



**ANNUAL REPORTS  
AND WARRANT**

*of the Town of*

***Middlefield***

*Massachusetts*

**1994**

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OFFICES HOURS AND MEETINGS

<b>SELECTMEN:</b>	8:00pm	<b>Mondays</b>
<b>TAX COLLECTOR:</b>	7:00pm - 9pm 9am - Noon	<b>Mondays Saturdays</b>
<b>TREASURER:</b>	7:00pm - 9pm 9am - Noon	<b>Mondays Saturdays</b>
<b>ASSESSORS:</b>	7:00pm - 9pm 9am - Noon	<b>Mondays Saturdays</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>	7:00pm - 9pm 9am - Noon	<b>Mondays Saturdays</b>

**TOWN OFFICE PHONE 623-8966**



**Town of Middlefield  
1996 Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

**Hampshire, ss.**

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Middlefield,  
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Middlefield Elementary School in said Middlefield on Saturday, the 6th 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, Tree Warden, Auditor and a Finance Committee member for a term of one year. An Assessor, Two Constables and a County Commissioner for a term of two years. An Assessor, Selectman, Cemetery Commissioner, Trustee of Public Library, Planning Board Member, a School Committee Member, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Zoning Board of Appeals member and two Finance Committee members for a 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 the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessors and School Committee and act thereon.

**ARTICLE 3.** 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 Elected Official:

Moderator	\$ 60.00	Selectman, Chair	\$1,500.00
Town Clerk	1,000.00	Selectman	1,000.00
Treasurer	2,000.00	Selectman	1,000.00
Tax Collector	2,000.00	Auditor	45.00
Assessor, Chair	1,000.00	Constable, 1st	90.00
Assessor, 2nd	1,000.00	Constable, 2nd	90.00
Assessor, 3rd	1,000.00		

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995, or take any other action relating thereto:

**Highway and Related Expenses:**

Snow Removal	\$40,000.00
Highway Maintenance	39,000.00
Unpaved Roads Materials	10,000.00
Machinery Expense	15,000.00
Holiday and Vacation Pay	3,500.00
Health Insurance, Employees	7,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	2,000.00

**Natural Resources**

Dutch Elm Disease Control	\$ 150.00
Forest Fire Protection	10.00
Insect Pest Control	100.00
Tree Warden	100.00

**Government**

COBRA (Medicare)	\$ 500.00
Elections & Registrations	800.00
Hampshire County Retirement	3,349.00
Health & Sanitation	100.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	6,000.00
Printing	1,500.00
Town Counsel	1,500.00
Social Security	700.00
County Tax	1,321.00

**Office Expenses**

Selectmen's Secretary	\$ 2,000.00
Selectmen's Travel & Expense	800.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00
Assessors' Assistant	5,000.00
Assessors Expense	2,800.00
Assessors Registry Fees	100.00
Assessors Tax Map Update	650.00
Tax Collectors Expense	1,000.00

**Miscellaneous**

Cemetery Expense	\$ 3,000.00
Civil Defense	10.00
Council on Aging	1,000.00
Disposal Area	18,000.00
Dog Officer Salary	400.00
Dog Officer Expense	400.00
Lee Visiting Nurse	1,000.00
Library Expense	1,000.00
Maintenance of Public Buildings	20,000.00

**Miscellaneous (Continued)**

Pioneer Valley Planning Comm	\$ 60.00
Planning Board	10.00
Street Lights	500.00
Veterans Agent	10.00
War Memorials & Playgrounds	1,200.00

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money to defray the expenditures of the Middlefield Police Department for the fiscal year 1995, or take any other action relating thereto:

Police Chief Salary	\$ 300.00
Police Expenses	3,800.00

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money to defray the expenditures of the Middlefield Fire Department for the fiscal year 1995, or take any other action pertaining thereto:

Fire Chief/Forest Warden	\$ 325.00
Fire Department Expenses	4,500.00
Firehouse Note Payment	1,750.00
Firehouse Note Interest	438.00
Fire Engine Payment	17,000.00
Fire Engine Interest	1,637.00
Dispatch Services	2,500.00
Hinsdale Ambulance	1,200.00
Huntington Ambulance	198.00

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money for salaries for the following Inspectors:

Building	1,000.00
Electrical	300.00
Oil Burner	100.00
Plumbing	300.00
Smoke Detector	100.00

**ARTICLE 8.** To determine the disposition of the Dog Fund.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,000.00 for the Reserve Fund or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$7,000.00 for a basketball court at the Middlefield school or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$25,000.00 to cover all Town Insurance or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$488.95 from the Conservation Commission Wetland's Receipts Reserved Account to the Conservation Commission Wetland's Expense Account.

**ARTICLE 13.** To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Recreational Expense or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,373.00 for Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Franklin Regional Transit Authority as the official transportation agent for Council on Aging.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds a sum of \$818.00 to the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$256,143 for Middlefield's minimum contribution for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996, or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,129.00 for Middlefield's share of above minimum contribution for the Gateway Regional School district for the period of July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996 or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,740 for Middlefield's share of the Transportation and Debt Services in the Gateway Regional School District or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for a used Dump Truck or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for a Loader/Backhoe to be paid for over a 5 year period or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 85 funds, agreement #35602 in the amount of \$128,661.00 or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to defray anticipated on going expenditures for refurbishing, maintaining and restoring the Middlefield Museum or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Engineering at the Disposal Area.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to carry over the balance in the Tax Title Account to Fiscal Year 1996 which is used for expenses associated with Tax Title work or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the following land parcels and or rights in land parcels for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way. This will allow for the construction and roadway safety improvements of (Name of the Project).

Total #		
Parcels	Area	(sf)
In Fee	2	7,500 sf
Permanent Easements	3	1,500
Temporary Easements	3	2,500 sf

Further that the Selectmen may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels, through all legal means. This includes donations, purchase or eminent domain. The subject parcels are currently identified on plans drafted by----- Dated----- Titled----

Further, to raise and appropriate an amount of \$----- to defray any associated right of way expenses connected with this project.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept no public or private utility and/or construction company shall work on any public way within the town without notifying the Town of Middlefield Police, Chief or his/her designee. All road details shall be assigned by the Police Chief or his/her designee.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to add Driveway Permitting to Section 4 (Special Land Use Regulations) of the Zoning By-laws as follows, or as amended:

#### 4.6 DRIVEWAYS

A permit must be obtained from the Town Highway Department for constructing any driveway which connects to a Town Road. This applies to any curb cut on a public way, not just to residence driveways. A Driveway Permit is a prerequisite to obtaining a Building Permit.

4.6.1 The permit application includes the permit fee, a lot plan with the proposed driveway indicated upon it, and a description of: 1) the intended driveway construction materials; 2) overall length; 3) estimated elevation over the distance of 60 feet from the Town Road surface; 4) angle of entry to the road; 5) number of feet of unobstructed view of road in all directions from a driveway position 6 feet off the road surface; and 6) any applicable drainage specifications --culverts, ditches, crowning of driveway, etc. The Highway Department can require additional information as needed. The applicant shall also mark the actual location of the intended driveway for on-site review by the Highway Department.

4.6.2 In granting the permit, the Superintendent of Roads --with the approval of the Select Board-- may impose design or location changes appropriate to achieving closer conformance to desirable conditions such as: 90 degree angle of entry; 2% slope within 30 feet of road surface; not greater than a 10% slope in any portion of the remaining length of driveway; having a culvert parallel to the roadway; drainage grading to prevent ice, sand and gravel run-off onto the Town Road surface; unobstructed visibility of road in each direction; an unobstructed area near entry for piling snow sufficient to prevent snow being pushed onto roadway, obstructing visibility of roadway, or blocking culverts. The driveway width and the wide angle of any curves must be sufficient for fire engines and emergency vehicles to reach any buildings or proposed building sites.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to add a Camping definition and regulation to the Zoning By-laws as follows, or as amended:

*(Add to SECTION VII: DEFINITIONS:)*

"**Camping** - To reside on any land, public or private, for more than 24 hours without a certificate of occupancy."

*(Change Section 4.3 heading of MOBILE HOMES AND TRAILERS to:)*

"MOBILE HOMES, TRAILERS AND CAMPING"

*(Add to Section 4.3)*

#### "4.3.3 Camping

(a) Non recreational camping will require a Building Permit. The duration of the camping shall not exceed the duration of the Building Permit. Sanitary facilities are required.

(b) All recreational camping will require possession of written permission from the land owner, and is subject to inspection by the Board of Health for proper sanitary and waste disposal procedures."

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Table 3.0 (Use Regulations) of the Zoning By-laws to require a special permit for businesses currently allowed without a permit hearing as follows, or as amended:

	<u>BUSINESS USE</u>	<u>Zoning Districts:</u>	<u>A/R</u>	<u>Business District</u>
3.044	Office, bank, newspaper, job printing establishment		N	SP
3.045	Hotel, motel, restaurant		N	SP
3.046	Any wholesale or retail business, research laboratory, service of a public utility, or light manufacturing		N	SP
3.047	Automobile service station, repair shop, storage garage, or salesroom		N	SP

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Table 3.0 (Use Regulations) of the Zoning By-laws to include an Accessory Uses category of "Tradesman" as follows, or as amended:

	<u>BUSINESS USE</u>	<u>STANDARDS &amp; CONDITIONS</u>	<u>A/R</u>	<u>Business</u>
3.054	Use by resident tradesman	A resident tradesman may use a portion of his dwelling or an accessory building in connection with his trade, provided that such activity is not detrimental to the neighborhood and that no more than two persons who are not residents of the premises may be employed in connection with this accessory use.	SP	Y

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws to include language allowing enforcement of designated no-parking areas as follows, or as amended:

(Add to Chapter IX (miscellaneous) Section 8)

Restricted parking areas may be posted by sign following approval at a public hearing called by the Select Board. The Police shall have the authority to enforce these no-parking areas by requesting cars be moved, and then by ticketing any remaining cars.

**ARTICLE 35.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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, a designated place in the Bancroft section of the Town and a designated place in Smith Hollow, seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Middlefield the 22th day of April in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninety five.

Board of Selectmen

\_\_\_\_\_  
Maitland Dowsey, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Diane McQuaid

\_\_\_\_\_  
Arthur Muller

I have this day posted attested copies of herein warrent as directed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Constable of Middlefield

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 1994

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

.....Term Expires

### Board of Selectmen

Maitland Dowsey, Chairman .....1995  
Diane McQuaid .....1996  
Arthur Muller.....1997

### Board of Assessors

Kristin Monson, Chairman .....1996  
Susan Donnelly.....1995  
Cameron McQuaid ^.....1997

### Auditor

Martin Main.....1995

### Constables

William Paschal.....1995  
Donald Savery.....1995

### Board of Health and Fence Viewers

Board of Selectmen.....

### Cemetery Commission

Nancy Burnham.....1997  
Larry Pease.....1996  
Neil G Nickerson .....1995

### County Commissioner

Joseph Kearns .....1995

### Finance Committee

Edward Cook .....1995  
Joseph Kearns .....1997  
Ronald Radwich .....1997  
Cameron McQuaid .....1995  
John Hobart.....1995

### Library Trustees

Priscilla Suriner .....1995  
Elizabeth Oligny .....1996  
Susan Donnelly.....1997

### Moderator

Peter Oligny .....1995

### Planning Board

Barbara Chalsma .....1996  
Kris Monson .....1995  
John Hobart.....1995  
Thomas DUBY.....1997

## PLANNING BOARD CONTINUED

Tamarin Paine.....1996  
Michael Hale.....1997

### School Committee

Diane McQuaid .....1995  
Ann Jewett .....1996

### Tax Collector

Neil G Nickerson .....1995

### Treasurer

Nancy C Pease .....1995

### Tree Warden

Brian Miller .....1995

### Town Clerk

Marjorie Batorski.....1995

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Maurice Pease.....1995  
Richard Griffin.....1996  
Peter Oligny .....1997

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

### Animal Inspector-Domestic/Rabies

Donald Savery.....1995

### Arts Council

Cynthia Oligny.....1996  
Marjorie Batorski.....1996  
Elizabeth Oligny .....1995  
Chris Bresnahan.....1995  
Laurie Lafreniere.....1995

### Building Inspector

Walter Smith.....1995

### Civil Defense Warden

Larry Pease.....1995  
Thomas Austin, Asst Warden.....1995

### Conservation Commission

Diane McQuaid .....1995  
Edward James.....1995  
Steve Cummings .....1995  
Richard Griffin.....1995

### Council on Aging

Priscilla Suriner	Wayne Suriner
Cynthia Oligny	Gordon Guild
Sue Fastiggi	Joyce Slater
Elizabeth Oligny	Lydia Sanders
Ellen Miller	Joan Ahmori

**Disposal Area**

Martin Main.....1995  
Henry Roberts.....1995

**Dog Officer**

Kathleen O'Brien.....1995

**Dutch Elm and Insect Pest Control**

Brian Miller.....1995

**Field Drivers**

Board of Selectmen

**Fire and Forest Warden**

Larry F Pease, Fire Chief.....1995  
Ronald Radwich, Deputy Fire Chief.....1995

**Historical Commission**

Lydia Sanders     Jack Cobb     Nancy Burnham  
Brian Miller     Albert Sanders     George Bell

**Lumber Surveyor**

Brian Miller.....1995

**Wood/Bark Measurer**

Edward James.....1995

**Police Department**

Thomas Austin, Police Chief.....1995  
Curt Robie.....1995  
Jimmy Jasmin, Special.....1995  
Victor Fastiggi.....1995  
Steve Carrington.....1995

**Plumbing Inspector**

William Zeitler Jr.....1995

**Recreation Committee**

Board of Selectmen

**Recreation Sub-Committee**

Judy Carrington  
George & Lois Bell  
Cindy Newmann

**Registrars of Voters**

Anita Myers.....1996  
Mary Jane Donnelly.....1995  
Susan Fastiggi.....1995  
Marjorie Batoraki.....1995

**Street Superintendent**

Brian Miller, Foreman.....1995

**Westfield River Advisory**

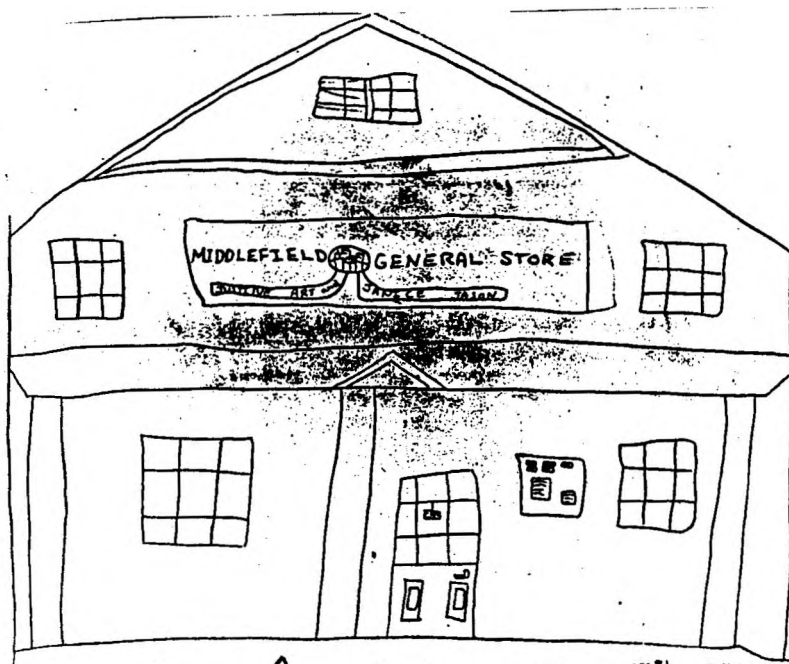
Carl Lafreniere.....1995

**Wiring Inspector**

John Savery.....1995  
Eric Main.....1995



*By: Don Doyle*     Don Doyle/DD



*By: Justine Muller*     Justine Muller/JM

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS**

March 21, 1994

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by the Moderator, Peter Oligny. There were 18 people present.

Article 1. A motion was made and seconded that this Article be accepted as read. There were some questions from the floor as people were not quite sure. Thomas Rock, of the Board of Selectmen, explained the function of the Jacob's Ladder Trail Facade Easement Program. It is State money to help businesses to improve themselves in a form of a grant. This money does not have to be payed back, if all the conditions of the grant are met. Middlefield is the boss of the money, and the Town can go back to the store and make the proprietors make the improvements if they are not done. If they don't get done, then the Town can put a Real Estate lien against the property. The Building Inspector is the overseerer to this, and in turn, his overseerer is the Selectmen of the Town. Mr Muller explained that he can do anything as long as it is through the Pioneer Valley Commission. It was an unanimous vote.

Article 2. A motion was made and seconded to accept this Article as read. It was explained that the Gateway Regional is money Chapter 70 money returned to the Town. It was off the Cherry Sheet. It was also explained that there were a lot of Machinery Expenses due to the harsh winter, such as refabrication of machinery, new blades repair. Extra money in the Snow Account for 1995 is pre-planned because you can't change the Snow Account in the middle of the season. It was an unanimous vote.

Article 3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Article as read. No discussion. It was an unanimous vote.

Article 4. It was moved and seconded that the Article be accepted as read. The question was asked what themoney had been used for? It was explained that it had been used for printing accounts. It was an unanimous vote.

Article 5. Under this Article, there were thanks to those for the courtesy of explaining the first Article. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Attest: Marjorie Batorski, Town Clerk

June 27, 1994

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Peter Oligny, at 8:00 P.M. There were 14 people present for the meeting.

Article 1. A motion was made and seconded that the Article be accepted as read. Nancy Pease, Treasurer, explained the reason for the transfer of money and it was because the Assessors had overspent. It was an unanimous vote and the Article passed.

Article 2. A motion was made and seconded that the Article be accepted as read. It was an unanimous vote and the Article passed.

Article 3. A motion was made and seconded that the Article be accepted as read, to transfer \$1500 from the Insurance Account to the Maintenance of Public Buildings. It was an unanimous vote and the Article passed.

Article 4. A motion was made and seconded that the Article be accepted as read, to vote to transfer a sum not to exceed \$120 from the Social Security Account (employers share\_ to the Medicare Account. It was an unanimous vote and the Article passed.

Article 5. A motion was made and seconded that the Article be accepted as read, to vote to transfer a sum not to exceed \$410 form the Insurance Account to the Unemployment compensation Account. It was an unanimous vote and the Article passed.

Article 6. A motion was made and seconded that, being no other business to legally come before this meeting, that the Special Town Meeting be adjourned. It was an unanimous vote and the article passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Attest: Marjorie Batorski, Town Clerk

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

Sporting Licenses

19 Res Fishing @\$12.50.....	\$ 237.50
1 Res-Minor Fishing @\$6.50 .....	6.50
1 Res Fishing over 70 FREE .....	0.00
1 Non-Res Fishing @\$17.50.....	17.50
7 Res Hunting @\$12.50 .....	87.50
7 Non-Res Hunting @48.50.....	339.50
26 Res Sporting @\$19.50.....	507.00
1 Res Sporting (65-69) @\$9.75 .....	9.75

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT CONTINUED**

3 Res Sporting Over 70 FREE .....	0.00
1 Duplicate Sporting @\$2.00 .....	2.00
20 Archery/Primitive @\$5.10.....	102.00
3 Mass Waterfowl @\$5.00 .....	15.00
54 Wildlands Conservation Stamp	
Resident @\$5.00.....	270.00
8 Wildlands Conservation Stamp	
Non-Resident @\$5.00 .....	40.00
155 Total .....	\$1372.75
Clerk's Fees .....	\$ 33.75

**Dogs**

33 Male @ \$3.00 .....	\$ 99.00
32 Neutered Male @\$3.00.....	96.00
13 Female @ \$6.00 .....	78.00
52 Spade Female @ \$3.00.....	156.00
5 Kennel 4 or less @ \$10.00.....	50.00
1 Kennel more than 10 @\$ 50.00.....	50.00
1 Kennel less than 10 @ \$25.00.....	25.00
1 Transfer @ \$.25 .....	.25
138 - Total.....	\$ 554.25
Clerk Fees .....	\$ 103.50

**VITAL STATISTICS**

**Marriages**

- James Street & Sherry A Tucker -  
    March 26, 1994
- Carlos Soledade & Kristen E Rau -  
    July 9, 1994
- Sean Francis Foley & Sarah M Batorski -  
    July 30, 1994

**Births**

- Emily Jean Savery - February 8, 1994  
    daughter of Ann Theresa Savery & Rodney  
    George Savery, Jr.
- Jacob Scott Myers - March 5, 1994  
    son of Anita Louse Myers & Daniel Paul  
    Myers, Sr.
- Daniel Lee Wheeler - August 29, 1994  
    son of Pamela Jane Wheeler & Theodore  
    Bennett Wheeler

**Deaths**

- Ralph Walter Smith - August 8, 1994  
    85 years

**ASSESSORS REPORT**

The FY 1995 tax rate of \$14.10 was a reduction of \$.60 compared to 1994. Town Meeting appropriations were \$302 less than the prior year and the deficit in the snow account was \$4,979 less than 1994. We are currently working on our revaluation of the town real estate which must be done prior to setting a rate for FY 1996.

Our current tax rate is calculated as follows:

Town Meeting Appropriations	\$529,237.00
State & County charges	7,521.00
Overlay Reserve	9,497.00
Snow Deficit	<u>7,021.00</u>
Amount to be Raised	\$553,276.50
Receipts From State	\$ 62,234.00
Estimated Local Receipts	39,950.00
Other Available Funds	<u>9,305.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$111,489.00
Net Amount To Be Raised	\$441,787.50

Tax Rate:  $\frac{441,787.50}{31,332,447} \times 1000 = \$14.10$

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin Monson  
Cameron McQuaid  
Susan Donnelly

## **REPORT OF THE SELECTBOARD**

The Board of Selectmen have been very busy. One of the most time consuming items this year has been working on grants for various necessary projects for the Town. The projects in process are as follows: Salt Shed - \$100,000, Senior Center (Old Town Hall) - \$133,300, Glendale Bridge reconstruction - this is fully State funded. We are working with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to secure funds to reconstruct Town Hill Road from Starbird Bridge to the Becket town line under the low to moderate income grant. We are also applying for funding of engineering for reconstruction of Skyline Trail under the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program). We are also applying under the TIP program for funding to resurface all of Skyline Trail while we are waiting for reconstruction funds. Rep. Shaun Kelly, Senators Swift and Rosenberg are considering amending the STRAP (Small Town Road Assistance Program) Grant requirements so Middlefield will qualify for an engineering grant.

Our roads being the second largest expenditure of the town, just behind the school budget, we spend much time working on sources for funding and developing priorities. Our priorities for State funds this year are: finishing construction on Bell & Arthur Pease Roads, intersection improvement at Arthur Pease and Chester Hill Roads. Other projects are in the planning process to alleviate mud problems and do some resurfacing and resealing.

This winter was relatively mild, we experienced less snow but more ice. Therefore, we used more salt and sand than in other years. The snow removal budget also reflects the policy change of taking all snow related machinery expenses from the snow removal account.

The road crew of two people has done what in past years have been done with three people. Our thanks to Brian Miller and Don Savery for a wonderful job this year in keeping the roads clear so we can all get to where we need to go. Also, thanks to Larry Pease and Scott Smith for their efforts when we needed them.

The town garage is in dire need of a complete overhaul. The building itself is suffering from years

of lack of maintenance. In the near future we will have to spend money on this building. The machinery which is housed there is also in dire need of help. There are items on the warrant addressing some of the needs for the highway department.

This year the Gateway District is returning the Middlefield Elementary School to the Town. Officially it will be Town Hall. Along with this change comes added maintenance expenses for FY96.

On the warrant you will see that salaries and fees have been increased. This was done on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Their decision was based on fees and salaries of neighboring communities. The Board of Selectmen have unanimously decided not to accept the increase in salary. The Board feels the increase should go to anyone elected to the office after FY96. We cannot in good conscience vote ourselves a raise. We do, however, see the need to increase the salary of town officials.

The Board wishes to thank dog owners who are complying with the State's dog laws. This year we will be making an additional effort to assure that all dog owners are complying with the law. Many thanks go to our dedicated dog officer Kathy O'Brien for her conscientious efforts on behalf of dogs.

This coming year the Board will review and revise the following: record keeping and filing procedures, personnel policies and all other town policies and procedures.

We wish to thank the citizens who have come to the Board to express their concerns on many different issues. Please continue to bring any and all concerns to us. This is how we know what is on peoples' minds - we do need to keep lines of communication open. Along that vein, we have had three All Boards meetings. These have been very helpful to all involved. We plan on continuing this effort in the future. We also wish to thank everyone who have helped in town projects. And we encourage continued participation. Continuing a TEAMWORK approach to town projects will move us ahead together to improve our town. Please join boards and committees - THERE IS WORK ENOUGH FOR ALL.

**TOWN HIGHWAYS**

Appropriation	\$34,000.00	
Total available		\$34,000.00
Timothy Pease, Supt.	\$10,119.29	
Donald Savery, Eq. Op.	\$8,880.13	
Brewster Pease, Drott	\$1,050.00	
Brian Miller, Eq. Op.	\$4,892.50	
Pittsfield Sand & Gravel, gravel	\$1,224.97	
Bacon Equip, Tractor rent	\$1,300.00	
IL.P. Adams	\$4.49	
Charlie's Garage, gas	\$88.00	
Lane Construction, Hot Mix	\$5,056.17	
St. Martins, gas	\$25.00	
Huntington Hardware	<u>\$12.90</u>	
Total Spent		<u>\$32,653.45</u>
Bal.		<u>\$1,346.55</u>

**TOWN SNOW**

Appropriation	\$35,000.00	
Total available		\$35,000.00
Timothy Pease, Supt.	\$12,083.89	
Donald J. Savery, Eq. Op	\$7,854.08	
Brian Miller, Eq. Op.	\$807.50	
Donovan Bros, Sand	\$14,478.57	
AKZO Salt, Inc, Salt	\$5,548.89	
Larry Pease, Eq. Op.	\$133.00	
Archie Main, labor	\$52.50	
Robert Miller, Eq. Op.	\$712.50	
Brewster Pease, Plowing	\$350.00	
Total Spent		<u>\$42,020.93</u>
Bal.		<u>(\$7,020.93)</u>

**TOWN HIGHWAYS - Materials Unpaved Roads**

Appropriation	\$10,000.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$515.37	
Total Available		\$10,515.37
Donovan Bros., Gravel	\$10,515.37	
Total Spent		<u>\$10,515.37</u>
Bal.		<u>\$0.00</u>

**ASSESSORS EXPENSE**

Appropriation	\$300.00	
From Assessors Assistant	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	
Total Available		\$1,800.00
B & H Computer, MVE bills		\$103.56
Computer Discount, carbon		\$132.73
Mass. Assoc. of Assess., dues		\$80.00
Hobbs & Warren, forms		\$35.00
Total Spent		\$351.29
Bal.		<u>\$1,448.71</u>

**ASSESSORS TAX MAP UPDATE**

Appropriation	\$660.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$15.00	
Total Available		\$675.00
Cartographic Associates		\$675.00
Spent		\$675.00
Bal.		<u>\$0.00</u>

**ASSESSORS REGISTRY FEES**

Appropriation	\$100.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$100.00	
Total Available		\$200.00
Registrar of Deeds, Transfers		\$179.50
Total Spent		\$179.50
Bal.		<u>\$20.50</u>

**ASSESSORS ASSISTANT**

Appropriation	\$5,000.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$139.00	
Total Available		\$5,139.00
Susan Donnelly, Clerk		\$3,639.00
Transfer to Assessor Expense		\$1,500.00
Total Spent		\$5,139.00
Bal.		<u>\$0.00</u>

**AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Appropriation	\$1,398.00	
Hinsdale Ambulance		\$1,200.00
Huntington Lions Club Ambulance		\$198.00
Total Spent		\$1,398.00
Bal.		<u>\$0.00</u>

**CEMETERY EXPENSE**

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Total Available		\$3,000.00
Warren Ritter, mowing	\$860.00	
R. Savery, walkway	\$400.00	
U.S. Flag	\$72.00	
Frank Caputo, mowing	\$412.00	
Country Journal, ads	\$4.80	
Total Spent		\$1,748.80
Bal.		\$1,251.20

**CIVIL DEFENSE**

Appropriation	\$10.00	\$10.00
Bal.		\$10.00

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Transfer from Income Acct.	\$550.00	\$550.00
Postmaster, box rent	\$11.25	
Dues	\$35.00	
Diane McQuaid, postage	\$10.00	
Country Journal, ads	\$10.63	
Total Spent		\$66.88
Bal.		\$483.12

**COBRA**

Appropriation	\$300.00	
Trans from Social Security	\$120.00	
Total Available		\$420.00
First Agricultural Bank	\$437.73	
Baybank	\$32.26	
Total Spent		\$469.99
Bal.		(\$49.99)

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

State Grant Available	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
A. Devries	\$200.00	
Fauna Autenreith, art supplies	\$200.00	
Ruth LaPrise, Basket Instructor	\$150.00	
Sevenars, music	\$500.00	
Blandford Fair Art Show	\$100.00	
Becket Arts Center	\$300.00	
Total Spent		\$1,450.00
Bal.		\$550.00

**DISPOSAL AREA**

Appropriation	\$18,000.00	
Total available		\$18,000.00
Donald Savery, Eq. Op.	\$294.50	
Martin Main, attendant	\$2,520.00	
Dave Wickles Trucking	\$4,800.00	
Middlefield General Store	\$6.68	
City of Northampton, dumping fees	\$7,014.84	
Timothy Pease, Eq. Op.	\$53.75	
Brian Miller, Eq. Op.	\$19.00	
Total Spent		\$14,708.77
Bal.		\$3,291.23

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

c/o Bal.	\$2,207.57	
Appropriation	\$400.00	
Arts Council	\$200.00	
Highland Valley Elder Services	\$1,100.00	
FRTA	\$83.00	
Total Available		\$3,990.57
Sheraton Inn	\$166.95	
Maurice Pease	\$132.00	
Eurbin Propane	\$78.25	
Lynnes Restaurant	\$143.00	
Postmaster, box rent	\$65.25	
Priscilla Suriner, supplies	\$50.00	
Davio's Restaurant	\$99.02	
Ellen Miller, brown bag dist.	\$60.00	
Hasses Corp., newsletter	\$130.00	
Gateway Regional Band	\$25.00	
Total Spent		\$949.47
Bal.		\$3,041.10

**DOG OFFICER**

Appropriation	\$600.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$500.00	
Total Available		\$1,100.00
Katherine O'Brien, salary	\$300.00	
Katherine O'Brien, supplies	\$195.20	
Mobile Vet Services	\$174.49	
Francis Collins, attorney fees	\$500.00	
Total Spent		\$1,169.69
Bal.		(\$69.69)

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Appropriation	\$6,035.00	\$6,035.00
Peter Oigny, Moderator	\$60.00	
Marjorie Batorski, Town Clerk	\$800.00	
Neil Nickerson, Tax Collector	\$1,200.00	
Nancy Pease, Treasurer	\$1,200.00	
Susan Donnelly, Assessor	\$450.00	
Kris Monson, Assessor	\$450.00	
Cameron McQuaid, Assessor	\$450.00	
Thomas Rock, Chair Selectmen	\$600.00	
Diane McQuaid, Selectman	\$300.00	
Maitland Dowsey, Selectman	\$300.00	
Martin Main, Auditor	\$45.00	
Donald Savery, Constable	\$90.00	
William Paschal, Constable	\$90.00	
Total Spent		\$6,035.00
Bal.		\$0.00

**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS**

Appropriation	\$700.00	
State Reimb.	\$135.00	
Total Available		\$835.00
Nancy Burnham, Teller	\$56.26	
Shirley Savery, Teller	\$101.25	
Ellen Miller, Teller	\$11.25	
Lois Leonardo Bell, Teller	\$28.13	
Patricia Paschal, Teller	\$54.01	
Susan Donnelly, Teller	\$28.13	
Mary Sternagle, Teller	\$81.00	
Wayne Suriner, Teller	\$37.13	
Betty Oigny, Teller	\$101.25	
Priscilla Suriner, Teller	\$131.63	
Total Spent		\$630.04
Bal.		\$204.96

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Appropriation	\$4,500.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$37.26	
Total Available		\$4,537.26
Hamp. County	\$100.00	
Raynors Bearings	\$30.48	
Sawsbury fire Equip	\$10.17	
Ryder Truck Rental	\$15.00	
H/S Auto Service	\$8.24	
Com-Tech Electronics	\$229.15	
Youths Safety	\$71.30	
Pittsfield Fire & Safety	\$17.00	
S & A Supply of Pittsfield	\$25.26	
Charlies Garage	\$82.00	
Specialized Radio Systems	\$57.57	

Gateway Auto Parts	\$782.15	
Larry Pease, stickers	\$45.00	
Egremont Volunteer Fire Dept	\$24.00	
Gleason Fire Equip.	\$1,684.35	
Hinsdale Servicer	\$415.60	
Huntington Hardware	\$3.35	
Maurice Pease, gas	\$71.71	
Hamp. Cty. Fire Defense Assoc.	\$126.20	
JJ Keller, Rep. beeper	\$111.86	
L.P. Adams	\$16.87	
Lee Audio	\$80.00	
Howard Pease, paint	\$30.00	
Commonwealth of Mass.	\$500.00	
Total Spent		\$4,537.26
Bal.		\$0.00

**FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN**

Appropriation	\$325.00	\$325.00
Larry Pease, Fire Chief & Warden	\$325.00	
Bal.		\$0.00

**FIRE HOUSE NOTE**

Appropriation	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
Farmers Home Administration	\$1,750.00	
Bal.		\$0.00

**FIRE HOUSE INTEREST**

Appropriation	\$612.50	\$612.50
Farmers Home Administration	\$612.50	
Bal.		\$0.00

**FIRE ENGINE ACCOUNT**

Appropriation	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00
First Agricultural Bank	\$17,000.00	
Bal.		\$0.00

**FIRE ENGINE INTEREST**

Appropriation	\$4,926.00	\$4,926.00
Total Available		\$4,926.00
First Agricultural Bank	\$4,912.29	
Bal.		\$13.71

**GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Appropriation	\$280,616.75	\$280,616.75
Gateway Regional School Dist	\$263,508.75	
Transfer to Mach Exp	\$4,000.00	
Transfer to Social Security	\$500.00	
Transfer to Planning Board	\$275.00	
Total Spent		\$268,283.75
Bal.		\$12,333.00

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT**

Appropriation	\$5,963.00	
Total Available		\$5,963.00

Hampshire County Retirement	\$5,963.00	
Total Spent		\$5,963.00
Bal.		\$0.00

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Appropriation	\$7,000.00	
BC/BS	\$6,532.82	
Total Spent		\$6,532.82
Bal.		\$467.18

**HEALTH & SANITATION**

Appropriation	\$100.00	\$100.00
Bal.		\$100.00

**HEPATITIS B (HIB) VACINE**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Smith Kline Beechan	\$1,793.35	
Total Spent		\$1,739.35
Bal.		\$260.65

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Trans from Savings	\$289.03	
Total Available		\$789.03

Lydia Sanders	\$78.12	
Savery Electric	\$155.07	
Huntington Hardware	\$194.04	
Univ. Products, storage boxes	\$329.55	
Postmaster, box rent	\$7.25	
Jack Cobb, dress form	\$25.00	
Total Spent		\$789.03
Bal.		\$0.00

**HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Appropriation	\$1,309.00	\$1,309.00
Hilltown Resource Management	\$1,332.80	
Total Spent		\$1,332.80
Bal.		(\$23.80)

**HOLIDAY & VACATION PAY**

Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Trnsfer from Reserve Fund	\$138.00	
Total Available		\$2,638.00
Timothy Pease, Supt.	\$1,118.00	
Donald Savery, Eq. Op.	<u>\$1,520.00</u>	
Total Spent		\$2,638.00
Bal.		<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$0.00</span>

**INTEREST - SHORT TERM LOANS**

Appropriation	\$6,000.00	
Total Available		\$6,000.00
First Agricultural Bank	\$3,668.61	
Bureau of Accounts	\$150.00	
Baybank	\$1,849.27	
Total Spent		\$5,667.88
Bal.		<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$332.12</span>

**INSPECTIONS**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Trans from Reserve Fund	<u>\$500.00</u>	
Total Available		\$2,500.00
Larry Pease, Smoke Alarms	\$140.00	
Eric Main, Elec. Insp.	\$75.00	
William Zeitler, Plumbing Insp.	\$650.00	
Howard Pease, Burner Insp.	\$70.00	
Walter Smith, Building Insp.	\$1,000.00	
Savery Electric, Elec. Insp.	<u>\$275.00</u>	
Total Spent		\$2,210.00
Bal.		<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$290.00</span>

**INSURANCE**

Appropriation	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Transfer to Mach Exp	\$1,000.00	
Hastings Tapley	\$7,127.00	
MIIA	\$12,732.00	
Workman's Comp	\$1,658.00	
Total Spent		\$22,517.00
Bal.		<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$2,483.00</span>

**LIBRARY EXPENSE**

Trans from Library Income Acct.	\$2,476.70	
Appropriation	<u>\$500.00</u>	
Total Available		\$2,976.70
Literary Book Guild, books	\$173.49	
Time Inc.	\$25.93	
Quality Paperback, books	\$128.40	
P. Oigny, multimedia computer	\$1,979.98	
Franklin Watts, books	\$88.62	
Publishers Clearing House, subs.	\$80.28	
Cynthia Oigny, Librarian salary	\$500.00	
Total Spent		\$2,976.70
Bal.		<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$0.00</span>

**MACHINERY EXPENSE**

Appropriation	\$15,000.00	
Trans. from Gateway	\$4,000.00	
Trans. from Insurance	\$1,000.00	
Total Available		\$20,000.00
AAMCO Transmission	\$745.00	
Sprfld Mack, heat core	\$89.17	
Pathfinder, snowplow	\$37.50	
Millworks of NE, cable	\$117.00	
Ralphs, springs	\$1,338.45	
Howe Bros	\$2,874.12	
Pittsfield Welding Supply	\$591.73	
Tim Pease	\$309.50	
Charlie's Garage	\$1,479.79	
Gateway Auto, parts	\$4,032.65	
O'Connell Assoc.	\$1,008.80	
Wholesale Dist.	\$415.50	
Huntington Hardware	\$61.98	
City Tire, tubes and tires	\$941.80	
Donovan Bros. rent air comp	\$136.80	
Kieras Oil	\$517.08	
E. Hartford Equip Co	\$450.00	
Smith Sled Shop	\$525.66	
McLaughlins Supply	\$177.50	
St. Martins, gas	\$409.30	
Wm. H. Weigel	\$120.00	
Freedman Steel	\$300.00	
Donald Savery, eq. oper.	\$218.50	
Brian Miller, eq. oper.	\$190.00	
Country Oil, diesel fuel	\$2,905.02	
John's Building Supply, black beauty	\$182.00	
Total Spent		\$20,174.85
Bal.		<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(\$174.85)</span>

**MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

Appropriation	\$7,000.00	
Trans. from Insurance	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	
Available		\$8,500.00
WMECO	\$2,888.18	
New England Telephone	\$1,322.50	
L.P. Adams	\$71.95	
Nynex	\$290.03	
AT&T	\$114.48	
Huntington Hardware, locks	\$111.04	
Wheeler Oil, oil	\$240.00	
Moody Energy, fuel	\$3,591.84	
Savery Electric, breaker	<u>\$157.10</u>	
Total Spent		\$8,787.12
Bal.		<u>(\$287.12)</u>

**OFFICE EXPENSE**

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Total Available		\$3,000.00
Dues	\$259.99	
Postmaster, boxes & postage	\$400.00	
S. Baker, rep copier	\$50.00	
Hamp. Cty. Purchasing	\$59.64	
Country Journal	\$352.82	
Maurice Pease, postage & supplies	\$320.29	
Discount Data, ribbons & toner	\$384.60	
Moore Forms	\$861.13	
Stamped Eng Agency, env.	\$160.00	
Metcalf Printing, forms	<u>\$49.92</u>	
Total Spent		\$2,898.39
Bal.		<u>\$101.61</u>

**PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMM**

Appropriation	\$59.00	\$59.00
Pioneer Valley Commission	\$58.80	\$58.80
Bal.		<u>\$0.20</u>

**POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE**

Appropriation	<u>\$2,600.00</u>	
Total available		\$2,600.00
Dues	\$290.00	
Midtown Motors	\$257.99	
Postmaster, box rent	\$7.25	
Whelen Engr	\$10.00	
Hinsdale Servicenter, gas	\$342.48	
L. McFarland	\$65.00	
Sentry Uniforms	\$426.55	

Message Center	\$137.47	
Bell Atlantic	\$36.53	
Midas Muffler	\$167.88	
Protech Armored Prod.	\$200.00	
Jurek Bros., ammo	\$292.75	
Gateway Auto, parts	\$179.80	
Cameron McQuaid, laminating	\$41.99	
Western Mass. Comm.	\$231.75	
Gould Publications	\$127.85	
		\$2,815.29
Bal.		<span style="border: 1px solid black;">(\$215.29)</span>

**POLICE CHIEF SALARY**

Appropriation	\$300.00	\$300.00
Thomas Austin, salary	\$300.00	\$300.00
Bal		<span style="border: 1px solid black;">\$0.00</span>

**UPGRADE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Western Mass Communications	\$3,000.00	
Total Spent		\$3,000.00
Bal.		<span style="border: 1px solid black;">\$0.00</span>

**PRINTING**

Appropriation	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Country Journal, ads & town report	\$297.64	
Diane McQuaid, printing town rep	\$244.14	
Betty Oligny, Typing, town reports	\$72.00	
Total Spent		\$613.78
Bal.		<span style="border: 1px solid black;">\$886.22</span>

**RECREATION EXPENSE**

Carry over (from 1985 Rev Sh)	\$4,420.00	\$4,420.00
Tim Pease	\$150.50	
Donald Savery	\$133.00	
Brian Miller	\$133.00	
L.P. Adams, handimix	\$27.76	
Total Spent		\$444.26
Bal		<span style="border: 1px solid black;">\$3,975.74</span>

**SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE**

Appropriation	\$500.00	\$500.00
Mass. Municipal Assoc, dues	\$341.00	
Total spent		\$341.00
Bal.		<u>\$159.00</u>

**SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Betty Oligny, salary	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Bal.		<u>\$0.00</u>

**STREET LIGHTS**

Appropriation	\$500.00	\$500.00
WMECO	\$416.34	
Total Spent		<u>\$416.34</u>
Bal.		<u>\$83.66</u>

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Appropriation	\$150.00	\$150.00
Francis Collins, Atty.	\$150.00	
Total Spent		<u>\$150.00</u>
Bal.		<u>\$0.00</u>

**DUTCH ELM DISEASE**

Appropriation	\$150.00	\$150.00
Bal.		<u>\$150.00</u>

**INSECT PEST CONTROL**

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

**FOREST FIRE PROTECTION**

Appropriation	\$10.00	\$10.00
Bal.		<u>\$10.00</u>

**TREE WARDEN**

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

**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

Appropriation	\$100.00	\$100.00
Unemp. Comp.	\$528.99	
Total Spent		<u>\$528.99</u>
Bal.		<u>(\$428.99)</u>

**VETERANS AGENT**

Appropriation	\$10.00	\$10.00
Bal.		<u>\$10.00</u>

**VISITING NURSE**

Appropriation	\$350.00	\$350.00
Lee VNA	\$350.00	
Total Spent		<u>\$350.00</u>
Bal.		<u>\$0.00</u>

**WAR MEMORIALS & PLAYGROUNDS**

Appropriation Available	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
P. Richardson	\$773.00	
Donald A. Savery, mowing	\$315.00	
Total Spent		<u>\$1,088.00</u>
Bal.		<u>\$112.00</u>

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Trans. from Reserve Fund	\$200.00	
Trans. from Medicare	\$120.00	
Trans. from Gateway	\$500.00	
Total available	<u>\$500.00</u>	\$1,320.00
First Agricultural Bank	\$517.19	
Baybank	\$836.79	
Total Spent		<u>\$1,353.98</u>
Bal.		<u>(\$33.98)</u>

## **CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

We regret that Cemetery Maintenance got off to a slow start in 1994 (the first caretaker hired let us down). We try our best to find a person who has experience, proper equipment in good working condition, his/her own insurance as well as one who is wholly responsible. Finally, we found that person - Eric Delducco - who for the remaining months did, we believe, an excellent job in caring for our town's five cemeteries.

Some complaints were received and resolved. Picnic debris and horseback riding through our oldest burial ground (Center Cemetery) were the most disturbing. Since there are miles and miles of scenic back roads for these activities there is no excuse for this arrogant desecration to our cemeteries.

In other matters, commissioner Larry Pease completed the initial Inventory of Pine Grove Cemetery. Next will be Inventory of our oldest, largest, and most difficult one - Center Cemetery on Bell Road, which will be started this summer. When all five cemeteries have been inventoried, the forms go to Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for finalizing and then to Massachusetts Historical Commission headquarters in Boston.

Flag holders for veterans graves have been ordered and will be in place for Memorial Day 1995.

Once again, our thanks to members of Middlefield Grange and 4-H for their devotion to the annual placing of veterans flags.

The Commission meets on the first Monday of each month at six o'clock in the Middlefield Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Burnham  
Larry Pease  
Neil Nickerson

## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Middlefield Council on Aging has experienced a very active year. Services to the elders have continued, new chairpersons were elected and grant monies for renovation of the senior center have been approved.

Luncheons have been well attended, especially those held at restaurants; potluck luncheons with guest speakers have served to meet the need for social as well as informational gatherings. Transportation, now under the direction of Judith Carrington, continues to be available for groceries and medical appointments. This transportation is still provided by volunteer drivers and a small stipend is paid to the drivers by the Franklin County Regional Transit Authority.

In the fall we regretfully accepted the resignation of Cyndy Oigny as Chairperson of the COA; Cyndy has agreed to remain on the committee. Joan Almorì and Susan Fastiggi will share the Chair position as co-chairpersons. Co-chair is a concept begun this year to allow for more active involvement in programs available to councils as well as assuring more continuity in leadership for his council.

Perhaps the biggest impact on our COA this year was the approval of grant money (\$133,300) for the renovation of the senior center. This grant comes from a federally funded community development program and will be administered through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC). All aspects of this project will be handled by Natalie Bozarth of the PVPC. A committee of COA members, Historical Commission, and Selectboard has been formed to work with Natalie to see that our needs will be met. The renovation is scheduled to begin in the spring (1995) and should be completed by the end of the calendar year.

The Middlefield Council on Aging is comprised of all volunteers; without their dedication and commitment this organization could not exist. It is this spirit that reaches out to brighten the lives and ease the burdens of friends and neighbors. Thank you volunteers!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan M Almorì, Co-Chair  
Susan Fastiggi, Co-Chair

## FIRE DEPARTMENT Report 1994

In the past year our department has accomplished some projects as well as keeping up with training. Our area was one of the first to go on line with 9-1-1. It has proven itself to be a great asset for us many times. If it had not been in our area, it is possible that one person may have died due to not giving their name and address. Fortunately, that information showed up on the computer screen at the dispatch center. We were able to be dispatched to the correct house.

Other projects were; receiving a 5 ton 10 wheeler army truck which replaced an older 2 1/2 ton army truck. We made another tanker truck with a larger amount of water and the chassis being in much better condition. This took approximately 80 hours of work to complete.

With the state having so many requirements to meet, for Fire, Police, and any emergency crew, it is difficult to keep up with everything. We were able to receive Hepatitis B shots for some of the primary members and Police Dept. members as well. Hepatitis can be a deadly disease if not recognized and treated early enough. This could happen at any time.

We also completed recertification in First Responders and CPR as required by law. We were also able to sponsor a class on Hazardous Materials First Responders with 3 other depts. If we were to respond to a propane spill, or fuel oil spill, or any type vehicle spill, there are many dangers involved. This class taught us more knowledge about what actions to take when arriving at the scene. Fortunately we have not had anything serious so we want to be prepared if it does.

Our department was fortunate to have 10 fire helmets donated to us to replace some of our older ones. This was a savings of approximately \$1,200 if we had to buy new ones.

Another accomplishment was to participate in 2 practice burns on two houses. Both places were in need of serious repair as well as a danger to those who felt bold enough to go inside. Approval was given from D.E.P. as was permission from all people

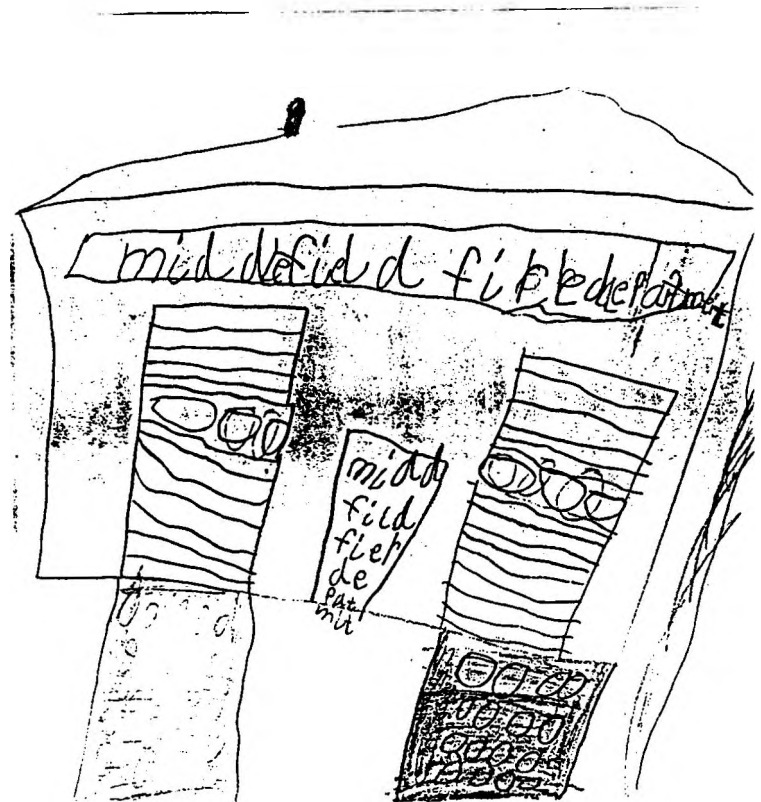
involved. These practices gave our younger members a chance to see what can happen with a fully involved fire. Hands on practice helps in a less pressured activity so more thoughts of safety and teamwork can be accomplished better.

Our department responded to a total of 21 calls this past year. They are as follows:

- 1 - Mutual Aid to Chester, Structure Fire
- 1 - Mutual Aid to Becket, Structure Fire
- 2 - Possible structure fires - False alarm
- 2 - Car Fires
- 3 - Motor vehicle accidents

Our department would like to extend their thanks for the ongoing support of the townspeople. We appreciate those that are willing to lend a hand or an idea. Every little thing makes a difference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Pease, Fire Chief  
Ron Radwich, Deputy Chief



By: Justin Miller

## POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 1994

The Middlefield Police Department would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Middlefield for their support and cooperation during the past year. The members of the Department during the year have continued to maintain the training requirements of the Commonwealth. The Enhanced 911 system has made a significant difference in the Department's ability to respond to calls in a more efficient and timely manner. Also the Department has completed the installation of a new radio system in the cruiser. Funds for this project were approved at last years town meeting. The radio allows officers to keep in constant contact with dispatchers at accident and investigation scenes. This provides for a faster response of emergency services and provides a higher level of safety to officers who respond to calls without backup or other officers for support.

Unfortunately many types of crime found in large metropolitan areas also take place in rural communities such as Middlefield. As some people move out of the urban areas they also bring with them some of the problems and crime associated with the inner city. One such problem that is being seen is the influx of gang related activities. A new state task force has been established in western Massachusetts to deal with gang activities in this area. If any parent should hear of any such activity in Middlefield or the Gateway district please call a member of the police department.

A number of other serious types of crime continued to be surface in the town as can be seen in the annual police activity log listed below. The number of domestic cases increased while other types of crime such as motor vehicle accidents, warrants served, suspicious vehicle calls and house alarms remained constant.

The Middlefield Police Department continues to be one of only a handful of police departments in the state that is entirely voluntary. As a result, the officers do the best they can to respond to situations, patrol town streets and handle investigations. This past year the department provided workshops to Chester elementary school students on bicycle safety,

drug awareness and personal safety issues. The Department continues to be highly respected by both the Massachusetts State Police and area Police departments.

In closing the Department again wants to thank the Town for their support and also wants to thank the Massachusetts State Police, Russell Barracks, Berkshire County Dispatch and Massachusetts Environmental Police for their assistance and cooperation during the past year.

The following represents the police activity log for 1994:

School Bus Inspection	1
Domestic Violence	4
House Checks/Alarms	20
Vandalism	5
Suspicious Vehicles	2
Assault and Battery on a Police Officer	1
Assisted Electric Co	2
Failure to Stop for a Police Officer	1
Harrassing Phone Calls	8
Dog Bite	1
Mutual Aid - State Police, Chester, Lee, Huntington, and Worthington	12
Mutual Aid - Fire Dept	4
Trees Down	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8
Trespassing Motor Vehicle	2
Stolen Car Recovered	1
Motor Vehicle Citations	10
Hunting License Checks	40
Court Hours	30
Elderly Checks	6
Sexual Assault	1
Assisted Phone Company	2
Serving Alcohol to Minors	1
Trespass with an ATV	5
Trespassing	5
Drug Overdose - Attempted Suicide	1

## POLICE DEPT CONTINUED

Indecent Exposure	1
Hunter Complaints	12
False Alarms - 911	6
Motor Vehicle Stops	30
Larceny	3
Miscellaneous Calls	30

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas Austin, Chief  
Curt Robie, Sargent  
Victor Fastiggi, Training Officer  
Stephen Carrington, Officer  
Jimmy Jasmin, Officer

## BUILDING INSPECTOR

For 1994 there were nineteen perc test. Building permits are as follows:

House & Septic .....	5
Renovations .....	2
Sheds.....	2
Additions .....	2
Barn .....	1
Garages .....	3
Deck.....	1
Stove & Chimney.....	2
Demolition.....	1

I appreciate the cooperation received from everyone.

Respectfully submitted,  
Walter D Smith  
Building Inspector

## PLANNING BOARD

At the '94 Town Meeting a new format of the Zoning Bylaws was approved. The format changes - - and corrections to comply with State Law-- were accomplished during '93-'94 under the direction of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, as administrators of a state grant awarded to Middlefield for the purpose of a Zoning Bylaw update. A new reprint of the '94 version of the bylaws was held up pending approval by the State of

the new version. Until a reprint is made, townspeople interested in seeing a copy of the '94 update should contact a Planning Board member.

Since May '94, the Planning Board has been considering new or amended bylaws to address such issues as: Parking, Camping, Common Driveways, Home Occupations, Sight Plan Review and Driveway Permitting. Public participation in these considerations is always welcome. The meeting times of the Planning Board are posted in the School (Town Hall). The members of the Planning Board as of 94-95 are: John Hobart - Chairman, Barbara Chalsma, Tom Duby, Mike Hale, Tamarin Laurel Paine @ 623-2155 or 623-2167.

Submitted by,  
Tamarin Laurel Paine

## LEE VISITING NURSE

The following is a report of the services performed in the Town of Middlefield during the calendar year 1994:

<b>Home Visits</b>	
Skilled Nursing	502
Home Health Aide	1255-2089 hrs
Medical Social Work	32
Maternal Child Health	25
Physical Therapy	134
Occupational Therapy	55
Speech Therapy	4
Nutrition	1
Homemaker	119-168 hrs
Personal Care Attendant	159-110 hrs

There was one Flu Clinic with 27 in attendance.

Submitted by,  
Paula Schutzmann, RN, MSN  
Executive Director

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

During 1994, the Middlefield Historical Commission completed its inventory of the town's historical collection, and catalogued many newly loaned and donated items. With the goal of sustaining community interest, exhibits were rotated for the season reopening.

Following the season reopening on July 4th, the museum was open during several weekends throughout the summer and fall, and during other town events such as the Middlefield Fair and the annual Apple Fest. The museum was again very positively received by visitors with attendance during the season numbering approximately 300. A special historical tag sale held in July enjoyed a very good turnout, and raised \$161 through the sale of items donated by residents and commission members. An October lecture on period candle making likewise drew a good crowd.

Preservation activities continued throughout the year, with a focus on framing additional photographs and documents for preservation and display. Restoration of furniture, cleaning and repairing of period clothing and creation of new work/storage space was ongoing throughout the season. Expenditures during the year included the purchase of glass and other framing supplies, and additional acid free storage boxes to preserve and store fabric items such as clothing and quilts. An estimated 1000 hours were contributed by commission members to historical efforts during the year.

While pending senior center renovations make the 1995 season somewhat uncertain, the commission will continue its preservation efforts during the upcoming season, and is planning a historical exhibit for display at the 140th anniversary celebration of the Middlefield Fair.

Submitted by,  
Lydia and Albert Sanders  
George Bell  
Nancy Burnham  
Jack Cobb  
Cindy Begue  
Cindy Duby

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

This past year we completed the playground project! The grant we received through the P.V.P.C. covered the main play area and the committee paid a total of \$1,426.10 for the benches, bike rack, and all replacement swings and hardware. The success of the outdoor movies run this summer reflected the potential for activities of all sorts at the playground. We spent \$186.50 to rent the TV/VCR which provided the "big screen". The Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Hayride also brought big turnouts! The eggs and prizes were donated and the Easter bunny arrived thanks to a collection can which was located at the store. Refreshments were also purchased through donations for the hayride and the committee paid the \$125.00 cost of renting the horses.

In the coming year we have many potential projects and activities on the drawing board... We are researching the cost of a new or used big screen TV/VCR which could be stored at the school. Our plan is to run movies on a regular basis throughout the year and have baked goods &/or popcorn available during showings. The TV/VCR would be available to any groups with special interests that could utilize it as well. The need for activities for the older kids is also recognized and we hope to install a basketball court which could be flooded for winter skating. The proposed location is at the park across from the General Store. A Baseball and Soccer field at the school is another idea being pursued. A summer program, perhaps incorporating the older kids leading the youngsters is another possibility and with all other proposed ideas, community involvement is essential for their success.

We end the year with a balance of \$2,200, Two thousand of that is to be kept in the Recreation Committee Account to be used towards the upkeep of the playground. This is part of the matching funds pledged by the town as a pre-requisite to receiving the grant money.

We welcome any suggestions and participation from one and all. Please help build the spirit of kids and community!  
Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Carrington, Chairperson

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD							
FISCAL YEAR 1994							
JULY 1, 1993 TO JUNE 30, 1994							
ACCOUNTS	APPROPRIATION	TRANSFERS	AMOUNT	RESERVE	EXPENDED	BALANCE	BALANCE
			AVAILABLE	FUND		CARRIED	CLOSED
						FORWARD	OUT
Ambulance Service					*		
Huntington	\$198.00		\$198.00		\$198.00		
Hinsdale	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00		
Arts Lottery Cultural Council		(1) \$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$1,450.00	(2) \$550.00	
Assessors Assistant	\$5,000.00	(3) \$1,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$139.00	\$3,639.00		
Assessors Expense	\$300.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00		\$351.29		\$1,448.71
Assessors Registry Fees	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$175.75		\$24.25
Assessors Tax Map Update	\$660.00		\$660.00	\$15.00	\$675.00		
Cemetery Expense	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00		\$1,648.80		\$1,351.20
Chapter 33A Bal FY 93		\$13,556.37					
Chapter 133 up front money		\$30,761.00	\$44,317.37		\$44,317.37		
Chapter 33B		\$75,932.00	\$75,932.00		\$30,245.75		\$45,687.25
Civil Defense	\$10.00		\$10.00				\$10.00
Conservation Commission Bal		\$550.00					
Council on Aging Bal FY 94	\$400.00	\$2,157.57					
Highland Valley		\$1,100.00					
Arts Council		\$200.00					
Franklin County Transit Auth		\$83.00	\$3,940.57		\$1,280.97	\$2,659.60	
Disposal Area	\$18,000.00		\$18,000.00		\$15,336.77		\$2,663.23
Dog Officer's Salary & Expens	\$600.00		\$600.00	\$500.00	\$1,069.69		\$30.31
Elected Town Officials	\$6,035.00		\$6,035.00		\$6,035.00		
Elections & Registration	\$700.00						
State Aid		\$135.00	\$835.00		\$630.04		\$204.96
Fire Chief & Forest Warden Sa	\$325.00		\$325.00		\$325.00		
Fire Department Expense	\$4,500.00		\$4,500.00	\$37.26	\$4,537.26		
Fire Dept Hepatitis Shots	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		\$1,793.35		\$206.65
Fire Engine Note & Interest	\$21,926.00		\$21,926.00		\$21,912.29		\$13.71
Fire House Note & Interest	\$2,362.50		\$2,362.50		\$2,362.50		
Forest Fire Protection	\$10.00		\$10.00		0		
Gateway Regional School Distr	\$268,283.75	(4) (\$4,000.00)					
		(\$500.00)					
		(\$275.00)	\$263,508.75		\$263,508.30		\$0.45
Hampshire County Retirement	\$5,963.00		\$5,963.00		\$5,963.00		
Health Insurance (Employer's)	\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00		\$6,532.82		\$467.18
Health and Sanitation	\$100.00		\$100.00		0		\$100.00
Hilltown Resource Mgmt Corp	\$1,309.00		\$1,309.00	\$23.80	\$1,332.80		
Historical Commission Expens	\$500.00	(5) \$289.03	\$789.03		\$789.03		
Holiday & Vacations	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	\$138.00	\$2,638.00		
Inspections	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,200.00		\$300.00
Insurance	\$25,000.00	(6) (\$1,100.00)			0		
		(6) (\$1,500.00)					
		(6) (\$410.00)	\$22,090.00		\$21,517.00		\$573.00
Interest Samll Term Notes	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00		\$5,657.00		\$342.12
Library	\$500.00				0		
Balance FY 93		\$4,800.32			0		
Incentive Grant		\$507.00			0		
Equalization Grant		\$119.79			0		
Dog Fee Refund		\$230.42	\$6,157.53		\$2,976.70	\$3,950.40	
Machinery Expense	\$15,000.00	(4) \$4,000.00			0		
		(6) \$1,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$212.38	\$20,212.38		
Maintenance Public Buildings	\$7,000.00	(6) \$1,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$307.12	\$8,807.12		
Medicare (Town's Share)	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$228.83	\$528.83		
Office Supplies Expense	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00		\$2,898.35		\$101.61
Pioneer Valley Planning Comm	\$59.00				\$58.80		\$0.20
Planning Board	\$10.00	(4) \$275.00	\$285.00		\$271.62		\$13.38
Police Chief's Salary	\$300.00		\$300.00		\$300.00		
Police Department Expense	\$2,600.00		\$2,600.00	\$215.29	\$2,815.29		
Police Dept Upgrade Radios	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00		
Printing	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00		\$1,092.52		\$907.48
Recreation Expense Bal FY 93		\$4,420.00	\$4,420.00		\$444.26	\$3,975.74	
Selectmen's Expense	\$500.00		\$500.00		\$341.00		\$159.00
Selectmen's Secretary Salary	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		
Social Security Town's Share	\$500.00	(4) \$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$353.98	\$1,353.98		
Street Lights	\$500.00		\$500.00		\$416.34		\$83.66
Tax Collector' Expense	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$109.46	\$1,109.46		
Town Council's Salary	\$150.00		\$150.00		\$150.00		
Town Highway Maintenance	\$34,000.00		\$34,000.00		\$32,653.43		\$1,354.57

Town Snow Removal	\$35,000.00		\$35,000.00		\$42,020.93	(7) 7020.93
Treasurer's Warrant					\$3,491.13	
Manatory Withholdings					\$3,400.00	
Hampshire County Tax					\$1,321.00	
Blue Cross & Blue Shield					\$3,978.61	(\$2.41)
Federal Income Tax					\$6,981.19	
Hampshire County Retirement					\$3,356.11	
Medicare					\$528.83	
Social Security					\$1,353.98	
State Income Tax					\$3,218.73	
Treasurer's Warrant					\$339.50	
Dog Fees					\$191.75	\$2.00
Town Clerk's Fees						
Div of Fisheries & Wildlife					\$1,965.23	(\$0.95)
Tree Accounts						
Insect Pest Control	\$100.00		\$100.00		0	\$100.00
Dutch Elm Disease	\$150.00		\$150.00		0	\$150.00
Tree Warden	\$100.00		\$100.00		0	\$100.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$100.00	(6) \$410.00	\$510.00	\$18.99	\$528.99	
Unpaved Roads	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	
Veteran's Agent	0					
Visiting Nurse	\$350.00		\$350.00		\$350.00	
War Memorials & Playgrounds	\$1,200.00				\$1,178.00	
NOTES PAID					\$80,000.00	
					\$16,000.00	
					\$4,707.00	
					\$60,000.00	
					(8) \$26,908.00	
					(8) \$34,024.00	
SERVICE CHARGES ON						
CHECKING ACCOUNT					(8) \$698.77	
COSTS OF CHECKS					(8) \$143.00	
FOOTNOTES						
1. \$2000.00 RECEIVED FROM STATE						
2. TO BE DEPOSITED IN ART'S COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNT						
3. \$1500.00 TRANSFERRED TO ASSESSORS'S EXPENSE						
4. TRANSFERRED \$4000.00 TO MACHINERY EXPENSE, \$500.00 TO SOCIAL SECURITY AND \$275 TO PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE						
5. \$289.03 TAKEN FROM THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION'S SAVING ACCOUNT TO COVER OVERAGE IN EXPENSE ACCOUNT						
6. TRANSFERRED \$100 TO MACHINERY EXP, \$1500 TO MAINTENANCE PUBLIC BLDGS EPX AND \$410 TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMP						
7. THIS OVERAGE WILL BE RAISED WHEN DETERMINING THE 1995 TAX RATE.						
8. PAYMENT MADE BY DIRECT WITHDRAWAL FROM CHECKING ACCOUNT.						

<b>LIABILITIES</b>							
FIRE ENGINE LOAN OWED	\$51,000.00		FIREHOUSE LOA	\$12,250.00			
PAID IN FY 1994	(\$17,000.00)		PAID IN FY 1994	(\$1,750.00)			
BALANCE	\$34,000.00		BALANCE	\$10,500.00			
INTEREST PAID	\$4,912.29		INTEREST PAID	\$612.50			
<b>FUNDS AND TRUSTS</b>							
ART COUNCIL, BALANCE	\$1,337.77		SALLY DICKSON CHARITY				
INTEREST	\$28.74		FUND - CD	\$6,254.78			
STATE AID	\$2,000.00		INTEREST	\$726.39			
WITHDREW	(\$1,450.00)		BALANCE	\$6,981.17			
BALANCE	\$1,916.51						
			SALLY DICKSON SCHOOL				
CEMETARY PERPETUAL			FUND - CD	\$10,954.05			
CARE - CD	\$14,448.13		INTEREST	\$1,271.21			
INTEREST	\$596.19		BALANCE	\$12,225.26			
	\$15,044.32						
TRANSFERRED INTEREST			ESCROW FUND	\$1,546.74			
TO CEMETARY MM ACT	(\$1,044.32)		INTEREST	\$31.50			
BALANCE	\$14,000.00		DEPOSIT	\$100.00			
			BALANCE	\$1,678.24			
CEMETARY PERPETUAL							
CARE - MM	\$1,940.11		HISTORICAL COMMISSION FUND				
INTEREST	\$37.75		BALANCE	\$1,699.61			
INTEREST FROM CD	\$1,044.32		INTEREST	\$34.63			
BALANCE	\$3,022.18			\$1,734.63			
			WITHDRAWAL	(\$620.65)			
			BALANCE	\$1,113.59			
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT							
BALANCE	\$73,484.54						
INTEREST	\$1,196.62						
DEPOSITS	\$135,467.40						
WITHDRAWALS	(\$175,961.66)						
BALANCE	\$34,186.90						
STABILIZATION FUND							
BALANCE	\$33,500.27						
INTEREST	\$802.44						
BALANCE	\$34,302.71						
<b>CASH RECONCILIATION FY 1994</b>							
CASH BALANCE FY 93	\$50,075.79						
CASH RECEIPTS FY 94	\$666,264.20						
TOTAL CASH FY 94	\$716,339.99						
PLUS TRANSFERS	\$91,588.00						
ADJUSTED CASH	\$807,927.99						
LESS WARRANTS	(\$757,643.17)						
	\$50,284.82						
LESS SERVICE/BAD CHECK	(\$1,153.52)						
	\$49,131.30						
PLUS CHECKS NOT CASHEI	\$899.28						
	\$50,030.58						
LESS 1ST AGGIE BALANCE	(\$712.36)						
CASH BALANCE FY 1994	\$49,318.22						

# REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

F. Year	Tax Bal.	Warrants	Refunds	Totals	Taxes Collected	Abated	Adj. Plus Or	Bal.
1994	RE.	\$433,585.16	\$2,082.16	\$ 435,667.32	\$366,440.16	A. 4,246.52 TT. 361.95 <u>4,608.47</u>	- 33.43	\$ 64,652.12
	PP.	17,904.28		17,904.28	17,668.32	17.27		218.69
	RB.	1,190.00		1,190.00	1,190.00			-0-
	WP.	177.61		177.61	-0-			177.61
	MVE.	20,559.14	145.63	20,704.77	16,075.57	170.63	.57	4,459.14
		473,415.19	2,227.79	475,643.98	301,374.05	4,496.37	34.00	69,507.56
1993	RE.	\$ 57,248.46		57,248.46	33,848.79		1746.75	22,252.92
	PP.	356.64		356.64	-0-			356.64
	MVE.	12,025.59	45.42	12,071.01	7,782.73	1,158.49	- 400.85	3,530.64
		69,630.69	45.42	69,676.11	41,631.52	1,158.49	1546.75	26,140.20
1992	RE.	\$ 44,031.36	276.19	44,307.55	15,330.22	A. -0- TT. 14,536.56	- 679.94	15,120.71
	PP.	145.15		145.15	26.81			118.34
	MVE.	2,966.77		2,966.77	1,493.20		- 8.28	1,481.85
		47,143.28	276.19	47,419.47	16,850.23	14,536.56	688.22	15,720.90
1991	RE.	\$ 23,268.13	322.32	23,590.45	3,017.95	TT. 11,982.84		8,559.66
	PP.	146.41		146.41	-0-			146.41
	MVE.	2,069.58		2,069.58	1,433.25	Reg. 40.00		636.33
		25,484.12	322.32	25,806.44	4,451.20	11,982.84		9,372.40
1990	RE.	\$ 11,589.19		11,589.19	2,408.31	TT. 8,229.56		951.32
	PP.	19.43		19.43	-0-			19.443
	MVE.	2,135.01		2,135.01	1,008.76	15.15		1,111.10
		13,743.63		13,743.63	3,417.07	8,244.71		2,081.85
1989	RE.	798.76		798.76	327.07		- 142.52	614.21
	PP.	58.73		58.73	-0-			58.73
	MVE.	1,153.20		1,153.20	579.38	Reg. 20.00		573.82
		\$2,010/69		2,010.69	906.45		142.52	1,246.76
1988	RE.	\$ 63.21		63.21	-0-			63.21
	PP.	12.17		12.17	-0-			12.17
	MVE.	405.11		405.11	158.50			247.61
		480.49		480.49	157.50			322.99
1987	PP.	12.46		12.46	-0-			12.46
	MVE.	40.96		40.96	28.23			12.73
1986	RE.	6.48		6.48	-0-			6.48
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$158,552.80</b>	<b>\$ 473,738.51</b>	<b>\$2,549.40</b>	<b>\$ 634,840.71</b>	<b>\$368,816.25</b>		<b>\$ 125,424.33</b>
Key	RE. Real Estate							
	PP. Personal Property							
	WP. Wood Products							
	A. Abatements							
	TT. Tax Title.							
			Tax Coll.	\$368,816.25				
			Int.	7,042.14				
			Tax. T. Col	32,328.84				
			Int.	12,789.66				
			Total	\$420,976.89				
						Respectfully submitted		
						Neil G. Nickerson		
						Tax Collector.		

## **HILLTOWN RESOURCE MGNT**

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative is a municipal organization made up and funded by eleven Communities - Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. These towns joined forces through an inter municipal agreement in 1989 to cooperatively deal with their waste management problems. The HRMC, as part of its charter, is directed to create and implement a comprehensive waste management strategy for the region. Keeping costs under control during these times of tight budgets is an extraordinary challenge, the HRMC realizes that waste prevention through regional cooperative outreach and technical assistance programs is the most effective cost prevention strategy at the local level. The four main goals of the HRMC are to:

1. Assist the Towns in monitoring and controlling waste disposal and recycling costs.
2. Keep abreast of changing State and Federal regulations on behalf of local Boards which manage the Towns waste disposal and recycling programs.
3. Perform aggressive and proactive education/outreach programs through the schools, town meetings, and regionally. Programs such as the Household Hazardous Waste Collection, the compost bin distribution and general education to keep the public informed about waste management and recycling issues.
4. Advocate on behalf of the Towns concerning waste management and recycling related issues when appropriate.

We each are responsible for generating over 2000 lbs of trash and recyclables and 30 lbs of Household Hazardous Waste each year. Educating residents on the proper handling of the waste/recycling stream, assisting Towns with waste stream and recyclables management and informing residents on wise environmental shopping choices are three important functions of the HRMC. It is the combined efforts of the eleven HRMC member Towns through the Board members, volunteers and its administrator which allow the HRMC to accomplish its goals. To this end, the HRMC has dedicated 1/2 of its

\$54,316.02 budget to education and outreach efforts during this year and the remainder of its budget to other HRMC programs and technical assistance to local boards. Additionally, the HRMC has been awarded over \$12,000 in Federal, State and private grant money over the past year to further assist us in our education, outreach and technical assistance efforts.

It is my pleasure to serve as administrator of the HRMC. I look forward to the upcoming year with great promise and expectation. If you have any questions feel free to call the HRMC at 268-3845, this is your cooperative effort, together we can make it work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Weiss, Administrator, HRMC