-0-
Health Insurance-Town's Share	1,000.00		1,000.00	109.20	1,109.20	-0-	-0-
Health & Sanitation	10.00		10.00		-0-	-0-	10.00
Inspections	700.00		700.00		460.00	-0-	240.00
Insurance & Police Insurance	13,400.00		13,400.00		13,399.21	-0-	.79
Interest Expense-Firehouse Loan		1,487.50 ⁴	1,487.50		1,487.50	-0-	-0-
-Short Term Loans	5,000.00		5,000.00		448.77	-0-	4,551.23
Job Insurance	500.00		500.00		49.05	-0-	450.95

TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1984 (CONT'D)

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPRO- PRIATION</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT AVAILABLE</u>	<u>RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS</u>	<u>EXPEN- DITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	<u>BALANCE CLOSED OUT</u>
Library Expense	250.00	757.32 ⁵	950.00		1,007.32	-0-	-0-
Machinery Expense	18,000.00	6,000.00 ⁶	24,000.00		23,762.96	-0-	237.04
Maintenance Public Buildings		5,000.00 ⁷	5,000.00		3,773.72	1,226.28 ⁸	-0-
Office Expense	1,200.00		1,200.00	11.65	1,211.65	-0-	-0-
Planning Board	10.00		10.00		-0-	-0-	10.00
Police Chief's Salary	300.00		300.00		300.00	-0-	-0-
Police Department Expense	400.00		400.00		399.45	-0-	.55
Printing	800.00		800.00	89.82	889.82	-0-	-0-
Registration & Elections	300.00	40.20 ⁹	340.20	321.71	661.91	-0-	-0-
Reserve Fund		6,000.00 ¹⁰ (220.50) ¹¹	5,779.50		3,085.86 ¹²		2,693.64
Selectmen's Expense	500.00		500.00	167.54	667.54	-0-	-0-
Selectmen's Secretary's Salary	1,100.00		1,100.00		895.80	-0-	204.20
Street Lights	600.00		600.00		434.44	-0-	165.56
Town Counsel	150.00		150.00		150.00	-0-	-0-
Town Highways	24,000.00		24,000.00		22,809.65	-0-	1,190.35
Town Snow	20,000.00		20,000.00		19,997.33	-0-	2.67
Tree Accounts:							
Dutch Elm Disease Control	155.00		155.00		152.00	-0-	3.00
Insect Pest Control	100.00		100.00		93.00	-0-	7.00
Tree Warden	100.00		100.00		97.50	-0-	2.50
Veterans Agent	10.00		10.00		-0-	-0-	10.00
Visiting Nurse Association	100.00		100.00		100.00	-0-	-0-
War Memorials & Play Areas	500.00		500.00		231.25	-0-	268.75
Western Mass Coalition	100.00		100.00		100.00	-0-	-0-
TOTAL APPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS	199,508.48	8,738.52	208,189.68	3,085.86	191,824.58	5,744.75	10,671.67

<u>ACCOUNTS WITH NO APPROPRIATION:</u>	<u>EXPEN- DITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>
Arts Council (State Funded Grant)	500.00	-0-
Cemetery Expense	936.40	
Chapter 480 (State Reimbursable at 100%)	45,409.95	45,409.95
Council on Aging: Balance 7/1/83	437.43	
Highland Valley Elder Service	250.00	
Secretary of Elder Affairs	400.00	
Available Funds	<u>1,087.43</u>	
	435.30	652.13
Historical Commission Balance 7/1/83	196.45	-0-
		196.45
TOTAL UNAPPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS	57,456.86	
TOTAL SELECTMEN'S ORDERS-APPROPRIATED & UNAPPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS	<u>249,281.44</u>	
<u>TREASURER'S WARRANTS</u>		
Blue Cross Blue Shield - Withheld	1,109.20	
Hampshire County Tax	11,074.82	
Bureau of Accounts	10.00	
Dog Fees Collected and Paid to Hampshire County	336.75	
Federal Income Tax - Withheld	3,334.40	
Hampshire County Retirement - Withheld	1,425.16	
Hampshire County Chronic Disease Hospital Assessment	514.88	
Loans - Anticipation of Revenue	30,000.00	
Lower Pioneer Valley	57.75	
Payment of Printed Checks	55.95	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Assessment	1,593.00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Income Tax Withheld	1,054.68	
Tax Refunds - Motor Vehicle and Real Estate	<u>1,341.55</u>	
TOTAL TREASURER'S WARRANTS	<u>51,908.14</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES - SELECTMEN'S ORDERS & TREASURER'S WARRANTS	<u>\$301,189.58</u>	

TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1984 (CONT'D)

TRUSTS

Sally Dickson School Fund:

Original Investment	\$ 500.00
Interest Earned as of Dec. 1983	2,605.00
Interest Earned in 1984	338.85
Total Investment & Interest	<u>\$3,443.85</u>

Sally Dickson Charity Fund:

Original Investment	\$1,000.00
Interest Earned as of Dec. 1983	4,437.64
Interest Earned in 1984	593.49
Total Investment & Interest	<u>\$6,031.13</u>

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund:

Principal Investment	\$8,800.00
Interest Earned as of June 1983	1,594.85
Interest earned in FY 1984	1,002.59
Total Investment & Interest	<u>\$11,394.48</u>

REVENUE SHARING

Balance July 1, 1983	\$12,940.71
Deposits by Federal Government	8,626.00
Interest Earned in FY 1984	874.60
Available Funds	<u>22,441.31</u>
Transfers	<u>8,237.50</u>
Balance June 30, 1984	<u>\$14,203.81</u>

EXPLANATION OF FOOTNOTES

- ¹ Transferred from Free Cash.
- ² Transferred from Revenue Sharing.
- ³ Reduced assessment.
- ⁴ Transferred from Revenue Sharing.
- ⁵ Transferred from Library Fund.
- ⁶ Special Town Meeting to Raise and Appropriate.
- ⁷ Transferred from Revenue Sharing.
- ⁸ Balance returned to Revenue Sharing.
- ⁹ State funds.
- ¹⁰ Transferred from Overlay Surplus.
- ¹¹ Reduced Overlay Surplus per State Auditor.
- ¹² This figure not included in total Expenditures.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION INVESTMENT:

Principal Investment	\$500.00
Interest Earned as of 1983	4.83
Interest earned in FY 1984	22.83
Total Investment & Interest	<u>\$527.66</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy C. Pease, Treasurer

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Many thanks go to the previous Selectmen, such as Gordon Miller and Jim Hale, who kept "banging the drum" for a Rood Road bridge. The Commonwealth granted the town money under its bridge program. Now we have a new bridge that is safer than its predecessor and destined to provide years of good service.

The end of May, 1984 proved to be one wet period. Middlefield received more rain in four days than some parts of the U.S. receive in a year. The devastation to our road system was broad. An estimate by the State Department of Public Works put the damage at \$113,250. This figure has been backed up by funds voted in the State Legislature. We have spent about half of this sum and have been reimbursed after a six month wait. Large scale damage was sustained on Clark Wright Road. Churchill Hill and Olds' Hill were unpassable. Their repair has started and will be completed this year. When repaired, we plan to have a better road than we started with. By this fall we plan to use all the funds made available to us.

There is a section of Town Hill Road below the turn-off for West Hill Road that has received considerable damage due to erosion and subsequent undermining. We have been in contact with the Army Corps of Engineers as well as the State Department of Public Works. Between them, we hope to acquire enough funds to remedy this situation.

During the past year, the Selectmen applied for the Small Town Road Assistance Program. 54 of the 57 eligible towns in the Commonwealth applied for this grant money. About 14 towns were successful in this first round. Middlefield did not receive a grant. Our plan is to apply for the second round of grants. Our grant application suggested the rebuilding of the interchange of Skyline Trail and the Chester Road.

Also, the rebuilding of the Skyline Trail from the Chester Road to the Chester town line was suggested. These are areas that need attention and efforts will continue to make improvements. The good news is that Worthington did receive a grant. They plan to apply the money to River Road. This should be appreciated by many in our town.

In the dip on Skyline Trail one-half mile above the Town Center, a new culvert is ready to be put in place. The present culvert is starting to deteriorate and is causing the road to narrow. This is one of the first projects to be started this summer.

The Town Highway Department has seen improvements this past year. The motors in the Green Mack truck and the Bucket Loader have been rebuilt. The roof of the Town Garage has been renewed. A newer grader has been purchased to replace a smaller much more tired unit. The employees of the Highway Department were given a raise to restore wages that were eaten by inflation since their last pay hike.

Looking toward the future of the Highway Department, a stabilization fund was established. This will in effect allow us to "save" for large purchases, such as a new truck and plow which we will have to consider in the next two or three years. We can now put our capital expenditures on a longer spread.

Note needs to be made of the continuing good work of the Hilltown Community Development Corporation. A survey of the Wood Industry is nearing completion. The Bed and Breakfast concept has taken hold and given a nice accent to tourism in our area. Agriculture products are being marketed with a common labeling concept to increase product identity and help local farmers. Efforts on the part of local artisans to ban together for marketing and other cooperative efforts shows good signs.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT (CONT'D)

Of continuing benefit of the bicentennial celebration is the use of some of the leftover money for a recreational plan for the town owned land in the center of the town. This is a project that once planned out can be executed over a several year period. Suggestions have included a softball/Little League field, a tennis court, basketball court and a picnic area. These are some of the possibilities being suggested. We look forward to other suggestions. With a plan in place, people and groups could apply themselves to areas of personal interest.

The town Transfer Station which borders the proposed recreational area has received further attention this past year. A separate screened area for the metal has been established. A road to the rear that is used as brush dump has been established. If money is available this year a reinforced concrete pad and wall will be built for the stall box. This should improve the appearance of the area. Efforts will be continued to tidy this area. We ask your help here. Safe disposal of refuse takes a bigger bite out of our taxes and the projections do not look good.

Tax maps are a tool that the Selectmen and Assessors are looking to purchase. On a periodic basis, the town is asked by the state to seek a reevaluation of property values. With tax maps, this would be a much simplified process. Should the state mandate tax maps, which they probably will, we will not lose a year's cash flow while the task is accomplished. With tax maps every taxpayer would be assessed for exactly the land he owns.

Energy is a question we have tried to address. The Middlefield School will become the responsibility of the Town of Middlefield in three years. A big expense will be heating this building. With that in mind, the Selectmen had an energy audit done of the building. Then, based on an application to the

State Energy Office, we have received a grant in excess of \$2,000 to improve the controls on the furnace. Another area that now needs consideration are the windows. The present ones are very energy inefficient. A grant proposal will be made to attempt to cover this project. Ideas need to come forth for the more complete use of the school in the future. It will cost the town at least \$10,000 a year to maintain the school building. With a limited tax base this will not be easy. Any ideas to make this more workable will be realized in lower taxes for all of us. Partial commercial use of the building should be considered to offset costs. Study will have to be made to see if the potential is there.

The school budget is the big item to attach each year. It always seems to get bigger and sometimes greatly so, like last year when it went up 42%. Much of this can be seen in increasing numbers of children in school. On March 1, 1982 we had 53 children in school. One year later we had 66 children. Six months ago, that figure had risen to 74. In eighteen months we are looking at an enrollment increase of 40%. This is nothing less than dramatic. Since the school budget composes the major part of our local taxes, we are certainly put into a pinch. The Commonwealth helps a little more each year, but not enough for us. The Federal government is rapidly cutting back in this area so the local citizen will be placed with an increasing burden. Hard as it is sometimes, we have to realize the value of a good education for each young person and how that education is a benefit to all of us. Many questions are left unanswered in this area and we beg for a creative solution.

It has come to the Selectmen's attention that more of the citizenry is being called for jury duty. We realized this when the three members of the Highway Department have all served within a 14 month period.

We hope a simplified system can be established in Northampton so that so many do not have to serve for so long. There are winds of change and we hope it comes soon.

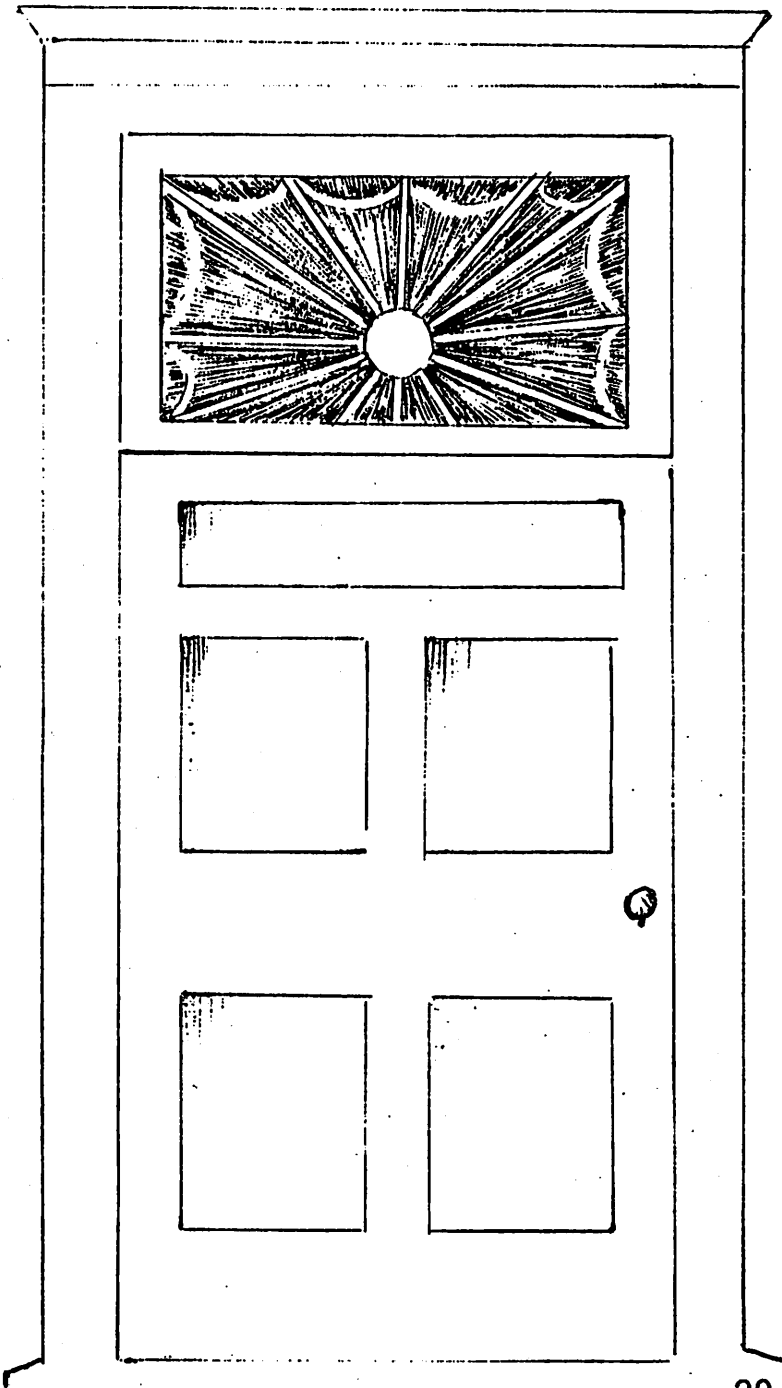
This past year has seen us in a pool for our Workers' Compensation insurance as well as our property and liability insurance. With increased coverage, we have been able to hold the cost line. Since this so rarely occurs we felt it important to mention.

Our Town Report placed second this past year in the small town division in the Commonwealth. Judy Paddock and Edith Rice put great energy and creativity into the Report. The results showed in so many ways. The Selectmen wish to especially thank these two individuals for their generous efforts. We are looking to broaden the content of our Report. Basically, items we look to increase are the historical and human interest areas. When an update of the Town History is proposed, one could then look to the Town Report for coverage of many of the big events that had passed. Also some of the little ones should be thrown in for balance.

The Selectmen continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings in the Middlefield School. All are welcome to attend our meetings or bring to our attention something that needs consideration. We are also looking for people to serve in various town posts and on several committees. Just show us your enthusiasm and we will give it a place to flourish.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Kearns, Chairman
Isabella C. Jordan
Donald A. Savery



Door and fanlight of James Dickson, Jr.'s House

**SELECTMEN'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1984
JULY 1, 1983 — JUNE 30, 1984**

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Hinsdale Ambulance	1,000.00
Huntington Ambulance	500.00
Total Expenditures	<u>1,500.00</u>
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>

ASSESSORS COMPUTER UPDATE

Appropriation	1,600.00
MMC, Inc.	1,377.70
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>222.30</u>

ASSESSORS EXPENSE

Appropriation	400.00
Postage	109.85
Westwall Press-printing	12.50
Hobbs & Warren-forms	53.80
J. Rice-supplies	14.70
MMC, Inc.	80.00
S. Kozera-transfers	71.00
Mass Association-dues	36.00
Total Expenditures	<u>377.85</u>
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>22.15</u>

BICENTENNIAL EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
Balance 7/1/83	2,366.98
Available Funds	<u>4,366.98</u>
Fair Expenses	10.00
Parade Expenses	421.01
Bicentennial Ball Expenses	1,269.75
A. Hases-postage & printing	60.00
Picnic Expenses	32.59
MA Lottery Tax	6.70
B. Winn	45.87
Olds Store-supplies	71.36
Impress Printing-Town Rep't Photos	405.00
Boston University Scholarship	250.00
M. Batorski-Queen's crown	29.00
Y. Olsen-raffle	82.59
Berkshire Hand Prints-T-shirts	591.59
H. Alderman	12.80
Total Expenditures	<u>3,288.26</u>
Earned in Fiscal Year 1984	3,439.75
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>4,518.47</u>

CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation	10.00
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>10.00</u>

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appropriation 10.00

BALANCE 6/30/84 10.00

DISPOSAL AREA

Appropriation 5,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund 2,331.50
Available Funds 7,331.50

P. Suriner-Attendant 1,020.00
Berkshire Cleanway 6,094.00
R. Miller 58.90
L. Pease 158.60
Total Expenditures 7,331.50

BALANCE 6/30/84 -0-

DOG OFFICER

Appropriation 300.00

M. Brighenti 100.00

BALANCE 6/30/84 200.00

FIRE CHIEF SALARY

Appropriation 325.00

G. Robert Olds 325.00

BALANCE 6/30/84 -0-

ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES

Appropriation 5,610.00

J. Rice 60.00
E. Rice 375.00
N. Pease 1,200.00
L. Bell 45.00
I. Jordan 300.00
T. Rock 250.00
J. Kearns 600.00
D. Savery 50.00
J. Rice 450.00
W. Main 450.00
M. Pensivy 450.00
N. Nickerson 1,200.00
W. Paschal 90.00
D. Savery 90.00
Total Expenditures 5,610.00

BALANCE 6/30/84 -0-

EMPLOYEES HOLIDAY & VACATION

Appropriation 1,500.00

R. Miller 644.80
L. Pease 665.60
M. Main 100.80
Total Expenditures 1,411.20

BALANCE 6/30/84 88.80

SELECTMEN'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1984 (CONT'D)

FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE

Appropriation	2,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	54.44
Available Funds	<u>2,554.44</u>

Motorola-pagers	974.75
South Street Service	16.00
Olds Store-gas	294.35
Raynor's	438.03
Berkshire City Tires	102.22
R. Olds	19.95
L.P. Adams	18.22
LaFrance Hose	265.32
Gateway Auto	91.85
Sarafan Auto Supply	333.75
Total Expenditures	<u>2,554.44</u>

BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>
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FIRE PHONES

Appropriation	450.00
WMECO-Siren	73.82
New England Telephone	309.99
Total Expenditures	<u>383.81</u>

BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>66.19</u>
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FIREHOUSE LOAN

Appropriation	1,750.00
FHA	1,750.00

BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>
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FOREST FIRE PROTECTION

Appropriation	10.00
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>10.00</u>

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appropriation	69,642.75
Gateway Regional School District	69,642.75
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT

Appropriation	1,483.00
Hampshire County Treasurer	1,483.00
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>

HEALTH INSURANCE

Appropriation	1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	109.20
Available Funds	<u>1,109.20</u>

Blue Cross Blue Shield	1,109.20
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BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>
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HEALTH & SANITATION

Appropriation	10.00
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>10.00</u>

INSPECTIONS

Appropriation	700.00
W. Smith	400.00
G. Robert Olds	30.00
C. Cook	30.00
Total Expenditures	<u>460.00</u>
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>240.00</u>

INSURANCE

Appropriation	13,000.00
Transfer from Police Insurance	400.00
Available Funds	<u>13,400.00</u>
Stevenson Agency	13,330.21
MIA	69.00
Total Expenditures	<u>13,399.21</u>
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>.79</u>

INTEREST-FIREHOUSE LOAN

Appropriation	1,487.50
FHA	1,487.50
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>

INTEREST-SHORT TERM LOANS

Appropriation	5,000.00
1st Agriculture Bank	448.77
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>4,551.23</u>

JOB INSURANCE

Appropriation	500.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	49.05
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>450.95</u>

LIBRARY EXPENSE

Appropriation	250.00
Transfer from Library Fund	757.32
Available Funds	<u>1,007.32</u>
E. Pease-supplies, books	94.45
C. Oligny-salary, phone	244.91
England's-books	138.10
October Mt. Books	155.85
Brodart Co.-library cards	167.97
Bloom's-copier supplies	206.04
Total Expenditures	<u>1,007.32</u>
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>

SELECTMEN'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1984 (CONT'D)

MACHINERY EXPENSE

Appropriation	18,000.00
Transfer from Revenue Sharing	6,000.00
Available Funds	<u>24,000.00</u>

Ralph's Blacksmith Shop	450.74
Olds Store-gas & supplies	4,547.00
Charlie's Garage-gas	331.90
Brown Oil-diesel fuel	2,698.22
Freadman Steel-scraper blades	1,255.00
Pittsfield Welding-acetylene, oxygen	177.62
B.J. McLaughlin-machinery supplies	309.70
Gateway Auto Supply-machinery supplies	1,170.20
Dalton Tractor	493.00
Raynor's	61.47
Ryder	72.73
W. Manley-welding	180.00
Worthington Garage	9,874.74
Howe Bros.-parts for trucks	1,499.59
Rapid Radiator Repair	48.00
Buds Chain Saw	78.65
R. Miller	111.60
L. Pease	260.00
M. Main	142.80
Total Expenditures	<u>23,762.96</u>

BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>237.04</u>
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PLANNING BOARD

Appropriation	10.00
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BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>10.00</u>
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MAINTENANCE PUBLIC BLDGS.

Appropriation	5,000.00
WMECO	830.90
New England Telephone	621.82
L.P. Adams	57.88
Howard Johnson Oil	2,179.62
Dalton Heating	67.50
R. Connor	16.00
Total Expenditures	<u>3,773.72</u>

BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>1,226.28</u>
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OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation	1,200.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	11.65
Available Funds	<u>1,211.65</u>

John T. Maher-calculator & supplies	108.70
Advertising	25.50
Forms, Paper, Supplies	121.08
Postage & Envelopes	21.14
Dues	115.00
Transfers	20.68
Fees	5.55
NE Document	10.00
Computer Specialists	14.00
Pittsfield Sales-typewriter	770.00
Total Expenditures	<u>1,211.65</u>

BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>
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POLICE CHIEF SALARY

Appropriation	300.00
T. Austin	300.00
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>

POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE

Appropriation	400.00
Books	71.60
Sentry Uniform	108.85
Ammunition	50.00
Comm. of MA-Pistol Permits	34.00
Federal License	100.00
Dues	35.00
Total Expenditures	<u>399.45</u>
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>.55</u>

PRINTING

Appropriation	800.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	89.82
Available Funds	<u>889.82</u>
Repro Systems-blueprints	21.60
Impress-Town Report	468.00
Envelopes	330.55
Pittsfield Sales-Town Rep't supplies	53.22
Hobbs & Warren	16.45
Total Expenditures	<u>889.82</u>
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation	6,000.00
Decr. @ Spec. Town Meeting	220.50
Available Funds	<u>5,779.50</u>

Transfers:

Disposal Area	2,331.50
Registration & Elections	321.71
Selectmen's Expense	167.54
Health Insurance	109.20
Office Expense	11.65
Printing	89.82
Fire Department Expense	54.44
Total Transfers	<u>3,085.86</u>

BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>2,693.64</u>
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NOTE: These are not expenditures, thus are not included in any total figures.

SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY SALARY

Appropriation	1,100.00
B. Oigny	458.30
J. Paddock	437.50
Total Expenditures	<u>895.80</u>
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>204.20</u>

SELECTMEN'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1984 (CONT'D)

REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS

Appropriation	300.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	321.71
State Contribution for Extra Hours	40.20
Available Funds	<u>661.91</u>
C. Oigny	10.89
A. Savery	20.94
M. Batorski	10.89
H. Hall	22.61
W. Suriner	17.59
B. Oigny	12.56
E. Russo	67.23
J. Gardner	60.31
J. Almori	22.61
D. Olds	69.51
L. Bell	24.29
P. Suriner	29.31
S. Savery	35.18
N. Pease	36.01
J. Vreeland	11.73
Westwall Printing	165.25
Computer Specialists	45.00
Total Expenditures	<u>661.91</u>
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	600.00
WMECO	434.44
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>165.56</u>

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriation	500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	167.54
Available Funds	<u>667.54</u>
U.S. Post Office	3.00
Impress-Insert to Town Report	22.00
Country Village Florist-Chester Bicent.	48.74
J. Paddock-postage	11.60
B. Oigny-postage	11.00
I. Jordan-meetings & phones	61.58
Advertising	300.12
Dues	209.50
Total Expenditures	<u>667.54</u>
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>

TOWN COUNSEL

Appropriation	150.00
F. Collins	150.00
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>

VETERANS AGENT

Appropriation	10.00
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>10.00</u>

TOWN HIGHWAYS

Appropriation	24,000.00
R. Miller	3,805.25
L. Pease	3,282.50
M. Main	1,750.35
B. Miller	100.80
B. Pease	150.00
Lane Construction-hot mix	1,665.81
Donovan Bros.-gravel	4,465.72
D. Savery-mowing	<u>2,301.00</u>
Freadman Steel-culverts	3,101.86
S. Fiske-drott	1,575.00
L.P. Adams	611.36
Total Expenditures	22,809.65
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>1,190.35</u>

TOWN SNOW

Appropriation	20,000.00
R. Miller	5,138.25
L. Pease	4,041.70
M. Main	1,593.90
B. Pease	260.00
D. Roberts	7.70
International Salt-salt	3,065.40
Donovan Bros.-sand	5,890.38
Total Expenditures	19,997.33
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>2.67</u>

TREE ACCOUNTS:DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Appropriation	155.00
M. Main	63.00
B. Miller	63.00
L. Pease	26.00
Total Expenditures	<u>152.00</u>
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>3.00</u>

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Appropriation	100.00
R. Miller	93.00
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>7.00</u>

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation	100.00
D. Savery	97.50
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>2.50</u>

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Appropriation	100.00
Lee VNA	100.00
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>

SELECTMEN'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1984 (CONT'D)

WAR MEMORIALS & PLAYGROUNDS

Appropriation	500.00
D. Doyle	150.00
C. Paddock	81.25
Total Expenditures	<u>231.25</u>
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>268.75</u>

WESTERN MASS COALITION

Appropriation	100.00
Western Mass Coalition	100.00
BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY 1984 APPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS	<u>191,824.58</u>
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ACCOUNTS WITH NO APPROPRIATION:ARTS COUNCIL

State Grant	500.00
J. Artioli	200.00
Magic Carpet	35.00
Sharon McDonald	265.00
Total Expenditures	<u>500.00</u>

BALANCE 6/30/84	<u>-0-</u>
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CEMETERY EXPENSE

I. Jordan-flags	44.20
R. Miller	49.60
N. Nickerson	232.00
L. Pease	95.60
R. Savery	100.00
M. Main	323.00
D. Doyle	<u>92.00</u>

Total Expenditures	<u>936.40</u>
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ACCOUNTS WITH NO APPROPRIATION (CONT'D):

CHAPTER 480 (STATE REIMBURSABLE AT 100%)

R. Miller	3,208.50
L. Pease	2,306.20
M. Main	1,730.40
B. Pease-bulldozing	9,361.20
R. Oakes	44.40
J. Winn-blasting	483.30
Freadman Steel-culverts	758.70
Jas. Delaney-gravel	26,474.75
S. Fiske-drott	607.50
J. Baum-gravel	435.00
Total Expenditures	<u>45,409.95</u>

COUNCIL ON AGING

Balance 7/1/83	473.43
Highland Valley Elder Grant	250.00
Sec'y Elder Affairs Grant	400.00
Available Funds	<u>1,087.43</u>
W. Suriner	5.60
P. Suriner	29.25
Dr. A. Plante	160.00
H. Alderman	17.97
J. Hale	17.98
M. Main	204.50
Total Expenditures	<u>435.30</u>
BALANCE 6/30/84 Brought Forward	<u>652.13</u>

FLOOD DAMAGE (STATE REIMBURSABLE AT 100%)

R. Miller	1,002.45
L. Pease	910.30
M. Main	386.40
B. Miller	224.70
B. Pease-bulldozing	3,960.00
Donovan Bros.-gravel	234.36
Terry Young-trucking	1,302.00
Daniel Schnopp-trucking	1,616.00
Roy Whitaker-gravel	539.00
Total Expenditures	<u>10,175.21</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY 1984
UNAPPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS

57,456.86

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY 1984
APPROPRIATED & UNAPPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS

\$249,281.44

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Kearns
Isabella C. Jordan
Donald A. Savery

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1984
JULY 1, 1983 — JUNE 30, 1984

YEAR	TAX	BALANCE 7/1/83	WARRANTS	REFUNDS	TOTALS	TAXES COLLECTED	ABATED	TAX TITLES	ADJ. (+ or -)	BALANCE DUE 6/30/84
1984	RE		\$128,783.48	\$ 594.40	\$129,377.88	\$ 99,280.33	\$6,336.38	\$567.36	\$(95.04)	\$23,288.85
	PP		6,278.83		6,278.83	6,228.43				50.40
	AGR		1,620.02		1,620.02	745.94				874.08
	CF		384.19		384.19	364.53				19.66
	MVE		8,523.60	21.67	8,545.27	4,930.96	250.01		21.67	3,342.63
	WP		1,005.00		1,005.00					1,005.00
1983	RE	\$34,859.27		348.15	35,207.42	22,748.21	56.93			12,402.28
	PP	57.75			57.75					57.75
	AGR	1,109.62			1,109.62	414.14				695.48
	CF	34.20			34.20	20.79				13.41
	MVE	4,162.09		112.65	4,274.74	2,689.44	218.22		(12.49)	1,379.57
1982	RE	11,836.94			11,836.94	7,295.73			(1.17)	4,542.38
	PP	56.35			56.35					56.35
	CF	33.38			33.38					33.38
	MVE	963.38			963.38	114.70				848.68
1981	RE	3,606.32			3,606.32	1,239.20				2,367.32
	PP	319.96			319.96					319.96
	AGR	511.55			511.55	511.55				-0-
	MVE	564.46			564.46	234.40				330.06
1980	RE	2,417.67			2,417.67	1,976.02				441.65
	PP	238.25			238.25					238.25
	MVE	1,072.54			1,072.54	274.34				798.20
1979	RE	1,024.07			1,024.07	644.29				379.78
	PP	255.00			255.00					255.00
	MVE	1,036.47			1,036.47	237.88				798.59

1978	RE	407.41			407.41	26.30			381.21	
	MVE	704.10			704.10	259.15			444.95	
1977	RE	81.67			81.67	81.65			.02	
	MVE	675.29			675.29	17.70			657.59	
1976	MVE	167.20			167.20	26.40			140.80	
1975	MVE	163.85			163.85	79.20			84.65	
1974	MVE	38.74			38.74	9.90			28.84	
TOTALS		\$66,397.53	\$146,595.12	\$1,076.87	\$214,069.52	\$150,451.18	\$6,861.54	\$567.36	\$(87.03)	\$56,276.77

Taxes Collected \$150,451.08
 Interest 1,856.19
 Mun. Liens 135.00
\$152,442.27

KEY: RE REAL ESTATE
 PP PERSONAL PROPERTY
 AGR AGRICULTURE
 CF CLASSIFIED FOREST
 WP WOOD PRODUCTS

Respectfully submitted,

Neil G. Nickerson, Tax Collector

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

1984 was again a year of growth and change for your Police Department, caused in a good part by the growing awareness of our residents that we have a trained local force to call when the need should arise, which can respond in a shorter amount of time than can the State Police.

Another area of growth is the addition of a new member to the Department, Michael Pensivy. He has completed a 14 week course in Criminal Justice, Firearms Qualification, a first responders course in First Aid and is certified in CPR. This brings the Department strength to 4 trained volunteers.

Through the generosity of some individual contributions and the wonderful women of the Ladies Aid Society, the Police Radio Fund was able to buy two radios that have the capability of contacting the State Police, but we are presently unable to contact our own officers internally. This presents serious problems in the field, should an officer come upon a situation such as an on-going break-in, auto accident, etc., the officer would be unable to call for local, fast responding help. To resolve this problem, the Police Department is looking into all areas of funding from donations, fund raisers, public service grants and Town Levy.

For the coming year, we have several programs that we feel should be initiated and we will be working toward.

- First: A child identification program. This would include fingerprinting, photographing and cataloging any distinguishing marks and habits. I am sure the parents of Middlefield realize the importance of this program.
- Second: The establishment of a lost person Search and Rescue Program. With 90% of our town being woods, and the number of hunters, fishermen and recreational vehicles we have in town, as well as visiting town each year, a need for an organized, cooperative plan is needed.
- Third: A modified neighborhood crime watch program that would help residents be more aware of what to look for, what to do if you find something suspicious, and ways to better protect yourself and your property.

The current statistics on matters handled by your Police Department from January 1, 1984 to December 31, 1984 are as follows:

Answered Alarms	6	Illegal Camping	13
Assault	1	Illegal Discharge Firearms	1
Assist Fire Department	2	Larceny	4
Assist State Police	3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	6
Attempted Breaking & Entering	2	Motor Vehicle Citations	1
Break-ins	2	Rec. Vehicle Complaints	10
Disturbing the Peace	2	Rec. Vehicle Violations	2
Disturbed Person	2	Suspicious Vehicles	10
Domestic Disturbance	2	Stolen Vehicle	1
Hit and Run	1	Vandalism	<u>2</u>
		TOTAL CALLS	73

In the year 1982 there were 40 calls reported and in 1983 there were 46 calls reported. The rate of calls has increased 82% over 1982.

If you need assistance, please feel free to contact any of the officers, listed at follows:

Tom Austin, Chief	623-8847
Paul Scapin	623-8780
Bob Keach	623-6646
Mike Pensivy	623-5232

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Austin, Chief



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

We had a very trying year as far as number of calls and maintenance is concerned.

Itemized Calls:

Ambulance calls	16
Chimney Fires	3
Forest Fires	7
Report of odor of gas	1
Car Accidents	2
Service Calls	2
Mutual Aid to Hinsdale	1
Mutual Aid to Becket	4
False Alarms	3
TOTAL CALLS	39

This year just to show the towns people the dedication of the volunteer firemen, I broke down the time spent on calls alone. The total time spent for all the men on calls was 361 man hours. The 4 calls to Becket on Mutual Aid on the October Mountain fire, the total man hours was 184.

The maintenance on the trucks is getting very costly. Our tanker is a 1954 model. We had to go completely through the brake system. If it hadn't been for Howard Pease and his dedication, we would not have been able to do it. He spent endless hours working on this truck.

Our power wagon, a 1953 model, had to have a new clutch. This we had to send out because we do not have the tools to do this work.

We have several new young firemen. This spring we are giving a complete first responders course. This is one of the state requirements to be a volunteer fireman. They are also signed up for courses given by the Mass Fire Academy.

Our Ladies Auxiliary is still hard at work and is always there when we need them.

We also had a recertification of our C.P.R. Courses last spring.

I want to thank everyone in our department for the wonderful cooperation I have had this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Robert Olds, Chief

March 1984 - March 1985 Officers

Chief	G. Robert Olds
Deputy Chief	William Paschal
First Assistant	Larry Pease
Second Assistant	Wayne Main
First Captain	Robert Connor
Second Captain	Maurice Pease
First Lieutenant	Eric Main
Second Lieutenant	Thomas Austin
Secretary	Larry Pease
Treasurer	Maurice Pease
Grievance Committee	Howard Pease, Jon Jones
Mechanics	Howard Pease William Paschal Scott Smith

Members:

Todd Main, Marco Artioli, Darrin Artioli, Jamie Denault, Jarrett Hobart, Paul Rock, Henry Rock III, Tom Rock, Doug Hall, Paul Donnelly, Tim Pease, Guy Carrington, Bill Lee, Becky Smith, Bill Hunt, Brian Miller, Bobby Miller, Kirk Dowsey, Jr.

DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

Eighteen calls to report lost animals and five calls of complaint against local pet owners were received in 1984.

Four verbal warnings were issued in person to owners about their pets. One stray mongrel dog was picked up, kept for 10 days; unclaimed, it was placed for adoption with a local family. One unidentified road killed stray was buried at citizen's request.

No fines were levied or collected.

The \$100.00 salary from the Town was signed over to a Middlefield Charity.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Brighenti
Dog Officer



MIDDLEFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHARTER MEMBERS

Chief	Charles E. Cook
Deputy Chief	Leon Gardner, deceased
First Assistant	G. Robert Olds
Second Assistant	James Bunnell, deceased
First Captain	George Olds
Second Captain	Olaf Dyer
First Lieutenant	James Winn, deceased
Second Lieutenant	Perly Boyer, deceased
Treasurer	Elmer Olds, deceased
Secretary	Neil Nickerson

These officers were elected October 29, 1952 when the Middlefield Volunteer Fire Department became a reality.

ARTS COUNCIL REPORT

In 1983, when the state legislature and the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council stipulated that towns with a population of 1,000 or less would be eligible for annual arts grants of no less than \$1,000, Middlefield reactivated its local arts council. These grants are awarded twice annually in the amounts of \$500 from Jan. 1 to June 30 and \$500 from July 1 to December 31. During these grant periods, the Middlefield Arts Council reviews applications from local/area artists, selects those to be approved and submits the applications to the Mass. Arts Council which, in turn, approves or disapproves the projects. So far, we've batted 100%. Approval is based primarily on how a particular project will benefit the citizens of the community and/or region.

Among the projects we have approved are grants to:

1. Sharon MacDonald (Middlefield) for a History of Jacobs Pillow
2. Judith Artioli (Middlefield) for an outdoor art show
3. Middlefield History Fund for its up-date of the Town History
4. Robbins-Zust Marionetts (Richmond) for a performance in July, 1985
5. Hilltown Artisans Guild (Chesterfield) for a lecture on arts funding and organization
6. Middlefield Arts Council for a 1 or 2 day arts celebration in town during July, 1985

Some plans for the arts celebration include an art exhibition, a photography exhibition, a dance performance, possibly a staged reading to benefit the Friends of the Middlefield Library, the Robbins-Zust Marionette performance, a Chili and Beans bar, and an outdoor band concert. Anyone with any other ideas, please get in touch.

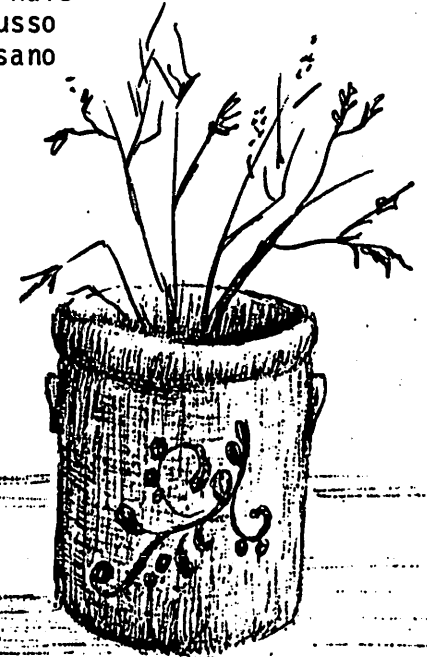
Applications for arts projects must generally be submitted to the Mass. Arts Council by April 1 and November 1 of each year. Therefore, the local Arts Council meets in March and October to review projects. Applications are available from the chairperson, and notice of local council meetings appears in area newspapers and on the town bulletin board at the General Store.

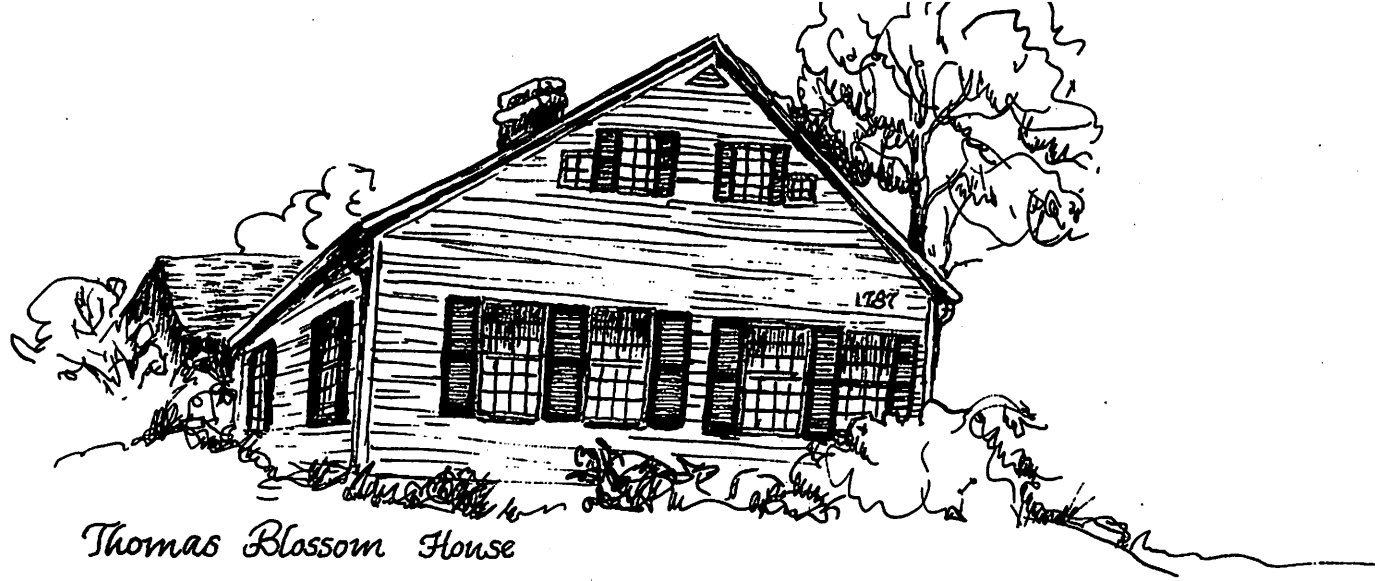
Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Middlefield Arts Council may ask the selectmen for appointment. Also, anyone with an interesting arts/cultural project is urged to submit an application to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Jewett*
Judith Artioli
Janet Gardner
Michael Hale
Ellen Russo
Leo Varsano

*Chairperson





Thomas Blossom's first acquired land was Lot 6 III Div. Becket and later he had a small part of Lot 220 Worthington and the southern part of Lot 221. He was living in the Becket parcel early enough to have signed the petition for incorporation. He was the first pound-keeper and served on the school committee.

His house stood south of the highway near the fork in the road east of the Center and is still known as "Blossom Corner". Much later the house was owned by a shoemaker named Sardis Putman who moved it to its present location almost opposite the Town Hall.

It served through the years as a home, store and post office. Subsequent owners were Francis Tate, Thomas Mulcay, George Olds and Herbert Youtz. The present owner is Julia Y. Andersen (Mrs. Emil Andersen).

History of the Town of Middlefield - Smith and Smith, pg. 415, 416, 119.

MIDDLEFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

The fiscal year 1984 was marked by the strenuous efforts of those involved in the Bicentennial. The former school served as the background for all types of events. The library was most popular as visitors searched in the town history and the Mack genealogy for information. Among the visitors were members of the Root family and the Cushman family, as well as others from far and near. The Town Clerk received several letters of inquiry from descendants of David Mack, who extended greetings and best wishes for a successful affair.

The many pictures displayed in the 1983 town report show the variety of events held in the auditorium and surrounding grounds, such as the pot luck supper held on March 12, the day the town was incorporated. The gala ball attended by dancers in 19th century costumes was one of the highlights of the season. The Dick Waite Field Day, the town picnic and many family gatherings were enjoyed. The parade marked the appropriate conclusion to the festive celebration.

The library visitors who seemed pleased with the variety of books, magazines and scrapbooks examined them with much interest. The addition of several new shelves added more display space with several tables being used for display of new books, magazines and pamphlets. A long sought piece of equipment, a telephone, placed in the hall provided a convenient means of communication to anyone visiting the building. Plans for the future include a cassette player.

In June, 1984 Ethel Pease, who, after ten years of service served very well, resigned. The new librarian is Cyndy Oligny.

The Bookmobile continues to be most helpful. After the resignation of Barbara Morey, Tom Mooney served as interim librarian. Recently a full-time successor, Mrs. Janis Schechter, has been hired as the Berkshire Region Librarian. The Inter-Library-Loan also provides a much needed service.

Mrs. Julia Anderson continues to assist the librarian by ordering and distributing books.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts:

Balance in Library Account 7/1/83	\$1,418.13
State Incentive Grant	1,018.00
Appropriation by Town	250.00
Refund from Dog Fund	96.54
Gift	25.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>2,807.67</u>

Expenditures:

Books	473.50
Salaries	235.00
Copier Service Contract	185.00
Copier Toner	21.04
Supplies & Book Covers	197.69
Shelves	59.97
Postage	18.24
Telephone	9.91
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,200.35</u>

Issued to Library Fund 600.00

Balance in Library Account 6/30/84 \$1,007.32

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndy Oligny

DISPOSAL ATTENDANT'S REPORT

While serving as attendant for the Disposal Area from April, 1978 to December, 1984, I have met the public and the new people of our town. It is a great place to make new friends.

During this time, changes have been made from a Land Fill Area to a Transfer Station at the old location on Skyline Trail. Then it was moved to the present site on Bell Road. Duties of the attendant have remained about the same.

For the past three years, when his time permitted, my husband, Wayne, substituted for me during dump hours, and for this I thank him.

May the next attendants enjoy the job as I have.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Suriner

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS REPORT

I have found 301 head of cattle, 27 horses, 21 sheep and 6 goats in my annual inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Cook
Inspector

LEE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION REPORT

The following is a report of the services performed for the Town of Middlefield for the calendar year 1984.

HOME VISITS

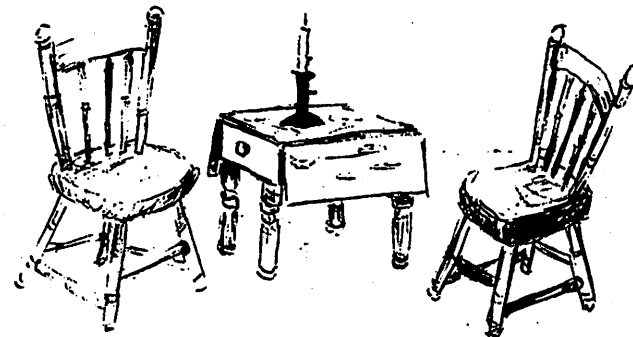
Skilled Nursing	51
Health Promotion	3
Home Health Aide	173/172-3/4 hrs.
Homemaker	128/227 hrs.

CLINICS

	<u>SESSIONS</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Blood Pressure	5	89
Flu Immunization	1	21

Respectfully submitted,

D. Ann Beacco, B.S.N.
Director



Tavern chairs

During this period from July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984 2 Podiatry Clinics were held with Dr. Alfred Plante at the Middlefield Elementary School. Sixteen Seniors attended these clinics.

The Lee Visiting Nurse administered the flu vaccine to nineteen Seniors in October.

Twenty-six Seniors and four guests enjoyed a Christmas Luncheon and Gift Exchange.

In March, 1984 we started to receive Brown Bags from the Highland Valley Food Program. Twenty households participate. We received our second one in May.

A luncheon was enjoyed by thirty-six Seniors in June. We heard Attorney Ann Kaminsky of the Western Massachusetts Legal Services, Inc. speak on "Wills and Related Subjects".

Mileage of 20¢ per mile is allowed to volunteers for services using their cars relating to the welfare of our Seniors. Seven people received mileage allowances for thirty-one trips.

The Lee Visiting Nurse came five times to take Blood Pressure readings.

Each committee member has a list of Seniors to contact. We sent fifty cards at Christmas time and during the Spring we sent post cards to announce our plans for the June Luncheon. During the rest of the year we use the telephone, making a call about every month. We made one thousand one hundred and forty-two contacts.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Suriner* Dulcie Olds
Isabella Jordan** Helen P. Cook
Elizabeth Oligny James Hale
Helen Alderman

As Building Inspector for 1984, I hereby submit my report for the year. I want to sincerely thank everyone for their cooperation.

Inspections:

New Dwellings	4
Alterations	3
Garages	1
Barns	1
Septic Permits	7
Stove Permits	2
Perc Tests	2
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TOTAL	20

Respectfully submitted,

Walter D. Smith
Building Inspector

*Chairperson
**Council Representative

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS:

HIGHWAYS

In recent years, this account has been bolstered by state money in the form of State Aid or Flood money. Although this money has been very helpful, it is far from reliable. Therefore, we should be prepared to realize an increase in our commitment to the road accounts to maintain a satisfactory level of service.

TRANSFER STATION (DUMP)

Some recent improvements have been made such as some tree planting and the clearing of areas for brush and appliances, but more are needed. Of immediate concern is the construction of a retaining wall and the installation of fence to contain windblown debris. We support additional appropriations for the continued improvement of this area.

MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

We believe more money may be well spent to check the decline of the Old Town Hall. Our public buildings should reflect the interest our townspeople have in maintaining an attractive village center.

RECREATION

With the financial support of the Bicentennial Committee, the Selectmen have commissioned a professional plan to be drawn up for a proposed "multi-use" recreational area to be located on town owned property near the Fire Station on Bell Road. We lend our support to this project.

AMBULANCE

The Huntington Lions Club this year has asked for an increase for their ambulance service. We believe the town should question the necessity of this ever increasing cost in light of the amount of service requested.

The Finance Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. at the Middlefield Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas H. Rock*
Priscilla Suriner
Roger Merrill, appointed
Elizabeth C.M. Oligny, appointed
Terrence Crean, resigned

*Chairperson

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD MANAGEMENT REPORT JUNE 30, 1981

We have examined the financial statements of the Town of Middlefield, Massachusetts for the year ended June 30, 1981, and have issued our report thereon dated March 19, 1982. As part of our examination, we made a study and evaluation of the town's system of internal accounting control to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards, the purposes of such an evaluation are to establish a basis for reliance on the system of internal accounting control to determine the nature, timing and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements and to assist the auditor in planning and performing his examination of the financial statements.

Our examination of the financial statements made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, including the study and evaluation of the town's system of internal accounting control for the year ended June 30, 1981, would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system because it was based on selective tests of accounting records and related data. However, such study and evaluation disclosed the following weaknesses that we believe should be brought to your attention.

While this report may appear to portray a one-sided picture of the town's operations, its main objective is to point out areas of concern that we feel should be corrected.

Tax Collector

1. As of June 30, 1981, the following tax levies were outstanding:

	<u>Personal Property</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>
Prior years (1970-80)		\$ 41,390
Prior years (1967-80)	\$ 2,003	

The failure to settle the outstanding accounts on a timely basis contributes to a potential loss of revenues to the town, as well as diminishing the credibility which can be placed on the above mentioned receivables as they appear on the financial statements.

We recommend an aggressive collections program which would accomplish the following:

- a. Improve cash flow.
 - b. Reduce interest expense in borrowing in anticipation of revenues.
 - c. Increase interest income through the availability of cash to invest.
 - d. Increase the town's available funds (free cash).
 - e. Make the accounts receivable balance more meaningful.
2. Approximately \$16,396 in uncollected motor vehicle excise remained uncollected at the end of fiscal 1981. Of this amount, \$13,851 relates to levies prior to 1981 dating back to 1967.

Tax Collector (cont'd)

The failure to actively pursue the collection of these accounts increases the possibility that they will one day be uncollectible, thereby undermining the credibility of the amount shown as receivable on the financial statements. Of no less importance, it increases the potential for a loss of revenue to the town.

While recognizing that there are some problems in collecting motor vehicle excise taxes, there are legal remedies at the town's disposal to effect payment.

We recommend that a formal plan for aggressive follow-up of these overdue accounts be immediately prepared and that adherence to this plan be continually monitored.

3. Interest collections of overdue accounts is not consistent. This is a violation of Chapter 59, Section 57 and Chapter 60A, Section 2 of the General Laws.

We recommend that the collector become familiar with the above mentioned General Laws, and charge interest on all applicable delinquent accounts in accordance with the provisions contained thereunder.

Assessors

1. It was noted that there were overlay deficits for the years 1969, 1974, 1976, 1977 and 1978 amounting to \$6,832.

There is a lack of internal control over the amounts to be raised for abatements and exemptions which creates an instability in the fixing of tax rates.

Assessors (cont'd)

It is recommended that a record of the overlay for each year and the abatements granted against these overlays be kept. This procedure will allow the deficits to be raised in the year they occur.

Uniform Municipal Accounting System

The Commonwealth has revised the accounting principles now in effect for the municipalities, the main purpose of which was to bring these principles more into conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The revised principles are a combination of GAAP as described in a publication entitled "Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting" (GAAFR) published by the National Committee on Governmental Accounting (NCGA), the 1980 edition, and the Uniform System which is currently in effect for Massachusetts cities, towns, and districts, having been established under Chapter 44 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

The revised system has been designated as the "Uniform Municipal Accounting System" (UMAS) and its main thrust is to establish a series of funds and group of accounts, similar to those as presented in the updated publication of GAAFR in order to facilitate the preparation of more meaningful financial statements and reports. It is documented in a revised Accounting Manual (a new "green" book") that has been published by the Bureau of Accounts.

Currently, the revised system is being adopted by some of the communities in the Commonwealth on a voluntary basis. We recommend that you familiarize yourself with the revised system and consider its adoption as soon as it is feasible.

Our examination uncovered other minor weaknesses in the accounting internal control system that we considered to be immaterial and accordingly did not affect the nature, timing or extent of our substantive testing.

MANAGEMENT REPORT (CONT'D)

Uniform Municipal Accounting System (cont'd)

The foregoing conditions were considered in determining the nature, extent and timing of audit tests we applied in our examination of the financial statements and this report does not modify our financial report dated March 19, 1982.

During our evaluation of the Town of Middlefield's internal control system, the forementioned weaknesses were discussed with the town's management personnel responsible for that particular accounting function. In this regard, we would appreciate receiving, at your earliest convenience, any thoughts you may have with respect to implementing our recommendations and timetable for the same.

In conclusion, we wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation during the course of our audit.

It is very important that you commence corrective action on the primary weaknesses immediately. We would be pleased to assist you in developing such a corrective course of action, should you so desire.

Sincerely,

Acting Robert M. Crosby
Director, Bureau of Accounts
Department of Revenue

March 31, 1982

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

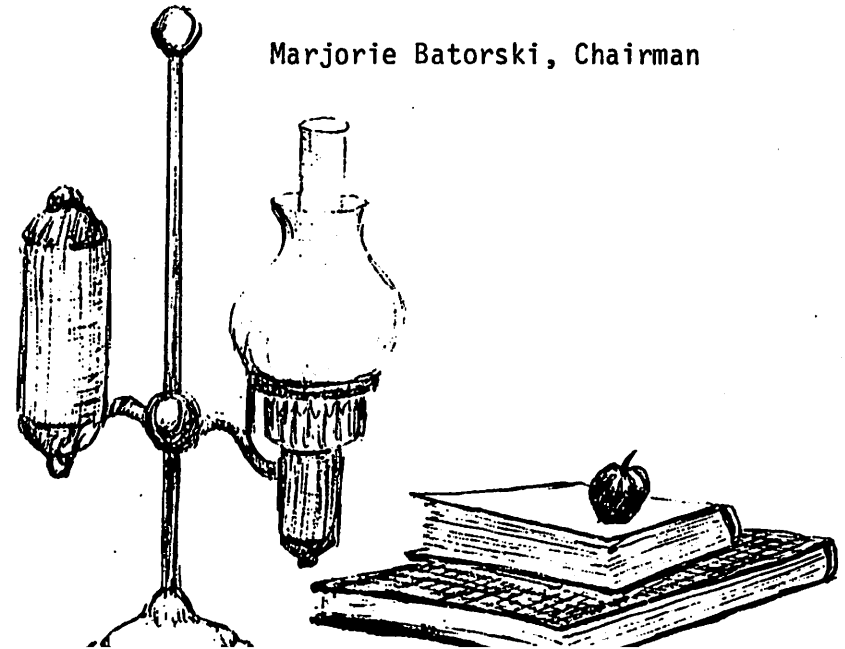
The Historical Commission did not do much this year. Most of us were still resting after the Bicentennial Celebration of 1983. The members did clean the Museum, and it was opened on special request. For those not familiar with the Museum, it is located on the 2nd floor of the Old Town Hall (the building next to the church). There are many interesting things there, from old clothes and artifacts, to some more modern items.

The Commission welcomes anyone that would like to assist in cleaning for the upcoming season, helping with suggestions for exhibits, and even staying in the Museum during calling hours.

If anyone has anything of interest, and would like to donate it, the Museum Committee would be most grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Batorski, Chairman



**BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT
NOVEMBER 1981 — JANUARY 1985**

Memorial Funds:

Richard Waite	\$ 706.00
Peter Tefts	354.00
Edward Batorski	60.00
	<u>\$1,120.00</u>

Total money from all other sources	\$15,010.79
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Some expenditures:

Decorations	\$ 273.24
Supper	43.61
Balloon Launch	68.00
Town Clean Up	56.10
Memorial Day	10.00
Field Day	335.18
Queens Court	228.27
Ball	484.15
Old Home Day	250.00
Quilt Show	60.00
Insurance	50.00
Parade	1,957.69
Pictures-Town Rept.	405.00
Sound Syst.-School	284.56
Pictures	24.15

Expended from Memorial Funds:

Road Signs	\$617.75
Sign of Town Garage	184.00
Flag at Center	47.20
	<u>\$848.95</u>

<u>Expended:</u>	\$10,810.26
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BALANCE

\$ 271.05

4,270.53

\$ 4,541.58

Earnings:

T-Shirts	\$1,925.96
Plates	40.75
Pins	238.90
Seals	96.00
Raffle	23.96

Respectfully submitted

Priscilla Suriner, Treasurer
Bicentennial Committee

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The total real estate assessed valuation of the Town increased approximately \$400,000 for Fiscal Year 1985. This was brought about by new construction of homes and buildings, and a net decrease in tax exempt land. This source of increased revenue plus additional State Aid were offset by a substantial increase in the School Budget. The net effect is a Fiscal Year 1985 tax rate of \$14.90 per \$1,000 of valuation, which is an increase of \$.50 per \$1,000 over last year.

The Fiscal Year 1985 tax rate is derived as follows:

Total Town Meeting Appropriations	\$237,135
Total State and County Charges	14,552
Overlay Reserve	6,654
Total Offsets	1,250
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	<u>259,591</u>
Receipts from State	64,945
Estimated Local Receipts	15,250
Revenue Sharing	15,500
Free Cash	16,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>111,695</u>
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	<u>\$147,896</u>
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION	<u>\$9,925,923</u>

$$\text{TAX RATE: } \frac{\$147,896}{\$9,925,923} \times 1000 = \$14.90$$

The Board of Assessors believes that tax maps are rapidly becoming a necessary adjunct to efficient assessment administration. Increased Department of Revenue surveillance of Town assessing affairs and additional requirements imposed by the relatively recent body of legislation popularly known as Proposition 2½ demand accuracy of records which heretofore

might have been considered desirable but not absolutely necessary.

Numbers of land parcels have deed descriptions which utilize boundary markers no longer in existence (i.e. a white birch tree, etc.). Distance measurements and numbers of acres are often not given. Many deeds use the term "acres more or less" extravagantly. The net result is many questionable boundaries and parcel sizes.

The preparation of tax maps is accomplished utilizing aerial surveys coupled with deed description analysis. By utilizing definitely known boundaries, physical characteristics such as roads, streams, buildings, etc. and the results of recently completed surveys, a remarkably accurate scale drawing showing every real estate parcel can be made.

We recommend that the Town invest in the procurement of tax maps. This expenditure of money and effort will benefit both Town Administration and the individual taxpayer.

The Town Report this year includes the list of the assessed valuations of all real estate. If a problem or question exists, feel free to contact your Board of Assessors on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne E. Main*
Michael F. Pensivy, Jr.
John E. Rice

*Chairperson

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NAME	FIRST	STREET	ACRES	VALUE	BLDG VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
ALDERMAN&ROOT	HELEN&ADELIA	SKYLINE	.43	1100	40000	41100
ALMORE&BEARE	JOAN&GAIL	CLARK WRIGHT	27.6	14700	59800	74500
ALMY	THOMAS	RESERVOIR	15.0	9100		9100
AM TEL&TEL		SKYLINE	.50	2200	39800	42000
AMATUS	ARVID	RESERVOIR	1.0	1700		1700
ANDERSON	HAZEL	RESERVOIR	1.2	500		500
ANDERSON	JULIA	SKYLINE	7.75	6000	41300	47300
ANDREWS	SAMUEL	RIVER RD	.50	1100	11900	13000
ANDREWS	SAMUEL	RIVER RD	1.0	400		400
ARCOUETTE	ARTHUR	SKYLINE	1.0	400		400
ARTIOLI	VICTOR	SKYLINE	43.0	19600	50900	70500
ASTOR	JAMES	CHIPMAN	57.0	20800	3400	24200
AUBE	BERNARD	RESERVOIR	1.01	400		400
AUSTIN	THOMAS	CHIPMAN	15.0	9700		9700
BABAKHANIAN	ARAMAZD	CLARK WRIGHT	106.0	24400		24400
BAROFF	BURTON	SKYLINE	25.0	12900	18100	31000
BARRY	ROBERT	SKYLINE	1.0	1700	29900	31600
BARUZZI	AMERIGO	SKYLINE	47.92	21100	63200	84300
BATORSKI	EDWARD	CHIPMAN	9.0	5800		5800
BATORSKI	EDWARD	ROOT RD	3.0	3100		3100
BATORSKI	MARJORIE	SKYLINE	.62	1700	41700	43400
BAUM	ARLENE	CHIPMAN	48.0	18900		18900
BEAUDRY	MICHAEL	CHIPMAN	9.24	6300	31400	37700
BELL	GEORGE	BELL RD	51.5	21900	62500	84400
BELL	GEORGE	ARTHUR PEASE	37.0	16200		16200
BELL	GEORGE	ARTHUR PEASE	17.0	10400		10400
BELL	GEORGE	ALDERMAN	46.0	18400		18400
BELL	GEORGE	ALDERMAN	45.0	18300		18300
BELL	GEORGE	BELL RD	62.0	23800		23800
BELL	GEORGE	ARTHUR PEASE	97.5	28400		28400
BELL	GEORGE	CONE RD	40.0	18800		18800
BELL, JR	GEORGE	BELL RD	2.0	2600	26700	29300
BELLOWS	RICHARD	SKYLINE	11.9	8200	44500	52700
BELLOWS	RICHARD	SKYLINE	48.6	21300		21300
BENWELL	DANIEL	RESERVOIR	1.01	400		400
BERK NAT RES.		RIVER RD	.50	1100		1100

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NAME	FIRST	STREET	ACRES	VALUE	BLDG VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
BEYRANEVAND	ABBAS	TOWN HILL	19.6	11600		11600
BLANCHARD	NELSON	ARTHUR PEASE	13.7	9100	28900	38000
BLUMENAUER	MRS. C.	RESERVOIR	1.07	500		500
BOJARSKI	TADEUSZE	ARTHUR PEASE	26.0	14400	47000	61400
BONNER	WILLIAM	CONE RD	9.75	6900	19300	26200
BORST	VERNA	RIVER RD	2.46	2900	26700	29600
BOYER	CRAIG	TOWN HILL	2.0	2600	28700	31300
BRENNER	BRUNO	RIVER RD	1.0	1700	5100	6800
BRIGHENTI	ALICE	WEST HILL	34.0	17000		17000
BRIGHENTI	MICHAEL	WEST HILL	26.0	14100	26000	40100
BRIGHENTI	WILLIAM	WEST HILL	14.0	9100		9100
BRILL	DAVID	HARRY PEASE	36.0	17700		17700
BRODEUR	MARIE	SKYLINE	54.0	8700		8700
BRUSH	FREDERICK	RIVER RD	2.41	2800	126000	129000
BRUSH	FREDERICK	RIVER RD	6.0	4900		4900
BUCHANAN	MARY	ARTHUR PEASE	104.5	29000	28400	57400
BUCHANAN	MARY	ARTHUR PEASE	20.5	11000		11000
BUCKHOLD	FRED	ARTHUR PEASE	100	19900		19900
BUDJOSO	LASZLO	TOWN HILL	26.0	14100		14100
BUNNELL	JOANNE	SKYLINE	4.0	3800	28800	32600
BUTLER, JR	GEORGE	RESERVOIR	2.0	2600		2600
CARRINGTON	GUY	CHIPMAN	8.0	6100	18500	24600
CHARVAT	PHILIP	SKYLINE	30.0	15900	47800	63700
CHIAPETTA	DOMINICK	RESERVOIR	6.64	5300		5300
CHURCHILL	LAWRENCE	RIVER RD	.38	800	3300	4100
CLAUSEN	RALPH	ALDERMAN	2.0	2600		2600
COBB&HAAPALA	&ROY	TOWN HILL	.23	500	13200	13700
COBB&HAAPALA	JACK&ROY	TOWN HILL	16.0	10000	36900	46900
COMMW MA		WEST HILL	1.0	400		400
COMMW MA		WEST HILL	.50	1100	5900	7000
COMMW OF MA		TOWN HILL	1700.89	420500	33100	453600
COMMW OF MA		RESERVOIR	270.0	163400		163400
COMMW OF MA		WEST HILL	.34	100		100
CONGREG CH		SKYLINE	2.0	2600	131800	134400
CONRAIL		HERBERT CROSS	48.5	12100		12100
CONSOLATI	FRANK	TOWN HILL	5.0	4400		4400

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COOK	CHARLES	SKYLINE	9.7	6900	24300	31200
COOK	WILLIAM	SKYLINE	21.65	12500	38700	51200
CREAN	TERRENCE	SKYLINE	10.0	7100	38100	45200
CROSS	HERBERT	HERBERT CRTOSS	5.0	4400		4400
CROXFORD	ROBERTA	SKYLINE	.92	1600	17000	18600
CUMMINGS	DOROTHY	ARTHUR PEASE	12.62	8500	47400	55900
CUMMINGS	STEPHEN	ARTHUR PEASE	347.0	87500	49200	136700
DABOROWSKI	JOHN	RIVER RD	.75	1300		1300
DAGLEISH	ROGER	RIVER RD	.98	1700	19900	21600
DAGLEISH	ROGER	RIVER RD	3.66	3400		3400
DAIGNEAULT	LEONARD	TOWN HILL	2.5	2900	19100	22000
DALEHEFTE	ALTHEA	RIVER RD	1.2	1600		1600
DALY	LAWRENCE	SKYLINE	4.75	4200	36900	41100
DAVIS	ROBERT	SKYLINE	49.0	19200		19200
DEMOSS	JOHN	ARTHUR PEASE	10.0	6600	56900	63500
DEMOSS	JOHN	ARTHUR PEASE	82.76	26800		26800
DEMOSS	JOHN	ARTHUR PEASE	20.0	10900		10900
DEMOSS	JOHN	ROOT RD	61.0	23500		23500
DENAULT	WILLIAM	SKYLINE	.40	1000	40400	41400
DENIS	?	ARTHUR PEASE	1.75	2300	31900	34200
DESCHAIINE	LARRY	RESERVOIR	1.0	400		400
DEVECCHI	ANTONY	SKYLINE	3.9	3700	28900	32600
DIAMOND	KATHLEEN	CHESTER RD	25.0	12700		12700
DIAMOND	KATHLEEN	CHESTER RD	10.0	6600		6600
DIAMOND	KATHLEEN	CLARK WRIGHT	80.5	24300		24300
DIAMOND	KATHLEEN	CLARK WRIGHT	1.5	2000		2000
DIAMOND	KATHLEEN	RIVER RD	82.0	26600		26600
DILLON	KATHLEEN	CHIPMAN	29.7	11600	20400	32000
DINACOLA	DAVID	SKYLINE	9.0	6500	41600	48100
DONADIO	GEORGIANA	SKYLINE	83.0	26900	96900	123800
DONNELLY	EDWARD	SKYLINE	32.0	16300	66800	83100
DOOLEY	DANIEL	SKYLINE	2.0	2600		2600
DOWSEY	AVIS	SKYLINE	5.0	4400	27700	32100
EHRICK	BERNARD	RIVER RD	1.5	2000	22900	24900

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NAME	FIRST	STREET	ACRES	VALUE	BLDG VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
ERBE	HAROLD	ALDERMAN	10.0	2500		2500
FEDORA	VIRGIL	CHIPMAN	10.0	7200		7200
FERRIS	WALTER	TOWN HILL	.65	1400		24200
FEUERBACH	GEORGE	RESERVOIR	.52	200		200
FISHER	GORDON	WEST HILL	156.0	33100	30700	63800
FISKE	BRADFORD	RIVER RD	2.12	2700	61200	63900
FLYNN	HELEN	TOWN HILL	10.5	7300		7300
FLYNN	THOMAS ANITA	CHIPMAN	8.5	6300		6300
FOSS	EARL	TOWN HILL	2.0	2600	3100	5700
FOX CLUB		WEST HILL	1.5	2000	6300	8300
FRAZZESI	ELIOTT	WEST HILL	.75	1300	2200	3500
FREDRICKSON	F. LYDER	RIVER RD	.50	1100	22000	23100
FREEMAN & BUFF	PAUL & MARY	SKYLINE	1.0	1700	41300	43000
FRENCH	THOMAS	TOWN HILL	20.0	12000		12000
FRIEDLAND	GERALD	CLARK WRIGHT	8.87	5700	25800	31500
FULLER	DAVID	TOWN HILL	.50	1100	18500	19600
FURIONI	OLIVE	SKYLINE	.87	1500	35500	37000
GARBE	IRMGARD	CHIPMAN	43	15800		15800
GARDNER	JANET	SKYLINE	106.5	28900	37100	66000
GAZDA	ROBERT	SKYLINE	10.0	7100	52900	60000
GEMSLIBEN	LOTHAR	CLARK WRIGHT	6.08	5000		5000
GILLI	JOHN	JOHNNY CAKE	137.0	35800	23500	59300
GRAVES	LILLIAN	TOWN HILL	4.0	3800	21200	25000
GREEN	GEORGE	TOWN HILL	16.0	10000		10000
GUERKE	ERIC	SKYLINE	.50	1300	22400	23700
GUILD	MARJORIE	SKYLINE	60.0	23100		23100
GUILD	MARJORIE	SKYLINE	38.0	19200	34800	54000
GUILD	GORDON & MARY J.	SKYLINE	3.65	3600	24600	28200
GY	HENRY	JOHNNY CAKE	700.0	174300		174300
GUETTE, JR	JACK	RIVER RD	4.0	3900	35600	39500
GUETTE, SR	JACK	CONE RD	50.0	17600		17600
GUETTE, SR	JACK	RIVER RD	.50	1100	27200	28300

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HABER	EDWARD	RESERVOIR	1.0	400		400
HALE	JAMES	JOHNNY CAKE	20.0	11800	68600	80400
HALE	MICHAEL	CHIPMAN	67.0	25000	62000	87000
HALE&CATALDO	MICHAEL	WEST HILL	235.0	59900		59900
HALGREN	JOHN	RESERVOIR	1.01	400		400
HALL	ELWIN	SKYLINE	1.0	1700	29100	30800
HAMBURG	MICHAEL	WEST HILL	8.5	5900	48200	54100
HAMELIN	ROSAIRE	RESERVOIR	2.0	2600		2600
HARPER	JAMES	CHIPMAN	7.31	5300	36900	42200
HARTLEY	JOHN	SKYLINE	52.14	18200		18200
HARTLEY	JOHN	SKYLINE	113.5	30000	35300	65300
HASES	ABRAHAM	SKYLINE	35.0	14300	76100	90400
HASSANE	ZEFF	CONE RD	39.0	19200	30100	49300
HEALD	GLORIA	RESERVOIR	2.0	2600		2600
HIGHLAND AGR.		BELL RD	7.0	11100	55000	66100
HILL	EDWIN	CHIPMAN	7.23	5600		5600
HOLZMAN	STEVEN	SKYLINE	7.0	5500		5500
HORALEK	EDWARD	CHIPMAN	4.40	4000	18400	22400
HOROWITZ	PHILIP	SKYLINE	51.0	21400		21400
HORTON	JAMES	CHIPMAN	70.0	23000		23000
HORWITZ	JOANNE	SKYLINE	45.95	18400		18400
HUNT	WILLIAM	TOWN HILL	.62	1400	33400	34800
INGANNI	ANDREA	RESERVOIR	45.0	16500		16500
JACOBSON	LILLIAN	CHESTER RD	18.64	11400	28200	39600
JANAS	IRENE	ALDERMAN	19.0	10500		10500
JARET	ROBERT	HARRY PEASE	18.0	10900		10900
JASINSKI	KENNETH	CLARK WRIGHT	4.01	3800		3800
JASMIN	JIMMY	SKYLINE	.50	1300	20600	21900
JASMIN	LEONARD	SKYLINE	6.0	4500	27500	32000
JASSO	PATRICIA	TOWN HILL	1.0	1700	40200	41900
JEWETT&BURNHAM	ANN&NANCY	WEST HILL	15.7	8400	50400	58800
JEWETT*BURNHAM	ANN&NANCY	WEST HILL	1.60	700		700
JOCKIMO	LOUIS	CHIPMAN	5.0	3300	9900	13200
JOHANNESSEN	RICHARD	CLARK WRIGHT	4.01	3800		3800

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JONES	CELIA	SKYLINE	2.70	3100	64200	67300
JONES	JAMES	WEST HILL	1.0	1700	9700	11400
JONES	JONATHAN	BELL RD	.46	1000	27300	28300
JONES	JONATHAN	CHESTER RD	2.0	2600		2600
JORDAN	DOROTHY	CHIPMAN	17.0	9500		9500
JORDAN	LESLIE	SKYLINE	5.10	4400	20100	24500
KANE, SR	JEROME	CHIPMAN	4.30	4000		4000
KAROPKIN	MARTIN	WEST HILL	5.50	4600		4600
KARP	CHARLES	SKYLINE	13.8	9000	27500	36500
KEACH	ROBERT	RIVER RD	2.0	2600	47100	49700
KEARNS	MARY	SKYLINE	7.0	5200	31400	36600
KELLY	THOMAS	SKYLINE	20.16	11900		11900
KELLY CORP.		SKYLINE	100.0	25000		25000
KING	MARY	CONE RD	195.0	50100		50100
KING	MARY	CONE RD	1.0	1700	7300	9000
KINGSBURY	JENNIE	ROOT RD	.25	500	23400	23900
KISLO	PAUL	WEST HILL	29.6	7400		7400
KLEVANA	LEIGHTON	RESERVOIR	1.05	500		500
KNIGHT	GRACE	SKYLINE	12.2	8200		8200
KNÖBLER	NATHAN	CHIPMAN	3.0	3100	33700	36800
KOTSCHNIG	JOHN	SKYLINE	1.0	1700	16800	18500
KUNASEK	DAVID	ALDERMAN	10.0	2500		2500
KUNKEL	LEAH	SKYLINE	102.0	28400	40100	68500
KURTZ	EDMUND	TOWN HILL	.50	1100	25300	26400
KUSHI	MICHIO	WEST HILL	446.0	111800		111800
L.P. ADAMS		WEST HILL	84.0	12600		12600
LAMPRO	JUBERT	TOWN HILL	.50	1100	16700	17800
LANDY	E	SKYLINE	16.7	10300	10800	21100
LANE	CHARLES	TOWN HILL	6.0	4900	16800	21700
LAVALLEY	DAVID	RIVER RD	4.0	3800		3800
LAWRENCE	BELLE	WEST HILL	35.0	9000		9000
LAWRENCE	DIANE	CLARK WRIGHT	12.83	8500		8500
LEE	WILLIAM	ARTHUR PEASE	20.51	12300	25100	37400
LELLOUCHE	MARGARET	RIVER RD	70.0	25100		25100

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LEVENSON	EMANUEL	WEST HILL	17.0	10400		10400
LIBARDI	CARL	SKYLINE	85.25	24600		24600
LIBBY	CLYDE	RESERVOIR	2.02	2600		2600
LINES	WILLIAM	CHESTER RD	1.0	1700	24500	26200
LIPPER	LOIS	RIVER RD	56.0	18500	21300	39800
LIPTON	MARK	ALDERMAN	94.0	25200		25200
LIPTON	MARK	ALDERMAN	1.0	1700	50400	52100
LIPTON	MARK	ALDERMAN	26.9	14400	2900	17300
LONG	PAUL	WEST HILL	.10	100		100
LOOMIS	SHIRLEY	RIVER RD	1.75	800		800
MACKENSIE	ELIZABETH	CLARK WRIGHT	3.0	3100	16600	19700
MACWHINNIE	DAVID	RIVER RD	.01	100	9600	9700
MADSEN	LAVINIA	ALDERMAN	55.0	8100		8100
MADSEN	LAVINIA	ROOT RD	52.02	20000	2600	22600
MADSEN	LAVINIA	ROOT RD	1.0	1700	34300	36000
MAIN	MARTIN	TOWN HILL	5.0	4400	27200	31600
MAIN	MARTIN	CHESTER RD	.50	1100	12400	13500
MAIN	MARTIN	CHIPMAN	14.41	8600		8600
MAIN	WAYNE	SKYLINE	.47	1200	35100	36300
MAIN	WAYNE	CONE RD	190.0	48900	33400	82300
MANGER	MARY	CHESTER RD	7.0	5200		5200
MANGER	MARY	SKYLINE	100.0	24400	1000	25400
MARSH	KENNETH	WEST HILL	18.0	11000		11000
MARSHALL	JOHN	JOHNNY CAKE	120.0	31600	14500	46100
MARTIN	BRIAN	CHIPMAN	3.0	3200	39200	42400
MARTIN	LOIS	HARRY PEASE	10.0	7100	43900	51000
MAY	MERIL	CHIPMAN	15.83	7700		7700
MAY	MERIL	CHIPMAN	3.20	3300		3300
MAY	MERIL	SKYLINE	71.0	25000		25000
MCCLOSKEY	S	ALDERMAN	19.5	10700	1900	12600
MCCUSKER	DAVID	CHESTER RD	1.5	2000	18000	20000
MERRELL	RICHARD	WEST HILL	18.0	10900	24000	34900
MERRELL	ROGER	WEST HILL	112.0	24400	43600	68000
MIDDLEFIELD		SKYLINE	1.0	400		400
MIDDLEFIELD		BELL RD	17.0	10400	70200	80600
MIDDLEFIELD		SKYLINE	.23	600		600

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MIDDLEFIELD		CLARK WRIGHT	173.5	44800		44800
MIDDLEFIELD		CHESTER RD	112.0	29700		29700
MIDDLEFIELD		CHESTER RD	35.0	17300		17300
MIDDLEFIELD		CLARK WRIGHT	100.0	28500		28500
MIDDLEFIELD		BELL RD	2.0	2600	27300	29900
MIDDLEFIELD		SKYLINE	4.0	3800	174600	178400
MIDDLEFIELD		SKYLINE	2.0	2600	66400	69000
MIDDLEFIELD		RESERVOIR	.46	200		200
MIDDLEFIELD		SKYLINE	1.6	2100		2100
MIDDLEFIELD		CHESTER RD	75.0	25800		25800
MIDDLEFIELD		CHESTER RD	45.0	20100		20100
MIDDLEFIELD		ARTHUR PEASE	1.6	2100		2100
MIDDLEFIELD		CHESTER RD	15.0	9500		9500
MIDDLEFIELD		CLARK WRIGHT	2.5	2900		2900
MILLER	ELLEN	CHIPMAN	4.0	3800	22900	26700
MILLER	ELLEN	CHIPMAN	126.0	33100		33100
MILLER	GORDON	CHIPMAN	186.0	47900		47900
MILLER	GORDON	CHIPMAN	30.0	15500		15500
MILLER	GORDON	CHIPMAN	100.0	29200	95100	124300
MILSOP	ROGER	ARTHUR PEASE	17.20	10600		10600
MINICH	ANTHONY	WEST HILL	58.0	18700	9800	28500
MONGILLIO	FRANK	RIVER RD	13.0	8600		8600
MULLIGAN	LEE	SKYLINE	4.5	4100	36900	41000
MYRICK	DELILAH	RIVER RD	5.25	4500	28600	33100
MYSLING	JOHN	RESERVOIR	1.01	400		400
NATURE CONS.		ARTHUR PEASE	53.88	20000		20000
NEIGHB.CORP.		SKYLINE	.50	1300	100	1400
NEVERS	MICHAEL	ALDERMAN	16.36	10400	29200	39600
NEVERS	MYRTLE	HARRY PEASE	4.5	4100	38100	42200
NICKERSON	GAYNEL	WEST HILL	17.0	10500	1100	11600
NICKERSON	NEIL	WEST HILL	8.5	5500		5500
NICKERSON	NEIL	TOWN HILL	.50	1100	38600	39700
NICKERSON	NEIL	TOWN HILL	.50	200		200
OFFUTT	JAMES	RESERVOIR	25.0	13800		13800

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OLDS	GEORGE	SKYLINE	.47	1200	3700	38900
OLDS	ROBERT	SKYLINE	10.3	7100	32500	39600
OLEKSAK	ROBERT	CONE RD	100.0	29100		29100
OLIGNY	CONRAD	CONE RD	1.0	1700		1700
OLIGNY	PETER	SKYLINE	10.0	6200	26700	32900
OLSEN	YNGVE	ARTHUR PEASE	3.12	3300	33900	37200
OWEN	JOHN&BETTY	CHIPMAN	10.06	7200	59900	67100
PADDCK	JORDAN	CHIPMAN	5.35	4400		4400
PADDCK	JORDAN	CHIPMAN	4.27	3800	30600	34400
PASCHAL	WILLIAM	SKYLINE	6.25	4300	16900	21200
PATEL	SAM	CONE RD	28.0	14900	36800	51700
PEASE	HOWARD	CHIPMAN	1.45	1900	34600	36500
PEASE	IRA	HARRY PEASE	3.5	3500	35300	38800
PEASE	IRA	HARRY PEASE	86.0	27300		27300
PEASE	MAURICE	SKYLINE	9.0	6500	38700	45200
PENN CENTRAL		TOWN HILL	34.0	17000		17000
PENSIVY, JR	MICHAEL	SKYLINE	82.0	26600	38700	65300
PEREZ	MILTON	BELL RD	1.0	1700	30200	31900
PERU ST. FOR.		ARTHUR PEASE	375.0	94400		94400
PETOLINO	VINCENT	RESERVOIR	1.0	400	400	400
PIONEER REAL.		WEST HILL	5.5	4700		4700
PIONEER REAL.		WEST HILL	30.0	15500		15500
PISCOR	JOSEPH	TOWN HILL	15.2	8400	45000	53400
PLASMATI	JOHN	RIVER RD	1.5	2000	10200	12200
PLATZER	IRENE	SKYLINE	165.0	42700	58200	100900
PLATZER	IRENE	ARTHUR PEASE	2.0	2600		2600
PLATZER	IRENE	SKYLINE	20.0	11200		11200
PORCINO	CESAR	CLARK WRIGHT	1.0	1700	28700	30400
QUIGLEY	ROBERT	RIVER RD	.50	1100	15100	16200
RAU	GEORGE	WEST HILL	.23	100		100
REIDY	THOMAS	WEST HILL	.70	300		300
REILLY	BERNADETTE	RESERVOIR	1.0	1700	500	2200

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RICE	JOHN&EDITH	ALDERMAN	50.5	21600	61400	83000
RICHARD	NORMAND	RESERVOIR	1.01	400		400
RIVERS	JONATHAN	RIVER RD	1.26	1600	24800	26400
ROBERTS	HENRY	WEST HILL	8.4	6200	5400	11600
ROCK	TOM	WEST HILL	65.0	24400	9200	34600
ROCK	HENRY	SKYLINE	19.3	8800	25900	34700
ROCK	HENRY	TOWN HILL	7.0	5500		5500
ROCKE	PETER	TOWN HILL	59.0	17000		17300
ROCKE	BURTON	TOWN HILL	.50	1100	18200	19300
ROCKE	PETER	TOWN HILL	1.5	2000	21700	23700
ROMANO	YOLANDA	ALDERMAN	24.0	12400	36100	48500
ROSE	IUAN	RESERVOIR	1.01	400		400
ROSE	KIRK	RESERVOIR	4.33	4000		4000
ROTHMAN	WARREN	RIVER RD	4.11	4000	32000	36000
ROUBO	ANTONIO	CLARK WRIGHT	53.0	20000	50900	70900
SACHS	JUDITH	CHIPMAN	4.26	4000		4000
SANDERS	LYDIA	SKYLINE	23.55	12200	22900	35100
SAVERY	DONALD	TOWN HILL	70.0	20600		20600
SAVERY	DONALD	TOWN HILL	10.0	7100	20400	27500
SAVERY	DONALD	WEST HILL	25.0	12700		12700
SAVERY	RODNEY	TOWN HILL	1.0	1700	46400	48100
SAVERY, JR	RODNEY	TOWN HILL	14.85	9100		9100
SCANNELL	THOMAS	RESERVOIR	1.01	400		400
SCAPIN	ANTONIO	CHIPMAN	7.98	6100		6100
SCHIRMER	PAUL	SKYLINE	15.0	8700	16300	25000
SCHLUSSEL	LEONARD	RIVER RD	100.5	20900		20900
SCOTTSMITH	DONALD	SKYLINE	75.0	23600	4300	27900
SEEFELD	ELIZABETH	HARRY PEASE	9.76	6900	20600	27500
SEIBOLD	CHARLES	ARTHUR PEASE	352.0	71000		71000
SEIBOLD	CHARLES	ARTHUR PEASE	331.0	66800		66800
SEIBOLD	CHARLES	CHIPMAN	298.3	68400		68400
SEIBOLD	CHARLES	CHIPMAN	77.0	22900	7500	30400
SEIBOLD	CHARLES	CONE RD	55.0	23300		23300
SEIBOLD	CHARLES	CONE RD	50.0	21300		21300
SEITLER	ISOLDA	RESERVOIR	1.03	400		400
SHEA	DONALD	RIVER RD	1.0	1700	20900	22600

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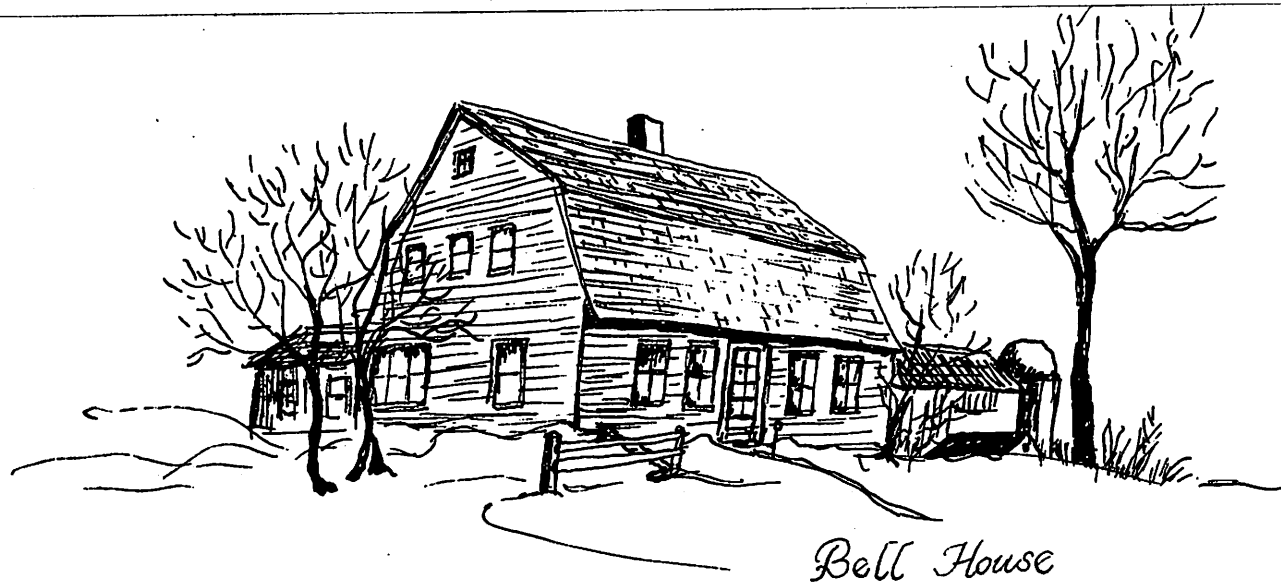
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SHERMAN	RUTH	ROOT RD	7.0	5600	36600	42200
SIEBOLD	JOHN	CHIPMAN	10.0	6600	500	7100
SMITH	CHARLES	CHIPMAN	10.0	6600		6600
SMITH	LELAND	RIVER RD	9.87	7000	50400	57400
SMITH	RALPH	RIVER RD	38.0	17900	45700	63600
SMITH	WALTER	ALDERMAN	4.0	3800	25600	29400
SNOW	GERALDINE	RESERVOIR	1.01	400		400
SNYDER	HAZEL	RIVER RD	1.0	1700	1500	3200
STANSEN	NILS	CHESTER RD	.50	900		900
STATE OF CT.		CHIPMAN	9.0	5300		5300
STEBBINS	FREDERICK	TOWN HILL	25.0	13800		13800
STEIN	PETER	CLARK WRIGHT	17.0	10400	43600	54000
STEIN	PETER	CLARK WRIGHT	1.0	1700	16500	18200
STEINBRECKER	STEPHEN	CLARK WRIGHT	353.0	88900		88900
STEINBRECKER	STEPHEN	CLARK WRIGHT	52.0	21800	57900	79700
STERN	CHARLES	CHESTER RD	113.76	30100		30100
STERNAGLE	ALTON	SKYLINE	18.0	10900		10900
STERNAGLE	ALTON	SKYLINE	210.0	51700		51700
STERNAGLE	ALTON	SKYLINE	20.4	9300	37700	47000
STEWART	ANDREW	CLARK WRIGHT	50.0	21300	27300	48600
STONE	HARRIS	HARRY PEASE	41.3	19100		19100
SULIVAN	CLARA	CHIPMAN	20.0	10900	16500	27400
SULLIVAN	CLARA	CHIPMAN	130.0	31000		31000
SURINER	WAYNE	SKYLINE	14.0	9100	45300	54400
SURINER	WAYNE	SKYLINE	18.0	10300		10300
SURINER	WAYNE	CHESTER RD	40.0	12400		12400
TEFTS	PETER	SKYLINE	.27	700	31800	32500
THERIAULT	JOSEPH	TOWN HILL	.50	200		200
THERIAULT	JOSEPH A	TOWN HILL	3.9	3700	13100	16800
THERIAULT	JOSEPH O	TOWN HILL	1.0	1700	16300	18000
THERIAULT	PHILIP	TOWN HILL	2.1	2700	27800	30500
THOMPSON	RANDALL	SKYLINE	5.44	4400		4400
TORO	LOUIS	RESERVOIR	.30	100		100
TOSCANO	JOHN	RESERVOIR	1.0	400		400
TRIMBORN	ADAM	SKYLINE	30.57	14400		14400
TRUST. OF RES.		CLARK WRIGHT	50.0	21300		21300

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TUCKER	SVEA	RESERVOIR	1.0	400		400
TULIANO	PATRICIA	WEST HILL	5.0	4400		4400
TULIANO	PATRICIA	TOWN HILL	9.0	6500		6500
TULIP	WILLIAM	SKYLINE	5.1	4500		4500
VANDOMO	ARTHUR	WEST HILL	15.6	9800	27300	37100
VARSANO	LEO	HARRY PEASE	70.0	25400	37400	62800
VIRG LAKE		RESERVOIR	120.0	26000		26000
VIRG. LAKE		RESERVOIR	156.5	33200		33200
VREELAND	CHUCK	CLARK WRIGHT	48.0	21100	32500	53600
WAITE	RICHARD	SKYLINE	.75	1400	59000	60400
WARREN	CHARLES	RIVER RD	25.0	13800		13800
WARREN	WILLIAM	BELL RD	21.0	10400		10400
WARREN	WILLIAM	ALDERMAN	5.5	4400		4400
WEHMAN	HARRY	HARRY PEASE	62.0	23800	33900	57700
WESTF SAV.		CHIPMAN	4.3	3800	31200	35000
WESTF.SAV.		CONE RD	2.0	2600	33800	36400
WHITE	FRANK	RIVER RD	2.75	3100		3100
WIARDA	HOWARD	RIVER RD	.02	100		100
WILSON	FANNIE	TOWN HILL	85.0	27000		27000
WILSON	WALTER	WEST HILL	110.0	29200		29200
WILSON	WALTER	WEST HILL	22.0	12700		12700
WILSON	WALTER	WEST HILL	15.0	9500		9500
WILSON	WALTER	WEST HILL	147.0	38300		38300
WINN	CHARLES	SKYLINE	.63	300		300
WINN	CHARLES	SKYLINE	4.65	4200	28900	33100
WINN	MICHAEL	RIVER RD	.68	1300	41800	43100
WINN, JR	CHARLES	ARTHUR PEASE	.50	1100	28500	29600
WOLFE	FREDERICK	WEST HILL	13.0	7400		7400
WOLFE	FREDERICK	WEST HILL	9.0	5800		5800
WOLFF	HERBERT	RESERVOIR	1.0	1700	24900	26600
WOLFF	ROSS	TOWN HILL	48.2	15700	25500	41200
WOOD	ANGELA	TOWN HILL	20.0	11800		11800
WOODRUFF	JAMES	ARTHUR PEASE	33.0	15200		15200
WRIGHT	ASHLEY	ARTHUR PEASE	1.5	2000		2000

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YOUNG	ELISE	WEST HILL	28.0	14900	11500	26400
ZIMMERLY	WILLIAM	RESERVOIR	1.1	500		500
ZIMMERMAN	JAMES	CLARK WRIGHT	5.16	4300		4300
ZISK	JOSEPH	TOWN HILL	5.0	4400		4400



In 1787 Bissell Phelps of Hebron, Connecticut settled in the area half a mile east of "Blossom Corner" and was later succeeded by Dr. William Coleman. Which of them built the original house is not recorded. In 1791 Dr. Coleman was mentioned in a warrant for a town meeting "as one to practice inoculation for the small pox in town on the 20th of October under proper restrictions". Dr. Coleman also operated a distillery near what is still known by older residents as "Still Bridge" or "Still Road". The authors of the History of the Town of Middlefield said, "In view of the popularity of cider brandy which was an important product of the farmers' orchards, it is probable that Dr. Coleman did not restrict the output of his still to medicinal use only".

The house and farm have been in the Bell family since.

History of the Town of Middlefield - Smith and Smith, pg. 47, 92, 100, 338, 450.

TERMINOLOGY USED AT TOWN MEETINGS

CHERRY SHEET - This is a cherry red form which shows all of the State and County charges and reimbursements to the town as certified by the State Director of Accounts.

CHAPTER 70 FUNDS - Monies collected by the State and reimbursed to the towns for offsetting education expenses.

CHAPTER 90 FUNDS - Monies collected by the State and reimbursed to the towns for offsetting highway expenses.

CHAPTER 766 FUNDS - State monies reimbursed to the towns for education of pupils with "special needs".

FREE CASH (Available Funds) - This is the amount of money left after all prior year's uncollected taxes have been deducted from surplus revenue by the State Bureau of Accounts - certified annually.

OVERLAY - This is the amount of money raised by the Assessors over and above the appropriations to create a fund used for abatements.

OVERLAY RESERVE (Surplus) - This is an accumulation of unused overlay funds not required for abatements. These funds may be used for unforeseen expenses or voted into the Reserve Fund at the Annual Town Meeting.

RESERVE FUND - This is a fund established at the Annual Town Meeting by the voters. It can be made up of:

1. An appropriation not exceeding 5% of the tax levy.
2. Transfer from the Overlay Reserve.

Transfers from the Reserve Fund during the year are controlled by the Finance Committee. These transfers may be made to any department to be used for unforeseen and unbudgeted expenses.