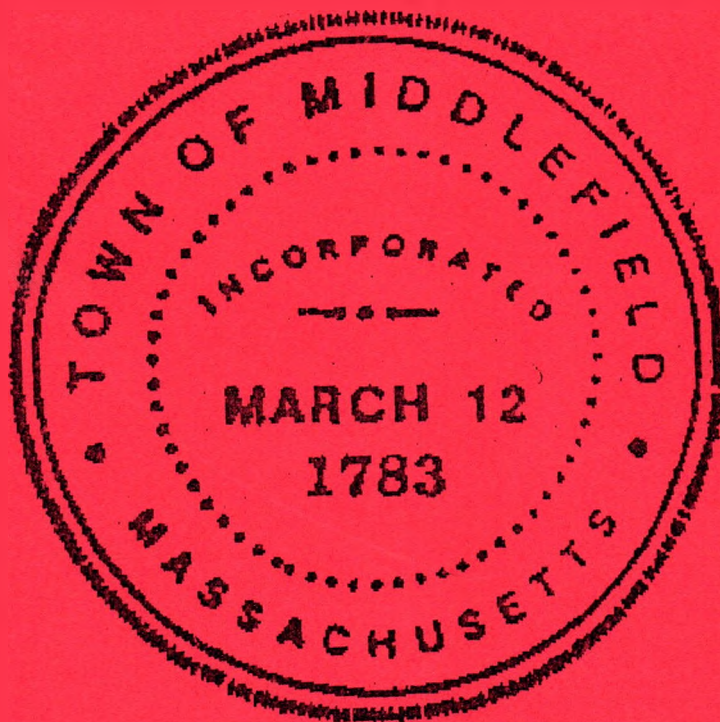


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*Middlefield, Massachusetts*  
2002



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# **MIDDLEFIELD**

**Massachusetts**

**Fiscal Year 2002**

## **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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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### Disposal Area

The Selectboard asks all citizens to become more aware of their recycling habits to help the town reduce its waste disposal costs. We've made little or no progress during the past year and continue to be out performed by towns of our size.

The Disposal Area is also plagued by individuals who place metal and other large items on the ground when open tops are not available. This practice is costly to the town as the town crew has to clean this material up. Individuals can be fined for this practice and it will be strictly enforced.

A special thanks goes out to Joe Kearns whose carpentry skills were used to repair our storage shed that was damaged by fire.

### Post Office

The USPS is currently under a capital expenditure freeze that will continue for some time and continues to look for small Post Offices to close. Neither of these scenarios will help us retain the Post Office in Middlefield.

However, if the Post Office will work with the town, 800 square feet of space will be required. We are currently waiting to get an official estimate from the Post office as to how much they may be willing to lease this space for and what improvements would have to take place. This could be a very lengthy process.

### Legal Costs

By November of 2002, we exhausted our monies for legal services. We have become a very litigious society and will need to increase our budget to cover By-Law enforcement, legal advice and court costs.

We continue to ask all citizens to be more tolerant of each other and be aware that requests for enforcement will have an adverse effect on our tax rates.

Our thanks go to all the people either elected or appointed for doing a wonderful job. Some positions are paid, some volunteer, yet all are equally important.

As you know we hired Skip Savery as Road Superintendent. It's a difficult position for anyone, yet he and Matt Radwich accomplished many things before snow flew and for a while did the work of three men. They did a super job and we have since hired Rick Beckett as a third man. We welcome him and considering the tough winter, they have kept up with the storms and made the roads as safe as possible.

We were unable to do more work on River Road last fall so as soon as weather permits, another section will be started. With state budgets being axed and underfunded, it may not be possible to do as much work as we hoped.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, continued

The Bancroft Bridge is near final design for replacement and funding remains to be seen. A new bridge and approach over the river from Middlefield to Becket is in the plans, but it's unsure when this project may start. Hopefully, the Skyline Trail project is to go out to bid this spring.

We hope to see a new flagpole this summer as the old wooden one gave out and the weather was against installing a new one last fall.

As you know, we lost seven people in Town last year: Renee Fredrickson from the River Road; John Owens of Chipman Road; Julia Roberts of Skyline Trail; Jim Jones of West Hill (a construction worker); Walter Ferns of the Bancroft section; Ann Jewett of W. Hill Farm (involved in Town offices for many years); Brewster Pease of Harry Pease Road (formerly Road Supt for a number of years. Every one of these people will be missed as they all touched our lives. They are gone but not forgotten.

Thomas Rock, Chairman  
Larry Pease  
Gary Wheeler

# OFFICERS and COMMITTEES for 2002

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS Term Ends

### Board of Selectmen

Thomas Rock, Chairman	2004
Larry Pease	2003
Gary Wheeler	2005

### Board of Assessors

Gustel Progulske, Chairman	2003
Nancy Burnham	2005
Robin Savery	2004

### Constables

William Paschal (resigned)	2004
Donald Savery	2004

### Board of Health & Fence Viewers

Board of Selectmen, Chairman

### Cemetery Commission

Nancy Burnham	2003
Ann Jewett	2004
Larry Pease	2005

### County Commissioner

Joseph Kearns	2003
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### Finance Committee

Scott Artioli	2004
Archie Main	2004
William Allen	2005
Greg Carpenter	2003
Joseph Kearns	2003

### Library Trustees

Susan Donnelly	2003
Chris Bresnahan	2004
Caral Merrell	2005

### Moderator

Joe Kearns	2003
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### Planning Board

Michael Hale	2003
Charles Hunter	2005

### Planning Board cont'd

Ann Jewett	2004
Jay Wagg Swift	2003
Edward Vivier	2005

### School Committee

Richard Pieciak (appointed)	2003
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### Tax Collector

Ann Savery	2004
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### Treasurer

Ann Savery	2004
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### Tree Warden

Clyde Savery	2005
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### Town Clerk

Marjorie Batorski	2003
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### Zoning Board of Appeals

Peter Oligny	2003
Maurice Pease	2004
Stephen Cummings	2005

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS Term

### Town Attorney

Kopelman & Paige	2003
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### Animal Inspector - Domestic/Rabies

Donald Savery	2003
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### Cultural Council

Peter Oligny	2005
Andrea Tosi	2005
Beth Carpenter (resigned)	2003
Chris Bresnahan	2004
Lois Bell	2004
Phyllis Turner	2003
Maureen Suriner	2005

### Board of Health Agent (septic)

Walter Smith	2003
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# OFFICERS and COMMITTEES for 2002

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS *continued*

### Building Inspector

Paul Tacy 2003  
Rick Barus, Alternate 2003

### Civil Defense Warden

Larry Pease 2003  
Thomas Austin, Asst. Warden 2003

### Conservation Commission

Thomas Troie 2005  
Steve Cummings 2003  
Carolyn Quigley 2004  
Alan Vint 2004  
Eddie James 2005

### Council on Aging

Rita Doktor, Chairman 2003  
Judy Carrington Ellen Miller  
Elizabeth Oligny Pricilla Suriner  
Wayne Suriner Charlene Hunter

### Disposal Area

Martin Main 2003  
Kathy O'Brien 2003

### Dog Officer

David Krassler 2003  
Marcia Krassler, alternate 2003

### Dutch Elm and Insect Pest Control

Brian Miller 2003

### Field Drivers

Board of Selectmen

### Fire and Forest Warden

Larry F. Pease, Fire Chief 2003  
Ronald Radwich, Deputy Fire Chief 2003

### Historical Commission 2003

George Bell Jack Cobb  
Roy Haapala Lois Leonardo Bell  
Marjorie Batorski

### Lumber Surveyor

Brian Miller 2003

### Wood/Bark Measurer

Edward James 2003

### Police Department

Thomas Austin, Police Chief 2003  
Curt Robie 2003  
Michael Pensivey 2003

### Plumbing Inspector

William Zeitler, Jr. 2003

### Recreation Committee

Board of Selectmen

#### Recreation Sub-Committee

Judy Carrington, Chair 2003  
Daniel Suriner Sean Foley  
Bea Basak Laurie Sico  
Amy Jasmin

### Registrar of Voters

Marjorie Batorski, Town Clerk 2003  
Mary Jane Donnelly 2003  
Anita Myers 2003  
Mary Wheeler 2003

### Smoke Alarm & Oil Burner Inspector

Larry Pease 2003

### Street Superintendent

Skip Savery 2003

### Veteran's Agent

Raymond Gero 2003

### Westfield River Advisory

Carl Lafreniere 2003

### Wiring Inspector

Eric Main 2003  
John Savery, alternate 2003

**ASSESSORS REPORT**

During the calendar year 2002, the Assessors Office processed 7 land sales, 12 transfers of parcels and 10 residential sales. We were informed by the State that we are to request verification of the sales from the new owners in order that we accurately assess the property and not include furniture and machinery that may have been included in the amount of the sale. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts purchased 2 parcels of forest land, increasing the total state-owned land in Middlefield to 5,024 acres. The Assessors Office collected a total of \$152,502.70 on rollback taxes and stumpage taxes during the last five years.

\$43,681.00 Owners request to remove chapter land liens.  
 \$20,453.15 Owners remove liens to log on Chapter 61B land.  
 \$75,545.50 Sales to new owners  
 \$12,823.05 Stumpage tax from 12 owners of forest land.

Total Land 14856.51 acres  
 Chapter 61 1819.42 acres  
 Chapter 61A 1499.54 acres  
 Chapter 61B 1627.63 acres  
 Exempt 255.95 acres  
 State 5024 .00 acres  
 Residential 4629.97 acres

State Reimbursement  
 FY 2003 \$17,835  
 FY 2002 \$26,846  
 FY 2001 \$38,566

To address the drastic cuts of State aid funding, a meeting was called of towns formally involved in the STAR project. Representing our town was Ann Jewett, Tom Rock, and Gustel Progulske, who

traveled to Florida, MA to meet with 13 other towns. On April 10, 2002, STAR (Standing Together Acting Responsibly) met again to form a Steering Committee as a vehicle to address our concerns about the cuts of state aid and the impact it has on our communities. Tom Rock was appointed Vice Chairman, and Gustel Progulske was appointed to serve on the Board of Directors. Since then, the STAR has increased to 92 cities and towns across the state. A joint committee on taxation was formed and a petition was presented to Senator Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr., and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize cities and towns to make applications for correction of determinations of value. We are optimistic that our concerns will be addressed.

Our current tax rate is calculated as follows:

Town meeting appropriations	961,993.64
Total Cherry Sheet Offset	3,630.30
State, County Cherry Sheet charge	1,015.00
Allowance for Abatements	<u>8,639.08</u>

Total amount to be raised	975,278.02
Estimated receipts from state	65,009.00
Estimated receipts local	74,407.00
Free cash	<u>103,213.64</u>
Total Estimated Receipts	242,629.64
Net Amount to be raised	732,648.38

Tax Rate:  
 $\frac{732,648.38}{38,079.44} \times 1000 = 19.24$

Respectfully Submitted:  
 Gustel Progulske, Chairman  
 Nancy Burnham  
 Robin Savery

### **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

As of this day in February, it seems as summer may be a long ways away. Soon enough we shall see the green grass and warm sunshine for another growing season. Last year was dry for a while, yet everything survives in it's own way. Our Cemeteries continue to look wonderful thanks to Mr. Donald Savery. As always we thank all the volunteers from the Grange and all others that helped put flags on the veterans graves. It is an important tradition never to be forgotten. Remember those gone with smiles and not sorrow for they may be smiling with you. It is sad to know Ann Jewett is not with us anymore except in memories, and she will be missed. Her heart was with the town. Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Pease  
Nancy Burnham

### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

We are operating without a Chairman. Priscilla Suriner is our Acting Chairman who takes care of the lunch paperwork. If anyone has a few extra minutes, we could use a Chairman and also more members of our Council. If you think you would like to be a leader of seniors, let us know and join our group. The Senior Center has seen a lot of activity during the past year. We continue to have coffee hour on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and invite anyone in town to come join us, juniors and seniors. We offer good coffee, pastries, egg sandwiches or any combination of the sandwich, and good conversation and a few laughs. We have a donation box to help with the cost of the many things we serve. We also serve lunches on Tuesday and Thursday. The meal on Tuesday is quite

often soup and sandwiches and is prepared by Betty Oligny, Priscilla Suriner and Ellen Miller. Come join us some Tuesday at 11:30 for lunch. The Thursday lunch comes from Highland Valley Elder Services and we need reservations by Tuesday for Thursday lunch to be sure we have enough.

Our building has also been used by other groups, the 4-H, Grange, and other Ladies' organizations in Town. It's a rather nice, comfortable room for small activities. Our group has been out to dinner a couple of times including a Christmas party in Cheshire. We have on average 25 seniors at our outings and about that same number attend our morning coffee hours each day. Our lunch counts go up with summer residents and is usually about 20 people served.

We are hoping to get a TV antenna installed as we get nothing on TV at the present time. We are also getting two ceiling fans to help distribute the heat in the winter and cool us in the summer. Respectfully submitted,  
Priscilla Suriner, Acting Chairman  
Betty Oligny Wayne Suriner  
Ellen Miller Nancy Pease Rita Doktor

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

This year our Fire Dept. responded to a total of 29 calls. They are as follows:

- 13 - medical
- 2 - mutual Aid to track fires
- 1 - motor scooter accident
- 3 - car accidents
- 2 - trees on wires
- 2 - chimney fires
- 1 - dog rescue
- 1 - mysterious package
- 2 - mutual aid to structure fires
- 2 - structure fires

We still belong to the Hampshire County Surplus program which enables us to receive surplus equipment at a smaller price. We were fortunate to buy a 5 ton diesel military truck to replace one of our gas trucks to become a tanker. Due to a breakdown, we made it a tanker earlier than anticipated. Only having the truck for a few weeks prior, we were fortunate to have it. A paint job will be completed this summer.

Even with the State cutting budgets and programs, they saw fit to fund another grant of \$15,000. With this we purchased more gear, a defibrillator, updated some radio equipment, a new oxygen unit, some pass devices and fire gloves as well. We are very thankful for this to happen as it would take a few years to purchase this equipment. We thank all of you for supporting our dept. every year. We have some ambitious new juniors learning the ins and outs of a firemen/first responders duties and we hope to teach them well as they may teach others in life.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pease - Chief

Ron Radwich - Deputy Chief

**HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

January 21, 2003

TO Selectboard Chairs, Mayors, City Council Presidents, Finance Committee

RE: HCOG FY 2004 Budget Proposal

Dear Colleague:

We realize you bear great responsibility for finding ways to provide services in your town in the face of severe revenue reductions. Believing that regional cooperation is an important tool to help you with that task, your elected representatives to the Council of

Governments spent many hours at many meetings debating how best to do that. The resulting proposal for the Council's FY 2004 operating budget presents a dramatic shift in Council direction. I believe it will allow both small and large towns to find value in working together through the Council of Governments.

Please review the enclosed budget information. If you have questions, in addition to contacting your elected representatives, feel free to contact either Penny Geis, the Council Administrator or John Lillis, the Council Director of Finance at 413-584-1300.

Yours,

Karla Stefansson, Council Chair

**HCOG Administrator's Budget Message  
Proposed FY 2004 Budget**

This proposal reflects significant changes in the operation of the Council of Governments. Change and evolution is a vital constant in an organization that has survived for 340 years. This budget incorporates market-based realities while continuing to foster regional solutions to local problems.

It should be noted that this is the operating budget for the core regional services functions of the Hampshire Council of Governments. Two major Council programs have separate budgets: the Hampshire Group Insurance Trust and Hampshire Care. The insurance fiscal year is April to March, correlating with the insurance contract year; the nursing facility fiscal year is January to December; correlating with reimbursement reporting requirements. The combined cash flow for all Council operations is approximately \$30.6M.

**Reduced MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**REVENUES:** The most dramatic change in

the proposed FY '04 budget is the response to concerns from member towns about the cost of membership. 1. All towns are facing severe cuts in their own revenues. Town representatives to the Council responded to that reality last year by reducing dues assessments by 10%. Since then, revenue shortfalls at the state level have forced further cuts to Local Aid. More cuts are promised. In response, Councilors have approved another 10% reduction in membership assessments. 2. A second concern about dues has been expressed by larger towns. Cost/benefit analysis of the programs that return a direct savings to town budgets has shown that in general, the return on the HCOG membership dollar has been in reverse proportion to the size of the town. Larger towns, with their larger number of employees, do not use all the services used by the smaller towns. The return on the membership dollar has ranged from seven times for the smallest towns, to only slightly better than one to one for the largest towns. As a result, seven of the original twenty towns have voted to withdraw at the end of FY '03. The Council response has been to cap dues for anyone member at \$40,000. The combined effect reduces the dues revenue from \$741,832 in FY '02 to \$188,824 in FY '04, a reduction of 75%. In the face of this dramatic reduction, the Council maintains the ability to provide services to the remaining members in the following ways. 1. REDUCED COSTS: a. The FY '03 budget supports 12 employees whose hours are the equivalent of 8.03 full-time employees. The proposed FY '04 budget supports 6.08 FTEs. There have been three significant changes: the positions both for the Council Administrator and for the Chief

Procurement Officer have been reduced to part-time; and the position of the Assistant to the Administrator has been eliminated. b. Expenses for the building have been reduced. The historical Courthouse that remained in Council ownership when the County was abolished was last refurbished in the 1970's, and needed considerable work. That final component of that work is scheduled for completion this spring, allowing a reduction in building expenses for the next few years. c. As in all our member towns, no budget item has been exempt from scrutiny. Although most cuts have been of the nickel and dime variety, taken together, they help. 2. EARNED INCOME: a. As a direct result of the building renovations, portions of the building have been leased, generating annual revenues in excess of \$100,000. b. Hampshire Care, once requiring operating loans, now operates in the black and pays the Council a modest administrative fee. c. Purchasing services are being marketed to non-member schools and towns, for a fee over five times the fee charged to members. d. In addition, the Council is actively developing new sources of earned income for future years. Development plans are underway for Hampshire Park, the 106 acres surrounding the Hampshire Care nursing facility in Leeds. Contracts are being negotiated to allow the Council to apply for an electricity supplier's license. The goal is to provide lower cost electricity while simultaneously generating income for the Council. 3. RESERVE FUNDS are being tapped to complete funding of this budget proposal. If some of the towns that have withdrawn vote to rescind their vote, those dues will reduce the draw on reserve funds.

Pennington Geis, Council Administrator

The Hampshire Council of Governments FY04 Budget Proposal includes revenues and expenses totalling \$905,355. Revenues from Membership Dues Assessments total \$188,824.

Middlefield's Membership Dues Assessments since fiscal year 2002 are as follows:

FY02	FY03	FY04
\$3,369.	\$3,032.	\$2,729.

**HAMPSHIRE INSPECTION PROGRAM**

344 building permits were issued throughout the member towns of the Hampshire Inspection Program in 2002. Of these, 42 permits were for new homes. The breakdown of permit activity for the 6 member towns is as follows:

Town	Permits/Homes	Total fees
Chesterfield	71 10	\$10,666.45
Goshen	62 10	\$ 9,574.33
Huntington	58 10	\$10,192.08
Middlefield	20 3	\$ 3,991.30
Plainfield	24 2	\$ 4,416.60
Williamsburg	109 7	\$17,193.88

Compared to last year, the above figures represent an increase of 35 total permits issued, an increase of 13 new home permits, and a total increase in fees collected for ordinary building permits of \$33,302.65 (this excludes an extraordinary fee last year for a large Gateway Regional School project).

Several large commercial projects begun this year such as the Meekins Library project in Williamsburg, new dormitories at the Academy at Swift River in Plainfield, and the new Senior Center in Chesterfield have increased the workload for the Building Inspector. The Gateway Regional School project in Huntington,

begun last year continues to occupy much time as well. As always, zoning enforcement duties and administrative and educational requirements are also time consuming.

My thanks again to Tara Ussailis, my administrative assistant, for keeping up with the pace and keeping everything in order. Our office is located at the Davenport School Building, 422 Main Road in Chesterfield, and is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to serve residents of all member towns. Residents may phone anytime at 296- 0127.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Tacy  
Building Commissioner

**HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE**

Since 1989, the HRMC, a unique regional organization made up of 11 Towns, has through it's one employee, it's Administrator, helped your Town manage its solid waste and recycling programs. On an annual basis the HRMC assists your Town in the following ways:

- Assist with and monitor all current recycling and diversion efforts which save the Town money on disposal costs each year.
- Monitor the Salvation Army, tire, electronics, paint and HHW, battery and propane tank recycling and collection programs.
- Performed general recycling outreach and public education efforts.
- Monitors Springfield MRF recycling program.
- Monitor all regular transfer station activities through regular site visits.
- Develop new recycling programs as well obtain new transfer station equipment

through DEP grant programs, when available.

- Obtained cash grants on behalf of the Town and the HRMC, whenever possible.
- Assists town with DEP regulatory issues related to your transfer station. This includes keeping town current and in compliance on all DEP recycling programs and regularly submitting data and information to DEP on behalf of the Town.
- Assists Town in bidding of waste hauling and recycling contracts.
- Assists Town with any landfill closure and monitoring issues when they arise.

- The HRMC Administrator participates on the following local and Statewide boards on behalf of your Town: The statewide Solid Waste Task Force, The Springfield Materials Recycling Facility Advisory Board (Current Chairman), and the Northampton Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

- Work closely with State legislators on waste management and recycling issues.

Eric Weiss,  
Administrator, HRMC, 2/15/03

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

The Historical Commission has continued work on developing the inventory of the museum's acquisitions, with concentration on the new additions. Both the existing inventory and the new additions have been placed in electronic format to facilitate future use. A paper copy and an electronic copy of the inventory are kept in the museum for reference by interested parties. The museum began the summer season on July 6, and was open on July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 31, and Oct. 12. We were also open by appointment.

The museum has received generous and

extensive donations of family artifacts, photos and personal papers from the Youtz estate, and the Olsen/McElwain families. Ellen Russo donated the material from the Youtz estate, and the material from the Olsen/McElwain families was donated by Ollie Olsen.

The commission has continued work on the genealogy files and has assisted visitors in their family research from across the country. We welcome, and encourage any genealogical information from families having Middlefield connections either now or in the past. It will be held in our files at the museum for future reference.

Respectfully submitted:

- Jack Cobb, Chairman
- Roy Haapala, Secretary
- Lois Bell, Treasurer
- Marge Batorski            Rita Doktor

**LEE REGIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION**

The following is a report of the services performed in the Town of Middlefield during the calendar year 2002:

HOME VISITS	# VISITS
Skilled Nursing	123
Physical Therapy	60
Maternal Child Health	1
Occupational Therapy	27
Medical Social Work	1
Home Health Aide	12

Clinics	#Sessions	Attendance
Flu/pneumonia	1	27/2

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The members of the Middlefield Police Department wish to thank the citizens of Middlefield for their continued support of the department and their assistance during

the past year. Each year, the workload of the department increases. The department continues to attempt to meet the needs of the community while functioning on a part-time basis. The department office is open most Monday evenings for the renewal of gun permits. Officers are available to answer questions and help residents with a variety of issues.

Equipment and office expenses continue to rise as the department struggles to maintain state and federal required standards for police departments. Over the past several years, the department has been fortunate to receive grant funds from the Massachusetts Community Policing Block Grant Program to modernize department equipment and pay for a large portion of the department's expenses. Each year, officers have spent a considerable amount of time to complete the grant application. This program is funded on an annual basis and is subject to annual appropriations of both the state and federal government. There is some feeling among state and local agencies that this program may not be funded in future years due to budget constraints. If this program were to end, the department would be hard pressed to continue to provide present services. This year, the department has also requested funds under several other federal grant programs and is awaiting word on funding approval.

In 1990 members of the department requested that the town fund the purchase of a new police cruiser. At that time the department guaranteed the town that the cruiser would be in service for at least ten years. The cruiser continues to remain in service. Expenses related to the cruiser have continued to escalate each year. This past year extensive repairs were needed to repair systems in the cruiser. Additional auto-body work will be required to repair

body rot on the vehicle in the next year. Electrical problems continue to plague the cruiser and engine repairs increase each year. It is hoped that the vehicle will be able to remain in service for an additional number of years although its reliability is becoming an issue. In the next year or two the time will come when it will be necessary for the town to consider replacement of the police cruiser. Without the cruiser, the department will have to stop answering police calls due to liability issues related to using personal vehicles for police business. This will mean that most calls will have to be answered by the state police.

Officers of the department continue to serve on primarily a voluntary basis. Provisions in the Community Policing Block Grant have allowed officers to be paid for some of the time spent from their normal jobs to attend mandated training programs. It is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit and maintain qualified police officers due to mandated training requirements and the time required answering calls and processing paperwork. The members of the department would like to thank the Massachusetts State Police and Massachusetts Environmental Police for their continued support and assistance during the past year. Members would also like to thank officers and departments from neighboring towns who stand ready to assist when called upon. The department would also like to thank the officers and members of the Middlefield Fire Department and Highway Department for their assistance at motor vehicle accident and crime scenes.

Respectfully submitted:  
Thomas Austin, Chief  
Curt Robie, Sergeant

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Last year saw familiar activities sponsored by the Recreation Committee./ We're hoping to add more events in 2003, so are looking for input and participation from all!

Respectfully,  
Judy Carrington,  
Sub-Committee Chair

**TOWN CLERK REPORTS**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**JUNE 17, 2002**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampshire ss  
To either of the Constables of the Town of Middlefield

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Middlefield Town Hall in said Middlefield the seventeenth of June, 2002, at 8:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2800.00 from the Insurance Account to the Machinery Expense account to cover the over-expenditure in FY2002, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1313.64 from the Insurance Account to the Town Snow Account to cover the over-expenditure in FY2002, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum not to exceed \$4000.00 for payroll software from available funds, either free cash, stabilization or other funds

or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money for a Well at the Town Garage from available funds, Town Highway Account, Stabilization, or Free Cash, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To transact any other business that may come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same in the Town Post Office, on the bulletin board at the Town Hall, a designated place in the Bancroft Section of the Town, and in a place in Smith Hollow, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Thomas Rock, Chairman  
Larry Pease, Selectman  
Gary Wheeler, Selectman

I have this day posted copies of the above warrant, William Paschal, Constable, June 3, 2002

**RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

June 17, 2002

The Special Town Meeting was opened by the Moderator, Joseph Kearns. He read the Warrant and led the assembly in the Pledger of Allegiance. The meeting was opened at 8:00 p.m. and there were 16 people present.

ARTICLE 1. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2800.00 from the Insurance Account to the Machinery Account to cover over-expenditures. It was an unanimous vote and the Article passed.

ARTICLE 2. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1313.64 from the Insurance

Account to the Town Snow account to cover the over-expenditure. It was an unanimous vote and the Article passed.

ARTICLE 3. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum not to exceed \$4000.00 for payroll software from available funds, free cash, stabilization or other funds.

Selectman Thomas Rock moved to take the funds from Free Cash. Peter Oligny asked why and it was explained there was more funds. It was an unanimous vote and the Article passed.

ARTICLE 4. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money for a well at the Town garage from available funds, Town Highway Account, Stabilization or Free Cash. It was voted to transfer the money in an amount of \$6000.00 from the Town Highway Account (\$6000.00 was estimate given for the well, including piping and all other materials). It was an unanimous vote and the Article passed.

ARTICLE 5. In this Article, it was brought up that the Building Inspector and Eric Weiss of the Disposal Area would both come to speak to the public about new building rules, and disposal rules. It was decided that perhaps July 23, 2002 would be a good date. Not known at this time if these gentlemen would come both at the same time. Peter would ask about this and let us know.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting at 8:25 p.m. It was an unanimous vote and the meeting was dissolved.

Marjorie Batorski  
Town Clerk

## FISHING/SPORTING LICENSE REPORT

Resident fishing	12	\$270.00
Resident citizen hunting	3	67.50
Resident hunting, paraplegic	1	0.00
Non-res. hunting, big game	6	567.00
Resident sporting	10	405.00
Res. sporting over 70	3	0.00
Duplicate sporting	1	2.50
Archery stamp	4	20.40
Waterfowl stamp	1	5.00
Primitive firearms stamp	7	35.70
Wild. conser. stamp- resident	26	130.00
Wild. conser. stamp- non-res.	6	30.00

Gross fees	\$1533.10
Clerk fees	\$ 16.85
Net fees	\$1516.25

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

February 15, 2002

Nicholas Scott Herman:

son of Gary Scott & Cynthia Alta Herman

April 14, 2002

Gavin Richard Henshaw:

son of Charles Robinson Henshaw &  
Kirsten Ann Ames

June 6, 2002

Timothy Evans Basak:

son of Denis Gene & Belynda Ann Basak

September 8, 2002

Melinda Raye Main:

daughter of Wayne Edward Main & Tracy  
Lee Gero

September 16, 2002

Jordan Reese Duda:

daughter of James Michael & Tammy  
Kaye Duda

**MARRIAGES**

April 28, 2002

Marvin J. Friend to Edith D. Tapia

June 8, 2002

Darran Miner to Courteney Kraemer

June 12, 2002

Jan Judson to Lisa M. Judson

August 18, 2002

Alexander Marchacos to Diana Whibley

**DEATHS**

James Harold Jones

January 25, 2002, 65 years

John Lawrence Owen

July 1, 2002, 55 years

Julia Elizabeth Robert

November 9, 2002, 90 years

John Walter Ferris, Jr.

November 30, 2002, 83 years

Marie Renee Frederickson

December 2, 2002, 95 years

Ann Louise Jewett

January 21, 2003, 75 years

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The major issue impacting the Town of Middlefield is the fiscal crisis of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The towns and cities are being asked to shoulder a large part of the state revenue shortfall. In order to maintain some level of necessary services, a major increase in local real estate taxes is required. State aid to our town has decreased by 40% over the past two years. According to reports, a

larger cut will probably come next year. At the same time, the commonwealth continues purchase of Middlefield land. This removes properties from the tax roll. In addition, the state informs us that it is delaying the beginning of reimbursement for the Gateway Capital Project for seven years and hinting that it may wait to ten years to start paying what it promised. The town does anticipate that the commitment will be met after the delay. In the interim, the town's expenses for the project will be higher and the duration of our debt for the project longer.

The State's lack of fiscal commitment to towns raises our taxes from \$1.50 to \$2 per thousand. During this past year our town has reached its level limit for the first time in nearly twenty years. The town has to stay under its Proposition 2-1/2 levy limit in order to set a tax rate. The delay in school building reimbursement has forced this issue forward. The Finance Committee recommends that the Town vote to exclude the Gateway Schools Capital Improvement Project as a debt exclusion under the guidelines of proposition 2-1/2.

The Finance Committee welcomes any suggestions for future activities.

Scott Artioli                      William Allen  
Greg Carpenter                  Joseph Kearns  
Archie Main

**TOWN LIBRARY**

Once again the Library is asking for the support of the townspeople of Middlefield. As everyone knows there are severe cutbacks in all state funding which have placed a heavy burden upon the towns. The library is no exception. We are asking that you support our budget request, which is level funded from last year. We expect a cut in our state aid and hope to at least continue to operate with level funds from

the town. The town library will most likely see more activity due to cutbacks in funding for the Gateway library facilities. Our students may need to rely more upon local resources and we hope to continue to provide that help.

We have changed our hours, hoping to be more accommodating to our users. We are now open on Monday evenings from 4 to 8 p.m. which will coincide with some of the town office hours, overlapping with the Town Clerk's hours and also with the Selectmen. We are also open on Wednesday evenings from 4 to 7 p.m. and continue to be open on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m to 12 noon.

We continue to use the Bookmobile resources and are members of the CW Mars system which gives us access to several different sources. Please ask for anything you need but don't see and we will try to source the books for you.

As any library user knows, we are very cramped for space and try to make use of as many donated materials as we can. We welcome all donations and wish to remind donors that if you don't see what you donated, it is mainly due to these space constraints. In times when the economy is struggling,, the library becomes an even more important resource and we welcome any suggestions you may offer for improvements. We hope to perhaps begin a coffee hour this summer during library hours which may help us to not only raise a small amount of funds, but more importantly show what the library has to offer.

We do offer internet access, some videos, a pretty wide range of reference materials and a well rounded selection of reading materials. We have concentrated over the last few years in the children's section and now have a fairly extensive offering.

We would like to thank everyone for their support, both for our budget request and suggestions and donations and look forward to adding you to our cardholder list if you don't already belong. We currently have over 250 Middlefield Library cardholders and we hope each of you visit us often.

Cyndy Oligny, Librarian and the Board of Trustees

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD  
Balance Sheet - 2002/06/30  
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

CASH:

General Cash 319417.81

TOTAL CASH:

319417.81

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Prop Taxes F2001 374.95  
Personal Prop Taxes F2002 2647.97  
Personal Prop Taxes F1993 27.77  
Personal Prop Taxes F1994 29.68  
Personal Prop Taxes F1995 76.42  
Personal Prop Taxes F1996 507.56  
Personal Prop Taxes F1997 921.54  
Personal Prop Taxes F1998 883.34  
Personal Prop Taxes F1999 1375.34

TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

6844.57

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Real Estate Taxes F2000 18740.97  
Real Estate Taxes F2001 31306.99  
Real Estate Taxes F2002 99441.14  
Real Estate Taxes F1991 35.44  
Real Estate Taxes F1992 10.44  
Real Estate Taxes F1996 863.51  
Real Estate Taxes F1997 4454.11  
Real Estate Taxes F1998 11576.13  
Real Estate Taxes F1999 21119.27

TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES

187548.00

MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES:

Motor Vehicle Ex 2000 3250.01  
Motor Vehicle Ex 2001 3154.52  
Motor Vehicle Ex 2002 9517.89  
Motor Vehicle Ex 1988 226.98  
Motor Vehicle Ex 1991 5.00  
Motor Vehicle Ex 1992 149.05  
Motor Vehicle Ex 1993 509.47  
Motor Vehicle Ex 1994 77.50  
Motor Vehicle Ex 1995 154.48  
Motor Vehicle Ex 1996 631.91  
Motor Vehicle Ex 1997 855.37  
Motor Vehicle Ex 1998 1553.34  
Motor Vehicle Ex 1999 4250.85

TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES:

24336.37

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Roll Back Tax	3030.09	
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TOTAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		3030.09
TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		
Tax Titles	16844.91	
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TOTAL TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		16844.91
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
St Aid to Hwy Chapter 113	105367.30	
St Aid Hwys Ch 53B 38482	21501.70	
St Aid Hwy Chapter 53C	40520.34	
St Aid Hwys Ch 150 38482	17546.84	
St Aid Hwy Chapter 235	21822.27	
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TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		206758.45
DUE FROM TRUST FUNDS		
Due frm Stabilization Fnd	23921.66	
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TOTAL DUE FROM TRUST FUNDS		23921.66
AGENCY:		
Town Clerk Fees	29.30	
Dog Licenses Due Cnty	318.50	
Fish & Wildlife	1188.15	
Health Withholding	619.52	
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TOTAL AGENCY:		2155.47
GIFTS & BEQUESTS		
Phone Booth Gift	475.90	
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TOTAL GIFTS & BEQUESTS		475.90
OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		
Overlay F2002	1725.08	
Overlay F1999	182.22	
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TOTAL OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		1907.30
TOTAL ASSETS:		793240.53
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TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD  
 Balance Sheet - 2002/06/30  
 GENERAL ACCOUNTS

LIABILITIES

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Prop Taxes F2000 190.39

TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES 190.39

REVENUE

Revenue Fiscal 2003 89100.00

TOTAL REVENUE 89100.00

TEMPORARY LOANS:

Temporary Loan-Highway 39000.00

TOTAL TEMPORARY LOANS: 39000.00

AGENCY:

Tax Collector Costs 296.00

Deputy Collector Fees 180.00

Federal Withholding 270.78

State Withholding 156.27

Social Security Withhldng 170.67

Medicare Withholding 40.85

Retirement Withholding 2.70

TOTAL AGENCY: 1117.27

TAILINGS

Unclaimed Checks 3728.28

TOTAL TAILINGS 3728.28

GIFTS & BEQUESTS

Town Hall Improvements 7000.00

Kitchen Repair Donation 5000.00

Historical Comm Gifts 276.43

Recreation-Basketball Ct 145.46

TOTAL GIFTS & BEQUESTS 12421.89

GRANTS

St. Aid to Libraries 10.27

MA Cultural Council 3694.40

Police Grant 21162.24

TOTAL GRANTS 24866.91

REVOLVING FUNDS

Police Outside Detail 540.00

Conservation Comm Revolv 296.69

TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS 836.69

OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES:

Reg. Transit Authority 272.00  
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TOTAL OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES: 272.00

OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE

Overlay F2000 564.09  
 Overlay F2001 2.29  
 Overlay 1979-1988 3656.89  
 Overlay F1989 296.42  
 Overlay F1991 1564.92  
 Overlay F1992 3233.91  
 Overlay F1993 2147.58  
 Overlay F1994 982.20  
 Overlay F1995 1981.23  
 Overlay F1996 2496.34  
 Overlay F1997 6748.06  
 Overlay F1998 1242.61  
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TOTAL OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE 24916.54

REVENUE RESERVED:

Tax Title & Poss. Revenue 16844.91  
 Motor Vehicle Excise Rev 24336.37  
 Roll Back Tax Revenue 3030.09  
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TOTAL REVENUE RESERVED: 44211.37

SURPLUS REVENUE

Surplus Revenue 421593.40  
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TOTAL SURPLUS REVENUE 421593.40

APPROPRIATION BALANCES:

Assesors Tax Map Update 650.00  
 Highway Chapter 235 21822.27  
 Highway Chapter 150 17546.84  
 Highway Chapter 53C 40520.34  
 Highway Chapter 53B 21501.70  
 Town Garage Well 6000.00  
 Fire Dept Turn Out Gear 3000.00  
 Town Hall Electrical Rprs 2050.00  
 Town Hall Storage Shed 600.00  
 Town Hall Tables/Chairs 5513.94  
 Refrigerator & Stove 2800.00  
 Storage Shed Container 3000.00  
 Generator Enclosure 2000.00  
 Council on Aging 1384.87  
 Reserve Fund 2595.83  
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TOTAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES 130985.79  
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TOTAL LIABILITIES: 793240.53  
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TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD  
 Balance Sheet - 2002/06/30  
 TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
TRUST FUNDS		
Trust Cash	96904.98	
Stabilization		29933.42
Dickson Charity Fund		17539.85
Dickson School Fund		1721.36
Cemetery PC		23788.69
Due to General Fund		23921.66
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	96,904.98	96,904.98
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TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD FINANCIAL REPORT  
 July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002

Cash on hand July 1, 2001

General	300,366.82	
Trust	95,290.98	
		395,657.80

RECEIPTS

Taxes:

Current year:

Personal Property	24,979.06	
Real Estate	572,038.72	
Motor Vehicle	32,767.00	
Forest Products	259.00	
		630,043.78

Previous Years:

Personal Property	0.00	
Real Estate	53,815.13	
Motor Vehicle	18,040.69	
		71,855.82

State Aid to Highways:

Chapter 11	123,975.00	
Chapter 127	40,935.45	
Chapter 53B	19,328.56	
Chapter 150	23,283.42	
Chapter 235	18,908.06	
		226,430.49

Loans:

Temporary Highway Loan		140,248.00
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Agency:

Tax Collector Fees	2,020.00	
Deputy Collector Fees	180.00	
Town Clerk Fees	104.75	
Dog Licenses Due Cnty	26.25	
Fish & Wildlife	406.50	
Federal Withholding	11,986.78	
State Withholding	5,764.64	
Social Security Withholding	7,890.01	
Medical Withholding	2,022.58	
Retirement Withholding	1,094.60	
Health Withholding	1,420.82	
Police Outside Detail	3,480.00	
		36,396.93

Gifts:		
Kitchen Repair Donation		5,000.00

Grants:		
St Aid to Libraries	1,709.83	
MA Cultural Council	3,300.00	
Council on Aging	2,600.00	
Police Grant	10,000.00	
Federal Community Grant	262,600.00	
		280,209.83

Miscellaneous:		
Interest on Property Taxes	2,963.95	
Garbage & Trash	2,469.98	
Bd of Health Permits	685.00	
Building Insp Permits	1,565.24	
Driveway Permits	50.00	
Electrical Permits	130.00	
Fire Dept Permits	90.00	
Gas Insp Permits	60.00	
Plumbing Permits	95.00	
Police Dept Permits	125.00	
Zoning Board Permits	25.00	
Other Licences & Permits	244.00	
Copier Receipts	159.50	
State Owned Land	26,846.00	
Abatements to Veterans	600.00	
School Aid Chapter 70	132.00	
Veterans Benefits	1,500.00	
Lottery	42,670.00	
Highway Fund	47,984.45	
Court Fines	75.00	
Interest on Savings	5,560.04	
Sale of Town Property	2,851.50	
Unclaimed Checks	28,728.28	
Insurance Claim	9,577.04	
Refunds Net of Expenditures	219.15	
Previous year State Receipts	20,874.33	
Misc	221.97	
		196,502.43

Trust Funds:		
Stabilization Interest	1,359.00	
Dickson School Fund Int	43.43	
Cemetery PC Interest	211.57	
		1,614.00

Total Cash Receipts & Cash on Hand		1,983,959.08
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TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD  
Reserve Fund  
7/1/01 - 6/30/02

APPROP	5000.00	
Elected Town Officers	500.00	
Selectmen's Secretary Salary	2.00	
Treas/Collectors Expenses	451.36	
Machinery Expenses	223.05	
Unpaved Roads Material	15.27	
Pressure Steam Washer	45.00	
Snow Removal	10.00	
Library Expenses	294.32	
Fire Dispatch Service	101.43	
Disposal Area	353.46	
Printing	38.98	
Council of Governments	348.00	
Pioneer Valley Planning	21.30	
		2404.17
Balance to Revenue		2595.83
		5000.00

EXPENDITURES

10011.00 Elected Town Officers		
APPROP	25825.00	
RESERVE	500.00	
		26325.00
BATORSKI, MARJORIE	2500.00	
BURNHAM, NANCY	3000.00	
KEARNS, JOSEPH	100.00	
MAIN, MARTIN	45.00	
OLIGNY, PETER	1500.00	
PASCHAL, WILLIAM	90.00	
PEASE, LARRY	1500.00	
PROGULSKE, GUSTEL	3000.00	
ROCK, THOMAS	1500.00	
SAVERY, ANN	10000.00	
SAVERY, ROBIN	3000.00	
SAVERY, DONALD A	90.00	
		26325.00
10111.00 Town Counsel		
APPROP		1500.00
KOPELMAN & PAIGE, P.C.	962.50	
BALANCE TO REVENUE	537.50	
		1500.00
10122.01 Selectmens Expenses		
APPROP		800.00
MA MUNICIPAL ASSN	418.00	
MWPCA	30.00	
S. T. A. R.	25.00	
BALANCE TO REVENUE		473.00
		327.00
		<u>800.00</u>
10122.02 Selectmen's Secretary Sal		
APPROP		3500.00
RESERVE		2.00
		<u>3502.00</u>
OLIGNY, BETTY		3502.00
10135.01 Town Account Expenses		
APPROP		6000.00
B & H COMPUTER SERVICES	3800.00	
HEWES, NANCY K.	1250.00	
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	434.97	
BALANCE TO REVENUE		5484.97
		515.03
		<u>6000.00</u>

10141.01 Assistant Assessor APPROP		3500.00
LAFRENIERE, LAURIE	1795.00	
RICHARDSON, PAUL	62.50	
WHITE, MARY	1130.07	
		2987.57
BALANCE TO REVENUE		512.43
		<u>3500.00</u>
10141.02 Assessors Expenses APPROP		1500.00
REFUND		29.00
		<u>1529.00</u>
BISHOP ASSOCIATES	400.00	
HAMPDEN HAMPSHIRE CNTY ASSN	60.00	
HOBBS & WARREN	45.50	
POSTMASTER	32.00	
PROGULSKE, GUSTEL	675.91	
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	146.64	
US POSTAL SERVICE	32.00	
WHITE, MARY	65.00	
		1529.00
10141.04 Assessors Education APPROP		1200.00
M.A.A.O.	448.00	
BALANCE TO REVENUE	752.00	
		1200.00
10141.06 Assessors Computer Software APPROP		1500.00
FRCOG/COMM SOFTWARE CONSORT		1500.00
10141.12 Assessors Reg of Deeds Fs APPROP		150.00
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT REGISTRY OF DEEDS	4.00 52.00	
	<u>56.00</u>	
BALANCE TO REVENUE	94.00	
		150.00
10141.14 Assessors Tax Map Update APPROP		650.00
BALANCE TO FY 2003		650.00
10145.01 Treas./Collectors Exp. APPROP		4000.00
RESERVE		451.36
		<u>4451.36</u>
ADVANCED BUSINESS SYSTEMS	196.34	

COMMONWEALTH OF MASS	30.00	
DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE	212.38	
FLEET BANK	159.99	
HAMP/FRANK COLL/TREAS ASSN	10.00	
HEWES, NANCY K.	134.83	
MASS COLLECTORS & TREASURERS	90.00	
PHOENIX COMPUTER SYSTEMS	600.00	
REGISTRY OF DEEDS	170.00	
SAVERY, ANN	157.50	
STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICE	585.20	
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	1975.12	
UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE SER	90.00	
US POSTAL SERVICE	40.00	
		4451.36
10145.02 Treas Payroll Software		4000.00
APPROP		
B & H COMPUTER SERVICES		4000.00
10162.00 Election & Registration		1000.00
APPROP		
LEONARDO BELL, LOIS	85.75	
OLIGNY, BETTY	33.25	
PROGULSKE, GUSTEL	78.75	
SAVERY, ROBIN	45.50	
SURINER, PRISCILLA	33.25	
SURINER, WAYNE	45.50	
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		322.00
BALANCE TO REVENUE		678.00
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		1000.00
10171.00 Conservation & Wetlands		100.00
APPROP		
COUNTRY JOURNAL	27.50	
US POSTAL SERVICE	32.00	
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		59.50
BALANCE TO REVENUE		40.50
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		100.00
10175.00 Planning Board		10.00
APPROP		
BALANCE TO REVENUE		10.00
20100.00 Ch 90 River Road		105204.51
STATE CONTRACT		
ALL STATES ASPHALT	9114.00	
BECKS CONSTRUCTION	2695.00	
CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS SUPPLY	130.80	
CHIEF SUPPLY	55.28	
DONOVAN BROTHERS	18843.10	
GATEWAY AUTO	99.90	
KEATS, INC	3544.30	
LANE CONSTRUCTION	52922.82	
NUGENT, DEEN	2430.00	
PEASE, BREWSTER	400.00	

PENN CULVERT	3484.00	
PORTER, KEITH	4284.00	
RADWICH, MATTHEW	3325.26	
ROMER, EDWARD	238.00	
TRAFFIC SAFETY & SIGNS	312.79	
VIVIER, EDWARD	3325.26	
		105204.51
20104.00 Ch 90 Bell, Root, Skyline		
STATE CONTRACT		65580.17
ALL STATES ASPHALT	34627.50	
LANE CONSTRUCTION	30426.74	
PORTER, KEITH	196.89	
RADWICH, MATTHEW	164.52	
VIVIER, EDWARD	164.52	
		65580.17
20106.00 Chp 90 Line Painting		
STATE CONTRACT		4357.39
MARKINGS		4357.39
20108.00 Highway Chapter 235		
STATE CONTRACT	21822.27	
LANE CONSTRUCTION		11.00
BALANCE TO FY 03		21811.27
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		21822.27
20112.00 Highway Chapter 150		
STATE CONTRACT		17546.84
BALANCE TO FY 03		17546.84
20114.00 Highway Chapter 53C		
STATE CONTRACT		40520.34
BALANCE TO FY 03		40520.34
20116.00 Highway Chapter 53B		
STATE CONTRACT		21501.70
BALANCE TO FY03		21501.70
20420.00 Town Highway Maintenance		
APPROP		75000.00
ADAMS CO, INC, L P	60.96	
ALL STATES ASPHALT	219.08	
BECKS CONSTRUCTION	220.00	
BERKSHIRE CO HIGHWAY ASSN	15.00	
BRISTOL UNIFORM	918.00	
BRKSHR CNTY HWY SUPT ASSN	82.00	
DALTON TRACTOR	73.64	
DONOVAN BROTHERS	583.14	
DUFOUR INC	29.00	
GATEWAY AUTO	106.51	
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY SELECTMENS	25.00	
LANE CONSTRUCTION	2395.97	

MA HIGHWAY ASSN	25.00	
MAIN, WAYNE	621.00	
ONDRICK, TED	195.30	
PORTER, KEITH	13391.48	
RADWICH, MATTHEW	14715.33	
ROBERTS, HENRY	1470.00	
SAVERY, DONALD J	47.00	
SAVERY, RODNEY JR	630.00	
SIGNSMITH	335.00	
TIGHE & BOND	1212.39	
TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD	850.00	
TRI COUNTY HWY SUPTS ASSN	79.00	
UNIVERISITY OF MASS	150.00	
VIVIER, EDWARD	14309.31	
		52759.11
TRANSFER TO TOWN GARAGE WELL		6000.00
TRANSFER TO VACATIONS & HOLIDAYS		2000.00
BALANCE TO REVENUE		14240.89
		<u>75000.00</u>
20421.00 Holidays & Vacations		
APPROP		6000.00
TRANSFER FROM TOWN HIGHWAY MAINT		2000.00
		<u>8000.00</u>
PORTER, KEITH	2945.25	
RADWICH, MATTHEW	1802.00	
VIVIER, EDWARD	1786.00	
		6533.25
BALANCE TO REVENUE		1466.75
		<u>8000.00</u>
20421.01 Machinery Expenses		
APPROP		18800.00
RESERVE		223.05
		<u>19023.05</u>
A.C.T. VEHICLE EQUIPMENT	89.60	
ADAMS CO, INC, L P	149.08	
BART TRUCK	183.40	
BOBS AUTO RADIATOR	635.00	
BOLDUC MECHANICAL SERVICES	165.97	
C & C HYDRAULICS, INC	2098.47	
CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS SUPPL	186.74	
CITY TIRE CO., INC.	913.00	
DALTON TRACTOR	23.69	
DUFOUR ESCORTED TOURS INC	116.00	
GATEWAY AUTO	4083.05	
HOWE BROTHERS	2887.05	
KEATS, INC	171.13	
LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC	1427.41	
MERRIAM GRAVES	338.30	
NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT	195.55	
NUTMEG INTERNATIONAL	122.82	
ORANGE MOTORS	536.67	
PEASE, TIMOTHY	300.00	
RAYNORS BEARINGS & SUPPLY	77.86	
RICHIES GENERAL SERVICE	432.03	
SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC	373.75	
SMITHS SLED SHOP	150.56	
SPRINGFIELD MACK INC	182.78	
STEEL, FREADMAN	134.00	

SUPERIOR SPRING & MFG CO INC	975.53	
TYLER EQUIPMENT CORP	552.11	
WORTHINGTON GARAGE	1521.50	
		19023.05
20421.02 Town Garage Well		
TRANSFER FROM TOWN HIGH MAINT		6000.00
BALANCE TO FY 03		6000.00
20422.00 Fuels		
APPROP		8000.00
CHARLIES GARAGE	303.25	
COUNTRY OIL	5352.77	
BALANCE TO REVENUE		5656.02
		2343.98
		<u>8000.00</u>
20422.01 Unpaved Roads Material		
APPROP		15000.00
RESERVE		15.27
		<u>15015.27</u>
BECKS CONTRUCTION	907.50	
DONOVAN BROTHERS	1932.11	
JONES TRACTOR SERVICE	10950.15	
LANE & SON, JOHN	1225.51	
		15015.27
20422.02 Hwy Dept Sander		
APPROP		7000.00
STEEL, FREADMAN	185.00	
ZWACK, INC	6369.45	
BALANCE TO REVENUE		6554.45
		445.55
		<u>7000.00</u>
20422.03 Hwy Body Work-Ford		
APPROP		3000.00
DME AUTOBODY, DEANE MESSECK		3000.00
20422.04 Rebuild Dump Bed		
APPROP		1500.00
A.C.T. VEHICLE EQUIPMENT	679.00	
BALANCE TO REVENUE	821.00	
		1500.00
20422.05 Town Truck & Plow		
BALANCE FROM FY01		7616.54
A.C.T. VEHICLE EQUIPMENT	4475.00	
BART TRUCK	610.54	
MISTER TIRE	2256.00	
SIGNSMITH	275.00	
		7616.54

20422.06	Pressure Steam Washer		3500.00
	APPROP		45.00
	RESERVE		<u>          </u>
			3545.00
	MOBILE SALES & SERVICE INC		3545.00
20423.00	Snow Removal		51313.64
	APPROP		10.00
	RESERVE		<u>          </u>
			51323.64
	ACT VEHICLE EQUIPMENT	42.00	
	BECKS CONTRUCTION	1320.00	
	DONOVAN BROTHERS	13277.02	
	LANE & SON, JOHN	825.82	
	MORTON SALT	10499.85	
	PORTER, KEITH	9257.66	
	RADWICH, MATTHEW	6539.39	
	SCHMIDT EQUIPMENT	1600.90	
	VIVIER, EDWARD	6401.25	
	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WESTERN	200.00	
	WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS	1359.75	
			51323.64
20423.01	FY01 Town Snow		26718.80
	APPROP		
	BALANCE FROM FY01		-26718.80
20424.00	Street Lights		500.00
	APPROP		
	WESTERN MASS ELECTRIC	399.94	
	BALANCE TO REVENUE	100.06	
			500.00
30000.01	Gateway Reg Sch1 Assmnt		371803.00
	APPROP		
	GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST		371803.00
30000.02	Gateway Reg Transportatn		54905.00
	APPROP		
	GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST		54905.00
30610.00	Library Expenses		2000.00
	APPROP		2304.02
	BALANCE		294.32
	RESERVE		<u>          </u>
			4598.34
	BAKER & TAYLOR	49.00	
	BRODART	287.05	
	DEMCO INC	241.37	

MARSHALL CAVENDISH CORP	487.55	
NEW GENERATIONS TECH	164.00	
OLIGNY, CYNTHIA	675.00	
POSTMASTER	50.00	
QUALITY PAPERBACK BK CLB	24.48	
REGENT BOOK CO., INC	11.43	
SMITH SYSTEM	1615.46	
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	943.00	
US POSTAL SERVICE	50.00	
		4598.34
40543.00 Veterans Agent		
APPROP		100.00
BALANCE TO REVENUE		100.00
40543.04 War Memorials/Playground		
APPROP		3500.00
RICHARDSON, PAUL	3005.00	
BALANCE TO REVENUE	495.00	
		3500.00
50491.00 Cemetery Expense		
APPROP		2700.00
RODNEY SAVERY	335.00	
SAVERY, DONALD A	2262.00	
BALANCE TO REVENUE		2597.00
		103.00
		<u>2700.00</u>
60210.00 Police Chiefs Salary		
APPROP		1000.00
AUSTIN, THOMAS		1000.00
60210.01 Police Dept Expenses		
APPROP		6000.00
AAA POLICE SUPPLY	649.83	
AUSTIN, THOMAS	672.99	
BERKSHIRE NET	179.40	
CHAMPION AMERICA	60.20	
CHESTER ELEC LIGHT	281.66	
GALL'S, INC.	606.65	
GOULD PUBLICATIONS INC	64.90	
MA CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOC	450.00	
NETWORK SOLUTIONS	70.00	
RAYNORS BEARINGS & SUPPLY	24.82	
ROBIE, CURT	785.00	
SCENIC SCREEN	456.50	
SENTRY UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT	951.85	
SHERBURNE, INC.	374.57	
TRI COUNTY CONTRACTORS SUPPLY	45.00	
US POSTAL SERVICE	60.00	
VERIZON	185.85	
BALANCE TO REVENUE		5919.22
		80.78
		<u>6000.00</u>

60210.06	Police Cruiser Repairs		5000.00
	APPROP		
	BALISE FORD	4896.57	
	BALANCE TO REVENUE	103.43	5000.00
		5000.00	
60220.00	Fire Chief/Forest Wrk Sal		425.00
	APPROP		
	PEASE, LARRY		425.00
60220.01	Fire Dept Expenses		4500.00
	APPROP		
	ADAMS CO, INC, L P	318.44	
	CHARLIES GARAGE	136.13	
	COM-TEC ELECTRONICS	733.84	
	GALL'S, INC.	176.90	
	GATEWAY AUTO	624.90	
	GLEASON FIRE EQUIPMENT	1407.00	
	L P ADAMS	31.63	
	MERRIAM GRAVES	131.78	
	MOORE MEDICAL	395.45	
	PEASE, LARRY	9.70	
	PITTSFIELD FIRE & SAFETY CO	233.40	
	SPECIALIZED RADIO SYSTEMS	23.50	
	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	272.07	
	BALANCE TO REVENUE		4494.74
			5.26
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			4500.00
60220.02	Fire Dept Inspections		300.00
	APPROP		
	PEASE, LARRY		300.00
60220.04	Fire Dept Dispatch Srv		2750.00
	APPROP		
	RESERVE		101.43
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			2851.43
	BCSH		2851.43
60220.06	Fire Dept Turn Out Gear		3000.00
	APPROP		
	BALANCE TO FY03		3000.00
60220.08	Forest Fire		10.00
	APPROP		
	BALANCE TO REVENUE		10.00
60220.12	Civil Defense		10.00
	APPROP		
	BALANCE TO REVENUE		10.00

60241.00 Building Inspector		3784.00
APPROP		
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT		3784.00
60245.00 Electrical Inspector		300.00
APPROP		
MAIN, ERIC		300.00
60245.02 Asst. Electrical Insp		100.00
APPROP		
SAVERY, JOHN		100.00
60246.00 Plumbing		300.00
APPROP		
ZEITLER, JR, WILLIAM		300.00
60292.00 Dog Officer's Salary		400.00
APPROP		
KRASSLER, DAVID		400.00
60292.01 Dog Expense		300.00
APPROP		
BALANCE TO REVENUE		300.00
60294.00 Tree Warden		100.00
APPROP		
MILLER, BRIAN		100.00
60294.01 Insect Pest Control		100.00
APPROP		
BALANCE TO REVENUE		100.00
70231.00 Ambulance		1400.00
APPROP		
REFUND		190.15
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		1590.15
HINSDALE FIREMAN'S ASSN.	1200.00	
HUNTINGTON LIONS CLUB	312.50	
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BALANCE TO REVENUE		1512.50
		77.65
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		1590.15

70431.00 Disposal Area		31577.04
APPROP		353.46
RESERVE		-----
		31930.50
BERKSHIRE FENCE	2900.00	
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON	11179.85	
DONOVAN BROTHERS	169.08	
GATEWAY AUTO	12.99	
HRMC	533.00	
LANCER LABEL	104.33	
MAIN, MARTIN	60.00	
O'BRIEN, KATHLEEN	3227.25	
OLIGNY, BETTY	60.00	
PEASE, BREWSTER	200.00	
ROOD, ALAN	500.00	
SEELY CONCRETE	2500.00	
WICKLES TRUCKING, DAVE	10484.00	
		31930.50
70431.01 FY01 Disposal Area		-6532.71
BALANCE FROM FY01		
APPROP		6532.71
70431.04 Hilltown Resource Mgmt		1373.00
APPROP		
HRMC	1372.78	
BALANCE TO REVENUE	.22	
		1373.00
70519.00 Bd of Health/Insp Agent		300.00
APPROP		
SMITH, WALTER		300.00
70519.02 Health & Sanitation		10.00
APPROP		
BALANCE TO REVENUE		10.00
70522.00 Lee Visiting Nurse		1000.00
APPROP		
V.N.A. OF THE BERKSHIRES		1000.00
80752.00 Int. Short-term Debt		6000.00
APPROP		
COMMONWEALTH OF MASS	28.90	
FLEET BANK	4360.90	
MASS DOR	30.00	
US TREASURY	248.54	
BALANCE TO REVENUE		4668.34
		1331.66
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		6000.00

90100.00 Audit			1000.00
APPROP			5500.00
BALANCE FROM FY01			<u>6500.00</u>
HIRBOUR & HAYNES	6390.00		
BALANCE TO REVENUE	110.00		6500.00
90192.00 Office Supplies			3000.00
APPROP			
ASSN OF TOWN FINANCE COMM	60.00		
COUNTRY JOURNAL	613.40		
CURRY PRINTING	25.49		
DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE	91.70		
HOBBS & WARREN	397.50		
MA FED PLANNING & APPEALS BO	75.00		
N.E. DOCUMENT CONVS CTR	20.00		
NE ASSOC TOWN CLERKS	20.00		
OLIGNY, BETTY	28.11		
POSTMASTER	132.00		
STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICE	390.00		
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	297.67		
US POSTAL SERVICE	437.00		
WESTERN MA TOWN CLERKS ASSN	10.00		
			2597.87
BALANCE TO REVENUE			<u>402.13</u>
			3000.00
90192.01 Insurances			25000.00
APPROP			
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	4113.64		
HASTINGS-TAPLEY INS AGENCY	3752.00		
MIIA	16127.00		
			23992.64
BALANCE TO REVENUE			<u>1007.36</u>
			25000.00
90192.02 Maint Public Buildings			26000.00
APPROP			
ADAMS CO, INC, L P	9.66		
AT & T	171.38		
BRIGHAM CO, C.T.	276.15		
CHASE AUTO ELECTRIC	200.00		
COMPLETE ELECTRICAL	385.00		
J & J LOCK	114.50		
MCI	122.88		
MOODY ENERGY	9385.69		
PITTSFIELD FIRE & SAFETY CO	266.30		
RAINBOW DISTRIBUTORS	354.00		
RICHARDSON (PAYROLL), PAUL	2184.00		
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	33.16		
VERIZON	3801.47		
WESTERN MASS ELECTRIC	6655.11		
WHITING ENERGY FUELS	140.67		
WIPING, ERC	85.74		
			24185.71
BALANCE TO REVENUE			<u>1814.29</u>
			26000.00

90192.03 Town Hall Electrical Rprs		
BALANCE FROM FY01		2050.00
BALANCE TO FY03		2050.00
90192.04 Town Hall Storage Shed		
BALANCE FROM FY01		600.00
BALANCE TO FY03		600.00
90192.05 Town Hall Tables/Chairs		
BALANCE FROM FY01		5513.94
BALANCE TO FY03		5513.94
90192.06 Refrigerator & Stove		
BALANCE FROM FY01		2800.00
BALANCE TO FY03		2800.00
90192.12 Storage Shed Container		
BALANCE FROM FY01		3000.00
BALANCE TO FY03		3000.00
90192.14 Generator Enclosure		
BALANCE FROM FY01		2000.00
BALANCE TO FY03		2000.00
90195.00 Printing		
APPROP		750.00
RESERVE		38.98
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		788.98
DUBY, CINDY	275.00	
IMPRESS PRINTING	513.98	
		788.98
90541.00 Council on Aging		
APPROP		1000.00
BALANCE FROM FY01		905.67
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		1905.67
COUNTRY CHARM RESTAURANT	264.00	
FILE OF LIFE FOUNDATION	82.00	
MARTINO GLASS CO.	59.16	
OLIGNY, BETTY	43.40	
WHORLES FOOD WAREHOUSE EAST	72.24	
		520.80
BALANCE TO RY03		1384.87
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		1905.67

90630.00 Recreation Expense			1500.00
APPROP			
CARRINGTON, JUDY	235.98		
NOONAN, MARY BETH	200.00		
		435.98	
BALANCE TO REVENUE		1064.02	
		<u>          </u>	1500.00
90691.00 Historical Commission			500.00
APPROP			
BELL, GEORGE	7.00		
COBB, JACK	156.55		
LEONARDO BELL, LOIS	75.16		
US POSTAL SERVICE	20.00		
		258.71	
BALANCE TO REVENUE		241.29	
		<u>          </u>	500.00
90911.00 County Retirement			759.00
APPROP			
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT			759.00
90912.00 Hampshire Council of Gvrn			3287.00
APPROP			
RESERVE		348.00	
		<u>          </u>	3635.00
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT			3635.00
90913.00 Unemployment Insurance			4000.00
APPROP			
MA DIV OF EMPLOYMENT/TRAINNG	2526.14		
BALANCE TO REVENUE	1473.86		
			4000.00
90916.00 Social Security/Twn Share			9000.00
APPROP			
FLEET BANK	7719.34		
BALANCE TO REVENUE	1280.66		
			9000.00
90916.01 Medicare/Town's Share			2000.00
APPROP			
FLEET BANK	1981.73		
BALANCE TO REVENUE	18.27		
			2000.00
90916.02 FY01 Medicare			-4670.15
BALANCE FROM FY01			
APPROP			4670.15

90919.00 Health Insurance		8500.00
APPROP		
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY GROUP INS	7074.56	
BALANCE TO REVENUE	1425.44	8500.00
90947.00 Pioneer Valley Planning		
APPROP		60.00
RESERVE		21.30
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		81.30
• PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMM		81.30

Phone Booth Gift		475.90
VERIZON		
	Balance to F2003	(475.90)

St. Aid to Libraries		
State	1,709.83	
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	1,242.01
QUALITY PAPERBACK BK CLB	BOOKS	80.14
WORLD ALMANAC EDUCATION	BOOKS	377.41
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	Expended:	1,699.56
	Balance to F2003	10.27
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		1,709.83

MA Cultural Council		
Balance	4,311.40	
State	3,300.00	
		7,611.40

BECKET ART CENTER OF THE HLT		330.00
CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		315.00
GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND		300.00
HUNTER CHARLENE		300.00
LAPPIN HENRY	PERFORMANCE	350.00
MINIATURE THEATRE		100.00
SEVENARS CONCERTS		300.00
THOMAS ROBERT		790.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	BOX RENT	32.00
VAN EGMOND TIM	YANKEE NOTIONS	550.00
YANKEE NOTIONS		550.00
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	Expended:	3,917.00
	Balance to F2003	3,694.40
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		7,611.40

Council on Aging - State		
STATE	2,600.00	
DOKTOR RITA	BB	10.00
MCOA	DUES	80.00
MILLER ELLEN	BB & MEAL TRPS	320.00
MOODY ENERGY		391.95
OLIGNY BETTY	BB/TRIPS/REIMB	334.26
OLIGNY (PAYROLL) BETTY		120.00

POSTMASTER		STAMPS	37.00
RAINBOW DISTRIBUTORS		WATER	372.00
RUSSELL TOWN OF		COORDINATOR	650.00
SURINER PRISCILLA		BB/TRIPS/REIMB	241.79
SURINER WAYNE		BB	23.00
US POSTAL SERVICE		BOX RENT	20.00
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		Expended:	2,600.00
Police Grant			
BALANCE	17,447.57		
STATE	10,000.00		
			27,447.57
AAA POLICE SUPPLY			1,064.17
AUSTIN THOMAS			2,160.00
		PATROL	185.00
KUSTOM SIGNALS INC		RADAR UNIT	1,929.00
ROBIE CURT			210.00
VERIZON			736.51
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		Expended:	6,284.68
	Balance to F2003		21,162.89
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			27,447.57
Highway Grant			
BALANCE	500.00		
NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT		OIL AIR PUMP	500.00
Federal Community Grant			
FEDERAL GRANT	262,600.00		
PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMM			262,600.00
Police Outside Detail			
RECEIPTS	3,480.00		
AUSTIN THOMAS			2,940.00
	BALANCE TO F2003		540.00
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			3,480.00
Conservation Revolving Fund			
BALANCE	496.69		
TRANSFER TO TOWN APPROPRIATION			200.00
	BALANCE TO F2003		296.69
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			496.69

Miscellaneous:

Refunds:

Real Estate	3,063.17	
Motor Vehicle Excise	540.93	3,604.10

Temporary Highway Loan		227,978.00
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Agency:

Tax Collector Fees	1,779.00✓	
Town Clerk Fees	134.05	
Dog Licesnes Due Cnty	344.75	
Fish & Wildlife	1,594.65	
Federal Withholding	11,716.00	
State Withholding	5,608.37	
Soc Security Withholding	7,719.34	
Medicare Withholding	1,981.73	
Retirement Withholding	1,091.90	
Health Withholding	2,040.34	34,010.13

State Assessments:

Air Pollution Control	112.00	
Reg Transit Authority	20.00	132.00

Refunds Net of Expenditures		219.15
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SUMMARY:

Total Expenditures	1,527,426.20	
Prior Yr Warrants Payable	40,210.09	1,567,626.29

Cash on Hand 6/30/02:

General	319,417.81	
Trust	96,904.98	416,322.79

GRAND TOTAL		1,983,959.08
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