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**MASSACHUSETTS**



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TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampshire, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middlefield

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Middlefield Elementary School in said Middlefield on Saturday, the twelfth day of February next, at 11:45 in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 1. To choose on one ballot a Moderator, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, and Finance Committee member for a term of one year:

A Constable, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals; and two members for the Planning Board for a term of two years:

A Selectman, Assessor, Trustee of Public Library, Cemetery Commissioner, A member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and a member of the Gateway Regional School Committee for a term of three years; and two members for the Planning Board and two members of the Finance Committee for a term of three years.

The polls will open at 12:00 M. and will be closed at 5:00 o'clock P.M. The Business meeting will start at 1:30 P.M.

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

Art. 3. To determine the disposition of the Dog Fund. 37.08 lib

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1972 and January 1, 1973 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,652.02 for the Gateway Regional School for 1972.

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

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$3,800.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, said money to be used in conjunction with State or County funds or both.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of \$615.00 for Chapter 81 Maintenance, said money to be used in conjunction with State or County funds or both.

OK Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of \$3,100.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance, said money to be used in conjunction with State or County funds or both.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,500.00 from the Machinery Earnings account to the Machinery Expense account.

OK Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salaries of Elective Town Officers and to determine the amount of salary for each Elective Officer.

Moderator	\$ 20.00	Secretary, Assessors	\$ 35.00
Town Clerk	125.00	Chairman, Selectmen	200.00
Treasurer	625.00	2nd Selectman	100.00
Tax Collector	625.00	3rd Selectman	100.00
Chairman, Assessors	150.00	Auditor	30.00
2nd Assessor	150.00	Constable, 1st	60.00
3rd Assessor	150.00	Constable, 2nd	60.00

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the Reserve Fund.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray the expenses of the Town for the current year:

✓ EDUCATION:

School Building Notes # 145 - #150 \$5,000.00  
Interest on School Building Loan 850.00

✓ HIGHWAYS AND RELATED EXPENSES:

Snow Removal \$7,500.00  
Bridge Repairs 500.00  
Workmen's Compensation 900.00

✓ PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Insurance 125.00  
Maintenance and Utilities 1,000.00

✓ NATURAL RESOURCES:

Tree Warden 100.00  
Insect Pest Control 95.00  
Dutch Elm Control 150.29  
Forest Fire Protection 10.00  
Conservation Commission 50.00

✓ GOVERNMENT:

General Government 1,800.00  
Registrations and Elections 200.00



Health and Sanitation	15.00
Middlefield Disposal Area	800.00
Town Counsel	150.00
Hampshire County Retirement	1,133.10
Interest, Short Term Loans	2,300.00
MISCELLANEOUS:	
Fire Department	900.00
Library	95.00
Cemetery Commission	100.00
Planning Board	25.00
Printing	500.00
Street Lights	753.36
War Memorials and Playgrounds	90.00

*Table 14 + Section 735 of Chapter 735*  
 Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$222.00 or any other sum to be expended under the direction of the Area Mental Health and Retardation Board in joining with other area communities in providing for the expenses of the comprehensive mental health and mental retardation services established under the provisions of Chapter 735 of the acts of 1966 as amended, to authorize any arrangement in connection therewith and to take any action any way relating thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to refund fees due tax collector collected from taxes and tax titles; 1969 taxes \$52.00; 1970 taxes \$22.00; and tax titles, \$18.00, \$6.00, and \$33.00. Total \$131.00.

Art. 16. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Other articles may be added to this warrant.

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

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Middlefield the seventeenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and seventy-two.

Perley P. Boyer  
 Gordon P. Miller  
 Michael F. Nevers

Selectmen of Middlefield

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1971

TOWN CLERK

George W. Olds

MODERATOR

John E. Rice

Term expires 1972

TOWN TREASURER

Josephine Z. DeMoss

Term expires 1972

SELECTMEN

and COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Perley P. Boyer, Chairman

Term expires 1974

Gordon P. Miller

Term expires 1973

Michael F. Nevers

Term expires 1972

BOARD OF HEALTH and FENCE VIEWERS

The Selectmen

ASSESSORS

Ralph Bell, Chairman

Term expires 1973

Cecil E. Alderman

Term expires 1972

Nancy J. Olds, Secretary

Term expires 1974

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Leo Varsano

Term expires 1974

William R. Denault

Term expires 1972

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Neil G. Nickerson

Term expires 1973

CONSTABLES

Charles E. Cook, Resigned, Sept. 30

Term expires 1974

Donald A. Savery

Term expires 1974

AUDITOR

Perley P. Boyer

Term expires 1972

TREE WARDEN

Donald A. Savery

Term expires 1972

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Grace H. Olds, Chairman

Term expires 1972

Constance N. Vreeland

Term expires 1973

Marilyn R. Pease

Term expires 1974

### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Cecil E. Alderman, Chairman	Term expires 1974
Hugh S. Miller	Term expires 1972
George L. Bell	Term expires 1973

### PLANNING BOARD

Helen P. Cook, Chairman, resigned	Term expires 1974
Jessie A. Hartley, resigned	Term expires 1974
Carol Varsano, Secretary	Term expires 1972
Lois A. Stein	Term expires 1972
Walter D. Smith	Term expires 1973
Richard S. Bellows	Term expires 1973
Ann Jewett, appointed to fill vacancy	Term expires 1974

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

John H. Hartley, Chairman, resigned	Term expires 1972
Maurice H. Pease, Secretary	Term expires 1973
Evelyn Boyer	Term expires 1972
Howard F. Pease, Jr., appointed to fill vacancy	Term expires 1972

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

William H. Slater, Jr., Chairman	Term expires 1972
Wayne E. Main	Term expires 1972
Perley P. Boyer, resigned	Term expires 1973
James H. Hunt Sr.	Term expires 1973
Robert Humphrey, appointed	Term expires 1973
John E. Rice	Term expires 1974

### OFFICERS APPOINTED

SUPT. OF STREETS AND SNOW	Michael F. Nevers
FIRE CHIEF	Howard F. Pease, Jr.
CHIEF OF POLICE, Resigned	Charles E. Cook
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS, Resigned	Charles E. Cook
INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING, Resigned	Charles E. Cook
INSPECTOR OF MILK	W. Russell Ferris
BUILDING INSPECTOR	Edward F. Horalek
WIRING INSPECTOR	Edward Drosehn
GAS PIPING INSPECTOR	Edward F. Horalek
SUPT. OF DUTCH ELM and INSECT PEST CONTROL	Wayne E. Main
FOREST WARDEN, Resigned	Charles E. Cook
DOG OFFICER	Donald A. Savery
BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT	Helen P. Cook
MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK	Michael F. Nevers
	Ira W. Pease
	Donald C. Miller
	Michael F. Nevers
SURVEYORS OF LUMBER	



FIELD DRIVERS

CHIEF OF POLICE, to fill vacancy  
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS, to fill vacancy  
INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING, to fill vacancy  
FOREST WARDEN, to fill vacancy

Michael F. Nevers  
Brewster C. Pease  
Ira W. Pease  
C.D. Vreeland III  
Howard F. Pease, Jr.  
Perley P. Boyer  
Gordon P. Miller  
Gordon P. Miller  
Charles H. Winn

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Jessie A. Hartley  
Ralph Bell  
Angela Savery  
Richard A. Waite  
Nancy J. Olds  
Leon A. Gardner  
Joan H. Hobart

Term expires 1973  
Term expires 1973  
Term expires 1972

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Evelyn Boyer, Chairman  
Leon A. Gardner  
Donald A. Savery  
George W. Olds, Town Clerk

Term expires 1974  
Term expires 1973  
Term expires 1972

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

MARRIAGES - 1971

February 13 - Edward Ralph Guyette and Theresa Ann Marie Lombardi.  
 March 26 - Allan Kenneth Newmarker and Ladon Eileen Guild.  
 May 8 - Douglas Fred Doyle of Chester and Eleanor Marie Miller.  
 July 9 - Robert Mitchell Grafstein of Worthington and Joan Ann Connolly.  
 November 20 - Bruce Henry Hoag of Worthington and Dale Ann Guyette.  
 December 26 - Wilfred Joseph Savoy, Jr. and Karen Lee Jameson both of Chester.

DEATHS - 1971

August 8 - Robert G. Burnell, of Pittsfield, 36 years.  
 November 5 - Michal Piskor, 90 years, 7 months, 23 days.

DOG LICENSES

5 males at \$2.00 each		\$ 10.00
31 males at \$3.00 each		93.00
1 Female at \$5.00 each		5.00
6 Females at \$6.00 each		36.00
3 Spayed females at \$2.00 each		6.00
20 Spayed females at \$3.00 each		60.00
4 Kennels at \$10.00 each		<u>40.00</u>
		\$ 250.00
Clerk's fees at	25 at 52¢ each	13.00
	18 at 35¢ each	<u>6.30</u>
		19.30
Paid to Town Treasurer		<u>\$ 230.70</u>

SPORTING LICENSES

25 Resident Fishing licenses at \$5.25 each	\$ 131.25
38 Resident Hunting Licenses at \$5.25 each	199.50
37 Resident Sporting Licenses at \$8.25 each	305.25
9 Resident Minor Fishing Licenses at \$3.25 each	29.25
14 Resident Female Fishing Licenses at \$4.25 each	59.50
2 Non-Resident Fishing Licenses at \$9.75 each	19.50
3 Non-Resident Special Fishing Licenses at \$5.25	15.75
2 Non-Resident Hunting Licenses at \$16.25 each	32.50
2 Duplicate Licenses at \$0.50 each	1.00
4 Military Sporting Licenses - Free	
7 Archery Deer Hunting Stamps at \$1.10 each	<u>7.70</u>
	\$ 801.20
Clerk's Fees at 25¢ each	<u>33.20</u>
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	<u>\$ 768.00</u>

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS HELD IN 1971

APRIL 12

Voted to transfer \$3399.38 from Machinery Account to Machinery Expense Account, for payment and interest on note #212 for Loader.

Voted to transfer \$1,000.00 from Machinery Account to Machinery Expense Account.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$2000.00 for Snow Account.

Voted on Zoning By-Laws pertaining to Trailers and Mobile Homes. Approved Section 3A and B (section 3A 2F as amended). 58 yes - 4 no.

Art. 5 C-1, 2, 3, 4, 5 were rejected as two thirds vote is needed for approval. 33 Yes - 28 No.

JUNE 1

Voted to transfer \$2,000.00 from Machinery Account to Machinery Expense Account.

Voted not to raise \$212.00 for Mental Health & Retardation Board.

Voted to purchase a new 1971 dump truck for \$9,000.00 to be paid as follows, present truck trade-in for \$2000.00 and notes for the balance to be paid within two years. 21 Yes - 2 No.

NOVEMBER 1

Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for Snow Account.

Voted to transfer \$2,000.00 from Machinery Account to Machinery Expense Account.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$300.00 to pay Attorney Fees for Appellate tax case.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for Municipal Building Garage Door.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Olds  
Town Clerk



FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

	<u>Approp. 1971</u>	<u>Recom. 1972</u>
<b>EDUCATION</b>		
Gateway Regional	\$ 49,820.62	\$ 72,338.97
Vocational	7,283.32	2,313.05
Bond Payment	5,000.00	5,000.00
Interest	<u>1,020.00</u>	<u>850.00</u>
	\$ 63,123.94	\$ 80,502.02
 <b>HIGHWAYS AND RELATED EXPENSES</b>		
Chapter 81 Highways	\$ 615.00	615.00
Chapter 90 Construction	3,750.00	4,500.00
Chapter 90 Maintainance	3,100.00	3,100.00
Snow Removal	7,500.00	9,500.00
Bridge Repairs	1,000.00	500.00
Workmens Compensation	<u>900.00</u>	<u>900.00</u>
	\$ 16,665.00	\$ 19,115.00
 <b>PUBLIC BUILDINGS</b>		
Insurance	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Maintainance	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
 <b>NATURAL RESOURCES</b>		
Tree Warden	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Insect Pest Control	95.00	95.00
Dutch Elm Control	150.29	150.29
Forest Fire Protection	10.00	10.00
Conservation Commission	<u>200.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>
	\$ 555.29	\$ 430.29
 <b>GOVERNMENT</b>		
General	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,800.00
Registration & Elections	200.00	300.00
Health & Sanitation	10.00	10.00
Middlefield Disposal Area	600.00	800.00
Town Counsel	150.00	150.00
Hampshire County Retirement	1,000.00	1,000.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	2,500.00	2,300.00
Salaries, Elected Officers	<u>2,430.00</u>	<u>2,430.00</u>
	\$ 8,390.00	\$ 8,790.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Printing	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Fire Department	1,000.00	1,200.00
Planning Board	75.00	75.00
Cemetery Commission	100.00	100.00
Care of Public Grounds	90.00	90.00
Library	95.00	95.00
Street Lights	595.44	674.40
Department of Mental Health	10.00	10.00
	<u>\$ 2,465.44</u>	<u>\$ 2,734.40</u>

RESERVE FUND

\$ 500.00      \$ 800.00

Respectfully submitted,  
 WILLIAM H. SLATER, JR., Chairman  
 WAYNE E. MAIN  
 ROBERT HUMPHREY  
 JOHN E. RICE  
 JAMES H. HUNT, SR.  
 Finance Committee

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The reports which follow summarize the expenditures of the various departments and accounts under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen.

The new truck is in use and should give many years of service. Due to the many hours that town equipment works without charge, we have difficulty building up our Machinery Earnings Account to buy new equipment and to maintain the old equipment. This situation is not likely to improve until we receive more than the \$3075.00 allowed by the state.

We wish to extend our appreciation for the many years of service rendered by Charles E. Cook and hope he enjoys many years of retirement.

We have just signed a new lease for the disposal area and we ask for the cooperation of all residents in keeping the area clean and using the facilities properly. Improper use of the dump can terminate our lease and then become a costly problem.

Respectfully submitted,

Perley P. Boyer, Chairman  
Michael F. Nevers  
Gordon P. Miller  
Selectmen



REPORT OF SELECTMEN

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$ 7,500.00
Additional Appropriation	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Available	\$ 11,500.00

Michael F. Nevers, Supt.	\$ 777.00
Brewster Pease, equipment operator	2130.00
Charles Cook, labor	1222.00
Robert Miller, equipment operator	510.75
G.R. Olds, labor	41.25
Wayne Main, labor	214.00
Tony Scapin, Jr., driver	148.50
Leon Gardner, labor	264.00
William Hunt, labor	54.00
Charles Winn, driver	13.75
Wayne Main, truck	28.00
William Paschel, truck	244.00
Brewster Pease, truck	446.00
C.D. Vreeland III, 4x4	608.00
West Hill Farm, plowing	172.50
Chemical Corp., salt	1215.14
Donovan Bros., sand	3032.66
Kenneth Hall, bulldozer	<u>130.00</u>
	<u>\$ 11,251.55</u>

CHAPTER 81 HIGHWAYS

Town Appropriation	\$ 615.00
State and County Share	<u>11,275.00</u>
Total Available	\$ 11,890.00

SNOW

Town of Middlefield, Chevrolet	\$ 1157.00
Town of Middlefield, Ford	832.00
Town of Middlefield, Loader	<u>1086.00</u>
	\$ 3,075.00

HIGHWAYS

Michael Nevers, Supt.	\$ 303.00
Brewster Pease, equipment operator	2616.00
Charles E. Cook, driver	1353.00
Wayne Main, labor	125.00
Jeffery Hunt, labor	220.00

Duane Salvhus, grader operator	\$ 156.00	
Town of Chester, grader	336.00	
Wayne Main, mowing	48.00	
Ira Pease, mowing	138.50	
Birch Brook Farm, mowing	24.00	
Donovan Bros, stone	765.31	
Ken Hall, bulldozer	70.00	
Donald Savery, truck	96.00	
Lane Construction, Hot Mix	35.19	
Town of Middlefield, loader	1212.00	
Town of Middlefield, Chevrolet	1178.00	
Town of Middlefield, Rake	139.00	
		<u>\$ 8,815.00</u>
		<u>\$ 11,890.00</u>

#### CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Town Appropriation		\$ 3,750.00
County Share		3,750.00
State Share		<u>7,500.00</u>
Total Available		\$ 15,000.00

Michael F. Nevers, Supt.	\$ 69.00	
Brewster Pease, equipment operator	372.00	
Charles E. Cook, labor	341.00	
Leon Gardner, driver	44.00	
Kenneth Hall, bulldozer	2230.00	
Berkshire Paving Co., blacktop	11315.75	
Lane Construction, Hot Mix	140.25	
Town of Middlefield, GMC	248.00	
Town of Middlefield, Loader	240.00	
		<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>

#### CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation		\$ 3,100.00
County Share		3,100.00
State Share		<u>3,100.00</u>
Total Available		\$ 9,300.00

Michael F. Nevers, Supt.	\$ 102.00
Brewster Pease, equipment operator	948.00
Charles E. Cook, labor	698.50
Wayne Main, labor	50.00
Jeffery Hunt, labor	200.00
Duane Salvhus, grader operator	104.00
Town of Chester, grader	224.00

Ira Pease, mowing	\$ 144.00
Birch Brook Farm, mowing	90.00
Brewster Pease, power saw	16.00
Elovirta Bros., backhoe	179.00
Cummington Garage, broom	144.00
Agway, calcium	79.47
Donovan Bros., gravel	42.72
Donovan Bros., stone	1218.38
Charles Freadman & Sons, culverts & bands	659.11
John Winn, blasting	211.15
Lane Construction, hot mix	246.06
All States Asphalt, liquid bituminous	2299.24
Town of Middlefield, Chevrolet	620.00
Town of Middlefield, Loader	756.00
Town of Middlefield, GMC	248.00
	<u>\$ 9,279.63</u>

#### BRIDGE ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
Total available	\$ 1,000.00
Kenneth Hall, bulldozer	449.81
Charles Freadman & Son, steel	<u>550.00</u>
	<u>\$ 999.81</u>

#### MACHINERY EXPENSE

Transfer from Machinery Earnings	\$ 3,000.00
Appropriation - Notes 220 and 222	6,250.00
Additional Transfers	<u>9,149.38</u>
Total Available	18,399.38

Olds General Store, supplies & gas	\$2732.01
Howe Bros., parts	102.08
Tire Town, tires	585.00
Stapleton, Inc., parts	150.79
Brown Oil, fuel	324.15
Pittsfield Welding Supplies, supplies	187.79
Charles Freadman & Sons, blades, steel	442.39
Southgate Motors, parts	38.62
Raynor's Bearings, parts	568.79
Seyffer Ford, parts	21.62
Fisk Motors, parts	47.40
Topsy's Garage, stickers, gas & supplies	71.61
R.B. Pomeroy Insurance, plates, insurance	751.69
Triad Welding	14.50
Old Colony Transportation, trucking charges	6.50



Lipton Steel & Metal, steel	\$ 49.21
Donovan Bros, Motor for Ford	634.60
Assoc. GMC - truck	7435.00
Graves Equipment, parts	74.04
Harvey Glass, glass	35.53
M. Nevers, repairs	12.00
Banish Lumber, chains	194.49
Howard Johnson Fuel Oil Co., fuel	101.77
Merrick Berkshire Super Supply, supplies	40.16
Jack Lindsey, parts	16.36
Tyler Equipment, parts	296.31
Pittsfield National Bank, loader payment, loan +int.	<u>3399.38</u>
	<u>\$ 18333.79</u>

#### MACHINERY EARNINGS

Available January 1, 1971		\$ 6,093.20
Machinery Earnings, 1971		
Chapter 81 Snow		
Chevrolet	\$ 1157.00	
Ford	832.00	
Loader	1086.00	
Chapter 81 Highways		
Chevrolet	1178.00	
Rake	139.00	
Loader	1212.00	
Chapter 90 Construction		
Loader	240.00	
GMC	248.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Chevrolet	620.00	
Loader	756.00	
GMC	248.00	
Middlefield Disposal Area		
Loader 1	256.00	
Insect Pest Control		
Loader	15.00	
Tree Warden		
Loader	30.00	
Other - Private use	<u>1446.00</u>	
		\$ 9,463.00
		\$ 15,556.20
Transfer to Machinery Expense		<u>3,000.00</u>
		\$ 12,556.20
Additional Transfers		<u>9,149.38</u>
		\$ 3,406.82
Balance Machinery Expense Account December 31, 1971		<u>65.59</u>
Available January 1, 1972		\$ 3,472.41

OFFICERS SALARIES

Town Appropriation		\$ 2,430.00
Moderator, John E. Rice	\$ 20.00	
Town Clerk, George W. Olds	125.00	
Treasurer, Josephine Z. DeMoss	625.00	
Tax Collector, Neil Nickerson	625.00	
Chairman Assessors, Ralph Bell	150.00	
Assessor, Cecil E. Alderman	150.00	
Secretary, Assessor, Nancy J. Olds	185.00	
Chairman Selectmen, Perley P. Boyer	200.00	
Selectman, Gordon P. Miller	100.00	
Selectman, Michael F. Nevers	100.00	
Auditor, Perley P. Boyer	30.00	
Constable, Charles E. Cook	45.00	
Constable, Donald A. Savery	<u>60.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 2,415.00</u>

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Town Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Additional Appropriation		<u>300.00</u>
Total Available		500.00
Western Mass. Electric Co., lights	\$ 201.08	
Parker Door Sales, garage door	<u>298.92</u>	
		<u>\$ 500.00</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Appalachian Press	\$ 12.00	
R.B. Pomeroy, Insurance	306.82	
Howard Johnson, Fuel	258.44	
Olds General Store, supplies	127.43	
Patterson, Wylde & Windeler Inc., Insurance	<u>295.31</u>	
		<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

MIDDLEFIELD DISPOSAL AREA

Town Appropriation		\$ 600.00
E.S.M. & Martha Landy, rent	\$200.00	
Charles Farmer, fill	144.00	
Town of Middlefield, Loader	<u>256.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 600.00</u>

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		259.04
Additional Appropriation		<u>300.00</u>
Total Available		\$ 2,059.04
Advertising	\$ 25.56	
Association Dues	125.96	
Inspections, E. Horalek	51.00	
Note Registrations	22.00	
Office Supplies, Selectmen	10.00	
Postage	202.15	
Office Supplies, other than Selectmen	256.65	
Town Office Bonds	165.00	
Attorney Fees	400.00	
Stevenson & Co., Workmen's Comp. Insurance	266.00	
Sundry	21.80	
Salaries - Betty Oigny, Secretary to Selectmen	325.00	
Charles E. Cook, Chief of Police	75.00	
Charles E. Cook, Forest Warden	18.75	
Charles Winn, Forest Warden	6.25	
Charles E. Cook, Inspector of Animals	30.00	
Evelyn Boyer, Census	25.00	
Janet Waite, Census	<u>25.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 2,051.12</u>

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Town Appropriation		\$ 700.00
Refund		43.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		<u>162.00</u>
Total Available		\$ 905.00
Stevenson & Co., Inc.	<u>\$ 905.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 905.00</u>

## HEALTH & SANITATION

Town Appropriation		\$ 60.00
Dr. Hans Rasch, measles clinic	\$ 40.00	
George W. Olds, Rec. Vital Statistics	<u>20.00</u>	
		<u>60.00</u>

## TREE WARDEN

Town Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Donald A. Savery, saw, labor	\$ 8.00	
Brewster Pease, labor, saw, truck	34.50	
W. Main, labor, saw	27.50	
Town of Middlefield, loader	<u>30.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 100.00</u>



### DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Town Appropriation		\$ 150.29
Wayne Main, truck, saw, labor	\$ 117.00	
M. Nevers, labor	12.00	
Brewster Pease, labor, saw, truck	<u>20.50</u>	
		<u>\$ 149.50</u>

### INSECT PEST CONTROL

Town Appropriation		\$ 95.00
Wayne Main, truck, saw, labor	\$ 31.00	
Michael Nevers, labor, saw	15.00	
Brewster Pease, labor, saw, truck	34.00	
Town of Middlefield, loader	<u>15.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 95.00</u>

### RESERVE FUND

Town Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Transfers to:		
Workmen's Compensation	\$ 162.00	
Street Lights	78.96	
General Government	<u>259.04</u>	
		<u>\$ 500.00</u>

### REGISTRATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Town Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Tellers:		
Nancy Burnham	\$ 11.31	
Ann Theriault	11.31	
Janet Gardner	11.31	
Julia Andersen	11.31	
Appalachian Press, ballots	<u>111.75</u>	
		<u>\$ 156.99</u>

### TREASURY WARRANTS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Tax		\$ 328.31
Director of Internal Revenue, Federal Withholding Tax		1,698.40
Howard Banner, Treas., County Retirement		536.57
Howard Banner, Treas., County Retirement Assessment		964.30
Howard Banner, Treas., Dog License Fees		212.20
Pittsfield National Bank, Note #210		45,000.00
Pittsfield National Bank, Note #215		17,600.00
Pittsfield National Bank, Note #216		15,000.00
Commonwealth of Mass., M.V. E. Bills		40.35
Commonwealth of Mass., State Recreation Areas		676.64

Commonwealth of Mass., Audit Municipal Accounts	\$	35.68
Commonwealth of Mass., State Assess. System		50.00
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution		34.03
Hampshire County Hospital		157.63
Personal Property Tax Refunds		---
Real Estate Refunds		
R. & V. Cross		102.50
M. Batorski		50.00
J. & J. DeMoss		18.17
H. Pease, Jr.		50.00
C.D. Vreeland III		15.75
C. Winn		50.00
R. Waite		12.25
W. Wilson		33.75
W. Wilson		49.50
H. Pease, Jr.		54.00
Motor Vehicle Refunds		
J. Piscor		9.90
C. Winn		6.87
S. Smith		30.24
M.H. Pease		37.11
E.C. Hall		4.11
G.W. Olds		17.33
W. Slater		9.62
L. Smith		7.70
J.H. Warren		33.01
L.R. Daigneault		8.80
C.D. Vreeland III		14.00

#### MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

	Approp.	Expend.
Cemeteries	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Conservation Commission	200.00	116.00
Forest Fire Protection	10.00	--
Gateway Regional School District	57,103.94	57,103.94
Anticipated Interest	2,500.00	2,392.54
Library 9 (see report)		
Town Counsel, Francis Collins	150.00	150.00
Municipal Building Insurance	100.00	25.88
School Building Note & Interest	5,510.00	5,510.00
War Memorial and Playground	90.00	90.00
Printing, Town Reports - Berkshire Print & Main	500.00	335.00
Western Mass. Electric Co., Street Lights	595.44)	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	78.96')	674.40

JURORS FOR 1972

Julia Y. Andersen  
Wayne Main  
Peter Stein

Leonard L. Daigneault  
Michael F. Nevers  
H. Francis Pease

Elizabeth C.M. Oligny  
Deborah J. Boyer

JURORS DRAWN FOR 1971

Walter Smith  
Alton Sternagle

John Hartley  
Joyce Slater

G. Robert Olds

Respectfully submitted,

Perley P. Boyer, Chairman  
Gordon P. Miller  
Michael F. Nevers



REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Highways:

1970 Chap. 90	\$10,700.00	
1970 Chap. 81	5,046.99	
1971 Chap. 81 Part. Reimb.	<u>8,552.24</u>	
		\$ 24,299.23

Schools:

Construction Grant	2,398.19	
School Aid Chap. 70	8,915.00	
State Aid Assist. Ch. 71 S. 160	<u>173.25</u>	
		11,486.44

Other:

State Valuation Basis	3,248.04	
Loss of Taxes	1,509.27	
Insp. of Animals	<u>15.00</u>	
		4,772.31

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY:

Highways:

1970 Chap. 90 Const. #25998	3,800.00	
1970 Chap. 90 Maint. #25780	<u>3,100.00</u>	
		6,900.00

OTHER:

Fed. W'holding Tax	1,375.10	
State W'holding Tax	331.11	
Hamp. County Retirement	485.65	
Gas Tax Refund (Geo. Olds)	161.64	
Lane Const. Co. refund	75.00	
Stevenson & Co. refund Work. Comp.	43.00	
Milk Insp., W.R. Ferris	1.50	
Cemetery Ass'n Interest	63.84	
Perpetual Care Interest	251.31	
AT&T McElwain lot	16.92	
Perp. Care (Chas. L. Willey)	150.00	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	130.00	
Licenses & Permits	71.00	
Gun Permits (C. Cook)	8.00	
Dog Fees (Geo. Olds, Town Clerk)	230.70	
New England Appraisal (voided check)	540.00	
Tax Title Redemption	<u>6,434.58</u>	
		10,369.35

Machinery Earnings	\$ 8,017.00	
Machinery Earnings Rental:		
Tony Scapin - Loader	144.00	
Town of Chester - Rake	144.00	
Yolanda Romano - Loader	15.00	
Gateway Reg. School - Snow Removal	210.00	
Richard Bellows - Loader	255.00	
Gateway Reg. School - truck & loader	180.00	
Michael Hale - truck & loader	123.00	
Arthur Arcouette	225.00	
Michael Hale - loader	105.00	
Clayton Crothers, loader	45.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 9,463.00
Taxes, Neil Nickerson, Tax Collector:		
1971 Real Estate	50,990.50	
1970 Real Estate	15,854.37	
1969 & Prev. Yrs. Real Estate	322.17	
1971 Pers. Property	9,523.63	
1970 Pers. Property	639.42	
1969 & Prev. Yrs. Pers. Property	168.50	
1971 Motor Vehicle Excise	4,499.07	
1970 Motor Vehicle Excise	2,059.10	
1969 & Prev. Yrs. Motor Vehicle Excise	587.63	
1971 Farm Animal	173.21	
1970 Farm Animal	219.08	
Interest:		
Real Estate	241.53	
Personal Property	13.51	
M.V.E.	50.57	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 85,342.33
Loans:		
Pittsfield National Bank:		
Note 216 Antic. of Revenue	15,000.00	
Note 218 Hwy. Reimb.	17,450.00	
Note 221 Purchase Hwy. Equipment	3,125.00	
Note 222 Purchase Hwy. Equipment	3,125.00	
Note 223 Antic. Revenue	30,000.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 68,700.00

Total Receipts		\$221,332.36
Balance January 1, 1971		<u>61,211.53</u>
		\$282,544.19
Warrants - Selectmens Orders	\$234,050.55	
Balance December 31, 1971	<u>48,493.64</u>	
		\$282,544.19

#### ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Chap. 81 Bal. of State Reimb 1971	\$ 2,722.76	
Chap. 90 Const. State	10,600.00	
Chap. 90 County 1971	<u>6,850.00</u>	
		\$ 20,172.76
Tax Titles	11,604.63	
Interest	<u>3,364.68</u>	
		<u>\$ 14,969.31</u>
		\$ 35,142.07

#### LIABILITIES

Day Trust Co., 25 School Notes	\$ 25,000.00	
Interest	850.00	
Pittsfield National Bank:		
Note #213 Loader (Purchase Hwy. Equip)	3,000.00	
Interest Note #213	274.00	
Note #214 Loader (Purchase Hwy. Equip)	3,000.00	
Interest Note #214	136.88	
Note #218 Chap. 90 Reimbursement	17,450.00	
Interest Note #218	365.24	
Note #221 Purchase Hwy. Equip.	3,125.00	
Interest Note #221	190.52	
Note #222 Purchase Hwy. Equip.	3,125.00	
Interest Note #222	95.04	
Note #223 Antic. of Revenue	30,000.00	
Interest Note #223	<u>405.63</u>	
		\$ 87,017.81



PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Int., Drawn	Balance
Daniel Alderman	\$ 5.39	\$100.00
Henry F. Church	5.91	109.81
Church Lot	23.37	433.55
Harvey Root & George Chipman	26.98	500.00
Cottrell Lot	8.07	150.00
Elijah J. Churchill	5.39	100.00
Arthur & Alice Gardner	5.39	100.00
Lizzie Kelley & Morgan Pease	8.07	150.00
George & Amanda Crane	26.98	500.00
Wesley A. Olds	16.17	300.00
J.W. & L.A. Cottrell	8.07	150.00
Clara E. Taylor	5.91	109.81
Col. David Mack	6.84	127.14
Nathan Wright Heirs	5.39	100.00
Oliver Smith	10.77	200.00
Solomon Root	5.91	109.81
Herbert A. Youtz	5.39	100.00
Capt. James Church	5.39	100.00
John J. Vetter	5.39	100.00
Matthew & Mariah D. Smith	4.41	82.35
Charles C. Graves	10.77	200.00
Hawes & Combs Lot	4.01	75.00
Asher Pease	13.85	257.14
Arthur D. & Harold M. Pease	16.17	300.00
Rev. John Brittan Clark	5.39	100.00
Charles L. Willey	5.39	150.00
George & Helen Cook	* 15.92	300.00
Catherine Tefts	* 5.42	100.00

TRUST FUNDS

Sally Dickson Charity Fund		
Balance January 1, 1971	\$2,186.27	
Interest added	<u>117.81</u>	
		\$2,304.08
Sally Dickson School Fund		
Balance January 1, 1971	\$1,248.53	
Interest added	<u>67.27</u>	
		1,315.80
Cemetery Association Permanent Fund		
Balance January 1, 1971	\$1,208.41	
Dividend drawn	<u>63.84</u>	
		\$1,208.41

\* Interest drawn on these checks to be added to 1972 receipts.

Post War Rehabilitation Fund

Balance January 1, 1971	\$ 241.41	
Interest added	<u>25.71</u>	
		\$ 267.12

Respectfully submitted,  
Josephine Z. DeMoss  
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1971, and have found them to be in good order and correct.

Perley P. Boyer, Auditor

January 8, 1972

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR 1971

	Warrant	Taxes Col.	Int.	Fees	Abated	Tax Titles Bal.	Due
1971 Real Estate	\$77,046.48	\$50,990.50	\$ 5.26		\$3,542.12	\$ 824.31	\$21,689.55
Per. Property	9,882.65	9,523.63					359.02
Farm Excise	472.18	173.21					298.97
M.V.E.	7,941.42	3,660.87			220.35		4,060.20
1970 Real Estate	23,593.24	16,692.57	211.95		1,566.99	112.50	5,221.18
Per. Property	736.92	639.42			6.25		91.25
Farm Excise	422.83	219.08					203.75
M.V.E.	3,550.33	2,059.00	8.86		328.86		1,162.37
1969 Real Estate	2,385.36	121.68	1.66				2,263.68
Per. Property	189.63	118.70	4.80				70.93
Farm Excise	171.86						171.86
M.V.E.	569.04	345.22	23.23		65.93		157.89
1968							
1968 Real Estate	976.57	200.49	22.56				776.08
Per. Property	81.33	13.80	1.05				67.53
Farm Excise	28.75						28.75
M.V.E.	624.43	242.45	18.48				381.98
1967 Real Estate	1,456.38				883.85		572.53
Per. Property	67.45	11.40	1.71				48.45
Farm Excise	74.09						74.09
M.V.E.	364.73				76.45		288.28
1966 Per. Property	36.10	11.40	2.37				24.70
M.V.E.	83.34				66.60		16.74
1965 Per. Property	46.20	13.20	3.58		13.20		19.80
M.V.E.	40.43						40.43





1964 Per. Property	121.80	42.00	79.80
M.V.E.	64.63	28.33	36.30
1963 Poll	2.00		2.00
Per. Property	17.60		17.60
M.V.E.	143.71	22.00	121.71
1962 Per. Property	4.50		4.50
M.V.E.	58.30	9.90	48.40
1961 Poll	2.00		2.00
Per. Property	4.80		4.80
M.V.E.	46.20		46.20

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Taxes Collected	\$85,036.72	
Interest	<u>305.51</u>	
Total		\$85,342.23

1971 Outstanding Taxes	\$26,407.74
Prior Years Outstanding	<u>12,045.58</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
 Neil G. Nickerson  
 Tax Collector

## REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

During 1971 the Town appropriated \$95.00 for the library, but there was no money from the Dog Tax Fund and no state grant, due to the fact that Middlefield was ineligible for direct state aid. The requirement, according to the General Laws, Ch. 760 sec. 19A, Acts of 1960, as amended by Ch. 636, Acts of 1970 is as follows:

"No city or town which appropriates for its full library service in any year, an amount less than six dollars per capita of population shall receive any money under this section, if such appropriation is below the average of its appropriation for full library service for the four years immediately preceding."

During 1971 expenses were paid from the balance in the library account.

This year we were assisted by Mrs. Julia Andersen and Beth Doane, with the library open 10½ hours per week, with one hour in the evening. Mrs. Andersen has continued to take charge of the work with the State Bookmobile and contacted them for special requests from our readers.

Our circulation from the Town library was 637 books. The State Bookmobile reported that they had loaned us 5404 books, making a total of 6041 books read during the year.

During the winter months there are no regular library hours because our library is without heat and light. However, anyone needing books may contact the librarian or Mrs. Andersen, who will try to fill requests from our library, or through the State Bookmobile or the Interlibrary Loan.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Available:		
Town Appropriation	\$	95.00
Dog Tax Fund		none
State Grant		none
Balance in Library Account January 1, 1971		<u>1,671.67</u>
Total	\$	<u>1,766.67</u>

Expenditure:		
Books	\$	190.72
Salaries		247.20
Library costs (cleaning, supplies, postage, transportation)		<u>24.18</u>
	\$	<u>462.10</u>
Balance in Library Fund December 31st 1971	\$	1,304.57

Respectfully submitted,

Constance N. Vreeland  
Librarian

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The year 1971 marked the completion of the Mobile Home by-law and its legalization by the Attorney General. This was the culmination of a number of years of study, planning, research and a good deal of frustration. During the final stages of preparation the community participated actively. The Taxpayers Association mailed out to all voters a fact sheet with what they felt were the pros and cons of Mobile Homes. The open hearing was well attended and the discussion active. The final vote had a large turn out and the final by-law represented the decision of a well informed, interested electorate.

The Starbuck Memorial Playground plans have been formalized and a carved wooden plaque will be hung and a tree representing a living memorial will be planted with an appropriate ceremony in the Spring of 1972. The Planning Board would appreciate suggestions and help in planning and completing the much needed refurbishment of the playground.

The official town survey map has been mounted and awaits final hanging in the school. We hope that this location will prove convenient for use by all.

The Planning Board has had several membership changes and office replacements during the year. Helen Cook chaired the board for most of the year with Carol Varsano serving as secretary. When Helen Cook resigned for health reasons, Lois Stein became chairman with Richard Bellows assuming the office of secretary. Jessie Hartley, an active member, resigned for personal reasons and Ann Jewett was appointed to fill her term. The resignation of Helen Cook as chairman left the board sorely missing her knowledge, experience and diligent leadership.

For the coming year the board will look into minimum acreage for the Agricultural, Residential district and possible ways for updateing and enlarging the existing Building Code. A long range master town plan in co-ordination with state planning is an ongoing project.

The board as a whole would like to extend to the town residents an invitation to join with us either at the meetings or through contact with individual members to give us your ideas as to other directions you would like us to pursue.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Stein, Chairman  
Richard Bellows, Secretary  
Ann Jewett  
Walter Smith  
Carol Varsano

PLANNING BOARD

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department responded to five fire calls this year. The portable generator was used three times and three cellars and wells were pumped out.

Our annual fund raising affairs were successful with the penny pitch and the Lion's club broom sale.

The Fire Department welcomed many new members this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard F. Pease, Jr.  
Fire Chief

## REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

There were five fire permits issued during the early part of the year. There was one small forest fire.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Cook  
Forest Warden

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

There was one automobile accident investigated, three lost persons were reported and searched for, and eleven house breaks were reported to me and investigated during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Cook  
Chief of Police

## REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR

Number of Licenses issued for Dairy Products: 3 at 50¢ each. Total collected and paid to Town Treasurer, \$1.50.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Russell Ferris  
Milk Inspector



### REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

There were 430 cattle, 28 horses, 9 ponies, 12 sheep, and 2 donkeys listed in my annual inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon P. Miller  
Inspector of Animals

### REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

One lamb and one beef were inspected during 1971.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles E. Cook  
Inspector of  
Slaughtering

### REPORT OF THE WIRING INSPECTOR

In 1971 I made ten electrical inspections. They were - two temporary services, six permanent services, one rough-in, and one repair.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward L. Dorsehn  
Inspector of  
Wiring

### REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

For the year 1971 I made 12 building inspections at \$3.00. Total expended \$36.00 and before I was replaced as Wire Inspector I made 5 wire inspections for a total of \$51.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Horalek  
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Total available funds for 1971	\$838.94
Total expended for 1971	<u>374.18</u>

Balance	464.76
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CENTER CEMETERY

Cecil E. Alderman	\$ 30.06	
Hugh Miller, labor and mower	<u>215.00</u>	
		\$245.06

MACK CEMETERY

Cecil E. Alderman, labor and mower	<u>15.81</u>	
		15.81

BELL CEMETERY

Cecil Alderman, labor and mower	<u>16.19</u>	
		16.19

PINE GROVE CEMETERY

Cecil Alderman, labor and mower	73.81	
Hugh Miller, mower	<u>3.00</u>	
		76.81

WRIGHT CEMETERY

Cecil E. Alderman, labor and mower	<u>20.31</u>	
		<u>20.31</u>

Total	\$374.18
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Stones were removed that were in the way of the mower in the Bell and Wright Cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecil E. Alderman  
Hugh S. Miller  
George L. Bell

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

No. of parcels assessed		545
No. of bills for personal estate	84	
No. of bills for real estate	440	
No. of bills for farm machinery & cattle ex.	9	
No. of bills for classified forest land	<u>12</u>	
Total	545	

Value of assessed personal estate		\$ 366,024.00
Value of land assessed	\$1,222,310.00	
Value of buildings	<u>1,613,730.00</u>	
Total value of real estate		<u>2,836,040.00</u>
Total value of real & personal estate		\$ 3,202,064.00
Not including classified forest land		

Taxes assessed for state, county and town purposes		
including overlay:		
On personal estate	9,874.52	
On real estate	<u>76,567.68</u>	
Total		86,442.00

School rate	\$14.73	
Regular rate	<u>12.27</u>	
1971 Tax rate	\$27.00	per \$1,000.00

Overlay for 1971	4,000.00
Value of farm machinery & animal excise not used to set the tax rate	94,436.00
Motor vehicle excise committed to tax collector	8,006.19
Assessed Excise on animals & machinery	472.18

Number of livestock assessed:

	General	Excise
Horses, ponies and donkeys	23	8
Milk cows	5	203
Heifers	6	43
Bulls & steers	1	5
Swine over six months	1	0
Sheep over six months	6	1
Fowls, laying hens	0	38
Ducks	12	7

Respectfully submitted,  
 Ralph Bell, Chairman  
 Nancy J. Olds, Secretary  
 Cecil E. Alderman  
 Assessors