

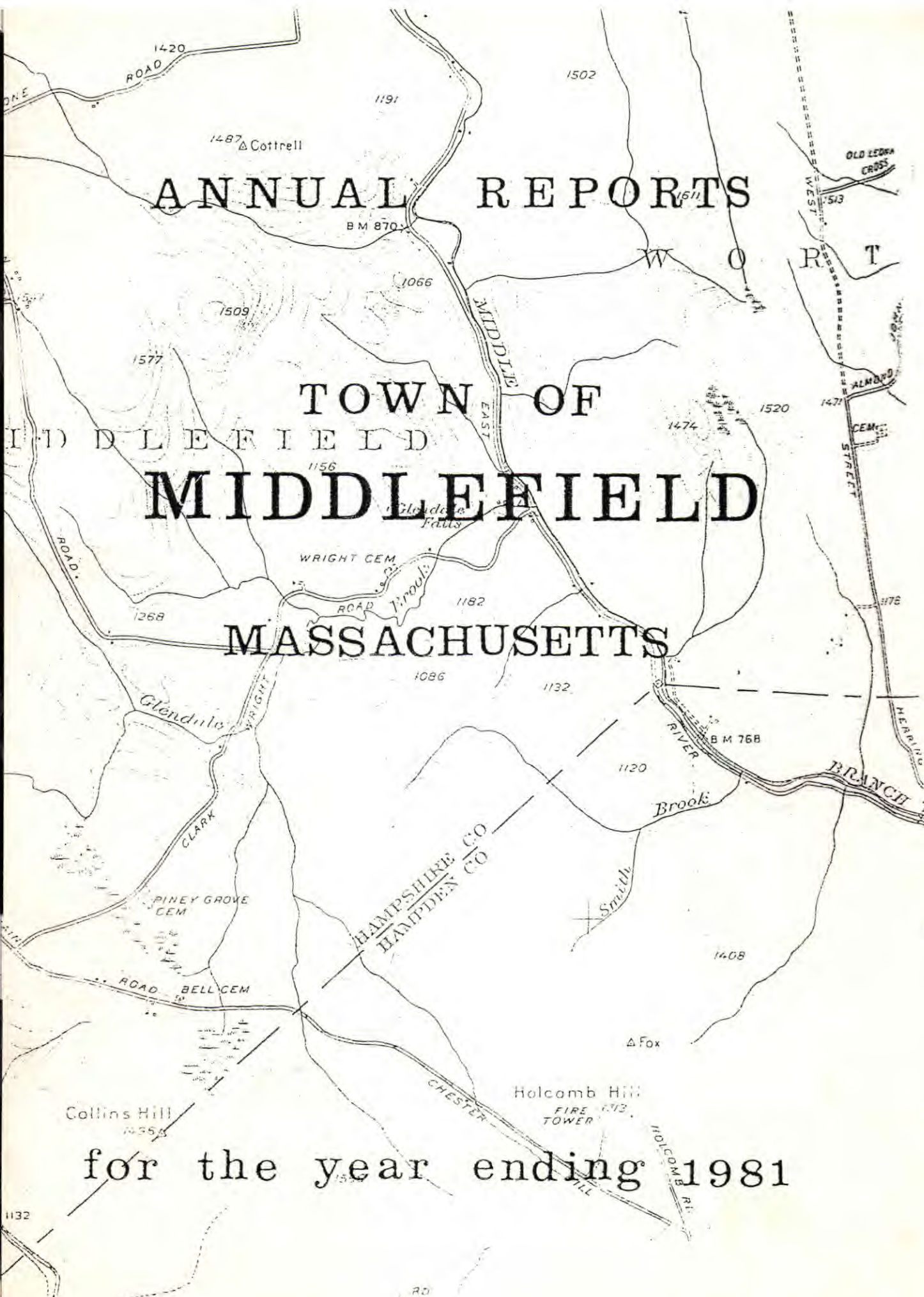
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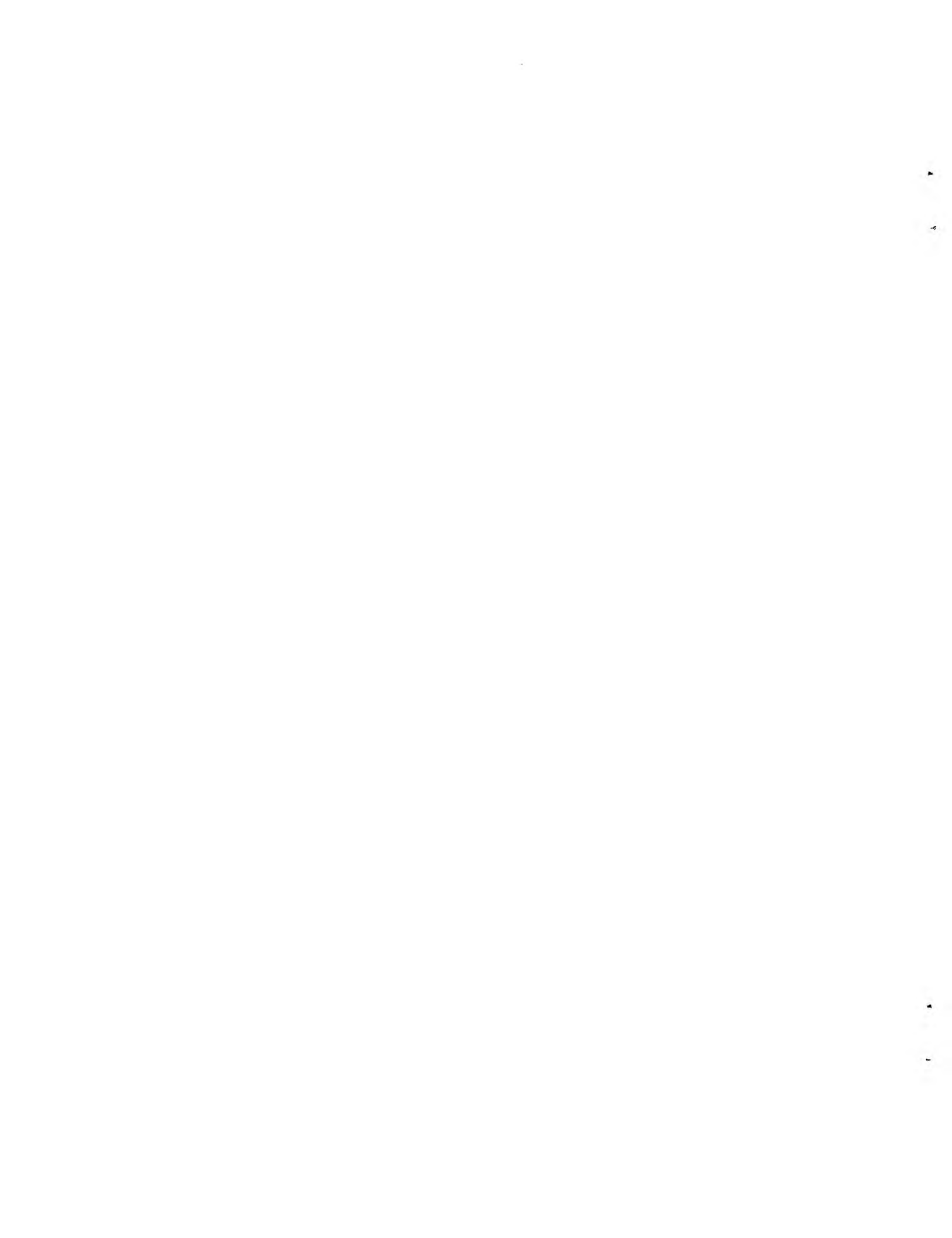
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TOWN WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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 said Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Middlefield Elementary School in said Middlefield on Saturday, the first day of May, next at 11:45 in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 1. To choose on one ballot a Town Clerk, Moderator, Auditor, Tree Warden, Town Treasurer, and School Committee member for the term of one year.

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

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

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

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

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1982 in accordance with the provision of the General Laws, Chapter 14, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 4, Section 17.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of \$79,016.68 for Middlefield's share of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1983 or to take any other action thereto, or accept as a net assessment a sum which is less than \$79,016.68 as certified by the Gateway Regional School District.

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

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of \$24,000.00 for maintenance of Town Highways.

Article 7A. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of \$10,000.00 for oiling roads.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of \$18,000.00 for the Machinery Expense Account.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salaries of Elected Town Officers and to determine the amount of salary for each Elective Officer.

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

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00 for Selectmen's Expenses which include \$1,100.00 for Secretary's salary and \$500.00 for travel, telephone and office supplies or take any action relating thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,975.00 for the Assessor's Expense Account which includes \$1,425.00/yr. Computer up-date and \$550.00 for travel and office expenses.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year, July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1983 or take any other action relating thereto:

HIGHWAYS AND RELATED EXPENSES

Snow removal	\$ 20,000.00
Employees' holiday and vacation pay	2,100.00
Health insurance, employees	1,000.00
Unemployment compensation, Town's share	800.00

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Maintenance, Heat, Electricity, Telephone, etc.	5,000.00
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NATURAL RESOURCES:

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

GOVERNMENT

Town Officers Expenses	1,200.00
Elections & Registration of Voters	450.00
Hampshire County Retirement	1,640.00
Health & Sanitation	10.00

Interest, Short Term Loans	6,000.00
Printing	800.00
Town Counsel	150.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Disposal Area, Rent	600.00	Planning Board	10.00
Cemetery Commission	10.00	Inspections	1,000.00
Civil Defense	10.00	Library	250.00
Dog Officer	300.00	Veterans' Agent	10.00
Fire Department	2,500.00	War Memorials &	
Fire Phones	450.00	Playgrounds	350.00
Fire Chief & Warden,		Street Lights	600.00
Salary	325.00		
Police Dept. Expenses	400.00		
Police Chief, Salary	300.00		

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum not to exceed \$15,000.00 to cover all Town insurance.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Reserve Fund.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Hinsdale Ambulance Fund and \$500.00 for the Huntington Lions Club Ambulance Fund or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$400.00 from the Library Fund to the Library Account.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 to the Bi-Centennial Expense Account or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to continue the microfilming of the Town Record Books which are the legal accounts of the Town meetings.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 for payment of the firehouse note or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,574.00 for interest on the firehouse note or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for loan payment on truck or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$387.50 for interest on the truck loan or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for rubbish removal.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$6,000.00 to replace Sander Body or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to (1) join the Western Massachusetts Coalition of Governments and Institutions for the purpose of supporting an effective legal challenge to the rate increase requests filed by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities; (2) to raise and appropriate funds according to the established fee schedule, or otherwise provide its share of coalition expenses, which is \$100.00 for municipalities less than 500 population.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of from Free Cash to Town Snow to cover over expenditure during the past fiscal year.

Article 27. In the interest of national security, be it RESOLVED, that THE TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS endorses a mutual and verifiable freeze by the United States and the Soviet Union on the further testing, production, and deployment of all nuclear warheads, missiles, and delivery systems. Copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the President, and to our Congressional delegation.

Article 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Other articles may be added to this warrant.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of same in the 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 twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-two.

James F. Hale
Gordon P. Miller
Thomas H. Rock
Selectmen of Middlefield

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

Constable _____ Date _____

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1981

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
TOWN CLERK	Edith P. Rice	1982
MODERATOR	John E. Rice	1982
TOWN TREASURER	Archie Main, resigned	1983
SELECTMAN and COMMISSIONERS of PUBLIC WELFARE	Gordon P. Miller	1982
	James F. Hale	1983
	Thomas H. Rock	1984
ASSESSORS	John E. Rice	1982
	Michael F. Pensivy, Jr.	1983
	Wayne E. Main	1984
BOARD of HEALTH and FENCE VIEWERS	The Selectmen	
GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	John E. DeMoss, resigned	1983
	William R. Denault	1984
COLLECTOR of TAXES	Neil G. Nickerson	1982
CONSTABLES	Charles E. Cook	1983
	Donald A. Savery	1983
AUDITOR	Lois Bell	1982
TREE WARDEN	Donald A. Savery	1982
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	Lois Bell	1982
	Neil Nickerson	1983
	Elwin Hall	1984
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Janet P. Vreeland	1982
	Julia Y. Andersen	1983
	Edith P. Rice	1984
PLANNING BOARD	Ellen Russo	1982
	Priscilla Suriner	1982
	Janet Gardner	1983
	Mark Lipton	1983
	Carol Varsano	1984
	Mary Louise Kearns	1984
ZONING BOARD of APPEALS	Peter G. Oligny	1982
	Maurice H. Pease	1983
	Roger Merrell	1984

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1981 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS

January 6	Michael Anthony Scapin, son of	Antonio Kathleen	Scapin
January 31	Sandra Elizabeth Oligny, daughter	Peter Cynthia	Oligny
February 24	Robert Lee Keach, son of	Robert Anne	Keach
October 20	Johanna Ariel Kurtz, daughter of	Edmund Judith	Kurtz
October 31	Adam Hugh Bell, son of	George Lois	Bell
November 30	Lindsay Anne Jasmin, daughter of	Jimmy Laurie	Jasmin

MARRIAGES

June 20	Larry Francis Pease	and	Marie Anne Francis Rock
November 14	David A. Dumais	and	Elaine Marie Miller

DEATHS

February 28	Edward Joseph Batorski	54 years
November 3	Richard Austin Waite	85 years

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1981

(Continued)

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Edmund Kurtz	1982
	Peter G. Oligny	1982
	June Main	1983
	Laurie Jasmin	1984
	Lois Bell	1984
REGISTRARS of VOTERS	Janet Gardner	1983
	Roger Merrell	1983
	Ellen Russo	1984
	Edith P. Rice, Town Clerk	
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	Mary Louise Kearns	1982
	Marge Batorski	1982
	Jill Lane	1983
	Priscilla Suriner	1983
	Ann Jewett	1984
	Edward Cook	1984
RECREATION COMMITTEE	Joseph Kearns	1983
	Edward Cook	1984
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	Martin A. Main	1982
	Lois Bell	1982
	Peter Oligny	1983
	Jack Guyette	1984
	Cynthia Oligny	1984
COUNCIL ON AGING	Ethel M. Pease	
	Helen P. Cook	
	James F. Hale	
	Priscilla Suriner	

OFFICERS APPOINTED

SUPT. OF STREETS & SNOW	Robert Miller
FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN	G. Robert Olds
ASST. FIRE CHIEF	Francis Lane
CHIEF OF POLICE	Thomas Austin
INSPECTOR of ANIMALS	Charles E. Cook
INSPECTOR of MILK	Charles E. Cook
BUILDING INSPECTOR	Tony Scapin, Jr.
WIRING INSPECTOR	Edward Droehn
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	William J. Zeitler
SUPT. of DUTCH ELM & INSECT PEST CONTROL	Sup. of Streets
DOG OFFICER	Susan Boudreau
BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT	Helen P. Cook
MEASURERS OF WOOD & BARK	Michael F. Nevers
	Ira W. Pease
SURVEYOR of LUMBER	Michael F. Nevers
FIELD DRIVER	Vacant
DISPOSAL AREA ATTENDANT	Priscilla Suriner
VETERAN'S AGENT	Gordon P. Miller
CIVIL DEFENSE	Howard Pease Jr.

1981 SPORTING LICENSES

12	Resident Fishing Licenses	Each	11.25	135.00
20	Resident Hunting Licenses	Each	11.25	225.00
24	Sporting Licenses	Each	16.50	396.00
4	Non Resident Fishing Licenses	Each	17.25	69.00
4	Non Resident Hunting Licenses	Each	38.25	153.00
2	Resident Citizen Sporting Licenses-over 70		FREE	0.00
1	Resident Fishing License- (65-69)	Each	5.75	5.75
9	Archery/Primitive Stamps	Each	5.10	45.90
				\$1,029.65
65	Clerk's Fee	Each \$ 0.25	16.25	
9	Clerk's Fee	Each .10	.90	17.15
				\$1,012.50
Paid to the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife				\$1,012.50

1981 DOG LICENSES

48	Males	Each	3.00	\$ 144.00
4	Females	Each	6.00	24.00
37	Spayed Females	Each	3.00	111.00
6	Kennels	Each	10.00	60.00
1	Kennel	Each	25.00	25.00
93	Clerks Fees	Each \$ 0.35	32.55	
3	Clerk's Fees	Each .75	2.25	34.80
Paid to the Town Treasurer				\$ 329.20

1981 JURY LIST

Barbara Pensivy	Lois Leonardo Bell
Donald J. Savery	Christina Hall
Leonard C. Jasmin	Louise Gazda
Elaine M. Miller	Patricia Paschal
Catherine Nickerson	Elizabeth Seefeld
Walter Smith	Arthur Theriault
Janet P. Waite	Elise Young
Robert Barry Jr.	

Everyone listed above were drawn as jurors in 1981

Respectfully submitted

Edith P. Rice
Town Clerk

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS IN 1981

MARCH 3, 1981 - Sixteen registered voters were present.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To exceed the appropriations limit of \$113,503.29, as voted in Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting on September 26th, 1980, by the sum of \$1,199.34 so that the limit so increased will be the sum of \$114,702.63

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To exceed the levy limit of \$129,513.07 as voted in Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting of September 26th, 1980, by the sum of \$1,199.34 so that the limit so increased will be the sum of \$130,712.41.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To transfer the sum of \$275.00 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to the Oil Tank Account.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To transfer the sum of \$583.76 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to the Vacation and Holiday Pay Account.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To transfer the sum of \$1,901.55 from the Machinery Earning Account to the Machinery Expense Account.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to the Machinery Expense Account.

VOTED: - To transfer the sum of \$700.00 from the Overlay account to the Reserve Fund.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To transfer the sum of \$300.00 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to the Inspection Account.

JUNE 16, 1981 - Sixty-three people were present

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Town Snow account to the Machinery Expense Account.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To transfer the sum of \$2,100.00 from the Town Snow Account to the Garage Doors and Repairs Account.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the Town Snow Account to the Town Garage Building Account.

VOTED: - To accept the sum of \$500.00 from the Department of Natural Resources of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to transfer that sum to the Fire Department Account.

VOTED: [One Negative] - To raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the salary of an Assistant Treasurer.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the salary of a Dog Officer.

JULY 24, 1981 - Sixty people attended the meeting, including interested summer residents and non voters.

VOTED: - To rescind the Town vote under Article 12 of the adjourned Annual Town Meeting of June 16, 1981 which discontinued all the street lights except the one at the Town Garage and appropriated the sum of \$100.00 for that single light. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$420.00 for four street lights in the center area of Town.

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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS IN 1981

July 24, 1981 - (Continued)

VOTED: [YES 28 - NO 12] - To raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,117.03 for Middlefield's share of the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 1981 through June 30, 1982 or accept as a net assessment a sum which is less than \$88,117.03, as certified by the Gateway Regional School District.

October 6, 1981 - Twenty-five voters were present.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - to adopt the Zoning By-law amendment to be added to Section 5, Use Regulations, of the Middlefield Zoning By-laws, which reads as follows:

There shall be no collection, treatment, nor, storage burial, incineration, or disposal of hazardous chemical wastes, low level radio active wastes, high level radio-active waste or transuranic wastes in any of the districts in the Town of Middlefield.

VOTED: [YES 16 - NO 3] - To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the Police Account

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Short Term Loan Account.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the Town's share of the \$10,000.00 project of Chapter 480, Acts of 1979.

VOTED: [One Negative] - To raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Dog Officers Expense Account.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the Holiday and Vacation Pay Account.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Unemployment Compensation Account.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the Health Insurance Account.

DECEMBER 1, 1981

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account to the Truck Repair Account for a rebuilt engine and installation of the 1971 GMC truck.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account to the Bi-Centennial Account for the Bi-Centennial of 1983.

VOTED: [UNANIMOUSLY] - To transfer the sum of \$1,535.59 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account to the Truck Tire Account.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

During the past year all Town Offices were moved into the school, which included the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Assessors, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Building Inspector and the Library. Having all offices in one central place has proved beneficial to the officers as well as those needing their assistance.

The Police Department has been revamped this year to include a Chief and a Special Officer. They have taken necessary courses to qualify for the department.

As a result of the revaluation and constraints of Proposition 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ the levy limit which is mandated by the State is at the 1979 level. We are all aware of the increased cost of goods and services which has taken place in the course of four years. Consequently the Selectmen are hard-pressed to see how the present level of town services can be maintained. It may be necessary for the Selectmen to ask that less money be expended by all departments so that the town will be able to get through the year using the amount of money which is available.

It was voted at the last Annual Town meeting to inventory all Town equipment. A complete list of Highway, Fire Department, Assessors, Town Clerk, Selectmen's and Historical Museum equipment are in this report.

We would like to keep the expenditures by the Town for interest on short term loans to a minimum. Sometimes it is difficult for the Town to issue tax bills because of delays in receiving information from the State. Real Estate tax bills are mandated by regulation as due on May 1 and November 1. All towns have difficulties in meeting these dates. It will be of great assistance to the Town if real estate tax bills are paid promptly after issuance.

Middlefield Bicentennial, 1983 -- We have an active Bicentennial committee working on a 1983 bicentennial celebration. Everyone is asked to help with this celebration.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of Richard A. Waite, Hugh S. Miller, Edward J. Batorski and Jessie I. Hartley, who served the Town in various offices for many years.

*James F. Hale
Gordon P. Miller
Thomas H. Rock
Board of Selectmen*

Gordon P. Miller, after eleven years of service as a Selectman is now unable to devote the necessary time to the office. Gordon's contributions to the welfare of the Town have been many and the input and experience which he has contributed will be greatly missed.

*James F. Hale
Thomas H. Rock*

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN
January 1, 1981 - June 30, 1981

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>6/30/81</u>
TOWN SNOW			
Balance 1/1/81		\$16,987.82	
Transfer to Machinery Expense		<u>5,600.00</u>	
Robert Miller, Supt.	1,347.40		
Larry Pease, driver	965.90		
Jon Jones, driver	1,059.17		
Donovan Bros., sand	1,005.75		
International Salt	<u>1,578.64</u>	5,956.86	5,430.96
TOWN HIGHWAYS			
Balance 1/1/81		8,718.91	
Robert Miller, Supt.	1,830.44		
Larry Pease, driver	1,651.67		
Jon Jones, driver	1,469.69		
Donovan Bros., Gravel	41.37		
Lane Construction	269.91		
Freadman Steel	417.12		
Donald Savery, Sr. , Mowing	<u>264.00</u>	5,944.20	2,774.71
FLOOD DAMAGE			
Balance 1/1/81		43,700.38	
Robert Miller, Supt.	2,219.91		
Larry Pease, driver	1,739.89		
Jon Jones, driver	2,293.28		
Donald Savery, Jr., driver	27.30		
Robert Miller, bulldozer	493.00		
Donovan Bros., gravel	15,575.80		
Stuart Fiske, backhoe	4,218.00		
Town of Middlefield, Mack	446.40		
" " Loader	<u>29.80</u>	<u>27,097.38</u>	16,603.00
CHAPTER 480 - HIGHWAYS			
Balance 1/1/81			26,558.00
OILING TOWN HIGHWAYS ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/81			553.66
HOLIDAY & VACATION PAY - HIGHWAY DEPT.			
Balance 1/1/81		101.36	
Transfer from Available Funds		583.76	
Robert Miller, Vacation	449.90		
R. Miller, Holidays	89.92		
L. Pease, Holidays	72.80		
D. Savery, Holidays	<u>72.80</u>	685.42	-0-

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January 1, 1981 - June 30, 1981

Balance 1/1/81	MACHINERY EXPENSE	1,845.18	
Transfer from Machinery Earnings		1901.55	
Transfer from Available Funds		3,000.00	
Transfer from Town Snow		3,000.00	
Transfer from Revenue Sharing		700.00	
City Tire	447.26		
Olds General Store, Gas & supplies	2,646.76		
Toppo's ,Gas & Supplies	1,268.60		
Brown Oil - Diesel Fuel	2,270.90		
Freadman Steel	38.46		
Pittsfield Welding - Supplies	193.67		
B. J. McLaughlin, parts	31.50		
Southgate Motors, parts	228.22		
Raynors Bearings - parts	280.19		
Dalton Tractor	130.60		
Gateway Auto Parts	76.13		
Bud's Chain Saw	74.95		
Jack Mulcare	383.81		
L.P. Adams	42.97		
Springfield Mack	252.08		
Tire Town	22.22		
Ferrara Spring & Parts	585.36		
Smith Auto Electric	186.26		
Paul Cornellier, repair brakes	104.00		
Donovan Bros., labor on Mack	<u>326.00</u>	9,589.94	856.69

PRINTING

Balance 1/1/81		600.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	224.55	224.55	
Refund Westwall Press	84.80	84.80	
Westwall Press	315.35		
Berkshire Print & Mail, Town Reports	594.00	909.35	-0-

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN - SALARY

Balance 1/1/81		325.00	
Robert Olds, Chief	325.00		-0-

FIRE PHONES

Balance 1/1/81		200.52	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		3.98	
N. E. Tel & Tel.	179.39		
WMECO	25.11		-0-

FIREHOUSE LOAN

Balance 1/1/81		1,750.00	
Farm & Home Administration	1,750.00		-0-

MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXPENSE			
Balance 1/1/81		3,565.56	
Western Mass.Elec.	596.32		
Town Hall	107.86		
Garage	229.06		
Firehouse	259.40		
Brown Oil, Gas - Town Hall	611.59		
Howard Johnson Oil	2,176.65		
Garage	987.90		
Firehouse	1,188.75	<u>3,384.56</u>	181.00
INTEREST - SHORT TERM LOANS			
Balance 1/1/81		2,300.00	
Old Colony Bank	62.50	<u>62.50</u>	2,237.50
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Balance 1/1/81		402.94	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		<u>233.47</u>	
Advertising	47.71		
Assoc. Dues	61.00		
Supplies - all offices	345.66		
Transfer Fees	40.25		
Telephone - Treas - Selectmen	111.79		
Salary, Charles Cook, Animan Inspector	30.00	<u>636.41</u>	
WAR MEMORIALS & PLAYGROUNDS			
Balance 1/1/81		56.80	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		<u>75.20</u>	
David Parrett, Mowing	132.00		
FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE			
Balance 1/1/81		710.06	
Transfers and insurance refund		<u>717.62</u>	
Olds General Store, supplies	198.59		
Raynors Bearings, parts	62.67		
Blanchard Associates	298.31		
Motorola	122.25		
Ryder Rental	209.80		
Fire Control Service	78.90		
City of Pittsfield	150.00		
Sarofan Auto Supply	179.83		
N.E. Tel. & Tel.	99.10	<u>1,399.45</u>	28.23
TREE WARDEN			
Balance 1/1/81		100.00	
Donald Savery, Sr.	46.29		
Donald Savery, Jr.	23.38		
Clyde Savery	14.88	<u>84.55</u>	15.45

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FIREHOUSE LOAN INTEREST

Balance 1/1/81		1,750.00	
Farm & Home Administration	1,750.00		-0-

INSPECTION ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/81		300.00	
Transfer 3/17/81		300.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		110.00	
Edward Drosehn, Elec Insp.	50.00		
Tony Scapin, Jr. Bldg. Insp.	660.00		-0-

MIDDLEFIELD DISPOSAL AREA - RENT

Balance 1/1/81		600.00	
E.S.M. & Martha Landy	600.00		-0-

MIDDLEFIELD DISPOSAL AREA

Balance 1/1/81		4,027.56	
Priscilla Suriner, Attendant	530.00		
Berkshire Cleanway Disposal	2,980.25	3,510.25	517.31

DOG OFFICER

Balance 1/1/81		81.20	
Walter Fritz, Jr., Dog Officer	67.31		13.89

AMBULANCE FUND

Balance 1/1/81		500.00	
Huntington Lions Club	500.00		-0-

INSURANCE

Balance 1/1/81		907.80	
Credit from Stevenson		698.25	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		190.95	
Stevenson & Co. - Workmen's Comp.	1,697.00		-0-

HEALTH INSURANCE
TOWN SHARE

Balance 1/1/81		397.77	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	206.70		191.07

TRUCK LOAN ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/81		5000.00	
Old Colony Bank	5,000.00		-0-

TRUCK LOAN INTEREST

Balance 1/1/81		1,050.00	
Old Colony Bank	1,050.00		-0-

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DIESEL FUEL TANK ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/81		1,000.00	
Transfer from available funds		275.00	
Brown Oil Co.	1,200.00		75.00

REVALUATION

Balance 1/1/81		10,759.00	
McGee & Magane, on account	4,399.44		6,360.06

RESTORATION OF TOWN RECORDS

Balance 1/1/81		268.75	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		8.25	
N.E. Document Center	177.00		
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston	100.00		-0-

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance 1/1/81		42,573.45	
Gateway Regional School District	42,573.45		-0-

SALARIES - TOWN OFFICERS

Balance 1/1/81		5,610.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		278.65	
Total of all salaries	5,888.65		-0-

STREET LIGHTS

Balance 1/1/81		477.08	
Transfer from Revenue Sharing		248.93	
WMECO	726.01		-0-

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Balance 1/1/81		150.29	
Robert Miller, Supt.	59.01		
Larry Pease, Driver	45.50		
Jon Jones, Driver	45.50		.28

TREE WARDEN

Balance 1/1/81		100.00	
Donald Savery Sr.,	46.29		
Donald Savery Jr.	23.38		
Clyde Savery	14.88		15.45

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Balance 1/1/81		95.00	95.00
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POLICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/81		100.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		33.22	
John DeMoss, expenses	128.40		
Charles E. Cook, Telephone	4.82		-0-

POLICE SALARY ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/81		300.00	
John E. DeMoss, Chief	300.00		-0-

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS & ELECTIONS

Balance 1/1/81		116.88	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		26.33	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		233.64	
Dulcie Olds, Teller	13.40		
Peter Oligny, Teller	13.40		
Priscilla Suriner, Teller	56.11		
Angela Savery, Teller	39.36		
Jill Lane, Teller	25.13		
Shirley Savery, Teller	42.71		
Sally Connor, Teller	3.35		
Cyndy Oligny, Teller	3.35		
Lois Bell, Teller	16.75		
Janet Waite, Teller	16.75		
Edith Rice, Reg. of Voters	45.22		
Janet Gardner, Reg. of Voters	57.78		
Josephine DeMoss, Reg. of Voters	27.63		
Roger Merrell, Reg. of Voters	15.91		-0-

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

	BALANCE	EXPENDED
Cemeteries	200.00	200.00
Conservation Commission	10.00	0.00
Civil Defense	10.00	0.00
Forest Fire Protection	10.00	0.00
Garage Door	4,600.00	-0-
Health & Sanitation	10.00	0.00
Planning Board	10.00	0.00
Town Counsel	150.00	150.00
Interest - Short Term Loans	2,300.00	0.00
Veterans Agent	10.00	0.00

TREASURY WARRANTS

First National Bank of Boston, Fed W. Tax	2416.50
Commonwealth of Mass. State W. Tax	1054.05
Hampshire County Retirement	317.09
Hampshire County Treasurer, 1/2 County tax	6900.97
Hampshire County Treasurer, dog fees	294.60
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Assessment	1178.91
Blue Cross - Blue Shield - Withheld	206.70

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M.V.E. REFUNDS:

Edward M. Cook	9.62
William Cook	14.85
A. Scapin	46.20
A. Scapin	8.25

R.E. REFUNDS:

Michael Nevers, overpayment	249.75
S. McCloskey	4.84
A. Dowsey	150.44
L.F. Frederickson	150.77
M. King & J. Soules	31.68
K. Dillon	60.38

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 1981 (July 1, 1980 - June 30, 1981)

<u>Commonwealth of Massachusetts</u>			
	<u>Chapter</u>		
Elderly Persons	#41	\$ 1,796.06	
Reim.Cities-Towns	58	18,722.90	
Dept. of Natural Resources		500.00	
Dist. Cities-Towns	585-18B	1,483.00	
Comm. W.Highway Const.	585-C-81-C	18,035.00	
State Aid Library		601.00	
Comm. W. Mass.	58-S-18C	1,482.00	
Comm. W. Mass. Lottery		535.94	
Comm. W. Mass. Highway		<u>4,741.00</u>	47,896.90
<u>County of Hampshire</u>			
District Court Hampshire		25.00	
Highland Services		<u>200.00</u>	225.00
<u>Others</u>			
Overpayment Check		17.29	
B.Cross,B.Shield Witheld		14.44	
Dog Fines		64.00	
Post Rehabiliatio (Closed Out)		437.63	
Refund Health Ins.		1.78	
Refund Aetna Ins.		2.62	
Hampshire County Ins.Refund		149.00	
Cemetery Assoc. Perm. Fund		33.92	
Internal Revenue Refund		330.00	
AT-T		22.50	
FID Cards		4.00	
Pistol Permits		50.00	
Dog Fees		695.40	
License Permits		9.00	
<u>Inspections</u>			
Electric		27.00	
Plumbing		30.00	
Building		1,050.00	
Mach. Earnings		<u>2,377.95</u>	5,316.53
Subtotal of Column #1			<u>53,438.43</u>
<u>Subtotal Brought Fwd. Column#1</u> 53,438.43			
<u>Loans</u>			
Truck Purchase	<u>Note#</u>		
Truck Purchase	251	5,000.00	
Truck Purchase	252	5,000.00	
Truck Purchase	253	5,000.00	
Hwy.Reimb.	#256	26,558.00	
Flood Damage	257	<u>59,600.00</u>	59,600.00
<u>Withholding</u>			
Federal Taxes		4,092.20	
State Taxes		1,609.92	
Hampshire Retirement		538.81	
B.Cross,B.Shield		<u>408.93</u>	6,649.86
Taxes Received		153,327.05	
(Real Estate,Pers.Property,M.V.E.)			
Interest		<u>890.95</u>	154,228.00
			<u>\$273,916.29</u>
Receipts		\$273,916.29	
Balance 6-30-1981		<u>57,667.63</u>	\$331,583.92
Warrants		\$264,890.30	
Balance 6-30-1981		<u>66,693.62</u>	\$331,583.92

Respectfully submitted
 Neil G. Nickerson
 Treasurer

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD
 APPROPRIATIONS AND DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS
 AVAILABLE FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES
 JULY 1, 1980 - JUNE 30, 1981

Account Title	Approp.	Transfers	Amount Available	Reserve Transfer	Expended	Balance Forward	Closed Out
Town Snow	\$20,000.00	(Out) \$5,600.00	\$14,400.00		\$8,969.04		\$5,430.96
Town Highway	16,000.00		16,000.00		13,225.29		2,774.71
Flood Damage	59,600.00		59,600.00		42,997.00	16,603.00	
Oiling Town Roads	7,5000.00		7,500.00		6,946.34		553.66
Chap. 480			26,558.00			26,558.00	
Conser. Comm.	10.00		10.00				10.00
Civil Defense	10.00		10.00				10.00
Cemeteries	200.00		200.00		200.00		
County Retirement	1,235.00		1,235.00		1,235.00		
Disp. Area Rent	600.00		600.00		600.00		
Disp. Maint.	7,000.00		7,000.00		6,482.69		517.31
Dog Officers Exp.	100.00	F.C. 150.00					
		Ref. 50.00	300.00		286.11		13.89
Diesel Fuel Tank	1,000.00		1,275.00		1,200.00		75.00
Fire Dept.	2,500.00		500.00				
		Ins. 217.62	3,217.62		3,189.39		28.23
Fire Chief Salary	325.00		325.00		325.00		
Ambulance Serv.	1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00		
Fire Phones	400.00		400.00	3.98	403.98		
Forest Fire Prtotect.	10.00		10.00				10.00
General Govt.	2,500.00		2,500.00	233.47	2,733.47		
Garage Door	2,500.00	2,100.00	4,600.00			4,600.00	
Health & Sanit.	10.00		10.00				10.00
Holiday - Cav. Pay	900.00	583.76	1,483.76	.30	1,484.06		
B.Cross- B.S.T. Share	600.00		600.00		408.93		191.07
Insurance	13,000.00	CR. 698.25					
		Ck. 149.00	13,847.25	41.95	13,889.20		
Inspections	300.00	F.C. 300.00					
			300.00				
			110.00		1,010.00		
Library	250.00	L.F. 350.00				To Library Fund	
		C.O. 135.39	735.39		426.90	300.00	8.49
Pub. Build Maint.	5,000.00		5,000.00		4,819.00		181.00

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APPROPRIATIONS AND DEPARTMENTAL ACCCOUNTS - AVAILABLE FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES

(Continued)

July 1, 1980 - June 30, 1981

Account Title	Approp.	Transfers	Amount Available	Reserve Transfer	Expended	Balance Forward	Closed Out
Machinery Exp,	10,000.00	8,601.50	8,601.55		17,744.86		856.69
Printing	600.00	84.80	684.80	224.55	909.35		
Planning Board	10.00		10.00				10.00
Ploice Fund	100.00		100.00	33.22	133.22		
Police Chief Salary	300.00		300.00		300.00		
Restore Town Rec.	200.00	C.O. 400.00	600.00	8.25	606.25		
Registration & Elec.	500.00		500.00	259.97	759.97		
Revaluation	11,955.00		11,955.00		5,594.94	6,360.06	
Reserve Fund (Out)	1,296.99		703.01				703.01
Gateway School	86,184.15		86,154.15		86,154.15		
Elec. Officers Sal.	5,610.00		5,610.00	278.65	5,888.65		
Town Council	150.00		150.00		150.00		
Street Lights	1,100.00		1,100.00	284.93	1,348.93		
Int. Short T. Loan	2,300.00		2,300.00		62.50		2,237.50
Tree WArden	100.00		100.00		84.55		15.45
Dutvh Elm	150.29		150.29		150.29		
Insect Pest Control	95.00		95.00				95.00
Veterans Agent	10.00		10.00				10.00
Visiting Nurse Assoc.	620.00		620.00		620.00		
Council on Aging			C.H. 400.00		271.00	129.00	
Unemployment Comp.	200.00		200.00	209.58	409.58		
War Memorials	300.00		300.00	75.20	375.20		
Fire House	1,750.00		1,750.00		1,750.00		
Fire House Int.	1,750.00		1,750.00		1,750.00		
Truck Loan #51	5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00		
Truck Int.	1,050.00		1,050.00		1,050.00		
Paint T. Garage		S. 500.00	500.00			500.00	
	273,254.44	21,945.86	308,145.87	1,617.95	243,446.84	54,750.06	13,741.97
Machinery Earnings		2,377.75	M.M.1,901.55			476.20	
State Aid Library	1,591.35		601.00			2,519.12	
		Gift	100.00Plus	300.00			
Per. Care Income			276.77				
	655.52	Income	83.44		488.00	250.96	

ORDERS TO THE TREASURER - NO APPROPRIATIONS

First National Bank of Boston Federal Taxes	\$ 4,141.40	
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts State Taxes	1,609.92	
Hampshire County Retirement System	553.51	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	408.93	
County Tax	13,801.93	
State Assessment	2,357.83	
Tax Refunds	805.76	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	155.00	
Dog Fees - Hampshire County Treasurer	695.40	
		\$ 24,529.68

Respectfully Submitted

*Neil G. Nickerson
Treasurer*

JULY 1, 1981 - DECEMBER 31, 1981

	AMOUNT	TOTAL	BALANCE
TOWN SNOW			
Appropriation		\$20,000.00	
Robert Miller, Supt.	\$1,248.45		
Larry Pease, driver	1,058.40		
Jon Jones, driver	943.20		
Brian Miller, labor	102.00		
Eric Main, labor	12.75		
International Salt	<u>253.70</u>	\$3,618.50	\$16,381.50
TOWN HIGHWAYS			
Appropriation		\$16,000.00	
Robert Miller, Supt.	3,352.50		
Larry Pease, driver	3,532.80		
Jon Jones, driver	3,520.80		
M. Bunnell, Gr. Op.	29.65		
Lane Construction, Hot Mix	1,643.66		
Donovan Bros., gravel	20.10		
Freadman Steel, Inc	818.87		
Donald Savery, Mowing	<u>1,068.00</u>	14,186.38	1,813.62
TOWN HIGHWAYS - OILING ACCOUNT			
Appropriation		10,000.00	
Robert Miller, Supt.	69.60		
Larry Pease, driver	57.60		
Jon Jones, driver	57.60		
Brian Miller, labor	25.50		
All States Asphalt	<u>7,255.50</u>	7,465.80	2,534.20
FLOOD DAMAGE ACCOUNT			
Balance 7/1/81			16,603.00
Robert Miller, Supt.	382.80		
Larry Pease, driver	316.80		
Jon Jones, driver	316.80		
All States Asphalt	1,879.50		
Donovan Bros., gravel	4,988.50		
Freadman Steel	646.95		
StuartFiske	<u>1,178.00</u>	9,709.35	6,893.65
CHAPTER 480 ACTS OF 1979			
Balance			26,558.00
Robert Miller, Supt.	46.40		
Larry Pease, driver	38.40		
Jon Jones, driver	38.40		
Donovan Bros.	5,623.21		
All States Asphalt	<u>2,785.00</u>	8,521.41	18,026.59

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JULY 1, 1981 - DECEMBER 31, 1981

	AMOUNT	TOTAL	BALANCE
MACHINERY EXPENSE			
Appropriation		12,000.00	
Olds General Store, Gas & Supplies	\$1,614.63		
Topsy's, Inspection & Gas	619.80		
Brown Oil, Diesel Fuel	2,189.38		
Freadman Steel	232.38		
B.J. McLaughlin, parts	270.40		
Jack Mulcare, parts	113.77		
Southgate Motors	1,293.65		
Raynors Bearings & Supplies	399.36		
Pittsfield Welding Supply	250.85		
Gateway Auto Parts	288.10		
Smith Auto Electric	149.26		
Springfield Mack, parts	281.21		
E. Calegari & Son	404.00		
L.P. Adams	102.51		
Charlies Garage	<u>284.45</u>	8,493.75	3,506.25
REGISTRATION OF VOTERS AND ELECTIONS			
Appropriation		300.00	
Janet Gardner, Reg.	8.94		
Ellen Russo, Reg.	25.69		
Roger Merrell, Reg.	<u>27.37</u>	62.00	238.00
DISPOSAL AREA			
Appropriation		8,000.00	
Priscilla Suriner, Attendant	510.00		
Berkshire Clean Way	<u>2,310.00</u>	2,820.00	5,180.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Appropriation		2,500.00	
Olds General Store, supplies	222.74		
Raynors Bearings,	32.71		
Blanchard Associates	58.33		
Fenwick Fire Prevention	106.50		
Motorola	125.00		
American Fire Equipment	<u>570.13</u>	1,115.41	1,384.59
VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION			
Appropriation		620.00	620.00

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JULY 1, 1981 - DECEMBER 31, 1981			
	AMOUNT	TOTAL	BALANCE
STREET LIGHTS			
Appropriation		420.00	
WMECO	215.68		204.32
SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES			
Appropriation		1,600.00	
Dues	165.00		
J. Hale, mileage, tel., meetings	143.64		
G. Miller, mileage	35.00		
B. Oligny, part. salary	400.00	743.64	856.36
ASSESSORS EXPENSE			
Appropriation		550.00	
Middlefield Post Office	99.85		
McGee & Magane	142.50		
John E. Rice, Tuition & Mileage	95.00		
Hobbs & Warren, Forms	<u>19.41</u>	356.76	193.24
ASSESSORS COMPUTER UPDATE			
Appropriation		\$1,425.00	1,425.00
ASSISTANT TREASURER - SALARY			
Appropriation		100.00	100.00
CEMETERY ACCOUNT			
Appropriation		200.00	
Lois Bell, mowing	12.00		
Wayne Suriner, mowing	32.00		
Glennis Austin, mowing	60.00		
Wayne Suriner, mowing	<u>32.00</u>	136.00	64.00
REPAIR GARAGE DOOR			
Appropriation		4,600.00	
Parker Door Sales	965.00		
John Sermini, masonry	<u>825.00</u>	1,790.00	2,810.00
INTEREST - SHORT TERM LOANS			
Appropriation		7,600.00	
Old Colony Bank	7,299.32	7,299.32	300.68

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JULY 1, 1981 - DECEMBER 31, 1981			
	AMOUNT	TOTAL	BALANCE
AMBULANCE FUND			
Appropriation		1,500.00	
Hinsdale Ambulance Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
INSURANCE ACCOUNT			
Appropriation		14,425.00	
Stevenson & Co.	11,889.20	11,889.20	2,535.80
HOLIDAY & VACATION PAY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			
Appropriation		1,627.00	
Robert Miller, Supt.	185.60		
Larry Pease, driver	153.60		
Jon Jones, driver	<u>153.50</u>	492.80	1,134.20
INSPECTIONS			
Appropriation			
TRUCK LOAN			
Transfer from Revenue Sharing			5,000.00
TRUCK LOAN INTEREST			
Appropriation			750.00
FIREHOUSE LOAN			
Transfer from Revenue Sharing			1,750.00
FIREHOUSE LOAN INTEREST			
Appropriation			1,662.50
REVALUATION			
Balance 7/1/81			6,360.06
McGee & Magane	3,335.45	3,335.45	3,024.61
RESTORATION OF TOWN RECORDS			
Appropriation		200.00	200.00
COUNCIL ON AGING			
Balance July 1, 1981		123.91	
Highland Valley Elder Services E. Pease	40.00	250.00	373.91
Dr. LaPlante, Clinic	55.00	95.00	288.91

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00	
Advertising	187.51		
Association Dues	60.00		
Fees - Notes	10.00		
Supplies - all offices	331.31		
Transfer fees	51.00		
Postage	85.18		
Francis Collins - copying	65.25		
Petty Cash - Tax Collector	<u>50.00</u>	<u>840.25</u>	359.75
FIRE PHONES			
Appropriation		360.00	
New England Tel & Tel.	160.25		
WMECO - siren	<u>23.66</u>	<u>183.91</u>	176.09
FIRE CHIEF'S SALARY			
Appropriation		325.00	325.00
SALARY - ELECTED OFFICERS			
Appropriation		5,610.00	
Martin A. Main, Treasurer	500.00	<u>500.00</u>	5,110.00
HEALTH INSURANCE			
Appropriation		450.00	
"		400.00	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	227.03		622.97
TREE WARDEN			
Appropriation	100.00		
Transfer =Reserve Fund	35.00		
Pond Brook Tree Service		135.00	-0-
INSECT PEST CONTROL			
Appropriation	95.00		95.00
DUTCH ELM DISEASE			
Appropriation	150.29		150.29
GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT			
Appropriation		88,117.03	
Gateway Regional School Dist.	43,217.74	<u>43,217.74</u>	44,899.29

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July 1, 1981 - December 31, 1981

	AMOUNT	TOTAL	BALANCE
TRUCK REPAIR ACCOUNT			
Transfer from Revenue Sharing		3,000.00	
Southgate Motors	3,000.00	3,000.00	- 0 -
TRUCK TIRE ACCOUNT			
Transfer from Revenue Sharing		1,535.59	
City Tire	1,535.59	1,535.59	- 0 -
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION			
Appropriation		400.00	
Division of Employment Security	376.16	376.16	23.84
WAR MEMORIALS & PLAYGROUNDS			
Appropriation		350.00	
David Parrett, mowing	176.00	176.00	174.00
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS			
	APPROP.	EXPENDED	
Civil Defense	10.00	-0-	
Conservation Commission	10.00	-0-	
County Retirement	1,122.00	561.00	
Disposal Area, Rend	600.00	-0-	
Dog Officer	400.00	98.08	
Dog Officer, Salary	300.00	-0-	
Forest Fire Protection	10.00	-0-	
Paint Garage	500.00	-0-	
Health & Sanitation	10.00	-0-	
Planning Board	10.00	-0-	
Police Chief Salary	300.00	-0-	
Police Department	500.00	42.36	
Printing	700.00	-0-	
Reserve Fund	2,000.00	35.00	
Town Counsel	150.00	-0-	
Veterans Agent	10.00	-0-	
TREASURY WARRANTS			
Commonwealth of Mass, State Whldg Tax		350.57	
Dir. Internal Rev., Fed. Wthldg Tax		1,670.10	
County Treasurer, County Retirement		204.81	
Hampshire County Retirement, Towns share		7,393.97	
Commonwealth of Mass. State Assessment		2,190.39	
Old Colony Bank - Note		26,558.00	
Old Colony Bank, Note 258		59,600.00	
Director of Accounts, Fee Note 259		10.00	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield		227.03	
Lower Pioneer Valley		43.20	
First Albany Corp		8.10	

July 1, 1981 - December 31, 1981

EXPENDED

M.V.E. REFUNDS:

Robert Miller	13.75
Jordan Paddock	12.37
A. Zisk	8.51

R.E. REFUND

Ellen Miller	5.22
Ellen Miller	5.24
Ellen Miller	4.84
James Hale	3.58
Avis Dowsey	150.44

PERSONAL PROPERTY REFUND

Victor Artioli, o'paymt	10.29
N.E. Tel. & Tel.	41.14
D. Parrett	8.13
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B. Pease	10.89

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR 1981

YEAR		WARRANTS OR O.S.	TAXES COLL.	INT.	FEEES ABATED	TAX TITLES	BALANCE DUE
1981	REAL ESTATE	\$141,239.74	\$117,696.80	\$ 182.90	\$4,202.98	\$2,733.26	\$16,606.70
	PERS.PROPERTY	13,268.07	12,540.63		109.70		617.74
	AGRICULTURE	6,352.55	3,673.70				2,678.85
	CL. FOREST	497.52	478.02		19.50		
	M.V.E.	5,472.58	4,241.02		313.28		938.08
1980	REAL ESTATE	18,116.23	9,622.97	282.11		1,629.79	7,300.47
	PERS.PROPERTY	542.84	177.77		28.81		336.26
		O.P. 15.73					
	AGRICULTURE	1,536.58	1,536.58				
	CL. FOREST	14.52			14.52		
	M.V.E.	6,331.58	1,447.83	25.40	90.06		2,864.11
1979	REAL ESTATE	10,346.44	4,454.52	607.82	14.36	1,825.71	3,110.03
	PERS.PROPERTY	473.92			22.19		451.73
	M.V.E.	4,972.39	1,130.38	80.26	550.51		2,722.57
1978	REAL ESTATE	7,794.03	1,440.99	96.21	14.41	1,832.69	4,505.94
	PERS.PROPERTY	224.01	19.65		28.62		162.64
	M.V.E.	2,386.97	658.50	29.04	83.33		1,645.14
1977	REAL ESTATE	4,198.61	370.79	61.35		1,573.89	1,935.33
	PERS.PROPERTY	215.41	35.62		19.13		160.66
	M.V.E.	1,198.65	106.30	22.80	39.60		992.75
1976	REAL ESTATE	2,197.91	260.55	17.46		1,408.85	528.51
	PERS.PROPERTY	101.82	19.73		16.79		65.30
	FARM EXCISE	4.37			4.37		
	M.V.E.	474.93			19.80		455.13
1975	REAL ESTATE	2,741.64	341.83			1,795.50	507.92
	PERS.PROPERTY	114.00			43.50		70.50
	FARM EXCISE	23.83			23.83		
	M.V.E.	310.48	6.60				303.88

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REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR 1981

(continued)

Year		WARRANTS OR O.S.	TAXES COLL.	INT.	FEES ABATED	TAX TITLES	BALANCE DUE
1974	REAL ESTATE	208.00	147.20				60.80
	PERS.PROPERTY	69.20	13.20		18.40		37.60
	FARM EXCISE	114.97			114.97		
	M.V.E.	311.72	22.45				289.27
1973	REAL ESTATE	431.84	399.84				32.00
	PERS.PROPERTY	102.40					102.40
	FARM EXCISE	9.43			9.43		
	M.V.E.	129.50	19.80				109.70
1972	REAL ESTATE	281.40	232.80				48.60
	PERS.PROPERTY	73.50			73.50		
	FARM EXCISE	110.62			110.62		
	M.V.E.	193.05	9.90				183.15
1971	REAL ESTATE	199.26	199.26				
	PERS.PROPERTY	116.32			116.32		
	FARM EXCISE	54.25			54.25		
	M.V.E.	211.64	3.50		37.13		171.01
1970	REAL ESTATE	112.50					112.50
	PERS.PROPERTY	26.25			26.25		
	M.V.E.	18.50	16.50				2.00
1969	PERS.PROPERTY	61.50			61.50		
	M.V.E.	95.47					95.47
	FARM EXCISE	48.00	48.00				
1968	PERS.PROPERTY	3.70			3.70		
1967	PERS.PROPERTY	15.20			15.20		
	M.V.E.	31.90			31.90		
1982	<u>ESTIMATED TAXES</u>					TAXES COLLECTED	\$210,845.76
	REAL ESTATE		\$43,221.49			INTEREST	1,405.35
	CL. FOREST		239.03				
	PERS.PROPERTY		5,701.64			TOTAL	\$212,251.11
	AGRICULTURE		310.37				

Respectfully submitted

*Neil G. Nickerson
Tax Collector*

1981 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

During the past year, the Town completed a revaluation of all real property utilizing the professional services of McGee and Magane, Inc. This revaluation has increased our total taxable property valuation from \$5,042,647 to \$9,547,013.00. This new figure has been certified by the Department of Revenue as meeting the requirements of GL Ch 797 pertaining to full fair cash value.

Current State law requires that the Town have its property valuations recertified by the Commissioner of Revenue every two years. This means that a continuing statistical analysis of all property sales, changes, additions, etc. must be maintained in order to meet legally required full fair market value criteria. Failure to accomplish this to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Revenue could cause imposition of another mandated professional revaluation.

We believe that our current computer updating program with McGee and Magane, Inc. minimizes this risk. An appropriation for the continuance of this program in FY 1983 has been requested. We strongly recommend Town approval of this budget item.

In the past it has been customary to publish our real estate assessed valuations periodically in the Town Report. We now have available a complete computer print-out "Counter Book", listing all valuations, which may be examined by anyone who wishes. It is our opinion that the considerable cost of printing this information in the Town Report is unwarranted. The Assessors office is normally open Tuesday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 - 12:00 noon. Visits may be scheduled at other times by appointment.

Another change this year is the introduction of property classification in accordance with GL Ch 797. The property classifications are:

RESIDENTIAL
OPEN SPACE
COMMERCIAL
INDUSTRIAL

The intent of this change is to permit towns to apply a different tax rate, with certain complicated restrictions, to each class of property. The Board of Selectmen has made the policy decision for FY 1982, with the full concurrence of the Assessors, to apply the same tax rate to all classes of property. The new tax bills will show the various classifications applied to the property of each taxpayer and the tax for each classification. We would like to point out that the commercial classification must be used where no other classification is applicable. A parcel which has fields and/or forest, but no dwelling, is normally classified commercial. Classified forest parcels which might otherwise be considered open space are classified commercial. Full explanation of this would require considerable space, but the above should suffice to show the application of different tax rates to various classes of property could generate general dissatisfaction.

The FY 1982 tax rate, pending final State approval is \$16.10 per one thousand dollars of valuation. The rate is derived as shown below in summary form:

	Total Town Meeting Appropriations	243,872.28
	Total State and County Charges	19,571.68
	Overlay Reserve for Abatements and Exemptions	6,423.90
	Overlay deficit	<u>3,300.36</u>
(1)	Total amount to be raised	273,168.22
	Receipts from State	64,473.52
	Estimated Local Receipts	11,462.00
	Other Available Funds	15,710.31
	Revenue Sharing	17,815.48
	Free Cash	<u>10,000.00</u>
(2)	Total Estimated Receipts and Revenue	119,461.31
(3)	Net Amount to be Raised is (1) minus (2)	153,706.91
(4)	Total Assessed Valuation	9,547,013.00
(5)	Tax Rate is (3) divided by (4) times 1000	
	$\frac{153,706.91}{9,547,013.00} \times 1000 = 16.10$	16.10

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne E. Main

Michael F. Pensivy, Jr.

John E. Rice

REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Last year the Fire Department responded to a total of 31 calls with a breakdown as follows:

8 fire calls
9 medical -- 8 Hinsdale ambulance
 1 Huntington ambulance
7 service calls
4 mutual aid
2 car accidents
1 lost person

New equipment includes a 1200 gallon tanker which the men are presently working on and should be in service this year. The first responder emergency medical course given in Hinsdale was attended by several of the members. This will enable first aid to be administered quickly and to assist the ambulance attendant. The Huntington Ambulance responded to 1 call and the Hinsdale Ambulance to 8 calls including transporting George Bell to Brigham & Womens Hospital in Boston following his accident.

The Fire Department is now offering to clean chimneys for residents who are not able to do their own. There are also brushes available to those persons who wish to clean their own. For more information, call Fire Chief Robert Olds or a member of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Olds, Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following is a list of active members of the Middlefield Police Department. These officers are on call twenty-four hours a day and have met, or are meeting, the qualifications set forth by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. This training is required by law.

THOMAS AUSTIN, CHIEF

Certified in: CPR and N.R.A. fire arms training
Member of: Western Mass Police Chief Association and Hilltown Police Association.
Courses: Drugs and Chapter 90 - Motor Vehicle Laws
Host town for N.R.A. qualifications

ROBERT CONNOR, OFFICER

Certified in: CPR, N.R.A. fire arms training, and use of mace
Qualified in: First Aid and self defense

All officers have acquired their training on their own time at no cost to the Town of Middlefield.

Current Statistics on the Crime Rate in Middlefield - Jan. 1 - Dec. 30, 1981

Answered Alarms	2	Prowlers	1
Drug Overdose	1	Attempted Breaking & Entering	1
Breaking and Entering	19	Trespassing	3
Malicious Damage	4	Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Larceny	3	Disturbing the Peace	3
Stolen Motor Vehicles Recovered	4		

At the present we are fortunate to have the State Police barracks in Russell to assist us. The State Police cover the following towns for traffic regulations and a call out basis:

MIDDLEFIELD	MONTGOMERY	GRANVILLE	BLANDFORD	AGAWAM
WORTHINGTON	HUNTINGTON	SOUTHWICK	WESTFIELD	TOLLAND
CHESTER	RUSSELL	OTIS		

The normal shift of State Police includes on desk officer and two patrolling officers.

There are many crimes committed that go unreported. We encourage citizens of the Town of Middlefield to assist us in as much crime prevention as possible. We would like the citizens, if possible to call us at home whenever there are suspicious persons or vehicles in their area.

Residents may call: Thomas Austin, Chief 623-8847
Robert Connor, Officer 623-5087

I would like to sincerely express my thanks to Robert Connor for continued devotion to duty and for all the voluntary time donated to training and helping people of the Town, as well as the Selectmen for their support. Our goal in 1982 is to serve the Town to the best of our ability.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Austin, Chief

REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

A quotation from Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem, "The Passing of Arthur" describes fittingly the events of 1980-81:

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new."

After a long struggle to retain the Middlefield Elementary School, the community sadly surrendered in June of 1981 to the will of school authorities and Proposition 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. The faculty and students held their last graduation with impressive pomp and ceremony, hoping that someday the building would be used as a school again.

Within a short time, the town officials had established offices in the former schoolrooms. The last to move was the Middlefield Public Library, which had been housed in the Town Hall since 1871. Over half of the books were moved and some of the older books will be transferred as soon as proper shelving can be installed. The new quarters afford many advantages: more space, more heat, and more light. Books can be displayed more effectively while ample room is available for those wishing to read or do research work. In an effort to conserve heat and electricity, the visiting hours were changed to: Winter Hours -- Tuesdays, 3-10 P.M., Saturdays 9-12 Noon: Summer Hours -- Tuesdays, 7-10 P.M., Saturdays: 9-12 Noon, when some of the town officers and community groups meet. There has been a marked increase in circulation of books and materials. Several new books and records have been purchased. During the summer, films were shown, attracting a sizable audience.

Since 1976, the library has met requirements for a state incentive grant which has provided more funds for library use. Each year, some money has been placed in a reserve fund for any emergency or special need. A gift of \$100.00 from a friend of Rachel Brown, a former summer visitor, was used in the purchase of books dealing with science and nature. More shelving and equipment will be needed in the future as well as more books, magazines and records. Two copies of the Middlefield history were rebound in anticipation of more use as the Bicentennial year approaches.

The Bookmobile continues to render valuable assistance and advise. Mrs. Julia Y. Andersen has aided in contacting the Bookmobile office in Pittsfield and in notifying residents of the dates of Bookmobile visits. She has served as a volunteer during library hours.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

<u>Available funds</u>		
Balance in the Library Account 6/30/80	\$1,255.74	
State Library Incentive Grant	601.00	
Refund from Dog Fund	1.00	
Appropriation by the Town - May, 1980	250.00	
Transfer from the Library Fund	350.00	
Gift in memory of Rachel Brown	<u>100.00</u>	\$2,557.74
<u>Expenditures 7/1/80 - 6/30/81</u>		
Books, magazines, and records	296.39	
Salary	80.00	
Clerical assistance	16.00	
Travel expenses	<u>16.00</u>	\$408.39
Balance in the library account 6/30/81		\$2,149.35

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Budget for 1982 - 83 Grant of \$250.00 from Highland Valley Elder Services, Inc.

Continuation of health care services through clinics	\$100.00
Postage, telephone, gasoline	25.00
Emergency assistance	50.00
Luncheon and program	75.00
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	\$ 250.00

During the fiscal year 1980-81 the newly-formed council devoted its efforts to determining ways to render service to elder citizens. Health clinics, visits by the visiting nurse, and referral to other agencies was one method used.

A luncheon and a talk by a representative from Highland Valley provided an opportunity for meeting community seniors and for learning about the work of the Elder Services. In the future the council hopes to discover other ways in which to help those who need assistance. Please feel free to call or write to the Council members.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ethel M. Pease, Chairman
Helen P. Cook, Secretary
Priscilla Suriner
Helen Alderman
James F. Hale*

*Middlefield Council on
Aging*

REPORT OF THE DISPOSAL ATTENDANT

Plans are being made to move the transfer station to another location on town owned property. Residents will be notified by the Board of Selectmen as these changes take place.

Dump hours are: October 1 - May 1 -- Saturdays 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sundays 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

May 1 - October 1 -- Sundays 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesdays 4 p.m. - 7: p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Priscilla Suriner
Attendant*

REPORT OF THE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Members of the Historical Commission along with others have been working on plans to help Middlefield celebrate her 200th Birthday in 1983. Middlefield was incorporated in March, 1783, so we are planning to start our celebration in March, 1983. The Committee has been meeting each month on the second Monday of the month, trying to formulate plans. We can always use more people to help us, as there is a lot of work to be done to make the celebration a success. Dick Waite was an avid member of our committee and was greatly interested in a celebration and also in some sort of field day as part of the celebration. Since his death, we have received close to \$600.00 and we plan to use this for something permanent in Dick's memory.

Following is a list of planned activities for 1983:

- March 12, 1983 - Kick-off -- Pot Luck supper, beard registration, Square Dance
- April 10, 1983 - Recognition Sunday Church Service
- April 23, 1983 - Clean Up Town
- May 7, 1983 - Balloon Launching with messages in balloons, 1:00 P.M. - Before Town Meeting- Flag Ceremony
- May 29, 1983 - Memorial Day Services
- June 18, 1983 - Dick Waite Marathon
- July 4, 1983 - Picnic and Field Day
- July 23, 1983 - Dress Ball and Crowning Bi-Centennial Queen
- July 24, 1983 - Old Home Sunday Church Services - Old Fashioned Dress with Box Lunch and Musical Entertainment to follow.
- July 25, 1983 - Tour of the Arches
- July 26, 1983 - Hayride to Glendale Falls and Picnic
- July 29, 1983 - Play - Written and directed by Ann Jewett
- July 30, 1983 - Quilt Show and Antique Show
- July 31, 1983 - FINALE -- BANG UP PARADE

The committee welcomes any suggestions and any and all who would like to help. We have Bi-Centennial buttons to sell at present with more fund raising to follow.

JOIN OUR FESTIVITIES - GET INVOLVED - OUR TOWN WILL BE 200 YRS. OLD.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Batorski,
Chairman

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In June of 1980, the Historical Commission met and organized for the year. At the first meeting, officers were elected - President, Marjorie Batorski; Vice President, Priscilla Suriner; Secretary, Edward Cook; Treasurer, Priscilla Suriner. The committee cleaned the winter dust at the Museum and decided to have the museum open on Sunday afternoons and by appointment. The Middlefield Elementary School children visited the museum in June and were greatly impressed with the exhibits and the story of the burning of the church in 1900 and seeing the remains of the clapper of the bell. For anyone who has not visited the museum, it's worth the time as there is a lot of Middlefield history and what better time than just before the 200th birthday of our town.

Respectfully submit

*Marjorie Batorski
Priscilla Suriner
Edward Cook
Mary Louise Kearns
Jill Lane
Ann Jewett*

*Members of the His
Commission*

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

I have found 310 head of cattle, 34 horses, 66 sheep, 16 swine, and 20 goats in my annual inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charles E. Cook
Inspector of Animals*

INVENTORY - MIDDLEFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Five display cases:

- Middlefield Center Case
- Middlefield Celebrations Case
- Early days at the Fair Case
- Memento Case
- Organizations & Publications Case

Eight free standing boards for display

Six framed pictures of Town scenes

One Cattle Show & Fair framed picture

One Portrait of Arthur Pease, 1862 - 1931

One WWI parachute

Two wooden signs

Middlefield Post Office

O. Smith

One set of Weights and Measures

One Deacon's Bench

One Large Library Desk

One Spinning Wheel

Two manikins

One small desk (Middlefield Telephone Desk)

One ballot box.

One old cradle

One large dresser - 4 large drawers, 2 small drawers

Forty-five pieces of old clothing and old accessories

Ladies Aid quilt of houses in town

Bell clapper from Church that burned in 1900

A collection of old papers, books, and mementos donated by various people along with a collection of old tools

INVENTORY - TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

Town Safe

One Insulated File Cabinet

One Regular File Cabinet (4 drawer)

One metal desk

One Royal Citation Copier

INVENTORY - ASSESSORS

One File Cabinet

INVENTORY - SELECTMEN

One 4 drawer file cabinet

One 2 drawer file cabinet