

*Annual Reports and Warrant*  
*of the Town of*  
*Middlefield, Massachusetts*  
2000

# **ANNUAL REPORTS**

**of the  
TOWN of**

# **MIDDLEFIELD**

**Massachusetts**

**Fiscal Year 2000**

## **OFFICES HOURS AND MEETINGS**

<b>SELECTMEN:</b>	<b>7:30 p.m. Mondays</b>
<b>TAX COLLECTOR:</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mondays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Saturdays</b>
<b>TREASURER:</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mondays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Saturdays</b>
<b>ASSESSORS:</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mondays</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mondays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Saturdays</b>

## **TOWN OFFICE PHONES:**

**ASSESSORS 623-8966**

**SELECTMEN 623-2079 (manned only during regular meeting hours)**

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**Town of Middlefield  
2001 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 Town Hall in said Middlefield on Saturday the 5th 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: An Auditor, Moderator, Town Clerk, and Tree Warden for a term of one year. A Tax Collector and a Hampshire Council of Government member for a term of two years. An Assessor, Cemetery Commissioner, Finance Committee member, Library Trustee, two Planning Board members, Selectman, and Zoning Board of Appeals member for a term of three years. School Committee member for a term of one year. 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 & appropriate the sum of money to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, or take any other action relating thereto:

**Salaries of Elected Officials:**

Moderator	100.00
Town Clerk	2,000.00
Treasurer	5,000.00
Tax Collector	5,000.00
Assessor, Chair	3,000.00
Assessor, 2nd	3,000.00
Assessor, 3rd	3,000.00
Selectman, Chair	1,500.00
Selectman	1,500.00
Selectman	1,500.00
Auditor	45.00
Constable, 1st	90.00
Constable, 2nd	90.00

**Highway and Related Expenses:**

Snow Removal	50,000.00
Highway Maintenance	75,000.00
Unpaved Roads Materials	15,000.00
Machinery Expense	16,000.00
Fuel	8,000.00
Holiday and Vacation Pay	6,000.00
Health Insurance, Employees	8,500.00
Social Security	9,000.00
Hampshire County Retirement	759.00
Unemployment Compensation	4,000.00

**Natural Resources:**

Dutch Elm Disease Control	0.00
Forest Fire Protection	10.00
Insect Pest Control	100.00
Tree Warden	100.00

**Government:**

COBRA (Medicare)	2,000.00
Elections & Registrations	1,000.00
Health & Sanitation	10.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	6,000.00
Insurance	25,000.00
Printing	750.00
Town Counsel	1,500.00
County Tax/Hampshire Council Gov't	3,287.00

**Office Expenses:**

Selectmen's Secretary	3,500.00
Selectmen's Travel & Expense	800.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00
Assessors Assistant	3,500.00
Assessors Education	1,200.00
Assessors Computer Software/ Maintenance	1,500.00
Assessors Expense	1,500.00
Assessors Registry Fees	150.00
Assessors Tax Map Update	650.00
Tax Collectors Expense	4,000.00

<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	
Cemetery Expense	3,600.00
Civil Defense	10.00
Council on Aging	1,000.00
Disposal Area	22,000.00
Hill town Resource Mngt Coop	1,373.00
Dog Officer Salary	400.00
Dog Officer Expense	300.00
Historical Commission	500.00
Lee Visiting Nurse	1,000.00
Library Expense	1,750.00
Maintenance of Public Buildings	26,000.00
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	60.00
Planning Board	10.00
Recreation Committee	1,500.00
Street Lights	500.00
Veterans Agent	100.00
War Memorials & Playgrounds	3,500.00
<b>Police Department:</b>	
Police Chief Salary	1,000.00
Police Expenses	6,000.00
<b>Fire Department:</b>	
Fire Chief/Forest Warden	425.00
Fire Department Expenses	4,500.00
Dispatch Services	2,750.00
Hinsdale Ambulance	1,200.00
Huntington Ambulance	200.00
<b>Inspectors Salaries:</b>	
Building	3,784.00
Board of Health/Inspection Agent	300.00
Electrical	300.00
Electrical Assistant	100.00
Oil Burner	100.00
Plumbing	300.00
Smoke Detector	100.00
Propane	100.00

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$250.00 from Dog Fund receipts to Library Expenses.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$5,000.00 for the Reserve Fund or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100.00 from the Conservation Commission Wetland's Receipts Reserved Account to the Conservation Commission Wetland's Expense Account.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Franklin Regional Transit Authority as the official transportation agent for the Council on Aging.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$284,355.00 for Middlefield's minimum contribution of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$73,391.00 for Middlefield's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, or take any other action thereto, or accept as an over-minimum contribution a sum which is less than \$76,785.00 as certified by the Gateway Regional School District.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,957.00 for Middlefield's share of the Transportation and Debt Service (non-foundation budget) & Construction for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 20,000.00 for the Stabilization Fund or take any other action thereto.

*(Normal appropriation: \$10,000. The other \$10,000 is to offset the decrease in the Stabilization Fund as voted on at the Special Town Meeting of December 4, 2000. The money was used for the purchase of the new Town Highway Truck. – Finance Committee)*

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2 that may be spent on the Transfer Station without further appropriation during FY2001. Funds collected may be used for the Transfer Station, for capital equipment, grounds' improvements or other related expenses to benefit the Transfer Station. The Selectmen may spend up to \$5,000 in revolving fund monies for the program during FY2002.

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000.00 for Turn Out Gear for the Fire Department.

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the Highway Department for the purchase of a new dump body and bodywork for the Ford truck, plus a pressure washer.

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purchase of a new four wheel drive cruiser for the Police Department.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for an audit of the town books.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town of Middlefield will vote to adopt the following resolution and appropriation in the amount of \$419.00:

**RESOLUTION TO SEEK LOWER ELECTRIC RATES IN A COMPETITIVE ELECTRICITY MARKET**

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by enacting Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997, has established a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry; and,

Whereas, citizens of the Town of Middlefield in Hampshire County have substantial economic, environmental, and social interests at stake; and,

Whereas, Middlefield's residential and business consumers are interested in reducing their electric rates;

Be it therefore resolved, that Town Meeting Members of Middlefield grant the Board of Selectmen authority to develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, for power supply and other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities. If such contracts are to be approved, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternative for service they desire; and

Be further resolved, that the Board of Selectmen will appoint a representative to a countywide committee to oversee such joint action, and to appropriate a sum of \$419.00 for the work of this committee.

**ARTICLE 18.** To transact any other business to 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 Town Hall, 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 15th day of April in the year of Our Lord, two thousand one.

Board of Selectmen:

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Tom Rock

\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Oligny

\_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Pease

I have this day posted attested copies of herein warrant as directed

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Constable of Middlefield

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This report is definitely one of those good news, bad news types of reports. The past year has seen the completion of the Town Hill Road project (after a prolonged period of time), the completion of the Chipman Road project, and some significant improvements to Chester Road. We also received almost all of the new truck that was approved at last year's town meeting. We have gone through a full year with a fully staffed highway department. Now, the bad news. We have made no headway in finding funding sources for desperately needed repairs on River Road. We have contacted, and received replies from many local legislators without much luck. To top that off, State funding through Chapter 90 was reduced by 33%, an amount we could ill afford to lose. We also have significant upcoming expenses to look forward to, the major expense being funding for the \$46,000,000 Gateway renovation project.

The Board of Selectmen would like to give special thanks to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission {especially Chris Dunphy} for their assistance in the Town Hill Road project. This project still has some funding left because some expenses actually came in under plan {almost unbelievable}. We are in the process of determining the best use of these funds. (We are somewhat restricted due to the terms of the grant used in this funding). In addition, this same grant provided funding for helping our Town Hall become compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

As mentioned above, we received our new highway truck although we have still not been able to get a plow for that vehicle. The manufacturer was purchased by another company and has experienced several production problems. We were told that we would have the plow by January, but that is now delayed further into late March at best. We have been able to use the truck for sanding, but that plow would have been very beneficial during this past winter. We would like to thank the Highway department for the long hours they had to put in during the big storms and a special thank you to Brian Miller, Skip Savery, and others who filled in giving our regular employees a chance for a short rest during those 3 day storms.

Despite the accomplishments of the past year, we have been unable to find a source of funding for the repairs needed on River Road. In a recent letter received from the Mass Highway Department, we were told that the STRAP grant applied for in early 1997 remains in a big pile somewhere in the state filing system, along with many other similar requests from other towns. We are still contacting our legislators for help in this matter with little success. That letter also indicated that the Skyline Trail project may go out to bid in 2002. As a result, we continue to struggle to make improvements on these roads. The Board of Selectmen is committed to using

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, cont'd

all available State Chapter 90 monies to gain at least minimal relief for the residents of River Road in the upcoming year. Even that amount will only address a small portion of our needs, but we will attempt to get the most done that we can. Because of this little work will be done on any of the other roads in the upcoming year.

We would like to thank all of the townspeople for their understanding and support in the past year. Special thanks go to all other elected and appointed officials who continue to work for token amounts trying to deal with many new state reporting requirements. The Board always welcomes suggestions and comments. We are not experts at any phase of the operations of town government and are always looking for ways to improve

Finally, we would like to express our deep sympathy to the families of Joey DeMoss and Dick Progulske. This past year Middlefield lost these two people who had served the town for a long number of years both as Town Treasurer and Selectman. But as importantly, Joey and Dick had a sincere interest in the betterment of Middlefield and contributed greatly in a lot of areas.

Larry Pease  
Thomas Rock  
Peter Oigny

# OFFICERS and COMMITTEES for 2000

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS Term Expires

### Board of Selectmen

Thomas Rock, Chairman	2001
Larry Pease	2003
Peter Oigny	2002

### Board of Assessors

Gustel Progulske, Chairman	2003
Nancy Burnham	2001
Robin Savery	2001

### Auditor

Martin 'Archie' Main	2001
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### Constables

William Paschal	2001
Donald Savery	2001

### Board of Health & Fence Viewers

Board of Selectmen, Chairman

### Cemetery Commission

Nancy Burnham	2003
Neil G. Nickerson	2001
Larry Pease	2002

### Councilor Hampshire Council of Governments

Joseph Kearns	2001
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### Finance Committee

Scott Artioli	2001
Archie Main	2001
William Allen	2002
Greg Carpenter	2003
Joseph Kearns	2003

### Library Trustees

Susan Donnelly	2003
Chris Bresnahan	2001
Elizabeth Carpenter	2002

### Moderator

Joe Kearns	2001
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### Planning Board

Michael Hale	2003
Joanne Rennert-Boisvert	2002
Tamarin Paine	2002
Ann Jewett	2001
Jay Wagg Swift	2003

### School Committee

Paula Bouffard	2002
Steve Bouffard	2002

### Tax Collector

Ann Savery	2001
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### Treasurer

Nancy C. Pease	2001
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### Tree Warden

Brian Miller	2001
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### Town Clerk

Marjorie Batorski	2001
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### Zoning Board of Appeals

Peter Oigny	2003
Maurice Pease	2001
Nancy Burnham	2002

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS TermExp

### Town Attorney

Kopelman & Paige	2001
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### Animal Inspector - Domestic/Rabies

Donald Savery	2001
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### Cultural Council

Peter Oigny	2002
Andrea Tosi	2002
Beth Carpenter	2003
Chris Bresnahan	2001
Lois Bell	2001
Phyllis Turner	2003

# OFFICERS and COMMITTEES for 2000

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS *continued*

### Building Inspector

Walter Smith 1/2 2001  
 Paul Tacy 1/2 2001  
 Rick Barus, Alternate 2001

### Civil Defense Warden

Larry Pease 2001  
 Thomas Austin, Asst. Warden 2001

### Conservation Commission

Thomas Troie 2002  
 Steve Cummings 2003  
 Carolyn Quigley 2001  
 Alan Vint 2001

### Council on Aging

Joan Almorì, Co-Chairman 2001  
 Judy Carrington Ellen Miller  
 Elizabeth Oligny Pricilla Suriner  
 Wayne Suriner Gustel Progulske  
 Richard Progulske

### Disposal Area

Martin Main 2001  
 Kathy O'Brien, Assistant 2001

### Dog Officer

David Krassler 2001

### Dutch Elm and Insect Pest Control

Brian Miller 2001

### Field Drivers

Board of Selectmen

### Fire and Forest Warden

Larry F. Pease, Fire Chief 2001  
 Ronald Radwich, Deputy Fire Chief 2001

### Historical Commission

George Bell 2001  
 Jack Cobb 2001

### Lumber Surveyor

Brian Miller 2001

### Wood/Bark Measurer

Edward James 2001

### Police Department

Thomas Austin, Police Chief 2001  
 Curt Robie 2001  
 Michael Pensivey 2001  
 Darren Pensivey 2001

### Plumbing Inspector

William Zeitler, Jr. 2001

### Recreation Committee

Board of Selectmen

### Recreation Sub-Committee

Judy Carrington, Chair 2001

### Registrar of Voters

Marjorie Batorski 2001  
 Mary Jane Donnelly 2001  
 Anita Myers 2001  
 Phyllis Turner 2001

### Smoke Alarm & Oil Burner Inspector

Larry Pease 2001

### Street Superintendent

Keith Porter 2001

### Veteran's Agent

Cameron McQuaid 2001

### Westfield River Advisory

Carl Lafreniere 2001

### Wiring Inspector

Eric Main 2001

**ASSESSORS REPORT**

During the fiscal year 2001 Nancy Burnham and Robin Savery were appointed to the Board of Assessors positions to fill out terms caused by resignations. We are entering the FY 2002 re-value year and will be active in visiting properties to update our records. We will also be updating personal property records and chapter lands (61, 61A, and 61B). We processed 9 exemptions and 6 abatements. We appreciate the courtesy extended to us during our visit of properties.

Our current tax rate is calculated as follows:

Town meeting appropriations	\$794,268.50
Total Cherry Sheet Offset	3,685.33
State and County charges	551.00
Overlay Reserve	<u>5,967.93</u>
Amount to be raised	\$804,472.76
Receipts from state	\$111,248.00
Estimated local receipts	75,900.00
Other available funds	12,619.50
Free Cash	<u>40,000.00</u>
Total estimated receipts	\$239,767.50
Net amount to be raised	\$564,705.26

Tax rate  $\frac{564,705.26}{33,120,543} \times 1000 = \$17.05$

Respectfully submitted,  
Gustel Progulske, Chairman  
Nancy Burnham  
Robin Savery

**CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

"Great joys like grief are silent." (Anon.)  
Preparation of the burial grounds began early in the Spring with the removal of fallen branches, winter debris, weed whacking along the old stone walls, pruning and cutting down of dead trees. Once done, the ways are clear to begin the six-month long mowing

and maintenance of our five cemeteries: Mack, Bell, Center, Pine Grove, and Clark Wright. Maintenance was again under the meticulous care of Mr. Donald Savery. We thank him also for the extra attention he gave to the older cemeteries, especially Center Cemetery on Arthur Pease Road, as it requires the most work, much of which is done with hand-tools.

Pine Grove Cemetery on Clark Wright Road remains the only one with plots for sale. A reminder: One plot (\$500) contains four burial lots and can be purchased by Middlefield residents and/or descendants of Middlefielders only. Reason? We're running out of space. Any questions regarding alternate sized plots, cemetery regulations, or cremation burials should be directed to the commissioners. Replies will be prompt.

We again thank all of you who have given your time, especially the Grange and 4-H Club members who faithfully place flags on our Veteran's graves each year, and, to all who take extra care enhancing with plants and flowers on their own family grave sites. This was Neil Graves Nickerson's last year on the commission (as he moved from his hometown to Windsor - their gain, our loss!). Larry and I wish to express our personal appreciation to Neil for his steadfast attendance, concern, and input regarding every matter - major and minor - affecting this commission over the last twenty-two years. It's been both a privilege and pleasure knowing and working with you Neil.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Burnham  
Larry Pease

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Middlefield Council On Aging is an active, sharing, supportive department of

Town government designed to meet the needs of residents over 60. The Council's major responsibilities include the setting of local policy for the administration of elder programs and services; developing, coordinating and/or conducting such activities; serving : an advocate for elders; and educating the community-at-large about the need and resources affecting their lives. This organization is run entirely by volunteers of all ages. There are many jobs to be done, small an not so small----- will you consider contributing your skills and energy in this way? *Be a Volunteer.*

*Overview of services rendered:*

Brown Bag distribution	55
Congregate meals served	566
Health screening	98
(BP checks, cholesterol clinic, flu shots)	
Newsletters mailed	288
Client support	84
(errands, escort, chores)	
Referrals to other agencies	2
Transportation miles	3339
Intergenerational programs	23
Social events	87
(luncheons, outings, parties)	

Funding through Franklin Regional Transportation offers a stipend for volunteer drivers who provide transportation for medical reasons and shopping.

This spring we accepted the resignation of our Chairperson. Joan Almorì. Joan will be taking some well-deserved time off after having served the Council for 11 years.

The Council on Aging would like to thank the Town of Middlefield and particularly the senior citizens for their continued support of this organization. We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers --- without their hard work and dedication this

organization could not exist.  
Thank you volunteers !!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan M. Almorì, Chairperson

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Once again, the Finance Committee is happy to report that we have had another year Where we can claim a full and active committee. We have met regularly to review town finances as well as study other issues important to the town. We continue to look at issues that effect us financially, such as the Transfer Station and the continuing acquisition of land by the state. But our eyes are currently cast upon the two issues that have the potential to effect our small town the most. They are Gateway Regional's building program and the recently passed state tax cut.

As we are all aware, bonding for the building of new schools in the Gateway district has passed and the projects are now moving forward. With that comes an almost certain increase in the tax rate. Efforts are underway by district officials to lessen the impact of these increases. They are working with state officials and elected representatives to find ways to get state money flowing into the district earlier, thereby lowering the necessity of large tax increases. The success of these efforts is yet to be seen. The committee is monitoring this situation and will report any information we receive on this important issue.

The second major issue we are monitoring is the recently passed state tax cut. The committee is concerned that with the recent economic softening, stock market dive, and the tax cut, that if the legislature is forced to

cut spending, it could come at the expense of local aid. How does that effect us? If local aid is cut, it could potentially mean hard choices regarding town spending. We could be forced to deal with either (a) cutting our own spending, (b) dipping into our reserves, or (c) raising tax rates. As of now, this scenario is yet to materialize, but as a committee, we feel we will need to stay on top of it's potential to happen.

Finally, we continue to document and log our historical databases of town finances and other assorted information. If the Board of Selectmen or any town citizen would care to see any of this information, the committee would be happy to share anything we have.

Respectfully,  
Joe Kearns, Chairman  
Greg Carpenter  
Scott Artioli  
Bill Allen  
Archie Main

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

For the past year, our dept. has responded to a total of 36 various calls. A little more than last year, yet enough for us to be busy. At the time of writing this report, we are awaiting state grant money totaling \$ 14,844.00. The idea originated from the state level stemming from a tragic fire in Worcester. From that came an idea to have every fire dept. in Mass. be equipped with a thermal imager for rescuing firemen and/or civilians trapped in dangerous areas. Many hrs. were spent putting this grant together and funding it as well. We thank the state for doing this as for many years there have been no extra monies available for rural small town depts. It is our intention to

purchase a thermal imager as it has many uses not just for fires, but anything that creates heat. 2/3rd's of the grant money will go toward this and the remainder to be used to buy some boots, handlights, GPS units and some radios. It is our hope that maybe another round of grant money will happen again in the future, but it remains to be seen. We would like to thank all of the people for their continued support.

Our calls for this past year are as follows:

- 1 structure fire
- 1 car fire
- 1 chimney fire
- 2 car accidents
- 4 false fire alarms
- 14 medical calls
- 1 tree on wires
- 1 mutual aid structure fire
- 1 lost hunter
- 3 outside fires
- 7 track brush fires (same day)

Our meeting nights are 2nd and 4th Wed. every month at 7 p.m.

Sincerely,  
Larry Pease - Chief  
Ron Radwich - Deputy Chief

#### **HAMPSHIRE INSPECTION PROGRAM**

One hundred and ninety-nine building permits were issued throughout the member towns of the Hampshire Inspection Program in 2000. This includes four permits issued in the town of Williamsburg, our newest member town, which joined the program in mid November. of these permits, 31 were for new homes. The breakdown of permit activity for the six member towns is as

follows:

Town	permits	homes	fees
Chesterfield	55	11	\$6949.15
Goshen	37	9	4876.35
Huntington	52	5	5264.01
Middlefield	18	2	2333.74
Plainfield	33	4	6615.57
Williamsburg	4	0	1147.60

Following three consecutive busy years in construction activity, many permits issued several months past are still active, requiring a continued investment of time by the Building Inspector. Also, the entry of Williamsburg into the Hampshire Inspection Program is expected to increase the permit activity by about fifty percent. This, coupled with the fact that nearly half of all time spent is related to zoning enforcement duties and administrative and educational requirements, has resulted in *the* hiring of a part-time clerical assistant to the Building Inspector. A permanent office has been set up at 422 Main Road in Chesterfield, and is open three mornings a week for residents of all towns.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Tacy Building Commissioner

### **HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE**

Since 1989 the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative has been operating as a unique regional municipal recycling and waste management organization, created, operated and funded by its eleven member towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield,

Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. All HRMC member towns operate small transfer stations which offer comprehensive recycling and waste disposal services to all town residents. The HRMC's main goal is to assist the towns in developing a first quality recycling and waste management program for their town and the entire region.

Here are some of the things the HRMC does on your behalf:

- \* Monitor area recycling and waste management efforts by working with local officials on recycling and solid waste planning efforts and goals.
- \* Represent the 11 member communities in regional and statewide efforts such as the Springfield MRF Advisory Board as well as participate in state and regional planning efforts sponsored by the DEP and EPA.
- \* Work with the HRMC Board of directors (2 from each town) to manage HRMC programs as well as manage HRMC budget. (Note: This is our sixth level funded budget in a row!)
- \* Plan and coordinate region wide programs such as the hazardous waste collection, paint recycling collection, electronics recycling collection, tire collections, Salvation Army textile recycling, compost bin distribution and recycling set out bins distribution programs.
- \* Provide outreach and education programs to HRMC area schools, residents, and other community groups.
- \* Obtain cash and equipment grants on behalf of its member towns and through them be able to explore and plan new programs such as the electronics recycling program, battery and universal waste recycling, and develop a SMRF roll off box repair program for the entire HRMC region.

The HRMC is here to serve your towns needs. Feel free to contact us on our Community Help Line any time at (413) 268-3845 or email us at [hrcm@crocker.com](mailto:hrcm@crocker.com) if you have any questions !

Eric Weiss  
Administrator, HRMC

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Work continued on inventory and conservation of materials: labeling and filing.

With the help of the old folding tables from the Town Hall, we were able to expand our display space and develop a new layout in the Museum.

In April, the Middlefield/Chester Brownie Troop #323 presented a millennium time capsule to the Museum. The capsule will be on display until April 2020 at which time it will be opened by the Troop.

The Museum was open most Thursdays during the summer and on Saturdays coinciding with other town events.

We had visitors from all over the country, many with Middlefield roots. All were appreciative of our Museum.

- Respectfully,
- Jack D. Cobb, Chairman
- Roy Haapala, Secretary
- George Bell, Treasurer
- Maryann Axenroth
- Janet Vreeland
- Cindy Duby, Associate Member

**LEE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION**

The following is a report of the services performed in the Town of Middlefield during the calendar year 2000:

	# Visits
Home Visits	74
Skilled nursing	54
Physical therapy	8
Occupational therapy	1
Maternal child health	5 visits/5 hours
Home health aide	

**Clinics**

Flu/pneumonia, 1 session: 28 flu/1 pneumonia

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The year 2000 brought our usual holiday festivities, beginning with a visit from the Easter bunny. A massive egg hunt became a real treasure hunt as the illusive silver egg from one group could not be found. After much to do, and all joining in, alas it did appear! We imagine the Easter bunny must have felt quite clever, however. Once again this spring time event brought those young and old lots of sweets and fun.

After the town's Trick or Treating, the ghosts, goblins, princesses and the bizarre paraded from the town's center to the Town Hall. There they found games and goodies, as well as tricks and treats.

Come December, on a beautiful moonlit night, the townspeople gathered at PJ's store to meet with Santa and enjoy an array of Christmas sweets and hot beverages. Once warm, the crowd took turns caroling up and down Skyline Trail aboard a wagon pulled by two trusty horses. We were grateful for the return of good 'ole horsepower.

As we enter 2001, movies are again being played at the Town Hall, and it is hoped that outdoor movies will run once the weather warms up.

There are a number of new and very enthusiastic members of the Recreation Committee, so look for many more events this year. Thanks to all those who gave their time and/or donations to make these events a success and fun for all. As always, we welcome any input from you all.

Judy Carrington  
Recreation Sub-Committee Chair

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORTS  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2000**

The Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Joseph Kearns at 8:00 P.M. There were 80-100 people in attendance.

Article 1. A motion was made and seconded that the Article to see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$1,000. from the Maintenance of Public Buildings account to the War Memorials and Playgrounds Account be accepted as read. Being no discussion, it was an unanimous vote and the Article passed.

Article 2. A motion was made and seconded that the article to see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of \$3,000. from the Insurance Account to the Unemployment Compensation Account be accepted as read. Being no discussion, it was an unanimous vote and the article passed.

Article 3. A motion was made and seconded that the article to see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$3,000. from the Interest on Short Term Loans Account to the Social Security Account be accepted as read. Being no discussion, it was an unanimous vote and the article passed.

Article 4. A motion was made and seconded that the article to see if the Town will vote to approve the \$46,092,000 debt authorized by vote of the Gateway Regional District School Committee of the Gateway Regional School District on January 5, 2000, or take any other action relating thereto, be accepted as read. Members of the School Committee will respond to questions concerning the school issue. Present were Dr Donald Nicoletti, Shirley Weiner, Dr. Michael Rooney and Paula and Steve Bouffard, our representatives on the School Committee.

Someone raised the issue that this was a lot of money to be spending. A motion was made that only Middlefield voters be allowed to speak. The reply was that it was critical to get all the news out. The motion was defeated by a voice vote.

There were many questions such as: Reopen Middlefield School? Location of the new school near the river and the railroad tracks. What about an old woodfill dump that was once on the site? What about water? The replies were that the dump soil samples were fine, water samples were fine and there was a good flow. As for the railroad and river, the state has no problem with them. The location to the tracks is similar to that of Murrayfield and Russell and there will be plenty of supervision on the playground. There will be fencing near the railroad.

A motion was made and seconded to call the question. A voice vote carried the motion. A motion was made and seconded that the Town Meeting vote with a paper ballot. The motion carried. The Clerk was asked to make sure that all who secured a paper ballot were registered voters. The Town Clerk, with Mark Doane and Cheryl Harper as clerks, counted the votes.

Yes for the New School	No for the New School
76	45

The motion was carried in favor of the new School.

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be dissolved. It was an unanimous vote and the meeting was dissolved at 9:15 P.M.

Attest: Marjorie Batorski  
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
JUNE 19,2000**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator Joseph Kearns at 8 P.M. There were 14 people present.

Article 1. A motion was made and seconded that the Article to transfer the sum of \$12,199.12 from the Free Cash to the Town Snow Account be accepted as read. Questions were asked why the transfer, and the Selectmen explained that because of a large negative in the account, it was necessary. Being no further discussion, a vote was taken and it was an unanimous vote. The Article passed.

Article 2. Under this article of any other business to come before this meeting, Jack Guyette of River Road presented the Selectmen with a petition from the residents of River Road to have some maintenance done on the road. It is in a state of very bad repair and the potholes are everywhere. The Selectmen advised the Townspeople that if we all write to Shawn Kelly, and Mr. Guyette speak to Senator John Olver, perhaps we could get some help in getting River Road repaired.

Being no other business, a motion was made and seconded that the meeting be dissolved. The meeting was dissolved at 8:15 p.m.

Attest: Marjorie Batorski  
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
DECEMBER 4, 2000**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Joseph Kearns, Moderator at 8:00 p.m. There were 13 people in attendance.

Article 1. A motion was made and seconded that the Article to rescind that vote on a

section of Article 19 of the Annual Town Warrant "Balance of \$35,000. to be financed in FY2002 through FY2005" or take any other action relating thereto be accepted as read. It was an unanimous vote and the Article was passed.

Article 2. A motion was made and seconded that the Article to see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$35,000. from the Stabilization Fund to the new truck with sander body and plow account or take any other action relating thereto be accepted as read. It was an unanimous vote and the Article was passed.

Article 3. Under this Article Joe Kearns spoke of matters relating to the Gateway Regional School Building Budget. It was just an informational discussion and no voting was necessary.

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be dissolved. Meeting was dissolved at 8:20 p.m.

Marjorie Batorski  
Town Clerk

**VITAL STATISTICS  
BIRTHS**

Lauren Olivia Suriner,     January 14, 2000  
Daniel Suriner, Father  
Maureen Donnelly Suriner, Mother

Margaret Mary Rock,     October 3, 2000  
Thomas Henry Rock, Father  
Mary Christine Bresnahan, Mother

**MARRIAGES**

Steven W. Berge *to*         June 10, 2000  
Michele L. Shetler

Nathan P. Solitario *to*     August 20, 2000  
Bridget A. Baker

**MARRIAGES cont'd**

James M. Dudas to October 28, 2000  
 Tammy K. Holton

**DEATHS**

David Baker January 17, 2000  
 87 years

Richard Progulske October 2, 2000  
 75 years

Doris Marvelli November 7, 2000  
 89 years

**DOG LICENSE INFORMATION**

Male dogs \$3.00  
 Female dogs \$6.00  
 Spayed females \$3.00  
 Kennel, 4 or less dogs \$10.00  
 Kennel, 4 or more \$50.00

Male dogs 33 \$99.00  
 Female dogs 22 \$132.00  
 Spayed females 19 \$114.00  
 Kennel, 4 or less 6 \$60.00  
 Kennel, 4 or more 1 \$50.00  
 Total \$445.00

1 late fee \$10.00

81 licenses were sold and the Clerk's fee was .75 per license.

\$60.75 in fees.

All dogs must have proof of rabies before a license can be issued.

**FISHING/SPORTING LICENSE REPORT**

Resident fishing 11 \$242.00  
 Resident citizen hunting 4 \$ 88.00  
 Non-res. hunting, big game 5 \$470.00  
 Resident sporting 9 \$355.50  
 Res. sporting, over 70 5 -0-

**FISHING/SPORTING REPORT cont'd**

Archery stamp 6 \$ 30.00  
 Waterfowl stamp 2 \$ 9.50  
 Primitive firearms stamp 8 \$ 40.00  
 Wild. cons. stamp- resident 24 \$120.00  
 Wild. cons. stamp- non-res. 6 \$ 30.00  
 Gross fees \$1401.40  
 Town fees \$16.40  
 Net fees \$1385.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

It is with deep regret and somewhat of a pleasure to inform you that I will no longer be the Treasurer of the Town of Middlefield. I have enjoyed working here, even though I have griped and complained about the job, I still loved it. However these days, I find the work more and more to be over my head and under my feet. I am sure a person who is computer literate and younger (much younger) will find the job less time consuming and more understandable.

I look forward to travelling and not having to worry about the payroll. I want to paint again, which I always enjoyed, and just clean the house and sleep. Moe and I will still be in Middlefield growing blueberries and eating breakfast at Phyllis's somewhere! I would like to thank the town officers, the town employees and town residents for putting up with me all these years. Yes, I am a coward not to be here, but hopefully I'll be in Hawaii and you'll be doing without hearing my crying (raised my pay to \$5,000). And like Red Skelton used to say, "God Bless."

Fondly,  
 Nancy C. Pease  
 Ex-Treasurer

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000

	Warrants	Balance	Taxes Col.	Abatements	Exemptions	Balance
2000 Real Estate	\$519,372.26		\$478,511.87	\$260.69	\$1,500.00	\$39,099.70
2000 Personal Prop.	\$20,928.07		\$20,448.39			\$479.68
2000 Excise	\$34,818.10		\$27,510.27	\$391.04		\$6,916.79
1999 Real Estate		\$88,953.66	\$59,754.99			\$29,198.67
1999 Personal Prop.		\$2,119.92	\$123.63			\$1,996.29
1999 Excise	\$39,077.81	\$3,193.79	\$36,423.62	\$1,096.04		\$4,751.94
1998 Real Estate		\$34,203.58	\$14,625.88			\$19,577.70
1998 Personal Prop.		\$1,032.56	\$131.30			\$901.26
1998 Excise	\$3,416.18	\$1,349.48	\$3,213.57			\$1,552.09
1997 Real Estate		\$18,505.05	\$8,296.90			\$10,208.15
1997 Personal Prop.		\$986.55	\$41.70			\$944.85
1997 Excise		\$4,952.45	\$4,048.33			\$904.12
1996 Real Estate		\$25,279.24	\$17,850.29			\$7,428.95
1996 Personal Prop.		\$1,006.43	\$498.87			\$507.56
1996 Excise		\$2,953.23	\$2,308.82			\$644.41
1995 Real Estate		\$6,304.85	\$4,031.36			\$2,273.49
1995 Personal Prop.		\$144.86	\$68.44			\$76.42
1995 Excise		\$7,135.11	\$6,964.38			\$170.73
1994 Real Estate		\$4,249.69	\$3,133.50			\$1,116.19
1994 Personal Prop.		\$29.68	\$0.00			\$29.68
1994 Excise		\$961.13	\$68.49			\$892.64
1993 Real Estate		\$1,898.12	\$1,660.48			\$237.64
1993 Personal Prop.		\$117.19	\$89.52			\$27.77
1993 Excise		\$618.84	\$92.50			\$526.34

1992 Real Estate	\$1,127.21	\$1,022.64
1992 Personal Prop.	\$47.91	\$47.91
1992 Excise	\$46.78	\$41.78
1991 Real Estate	\$35.44	\$35.44
1991 Personal Prop.	\$21.81	\$21.81
1991 Excise	\$1.95	\$1.95
1990 Excise	\$115.09	\$115.09
1988 Excise	\$233.89	\$6.91

\$104.57

\$0.00

\$5.00

\$0.00

\$0.00

\$0.00

\$0.00

\$226.98

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

TREASURER'S REPORT

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD FY2000- June 1999 to July 2000

Accounts	Appropriation	Balance	Transfer	Amt. Available	Reserve	Expenditures	Balance Closed Out	Balance Carried fwd	Put on next yrs. tax rate
Chapter 11 Chester Road		\$56,362.70		\$56,362.70				\$56,362.70	
Chapter 11 Town Hill Road		59,612.50		59,612.50		\$13,690.23		45,922.27	
Chapter 11 Cone Road		7,054.00		7,054.00		0.00		7,054.00	
Chapter 113B Chester Road		70,367.30		70,367.30		9,043.00		61,324.30	
Chapter 113B Chipman Road		35,000.00		35,000.00		3,421.00		31,579.00	
Snow Removal	\$40,000.00		\$12,199.12 <sup>(1)</sup>	52,199.12		52,199.12			
Salt Shed Lighting	2,000.00			2,000.00	\$51.00	\$2,051.00			
Town Highway Maintenance	43,000.00			43,000.00		42,853.14	\$146.86		
Unpaved Roads Material	15,000.00			15,000.00	278.42	15,278.42			
Machinery Expense	20,000.00		19.46 <sup>(3)</sup>	20,019.46		20,019.46			
Fuels	6,000.00			6,000.00	920.00	6,920.00			
Holidays and vacations	3,000.00			3,000.00		3,248.00			(248.00) <sup>(2)</sup>
Health Insurance	5,000.00			5,000.00		4,372.85			627.15 <sup>(2)</sup>
Unemployment Insurance	3,500.00		3,000.00 <sup>(4)</sup>	6,500.00		4,582.00	1,918.00		
Elected Town Offices	12,825.00			12,825.00		12,825.00			
Dog Officer's Salary	400.00			400.00		400.00			
Fire Chief/Forest Warden salary	425.00			425.00		425.00			
Police Chief's Salary	400.00			400.00		400.00			
Selectmen's Secretary's Salary	3,500.00			3,500.00		3,500.00			
Building Inspector	2,336.00			2,336.00		2,336.00			
Brd of Health & Inspection Agnt	300.00			300.00		300.00			
Electrical Inspector	300.00			300.00		300.00			
Asst. Electrical Inspector	100.00			100.00		100.00			
Oil, propane, smoke, furn. inspe	400.00			400.00		400.00			
Ambulance Hinsdale	1,200.00			1,200.00		1,200.00			
Ambulance Huntington	200.00			200.00		0.00	200.00		
Arts Lottery Council		3,069.40	3,600.00 <sup>(5)</sup>	6,669.40		3,534.00		3,135.40	
Assistant Assessor	5,500.00			5,500.00		4,857.89	642.11		
Assessors Expense	1,500.00			1,500.00	19.74	1,519.74			
Assessors Education	1,200.00			1,200.00		455.00	745.00		
Assessors Computer Software	1,500.00			1,500.00		1,500.00			
Assessors Computer Replacmt	2,000.00			2,000.00		1,521.75	478.25		
Assessors Reg. of Deeds Fees	150.00			150.00		106.00	44.00		
Assessors Tax Map update	650.00			650.00		0.00	650.00		
Cemetery Expense	3,600.00			3,600.00		2,573.00	1,027.00		
Civil Defence	10.00			10.00		0.00	10.00		
Conservation & Wetlands		420.32	200.00 <sup>(6)</sup>			0.00			
			250.00	870.32		535.88		334.44	
Council on Aging	1,000.00	5,639.34	2,600.00 <sup>(7)</sup>	9,239.34		3,900.74		5,338.60	

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Appropriation	Balance	Transfer	Amt. Available	Reserve	Expenditures	Balance Closed Out	Balance Carried Fwd.	Put on next yrs. tax rate
Disposal Area	18,000.00		4,969.74	(9) 22,969.74		22,969.74			
Disposal Area Trash Compactor									
Note	6,000.00			6,000.00		6,000.00			
Interest	900.00			900.00		720.00	180.00		
Dog Expense	300.00			300.00			300.00		
Election and Registration	500.00		94.50	(9) 594.50	96.50	691.00			(2)
Fire Department Expense	4,500.00			4,500.00		4,508.78			(8.78)
Fire Dept Dispatch Services	2,650.00			2,650.00		2,636.55	13.45		
Three sets of Turnout Gear	3,000.00			3,000.00		2,914.00	86.00		
Two Scott Air Packs	4,000.00			4,000.00		3,794.00	206.00		
Fire Hose	1,650.00			1,650.00		1,584.00	66.00		
Fire House Note	1,750.00			1,750.00		1,750.00			
Interest	100.00			100.00		87.50	12.50		
Gateway Regional High School	359,081.00			359,081.00		359,081.00			
Hampshire Council of Govt	3,287.00			3,287.00		3,287.00			
Health and Sanitation	10.00			10.00			10.00		
Hilltown Resource Mgmt. Coop.	1,373.00			1,373.00		1,373.00			
Historical Commission		1,649.97		1,649.97				1,649.97	
Historical Museum of Middlefld	500.00			500.00		144.95	355.05		
Insurance	25,000.00		(3,000.00)	(4) 22,000.00		17,620.00	4,380.00		
Interest Short Term Notes	6,000.00		(3,000.00)	(10) 3,000.00		25.00	2,975.00		
Lee Visiting Nurse	1,000.00			1,000.00		1,000.00			
Library Expense	1,000.00	5,330.30	100.00	(11) 2,089.00		8,519.30		5,277.51	
Maintenance Public Buildings	26,000.00	6,000.00	(1,000.00)	(12) 31,000.00		29,338.93	1,661.07		
Office Supplies Expense	3,000.00			3,000.00	105.52	3,105.52			
Pioneer Valley Planning Comm.	60.00			60.00		58.80	1.20		
Planning Board	10.00		20.00	(13) 30.00			10.00	20.00	
Printing	750.00			750.00	132.00	882.00			
Police Grant		6,614.78	16,000.00	(14) 22,614.78		9,781.27		12,833.51	
Police Department Expense	6,000.00			6,000.00		5,994.60	5.40		
Repair for Cruiser	2,000.00			2,000.00			2,000.00		
Police Department Revolvers	2,500.00			2,500.00			1,000.00	1,500.00	
Recreation Expense	500.00			500.00		50.88	449.12		
Recreation- Basketball Court		6,943.60	172.50	(15) 1,000.00		8,116.10		145.46	
Reserve Fund	3,000.00			3,000.00		2,990.12	9.88		
Selectmen Travel and Expense	800.00			800.00		520.50	279.50		
Street Lights	500.00			500.00		379.31	120.69		

TREASURER'S REPORT

Accounts	Appropriation	Balance	Transfer	Amt. Available	Reserve	Expenditures	Balance Closed Out	Balance Carried Fwd	Put on next yrs tax rate
Tax Collector's Expense	4,000.00			4,000.00		3,639.28	360.72		
Town Counsel	1,500.00			1,500.00		802.20	697.80		
Town Hall Improvements									
Electrical Update	6,500.00			6,500.00		4,450.00		2,050.00	
Storage Shed	600.00			600.00				600.00	
Tables & Chairs	3,000.00		3,000.00 (16)	6,000.00		486.06		5,513.94	
Refrigerator and ste	2,800.00			2,800.00				2,800.00	
Town Clerk's Office Expense	3,000.00	3,000.00		6,000.00		263.94	3,000.00	2,736.06	
Treasurer's Audit	5,500.00			5,500.00				5,500.00	
Medicare- Town's Share	1,200.00			1,200.00		1,851.01			(651.01) (2)
Social Security- Town's Share	2,000.00		3,000.00 (16)	5,000.00		7,082.33			(2,082.33) (2)
Tree Accounts									
Forest Protection	10.00			10.00			10.00		
Insect Pest Control	100.00			100.00			100.00		
Veteran's Agent	400.00			400.00			400.00		
War Memorials & Playgrounds	2,200.00		1,000.00 (12)	3,200.00		3,135.00	65.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$695,527.00</b>	<b>\$267,064.21</b>	<b>\$46,314.32</b>	<b>\$1,008,905.53</b>	<b>\$1,603.18</b>	<b>\$736,578.92</b>	<b>\$24,615.60</b>	<b>\$251,677.16</b>	<b>(\$2,362.97)</b>
Treasurer's Warrant:									
Real Estate Refunds						2,737.85			
Motor Vehicle Excise						418.75			
Tax Collector Fees						1,895.35			
Misc						189.26			
Health insurance Employees' Share						691.16			
Federal Income Tax						11,237.00			
Hampshire County Retirement						1,054.00			
Medicare Employees' Share						1,851.01			
Social Security Employees' Share						7,082.28			
State Income Tax						5,347.97			
Dog Licenses						358.75			
Division of Fisheries & Wildlife						1,951.85			
Police Other Work						2,687.50			
Police Dept. Sale of Firearms- 1/2 to state, 1/2 kept by town						649.00			
Town Clerk						155.05			
Cost of Checks						125.75			
Bad Checks						2,691.69			
Pioneer Valley						54,300.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$695,527.00</b>	<b>\$267,064.21</b>	<b>\$46,314.32</b>	<b>\$1,008,905.53</b>	<b>\$1,603.18</b>	<b>\$832,003.14</b>	<b>\$24,615.60</b>	<b>\$251,677.16</b>	<b>(\$2,362.97)</b>

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**Footnotes for expense accounts**

- 1) \$12,199.12 from Free Cash.
- 2) These accounts were overdrawn and not enough money in Reserve Fund to cover them. The overages were calculated in the tax rate of Fy2002.
- 3) \$19.46 from Machinery Earnings Account.
- 4) \$3,000 from Insurance Account.
- 5) State Aid.
- 6) Application Fee and payment.
- 7) State aid.
- 8) From disposal area income.
- 9) State aid.
- 10) \$3,000.00 to Social Security.
- 11) \$100 donation, and \$2,089.00 grant.
- 12) \$1,000.00 to War Memorials and Playgrounds.
- 13) Fee.
- 14) State grant.
- 15) \$172.50 earnings and \$1,000.00 donation.
- 16) Donation.

**CASH RECEIPTS  
FISCAL YEAR 2000  
JUNE 30, 2001**

Taxes		\$576,200.07
Interest on Taxes		18,738.52
Municipal Liens		1,045.00
Rollback Taxes and Interest		38,168.04
Borrowed Money- State Reimbursed		126,730.00
Arts Lottery Cultural Council Grant		3,600.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care- Donation		100.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		102,398.00
Conservation/Wetlands		460.00
Council on Aging - Grant		2,600.00
Election & Registration - Grant		94.50
Disposal Area stickers and others		3,010.71
Board of Health		455.00
Building Permits		2,658.90
Electrical Inspections		480.00
Plumbing Inspections		165.00
Smoke Detectors, Furnaces, Gas, Oil		245.00
Other Licenses, Permits, Inspections		705.50
Interest on Checking Account		3,268.44
Library Income - Grant	2,089.54	
Library Income - Donation	100.00	2,189.54
Dog Fund		232.37
Planning Board		40.00
Recreation, Basketball Court - Donation		1,000.00
Miscellaneous Receipts		
	ZBA	35.00
	Hampden Savings Bank Bonus	70.89
	Bad Checks Made Good	1,516.56
	Copier Income	30.00
	Hampshire County	27.96
	USDA	0.40
	District Court	50.00
	Motor Vehicle Fines	50.00
	Federal Treasury	4.25
	Miscellaneous Income	530.99
		2,316.05
Treasurer's Warrant - Revolving Accounts		11,237.00
Federal Income Tax		
	State Income Tax	5,367.97
	Medicare	1,850.97
	Social Security	7,082.31
	Retirement	1,054.04
	BC/BS	694.88
	Division of Fisheries & Wildlife	1,963.35
	Dog Licenses	388.20
	Dog Fines	30.50
	Town Clerk's Fees	102.80
	Police Out of Town Detail	3,137.50
	Police Grant	16,000.00
	Sale of Firearm Licenses	1,360.00
<b>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS</b>		<b><u>\$937,170.16</u></b>

**CASH RECONCILIATION**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2000**

\$266,069.51	Cash Balance FY1999
<u>937,170.16</u>	Cash Receipts FY2000
1,203,239.67	Total Cash FY2000
<u>(777,657.41)</u>	Less Total Warrants FY2000
425,582.26	Cash Available
(100,000.00)	Less Investment
(25,800.00)	Less Transfer to Stabilization Fund
(2,691.94)	Less Bad Checks
(125.75)	Less Purchase Checks
<u>(54,300.00)</u>	Less Pioneer Valley
242,664.57	Cash Available After Deductions
54,300.00	Add Pioneer Valley
<u>1,626.00</u>	Add Check Not Cashed
\$298,590.57	Cash Available End of FY 2000

**LIABILITIES FY 2000**

FIRE HOUSE NOTE

To be paid	\$1,750.00
Paid	<u>(1,750.00)</u>
Owe	<u>\$0.00</u>
Interest Paid	\$87.50

TRASH COMPACTOR NOTE

To be paid	\$18,000.00
Paid	<u>(6,000.00)</u>
Owe	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
Interest Pd	\$720.00

**FUNDS INVESTMENTS & TRUSTS  
FISCAL YEAR 2000**

INVESTMENTS

Beginning balance	\$101,766.11
Dividends	<u>5,504.00</u>
Fy 2000 balance	\$107,270.11

Principal	\$100,000.00
Dividend	\$5,125.65
Fy2000 balance	\$105,125.65

CEMETARY PERPETUAL CARE CD

Beginning Balance	\$17,502.23
Interest	<u>830.21</u>
Fy2000 balance	\$18,332.44

CEMETARY PERPETUAL CARE MM

to be used for expenses when needed

Beginning balance	\$3,972.06
Interest	<u>154.08</u>
Fy2000 balance	\$4,126.14

SCHOOL FUND MM

Beginning Balance	\$1,546.53
Interest	<u>60.00</u>
Fy2000 balance	\$1,606.53

SALLY DICKSON CHARITY FUND CD

Beginning Balance	\$15,837.50
Interest	<u>854.78</u>
Fy2000 balance	\$16,692.28

ESCROW

Beginning Balance	\$1,920.98
Interest	<u>74.52</u>
Fy2000 balance	\$1,995.50

STABILIZATION FUND

Beginning Balance	\$46,238.35
Deposit	25,800.00
Interest	<u>2,746.24</u>
Fy2000 balance	\$74,784.59

# Selectmen's Financial Report

## CHAPTER 113B --CHIPMAN RD.

Total available		\$35,000.00
Keith Porter, Supt.	\$360.00	
Donald Savery, Eq. Operator	\$1,260.00	
Edward Vivier, Eq. Operator	\$540.00	
Matthew Radwich, Eq. Operator	\$180.00	
Brewster Pease, Drott	<u>\$1,081.00</u>	
Total Spent		<u>\$3,421.00</u>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>\$31,579.00</b>

## CHAPTER 11--TOWN HILL RD.

Available		\$59,612.30
Keith Porter, Supt	\$90.62	
Edward Vivier, Eq. Operator	\$41.00	
Matthew Radwich, Eq. Operator	\$57.80	
Donald Savery, Eq. Operator	\$44.00	
Labrie Construction	<u>\$13,456.81</u>	
Total Spent		<u>\$13,690.23</u>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>\$45,922.07</b>

## CONE RD. BRIDGE

Available		\$8,000.00
Wm. Allen, Engr. reimb.	\$946.00	
Bal.		<b>\$7,054.00</b>

## CHAPTERS 11 & 113B --CHESTER RD.

Available	Ch 11	\$56,362.70
	Ch 113B	<u>\$70,367.30</u>
Keith Porter, Supt.	\$3,120.00	
Edward Vivier, Eq. operator	\$1,804.00	
Donald Savery. Eq. operator	\$66.00	
Matthew Radwich, Eq. operaor	\$2,173.00	
Brewster Pease, Drott and Backhoe	<u>\$1,880.00</u>	
Total		\$9,043.00
<b>Balance</b>		<b>\$117,687.00</b>

### TOWN HIGHWAYS

Appropriation	\$43,000.00	
Total available		\$43,000.00
Keith Porter, Supt.	\$9,237.00	
Donald Savery, Eq. Op.	\$8,327.00	
Edward Vivier, Eq. operator	\$10,852.23	
Matthew Radwich, Eq. operator	\$10,428.23	
Lane Construction, Hot Mix	\$2,252.90	
U. Mass, courses	\$50.00	
Keith Porter, Reimb	\$47.00	
Staples, supplies	\$229.94	
Henry Roberts, mowing	\$960.00	
Northern Tree Service	\$138.00	
John S. Lane, Dust	\$203.84	
Dues	<u>\$127.00</u>	
 Total Spent		 <u>\$42,853.14</u>
 <b>Balance</b>		 <b><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$146.86</span></b>

### TOWN SNOW

Appropriation	\$40,000.00	
Trans from Free Cash	<u>\$12,199.12</u>	
Total available		\$52,199.12
Calif. Constr.	\$74.70	
U. Mass. meeting	\$25.00	
Donovan Bros, Sand	\$8,521.44	
Cargill Salt	\$6,554.73	
John S Lane & Son, chip	\$1,040.90	
Keith Porter, Supt	\$12,789.92	
Edward Vivier, Eq. operator	\$8,410.89	
Matthew Radwich, Eq. operator	\$7,983.29	
Nugent., trucking	\$2,793.75	
L.P.Adams	\$393.85	
Donald Savery, Eq. operator	\$2,054.25	
Wholesale Dist.	\$705.00	
Waste Management,sand box	\$5.00	
Genalco, blades	\$200.00	
S. Baker	\$500.00	
All States , calc.,	\$52.50	
Zwack, parts	<u>\$93.90</u>	
 Total spent		 \$52,199.12
<b>Bal.</b>		<b><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$0.00</span></b>

### TOWN HIGHWAYS - Unpaved Roads

Appropriation	\$15,000.00	
Trans from res.	<u>\$278.42</u>	
Total Available		\$15,278.42
 Jones Tractor, Gravel		 \$11,039.50

Donovan Bros, gravel	\$2,914.16	
John S Lane, dust	\$664.76	
Becks Trucking	<u>\$660.00</u>	
Total Spent		\$15,278.42
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

#### HIGHWAY DEPT. FUEL ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Country Oil	\$5,167.04	
Charlies Garage	\$1,269.05	
Hinsdale Mobile	\$34.50	
Stalk , NEO, oil	<u>\$449.74</u>	
		\$6,920.33
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>(\$920.33)</b>

#### ASSESSORS EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$1,500.00	
From Reserve	<u>\$19.69</u>	
Total Available		\$1,519.69

G. Jozef	\$29.28
US Postal Serv.,stamps	\$370.40
Gustel Progulske, reimb	\$201.12
Advanced Business Sup	\$294.32
Katherine Dant, reimb	\$6.96
Dues	\$30.00
McFarlane	\$216.40
Staples	\$136.43
Reg of Deeds	\$50.00
M. Hewes	\$134.65
A M Sulkin	\$19.00
Postmaster, box rent	\$24.00
Country Journal, ad	<u>\$7.13</u>

Total Spent		\$1,519.69
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

#### ASSESSORS COMPUTER SOFTWARE

Appropriation	\$1,500.00	
FRCOG		\$1,500.00
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

#### ASSESSORS COMPUTER

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Stephen Harris		\$1,521.75
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$478.25</b>

### ASSESSORS TAX MAP UPDATE

Appropriation	\$660.00	
Total Available		\$660.00
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$660.00</b>

### ASSESSORS REG FEES

Appropriation	\$150.00	
Total Available		\$150.00
Registrar of Deeds, Transfers	\$106.00	
Total Spent		\$106.00
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$44.00</b>

### ASSESSORS ASSISTANT

Appropriation	\$5,500.00	
Total Available		\$5,500.00
Mary White	\$2,168.01	
Katherine Dant	<u>\$2,689.88</u>	
Spent		\$4,857.89
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$642.11</b>

### ASSESSORS EDUCATION

Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
Univ. of Mass., conference	\$455.00	
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$745.00</b>

### AMBULANCE SERVICE

Appropriation	\$1,400.00	
Total Available		\$1,400.00
Hinsdale Ambulance	\$1,200.00	
Total Spent		\$1,200.00
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$200.00</b>

### AUDIT OF RECORDS

c/o balance	\$5,500.00	
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$5,500.00</b>

### CEMETERY EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$3,600.00	
Total Available		<b>\$3,600.00</b>
Donald Savery, mowing	\$2,259.00	
L.Cummings	\$150.00	
W J Blueprints	\$20.00	
Carrot Top Ind,flags	<u>\$144.00</u>	
Total Spent		\$2,573.00
<b>Bal.</b>	30	<b>\$1,027.00</b>

**CIVIL DEFENSE**

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

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Carry Over	\$620.32	
Rec'd from Grange	<u>\$250.00</u>	\$870.32
Postmaster, box rent		\$24.00
Gordon Miller		\$500.00
Country Journal, ads		<u>\$11.88</u>
Total Spent		\$535.88
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$334.44</b>

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

State Grant	\$3,300.00	
c/o bal.	\$3,069.40	
Grant	<u>\$300.00</u>	
Available		\$6,669.40
miniTheatre of Chester		\$200.00
Sevenars		\$250.00
H. Lappen		\$650.00
B. Thomas		\$690.00
Postmaster, box rent		\$24.00
Richard Little		\$300.00
Cynthia Oligny, drama club		\$200.00
Chester Elementary		\$770.00
Erica Fay		\$300.00
Becket Arts		<u>\$150.00</u>
Total Spent		\$3,534.00
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$3,135.40</b>

**DISPOSAL AREA**

Appropriation	\$18,000.00	
Trans from sticker sales	<u>\$4,969.74</u>	
Total available		\$22,969.74
City of Northampton		\$9,177.35
Martin Main, attendant		\$1,650.00
Dave Wickles Trucking		\$9,493.15
Lance Labels		\$161.36
Kathleen O'Brien, attendant		\$1,851.00
Hampshire Co. Fire Defense		\$64.50
Henry Roberts, attendant		\$60.00
HRMC tires		<u>\$512.38</u>
Total Spent		\$22,969.74
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

**DISPOSAL TRASH COMPACTOR**

Appropriation	\$6,000.00	
Bank Boston		\$6,000.00
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

**DISPOSAL COMPACTOR INTEREST**

Appropriation	\$900.00	
Bank Boston		\$720.00
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$180.00</b>

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

c/o	\$5,639.37	
Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
Highland Valley Elder Services	<u>\$2,600.00</u>	
<b>Total Available</b>		<b>\$9,239.37</b>

Sheraton Inn	\$251.40	
Moody Energy	\$672.80	
Ellen Miller, brown bags	\$90.00	
Red Lion Inn	\$687.80	
Postmaster, box rent	\$14.00	
Priscilla Suriner, supplies	\$94.82	
Impress Printing, newsletter	\$220.00	
Joan Almori, reimb supplies	\$528.13	
Crystal Killela, cleaning	\$440.00	
Dues	\$80.00	
DuFour, bus	\$100.00	
Town of Russell	\$350.00	
Jack Cobb, reimb	\$7.30	
Betty Oligny, trans	\$141.78	
Helen Bolduc, trans	\$115.54	
Ladon Newmarker, trans	\$24.26	
D. Zeller, trans	\$7.19	
Priscilla Suriner, trans	\$3.59	
Robin Savery, trans	\$4.04	
Henry Roberts, trans	\$3.59	
Berk. Cash Reg., rep. typewriter	<u>\$64.50</u>	
<b>Total Spent</b>		<b>\$3,078.95</b>
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$6,160.42</b>

**DOG OFFICER EXPENSE**

Appropriation	\$300.00	
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$300.00</b>

**DOG OFFICER SALARY**

Appropriation	\$400.00	\$400.00
David Krassler		\$400.00
<b>Total Spent</b>		<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Appropriation	\$12,825.00	\$12,825.00
Joseph Kearns	\$100.00	
Marjorie Batorski, Town Clerk	\$1,000.00	
Ann Savery, Tax Collector	\$2,500.00	
Nancy Pease, Treasurer	\$2,500.00	
Gustel Progulske, Assessor	\$1,500.00	
Kris Monson, Assessor	\$1,000.00	
Githa Jozseph, Assessor	\$1,000.00	
Thomas Rock, Selectman	\$1,000.00	
Larry Pease, Selectman	\$1,000.00	
Peter Oligny, Selectman	\$1,000.00	
Martin Main, Auditor	\$45.00	
Donald Savery, Constable	\$90.00	
William Paschal, Constable	<u>\$90.00</u>	
Total Spent		\$12,825.00
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

### ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$96.50	
Rec'd from State Elec	<u>\$94.50</u>	
Total Available		\$691.00
Nancy Burnham, Teller	\$42.00	
Shirley Savery, Teller	\$122.00	
Ellen Miller, Teller	\$89.00	
Lois Leonardo-Bell, Teller	\$57.00	
Wayne Suriner, Teller	\$42.00	
Cheryl Harper, Teller	\$20.00	
Janet Vreeland, Teller	\$75.00	
Larry Pease, Teller	\$18.00	
Country Journal, Ballots	\$35.00	
Betty Oligny, Teller	\$69.00	
Priscilla Suriner, Teller	<u>\$122.00</u>	
Total Spent		\$691.00
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

### FIRE DEPT EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$4,500.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	<u>\$8.78</u>	
Total Available		\$4,508.78
Gleason Equipment	\$540.31	
Larry Pease, sticker reimb.	\$30.00	
Pittsfield Communications	\$91.75	
Moore Medical	\$283.82	
Pittsfield Fire Safety	\$114.00	
Com Tec	\$522.45	
Galls, Inc	\$187.97	

Specialized Radio	\$1,203.32
Staples	\$279.25
Gateway Auto Parts	\$419.38
Merriam Graves, oxygen sup	\$145.54
Charlies Garage	\$255.55
Klein Communications	\$384.50
L.P. Adams	\$6.40
Hampshire County Fire Def.	\$35.00
Huntington Hadware	<u>\$9.54</u>

Spent		\$4,508.78
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

**DISPATCH SERVICE**

Appropriation	\$2,650.00	
Total Available		\$2,650.00

Berkshire County Dispatch	\$2,636.55	
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$13.45</b>

**FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN**

Appropriation	\$425.00	\$425.00
Larry Pease, Fire Chief & Warden	\$425.00	
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

**FIRE HOUSE NOTE**

Appropriation	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
Farmers Home Administration	\$1,750.00	
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

**FIRE HOUSE INTEREST**

Appropriation	\$100.00	\$100.00
Farmers Home Administration	\$87.50	
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$12.50</b>

**FIRE DEPT TURN OUT GEAR**

Approp.	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Gleason	\$2,698.00	
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$302.00</b>

**FIRE DEPT SCOTT AIR PACKS**

Approp.	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Fire Dech Safety	\$3,794.00	
<b>Bal</b>		<b>\$206.00</b>

**FIRE DEPT HOSE**

Approp.	\$1,650.00		
Spent		\$1,584.00	
<b>Bal.</b>			<b>\$66.00</b>

**GATEWAY REG. SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Appropriation	\$359,081.00		\$359,081.00
Total Available			
Gateway Regional School Dist		\$359,081.00	
Total Spent			\$359,081.00
<b>Bal.</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT**

Appropriation	\$5,232.00		
Total Available			\$5,232.00
Hampshire County Retirement		\$5,232.00	
Total Spent			\$5,232.00
<b>Bal.</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY ASSESSMENT**

Appropriation	\$3,287.00		
Hampshire County Govt		\$3,287.00	
<b>Bal.</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Appropriation	\$5,000.00		
Hampshire County Treas.		\$4,372.85	
Total Spent			
<b>Bal.</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

**HEALTH & SANITATION**

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

**HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Appropriation	\$1,372.89		\$1,372.89
Hilltown Resource Management		\$1,372.78	
Total Spent			\$1,372.78
<b>Bal.</b>			<b>\$0.11</b>

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Appropriation	\$500.00	
c/o balance	<u>\$1,649.97</u>	
Total Available		\$2,149.97

Postmaster, box rent	\$14.00	
Jack Cobb, reimbursement	<u>\$130.95</u>	
Total Spent		\$144.95
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$2,005.02</b>

### HOLIDAY & VACATION PAY

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Trans from res/	\$248.00	\$3,248.00

Keith Porter, supt	\$1,098.00	
Edward Vivier	\$1,148.00	
Matthew Radwich	\$826.00	
Donald Savery, Eq. Op.	<u>\$176.00</u>	
Total Spent		\$3,248.00
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

### INTEREST - SHORT TERM LOANS

Appropriation	\$6,000.00	
Trans to Social Security Available	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

Bureau of Accounts	<u>\$25.00</u>	
Total Spent		\$25.00
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$2,975.00</b>

### INSPECTIONS

Appropriation	\$3,856.00	
Total Available		\$3,856.00

Larry Pease, Smoke Alarms	\$300.00	
Eric Main, Elec. Insp.	\$300.00	
William Zeitler, Plumbing Insp.	\$300.00	
Hampshire Bldg Insp.	\$2,556.00	
Walter Smith, Building Insp.	\$300.00	
Savery Electric, Elec. Insp.	\$100.00	
Total Spent		\$3,856.00
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

### INSURANCE

Appropriation	\$25,000.00	
Trans to unemployment	\$3,000.00	\$22,000.00

Hastings Tapley	\$3,764.00	
MIIA	\$13,856.00	
Total Spent		\$17,620.00
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$4,380.00</b>

### LIBRARY EXPENSE

c/o	\$5,330.32	
Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
State Grant	\$2,089.54	
Donation	<u>\$100.00</u>	
Available		\$8,519.86
Books & Subs	\$15.00	
Cynthia Oigny,	\$500.00	
Baker & Taylor, bks	\$483.62	
Atlantic, subs	\$424.50	
Storyhouse, bks	\$979.23	
Capstone Press	\$356.25	
Postmaster, box rent	\$44.00	
Quality Paperback	\$115.92	
Brodart, supplies	\$93.26	
Lakeshore	\$230.01	
 Total Spent		 \$3,241.79
<b>Bal.</b>		<b><u>\$5,278.07</u></b>

### MACHINERY EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$16,000.00	
Trans from Machinery Earnings	\$4,000.00	
Total Available		\$20,000.00
 Dalton Tractor	 \$206.48	
Charlies Garage. gas	\$88.30	
Smiths Sled Shop	\$484.88	
Orange Motors	\$776.15	
Delurey Sales	\$215.55	
Contrum Welding	\$108.50	
Gateway Auto	\$4,130.88	
Howe Bros	\$360.41	
Tyler Equip.	\$38.85	
Hilltop Sharpening	\$222.00	
Chief Supply	\$148.39	
City Tire	\$1,737.00	
McLaughlin	\$55.00	
At;antic, plow blades	\$205.40	
Lawson Products	\$758.94	
Safety Kleen	\$650.90	
LP Adams	\$331.89	
Superior Spring	\$381.25	
Pittsfield Communications	\$158.50	
DMETrucking	\$235.00	
Federal Supply, wrench	\$25.00	
Huntington Hardware	\$287.69	
Ritchies	\$295.96	
MA Operational Serv.	\$800.00	
Hampshire Council of Govts.	\$200.00	
Calif. Contractors	\$95.00	
Valley Mack, knife blades	\$188.00	

Merriam Graves	\$108.78	
SC Hansen, backhoe parts	\$149.81	
Springfield Mack, parts & battery	\$360.76	
Zwack, parts	\$1,292.87	
Genalco	\$519.63	
Dufour, stickers	\$174.00	
Klein Communications	\$436.00	
ACT Vehicle equip	\$131.20	
Nutmeg Intl. Trucks	\$149.01	
Wholesale Dist.	\$255.00	
Tire Center	\$1,392.40	
Spec. Radio Systems	\$1,070.63	
Union News, ad	\$27.90	
Berkshire Eagle, ad	\$77.44	
Chase Auto, starter	\$160.00	
Rodney Savery, repairs	\$495.00	
Waste Management, cont	\$10.00	
Northeast Fasteners, nuts & bolts	\$23.11	
Total Spent		\$20,019.46
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>(\$19.46)</b>

#### MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Appropriation	\$32,000.00	
To War Mem. & Playgrounds	\$1,000.00	
		\$31,000.00
Moody Energy	\$13,303.19	
WMECO	\$5,550.94	
Bell Atlantic	\$2,109.07	
Paul Richardson, janitor TH	\$2,190.34	
Air Corp	\$1,906.46	
Atlantic	\$77.47	
Staples	\$79.34	
Brigham Paper Supplies	\$429.14	
L.P. Adams	\$78.52	
Pittsfield Fire & Safety, exting.	\$74.00	
ERC Supplies	\$173.31	
Huntington Hardware	\$99.33	
Complete Elec. (salt shed)	\$2,051.00	
AT&T	\$216.81	
Total Spent		\$28,338.92
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$2,661.08</b>

#### MEDICARE

Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
Trans from Reserve Fund	\$50.78	
Total Available		\$1,250.78
Bank Boston	\$1,677.17	
Total Spent		\$1,677.17
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>(\$426.39)</b>

**OFFICE EXPENSE**

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Trans from res.	\$105.52	
Total Available		\$3,105.52
Dues	\$244.00	
Postmaster, boxes	\$424.00	
Staples	\$457.67	
Hamp. Cty. Purchasing	\$272.04	
Country Journal	\$296.64	
Maurice Pease, postage & supplies	\$22.16	
McFarlane	\$151.94	
Lock Shop	\$21.00	
Mark Doane, reimb supplies	\$9.01	
Bay State Office	\$281.50	
Town Clerks Assoc.	\$37.00	
Connors, supplies	\$208.79	
US PO envelopes	\$554.40	
Berkshire County	\$100.00	
Total Spent		\$3,105.52
Bal.		<b>\$0.00</b>

**PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMM**

Appropriation	\$60.00	
Pioneer Valley Commission	\$58.80	\$58.80
Bal.		<b>\$1.20</b>

**PLANNING BOARD**

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

**POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE**

Appropriation	\$2,600.00	
Trans. from Reserve Fund	<u>\$200.00</u>	
Total available		\$2,800.00
Dues	\$70.00	
APCO	\$300.00	
Postmaster, box rent	\$7.25	
AAHSTO Frequency	\$50.00	
Hinsdale Servicenter, gas	\$286.61	
Tom Austin	\$26.29	
Sentry Uniforms	\$777.90	
Message Center	\$292.80	
Logical Systems	\$180.95	
Midas Muffler	\$50.00	
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St. Martins, gas	\$191.70	
Jurek Bros. , ammo	\$82.93	
Gateway Auto, parts	\$229.31	
Western Mass. Comm.	\$97.00	
		\$2,642.74
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$157.26</b>

**POLICE DEPT GRANT**

c/o	\$6,614.78	
new grant	<u>\$16,000.00</u>	
Available		\$22,614.78
Thomas Austin	\$4,845.00	
Curt Robie	\$570.00	
Edmund Chaffee	\$270.00	
Michael Pensivy	\$510.00	
Staples	\$1,835.18	
Internic Reg	\$70.00	
Berkshire Net	\$218.64	
Scenic Screen, uniforms	\$294.50	
Jurek , brief case	\$52.48	
Sentry Uniforms	\$388.60	
Galls	\$631.87	
MAF Seminars	<u>\$95.00</u>	
Total Spent		\$9,781.27
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$12,833.51</b>

**POLICE CHIEF SALARY**

Appropriation	\$400.00	
Thomas Austin, salary	\$400.00	\$400.00
<b>Bal</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

**PRINTING**

Appropriation	\$750.00	\$750.00
Impress Printing	\$475.00	
Cindy Duby, typing	\$275.00	
Postmaster, stamps census	\$132.00	
Total Spent		\$882.00
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>(\$132.00)</b>

**RECREATION - BASKETBALL COURT**

c/o	\$7,116.10	
Donation	\$1,000.00	
Available		\$8,116.10
Lane Construction	\$7,825.00	
United Plumbing, pipe	\$145.64	
Total Spent		\$7,970.64
<b>Bal</b>	39	<b>\$145.46</b>

**RECREATION COMMITTEE EXPENSE**

Appropriation	\$500.00		
Judy Carrington, Halloween		\$50.88	
<b>Bal.</b>			<b>\$449.12</b>

**SALT SHED**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00		
Complete Electric		\$2,051.00	
<b>Bal.</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

**SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE**

Appropriation	\$800.00		
Available			\$800.00
Mass. Municipal Assoc, dues		\$398.00	
Country Journal, subscription		\$22.50	
Hampshire County Govt.		\$100.00	
Total spent			\$520.50
<b>Bal.</b>			<b>\$279.50</b>

**SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY**

Appropriation	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00
Betty Oligny, salary		\$3,500.00	
<b>Bal.</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

**STREET LIGHTS**

Appropriation	\$500.00		\$500.00
WMECO		\$379.31	
Total Spent			\$379.31
<b>Bal.</b>			<b>\$120.69</b>

**TAX COLLECTORS EXPENSE**

Appropriation	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00
Postmaster,		\$107.45	
Dues		\$63.00	
Hobbs & Warren		\$70.00	
Nancy Hewes, MVE		\$223.40	
Gateway Computer		\$2,210.10	
US Postal Serv. envelopes		\$369.20	
Total Spent			\$3,281.83
<b>Bal.</b>			<b>\$718.17</b>

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Appropriation	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Koppleman & Paige		\$802.20	
Total Spent			\$802.20
Bal.			<b>\$697.80</b>

**TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS**

Appropriation	\$6,500.00		\$6,500.00
Voudren, generator		\$4,000.00	
Complete Electric, kitchen Its.		\$450.00	
Total Spent			\$4,450.00
Bal.			<b>\$2,050.00</b>

**TOWN HALL - TABLES**

Appropriate	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
Staples		\$486.06	
Bal.			<b>\$2,513.94</b>

**FOREST FIRE PROTECTION**

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

**TREE WARDEN**

Appropriation	\$100.00		\$100.00
Available			\$100.00
Bal.			<b>\$100.00</b>

**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

Appropriation	\$3,500.00		
Transfer from insurance	\$3,000.00		
Available			\$6,500.00
Unemp. Comp.		\$4,582.00	
Total Spent			\$4,582.00
Bal.			<b>\$1,918.00</b>

**VETERANS AGENT**

Appropriation	\$400.00		\$400.00
Bal.			<b>\$400.00</b>

**VISITING NURSE**

Appropriation	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Available			\$1,000.00
Lee VNA		\$1,000.00	
Total Spent			\$1,000.00
Bal.	41		<b>\$0.00</b>

**WAR MEMORIALS & PLAYGROUNDS**

Appropriation	\$2,200.00	
Trans from Maint.Public Bldgs	\$1,000.00	\$3,200.00
P. Richardson		\$2,145.00
Charles H. Winn, Jr.		\$990.00
Country Journal		\$14.25
Total Spent		\$3,149.25
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>\$50.75</b>

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Trans from interest	\$3,000.00	
Total available		\$5,000.00
Bank Boston		\$7,082.33
Total Spent		\$7,082.33
<b>Bal.</b>		<b>(\$2,082.33)</b>

## REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Middlefield Police Department would like to thank the citizens of Middlefield for their continuing support and cooperation over the past year. All members of the Police Department continued to fulfill the training requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for certification as police officers.

This year we are asking the town to replace our 1990 Ford Bronco. This vehicle has served the town well, and also at times the State Police. It now requires a large part of the Police Department budget to keep the cruiser roadworthy. I have spoken to members of the Fire Department about making the cruiser into a rescue vehicle for the Fire Department. Having the vehicle stored inside the fire station out of the weather would prolong the life of the vehicle for many years.

In closing the Police Department wishes to thank the town for its support, and the Massachusetts State Police, Russell Barracks, Berkshire County Dispatch, the Massachusetts Environmental Police and the Hampshire County District attorneys office for their assistance this past year.

Hunter complaints	3	Driving to endanger complaint	2
Larceny	2	Suspicious person complaint	2
OUI	2	Domestics	6
Noise complaints	3	Motor Vehicle accidents	4
Hit & run	1	DYS Complaints	4
B & E	4	Logging complaints	2
911 Hang up	3	Vehicle Lockouts	3
Trespass Order	1	Trespass Complaints	2
Snowmobile Complain	3	Lost Hunter	1
Driver License check	2	Unlock Vehicle	4
Good and Welfare check	2	Court hours	40

Respectfully submitted,

Chief, Thomas Austin  
Sergeant, Curt Robie  
Training Officer, Mike Pensivy

## **REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD LIBRARY**

A major change in the library in the past year is the creation of a “children’s corner”. A new piece of furniture including a padded platform surrounded by bookshelves is now located at the rear of the library. In that same corner is a computer with access to several games and educational tools for young children. This has been well received and very well used. It is our feeling that making children comfortable and interested in what is available at our town library will encourage them to explore the rest of our offerings as they get older.

We also have been added to a weekly delivery schedule that allows us access to almost all books located in Western Massachusetts. The delivery comes each Tuesday morning, so if you know of a book that we currently do not have, please let us know and we can arrange to get it on loan from a variety of other libraries. The Bookmobile continues to support our library, but because of funding cuts, the visits are now spread further apart. We do continue, however, to supplement our own collections, with over 500 books and videos on a regular basis from this source.

The library is open from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.-7 p.m. on Thursday, and from 9:00 a.m. - noon on Saturday. We have full time access to the Internet and we are attempting to update our collection as much as possible. Space limitations continue to be a major concern, but our recent cleaning spree has helped in some regard. We would like to thank everyone for their donations, and the continued support we receive in approving our budget requests. Because of this support, our funding from the state has increased over the past few years. Special thanks to Rita Doktor, who has been a great help acting as the assistant librarian for the past several months.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Oligny, Librarian