

# Town of Middlefield



*A turn of the century visit to look at a Middlefield view  
Sketched from a photograph in the Olsen collection*

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## MIDDLEFIELD ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

<u>OFFICE</u>		<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>		<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
TOWN CLERK	Edith P. Rice	1986	TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Cynthia Oigny Elizabeth Oigny Helen Alderman	1986 1987 1988
MODERATOR	John E. Rice	1986			
TREASURER	Nancy C. Pease	1986	PLANNING BOARD	Lesley Jordan Mark Lipton* Carol Varsano Vacant Ellen Russo Priscilla Suriner, Resigned	1986 1986 1987 1987 1988 1988
SELECTMEN AND COMMIS- SIONERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE	Isabella C. Jordan Donald A. Savery Joseph J. Kearns*	1986 1987 1988			
ASSESSORS	Michael F. Pensivy Wayne E. Main* John E. Rice	1986 1987 1988	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	Maurice H. Pease* Roger C. Merrell Peter G. Oigny Henry Rock, Alternate Howard Pease, Alternate	1986 1987 1988
BOARD OF HEALTH & FENCE VIEWERS	The Selectmen				
GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Joan Daly, Resigned Edward Donnelly	1986 1987	FINANCE COMMITTEE	Elizabeth Oigny Vacant Thomas Rock* Vacant Priscilla Suriner Resigned	1986 1986 1987 1987 1988
TAX COLLECTOR	Neil G. Nickerson	1988			
CONSTABLES	Donald A. Savery William L. Paschal	1986 1986			
AUDITOR	Martin A. Main, Appointed	1986	CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	Neil G. Nickerson Larry F. Pease Lois Leonardo-Bell*	1986 1987 1988
TREE WARDEN	Clyde A. Savery	1986			

\*Chairperson

**MIDDLEFIELD APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS  
EACH FOR ONE (1) YEAR**

OFFICE

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS Ellen A. Russo  
Janet E. Gardner  
Edith P. Rice, Town Clerk

HISTORICAL COMMISSION Marjorie Batorski\*  
Priscilla Suriner

COUNCIL ON AGING Priscilla Suriner\*  
Helen P. Cook  
Helen Alderman  
Dulcie Olds  
James Hale  
Isabella Jordan  
Elizabeth Oligny

RECREATION COMMITTEE The Selectmen  
Bicentennial Committee

CONSERVATION COMMISSION Jack Guyette\*  
Ann Baruzzi, Resigned  
Cynthia Oligny

ARTS COUNCIL Ann Jewett\*  
Michael Hale  
Judith Artioli  
Ellen Russo  
Leo Varsano  
Janet Gardner

SUPT. OF STREETS Robert P. Miller

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN G. Robert Olds

\*Chairperson

OFFICE

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF William L. Paschal

CHIEF OF POLICE Thomas Austin  
Deputy Paul Scapin  
Deputy Bob Keach  
Deputy Michael Pensivy

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS Charles E. Cook

INSPECTOR OF MILK Charles E. Cook

BUILDING INSPECTOR Walter Smith

WIRING INSPECTOR John Savery

PLUMBING INSPECTOR William J. Zeitler

SUPT. OF DUTCH ELM & INSECT PEST CONTROL Supt. of Streets

DOG OFFICER Michael Brighenti

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT Helen P. Cook

MEASURES OF WOOD & BARK Michael F. Nevers  
Ira W. Pease

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER Michael F. Nevers

FIELD DRIVER Vacant

DISPOSAL AREA ATTENDANT Martin A. Main

VETERANS AGENT Brian Martin

CIVIL DEFENSE Howard Pease, Jr.

ASSISTANT TREASURER Olive Furioni



**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS — MAY 3, 1986  
HAMPSHIRE S.S.  
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 third 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 and a Finance Committee Member for a term of one year.

A Planning Board Member, and two Finance Committee Members for the term of two years.

A Selectman, Assessor, Treasurer, Cemetery Commissioner, Zoning Board of Appeals Member, Trustee of the Public Library, two Planning Board Members, Finance Committee Member, two Constables and School Committee Member for the term of three years.

The polls will be open at 12:00 p.m. and may be closed at 5:00 p.m. The business meeting will start at 1:30 p.m.

**ARTICLE 2.** To hear reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, School Committee and Assessors 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, 1986 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 the sum of \$141,000 for Middlefield's share of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987, or take any other action thereto, or accept as a net assessment a sum which is less than \$141,000 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 a sum of \$24,000 for maintenance of Town Highways, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$13,000 for Machinery Expense Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salaries of Elected Town Officials and determine the amount of salary for each Elective Official:

Moderator	\$ 60.00	Selectman, Chairman	\$600.00
Town Clerk	800.00	Selectman, 2nd	300.00
Tax Collector	1,200.00	Selectman, 3rd	300.00
Treasurer	1,200.00	Auditor	45.00
Assessor, Chairman	450.00	Constable, 1st	90.00
Assessor, 2nd	450.00	Constable, 2nd	90.00
Assessor, 3rd	450.00		

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600 for Selectmen's Expenses, which includes \$1,100 for Secretary's Salary and \$500 for travel, telephone and office supplies, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the Assessor's Expense Account, which includes \$1,600 for Computer Up-Date and \$400 for travel and office expenses.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,300 for computer and consulting services associated with FY 87 re-certification of property values.

**ARTICLE 13.** 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, 1986 through June 30, 1987, or take any other action relating thereto:

**HIGHWAYS AND RELATED EXPENSES**

Snow Removal	\$20,000.00
Employees Holiday and Vacation Pay	3,000.00
Health Insurance, Employees	2,500.00
Unemployment Compensation, Town's Share	100.00

**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**

Office Expense	\$1,200.00
Elections & Registration	600.00
Hampshire County Retirement	3,600.00
Health & Sanitation	10.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	2,000.00
Printing	1,200.00
Town Counsel	150.00

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Civil Defense	10.00
Dog Officer	300.00
Fire Chief & Forest Warden Salary	325.00
Fire Department Expenses	2,500.00
Fire Department Radio	950.00
Fire Phones	400.00
Inspections	700.00
Library	250.00
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	57.75
Planning Board	10.00
Police Chief Salary	300.00
Police Department Expenses	400.00
Recreation	100.00
Street Lights	600.00
Veterans Agent	10.00
War Memorials & Playgrounds	500.00



**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$5,000 for maintenance of public buildings, including heat, electricity, telephone, etc., or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$8,000 and transfer from free cash a sum of \$10,000 to cover all Town insurance, or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,000 for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,200 for the Hinsdale Ambulance Fund and \$500 for the Huntington Lions Club Ambulance Fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,750 for payment of the firehouse note, or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,275 for interest of the firehouse note, or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$14,000 for rubbish removal and disposal area, or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote (1) to continue to belong to the Western Massachusetts Coalition of Governments and Institutions for the purpose of supporting an effective legal challenge to the rate increase request filed by 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 for municipalities less than 500 population.

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$315 for the Visiting Nurse Association, or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$5,000, or any other amount, for a Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will transfer \$10,000 from the Stabilization Fund and \$5,000 from the Revenue Sharing Account toward the purchase of a new dump truck not to exceed \$40,000 with the balance to be financed over not more than three (3) years.

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will transfer \$5,000 from Revenue Sharing toward a Recreation Area.



**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will approve of the resolution:

WHEREAS, a ban on nuclear weapons testing would promote the security of the United States and would be a first step towards a complete halt in the arms race,

THEREFORE, the Town of Middlefield, Massachusetts, calls upon the President to immediately respond to the Soviet Union's unilateral halt of testing by joining them in a mutual and verifiable suspension of testing, and calls upon Congress to enact legislation that would establish a moratorium on nuclear testing.

Copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the President, and to Congressman Conte and Senators Kennedy and Kerry.

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for two electrical heating units and a utility circuit to be installed in the classrooms in the Old Town Hall for the use of the Council On Aging members, or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 to have the windows in the Old Town Hall fitted with storm windows or take any other action relating thereto.



**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer (Collector) to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 1987, as permitted by General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

**ARTICLE 30.** 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 Middlefield 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 eighth of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine-hundred and eighty-six.

Joseph J. Kearns  
Isabella C. Jordan  
Donald A. Savery

SELECTMEN OF MIDDLEFIELD



### REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

<u>DOG LICENSES</u>	<u>EACH</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SPORTING LICENSES</u>	<u>EACH</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
43 Males	3.00	\$129.00	8 Resident Fishing	12.50	\$100.00
4 Females	6.00	24.00	21 Resident Hunting	12.50	262.50
42 Spayed Females	3.00	126.00	13 Sporting	19.50	253.50
5 Kennels	10.00	50.00	1 Resident Minor Fishing	6.50	6.50
1 Kennel	25.00	<u>25.00</u>	2 Non-Resident Fishing	17.50	35.00
TOTAL		354.00	1 Non-Resident Sporting	48.50	48.50
95 Clerk's Fees	.75	71.25	1 Over Seventy Sporting	FREE	-0-
<b>PAID TO TOWN TREASURER</b>		<b><u>\$282.75</u></b>	1 Sporting (65-69)	9.75	9.75
			15 Archery/Primitive	5.10	<u>76.50</u>
			TOTAL		792.25
			47 Clerk's Fees	.50	23.50
			15 Clerk's Fees	.10	<u>1.50</u>
			<b>PAID TO DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE</b>		<b><u>\$ 767.25</u></b>

<u>JURY LIST - 1985</u>	
Robert W. Aste	Amerigo Baruzzi
Christine Louise Carter	Mary Jane Donnelly
Bradford P. Fisk, II	Bradford P. Fisk
Charles A. Lane	Martin A. Main
Debra L. Martin	Todd A. Main
Yolanda A. Romano	Daniel Varsano
Michael Downer	



### VITAL STATISTICS

#### BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1985

January 28 - Laura Anne Donnelly, daughter of Thomas Edward Donnelly and Margaret Agnes Pierre Donnelly  
March 30 - Dustin Harley Carter, son of Donald Harley Carter and Christine Louise Hall Carter  
May 2 - Andrew Robert Paciulli, Jr., son of Andrew Robert Paciulli and Linda Ann DiModica  
June 4 - Audrey Lynne Downer, daughter of Michael Ambrose Downer and Jenifer Hobart Downer  
July 13 - Patrick Michael Donnelly, son of Joseph Michael Donnelly and Susan Harriet Pierre Donnelly  
July 26 - Jenna Dora Marotte, daughter of Stephen Allen Marotte and Cynthia Ann Fisher Marotte  
August 20 - Stacey Ann Austin, daughter of Thomas Frank Austin and Glennis Mary Gilmore Austin  
November 13 - Joseph Francis Denis, son of Joseph Victor Denis and Laurie Lee Wheeler Denis  
November 23 - Loren Everet Guild, III, son of Loren Everett Guild, Jr. and Lisa Jane Talis Guild

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

July 23, 1985 - Fourteen registered voters were present.

Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$1,376.90 from the Town Highway Account to the Disposal Area Account for the Fiscal Year 1985.

Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$1,082.83 from the Overlay Surplus to the Reserve Fund for fiscal 1985.

Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 from the Tax Map Fund to the Disposal Area Account for Fiscal Year 1985.

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK CONT...

October 22, 1985 - Fourteen registered voters were present.

Voted unanimously to accept the \$67,000 grant from the Commonwealth to the Regional School District.

Voted unanimously to propose a \$1,500.00 appropriation to the Police Department for the purchase of radios and to include such an article in the next Special Town Meeting warrant.

February 4, 1986 - Eighteen registered voters were present.

Voted unanimously to appropriate from Revenue Sharing the sum of \$1,500.00 for the Police Department to purchase radios and needed equipment.

Voted unanimously the following Zoning Bylaw changes:

- a. To add to Section 5, D, 2 the following:

**Radioactive Waste Disposal.** No land within any use district in the Town of Middlefield may be used for the collection, treatment, storage, burial, incineration, or disposal of radioactive waste, including but not limited to wastes classified as low-level radioactive waste.

- b. To amend Section 4, Footnote A to read:

The limitation on height of building shall not apply in any district to chimneys, ventilators, spires, or other ornamental features which are in no way used for living purposes. Excluded from this provision are farm barns and silos, and towers which are limited to fifty (50) feet in height.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith P. Rice  
Town Clerk



## PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board currently holds meetings at 10:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month at the Town Office. Any zoning questions or surveys to be signed are best addressed to the whole Board at that time.

Two Zoning Bylaw changes were voted by Town Meetings this year restricting the disposal of radioactive waste, and limiting the height of towers to fifty (50) feet.

The Planning Board is working on an update of the Bylaws of the Town of Middlefield. We are also looking for a suitable paper storage unit to be used at the Town transfer station to relieve the amount of waste now being put into the dumpster.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Varsano  
Member of the Planning Board

## LEE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

The following is a report of the services performed for the town of Middlefield for the Calendar Year 1985:

### HOME VISITS

Nursing	45
Physical Therapy	17
Home Health Aide	94-visits/94-hours

### CLINICS

### SESSIONS

### ATTENDANCE

Blood Pressure	22	41
Flu	1	25

Respectfully submitted,

D. Ann Beacco, BSN  
Director

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS REPORT

I have found 222 Head of Cattle, 24 Horses, 2 Goats, 24 Sheep and 2 Swine in my annual inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Cook  
Inspector





**TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1985**  
**JULY 1, 1984 — JUNE 30, 1985**

RECEIPTS

Taxes	158,164.92
Abatements from State	2,329.19
Additional Assistance	2,939.00
Highways	38,901.00
Highway Reimbursement	94,073.92
Local Aid - Lottery	12,586.00
Revenue Reimbursement	79,232.00
Arts Council - State Aid	1,000.00
1983 check returned, not cashed	35.00
Bicentennial	248.50
Council on Aging - State Aid	750.00
Payment for a bill	2.00
District Court	70.00
Dog Fund	95.30
Dog Licenses	300.75
Election and Registration - State Aid	80.40
From State - no reason given	289.00
Inspections, Licenses and Permits	1,252.00
Interest from Money Market	4,381.44
Library - State Aid	1,068.00
Loans	100,000.00
Miscellaneous Receipts:	
Deposited in error	60.00
Expenses paid by taxpayer	259.15
Income from Copier	30.90
Income from False Alarms	50.00
Income from rent of dumpster	150.00
Insurance refund	1,547.00
Rebate on interest paid	27.08
Sale of truck	45.00
	2,179.13

RECEIPTS CONT...

Police Department Donation	400.00
Revenue Sharing deposits and interest	23,824.95
Sale of Cemetery Lot	50.00
Withholding taxes-Blue Cross Blue Shield	1,369.77
-Federal Income Taxes	4,575.56
-Hampshire County	
Retirement	2,372.98
-State Income Taxes	1,718.83
TOTAL RECEIPTS	534,289.64
Total Offset	836.82
ADJUSTED TOTAL RECEIPTS	535,126.46
CASH BALANCE beginning of Fiscal Year	76,246.36
Revenue Sharing Balance beginning FY	14,203.81
<b>TOTAL CASH FOR FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b><u>625,576.63</u></b>

PAYMENTS

Selectmen's Orders (Warrants)	391,218.58
Treasurer's Warrants	131,238.38
Total Offset	(71.00)
ADJUSTED TOTAL WARRANTS	522,385.96
Cash on Hand end of Fiscal Year	27,635.93
Revenue Sharing Balance end of	
Fiscal Year	5,554.74
Investment of General Cash in Money	
Market during Fiscal Year	70,000.00
<b>CASH ON HAND END OF FISCAL YEAR AND</b>	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>625,576.63</u></b>



**LIABILITIES**

Firehouse FHA Loan	35,000.00
Payment to reduce Principal 1981-1985	<u>(8,750.00)</u>
PRINCIPAL BALANCE	<u>26,250.00</u>
Interest Paid on Firehouse Loan at 5% 1981-1985	7,872.00
Short Term Loans:	
Note #268 renewal of Notes #265 and #266	60,000.00
Note #267	<u>40,000.00</u>
Total	<u>100,000.00</u>
Paid in Fiscal Year 1985	<u>100,000.00</u>
BALANCE	<u><u>-0-</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pease  
Treasurer





**TREASURER'S REPORT CONT...  
FISCAL YEAR 1985**

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPRO- PRIATION</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT AVAILABLE</u>	<u>RESERVE FUNDS TRANSFERS</u>	<u>EXPEN- DITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	<u>BALANCE CLOSED OUT</u>
Ambulance Service	1,700.00		1,700.00		1,700.00	-0-	-0-
Assessor's Computer Update	1,600.00		1,600.00	49.56	1,649.56	-0-	-0-
Assessor's Expense	400.00		400.00		365.99		34.01
Civil Defense	10.00		10.00		-0-	-0-	10.00
Conservation Commission	10.00		10.00		-0-	-0-	10.00
Disposal Area	8,000.00	1,200.00 <sup>1</sup>					
		1,376.90 <sup>1</sup>	9,378.90		10,576.90	-0-	-0-
Dog Officers' Salary & Expense	300.00		300.00		100.00	-0-	200.00
Elected Officer's Salaries	5,610.00		5,610.00		5,610.00	-0-	-0-
Election and Registration	300.00	80.40 <sup>2</sup>	380.40	402.89	783.29	-0-	-0-
Equipment-Grader		10,500.00 <sup>3</sup>					
		8,000.00 <sup>3</sup>	18,500.00		18,500.00	-0-	-0-
Fire Chief and Forest Warden-Sal.	325.00		325.00		325.00	-0-	-0-
Fire Department Expense	2,500.00						
Fire Department Radio	1,100.00		3,600.00	50.31	3,650.31	-0-	-0-
Firehouse Loan payment on Principal	1,750.00		1,750.00		1,750.00	-0-	-0-
Fire Phones	250.00		250.00	128.28	378.28	-0-	-0-
Forest Fire Protection	10.00		10.00		-0-	-0-	10.00
Gateway Regional School District	98,946.53		98,946.53		98,946.53	-0-	-0-
Hampshire County Retirement	1,628.00		1,628.00		1,628.00	-0-	-0-
Health Insurance-Town's Share	1,300.00	1,000.00 <sup>4</sup>	2,300.00	286.95	2,543.95	-0-	43.00
Health & Sanitation	10.00		10.00		-0-	-0-	10.00
Holiday & Vacation	1,500.00		1,500.00	987.46	2,487.46	-0-	-0-
Inspections	700.00		700.00		630.00	-0-	70.00
Insurance	12,000.00						
Police Insurance	400.00		12,400.00		12,399.60	-0-	.40
Interest-Firehouse Note	1,400.00		1,400.00		1,400.00	-0-	-0-
Short Term Loans	2,000.00		2,000.00	900.90	2,885.06	-0-	14.94
Library Expense	250.00	658.43 <sup>5</sup>	908.43		908.43	-0-	-0-
Machinery Expense	18,000.00	(1,000.00) <sup>6</sup>					
		(1,800.00) <sup>6</sup>					
		(1,200.00) <sup>6</sup>					
		(900.00) <sup>6</sup>					
		(800.00) <sup>6</sup>	12,300.00	725.00	13,025.00	-0-	-0-



<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPRO- PRIATION</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT AVAILABLE</u>	<u>RESERVE FUNDS TRANSFERS</u>	<u>EXPEN- DITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	<u>BALANCE CLOSED OUT</u>
Maintenance Public Buildings		5,000.00 <sup>7</sup>					
		800.00 <sup>7</sup>	5,800.00	434.81	6,234.81	-0-	-0-
Office Expense	1,200.00		1,200.00	17.57	1,217.57	-0-	-0-
Pioneer Valley	60.00		60.00		57.75	-0-	2.25
Planning Board	10.00		10.00		-0-	-0-	10.00
Police Chief's Salary	300.00		300.00		300.00	-0-	-0-
Police Department Expense	400.00	400.00 <sup>8</sup>	800.00		795.53	-0-	4.47
Printing	1,000.00		1,000.00		961.80	-0-	38.20
Recreation	100.00		100.00		100.00	-0-	-0-
Reserve Fund	2,000.00	900.00 <sup>9</sup>					
		1,082.65 <sup>9</sup>	3,982.65 <sup>9</sup>		(3,982.65)	-0-	-0-
Selectmen's Expense	500.00		500.00		400.38	-0-	99.62
Selectmen's Secretary Salary	1,100.00		1,100.00		1,000.00	-0-	100.00
Stablization Fund	5,000.00		5,000.00		-0-	5,000.00	-0-
Street Lights	600.00		600.00		482.19	-0-	117.81
Tax Maps		5,000.00 <sup>10</sup>					
		15,000.00 <sup>10</sup>	20,000.00		800.00	19,200.00	-0-
Town Council	150.00		150.00		150.00	-0-	-0-
Town Highways	18,000.00	1,800.00 <sup>11</sup>					
		(1,376.90) <sup>11</sup>	18,423.10		18,181.93		241.11
Town Snow	20,000.00		20,000.00		19,976.25	-0-	23.75
Tree Accounts:							
Dutch Elm Disease Control	155.00		155.00		155.00	-0-	-0-
Insect Pest Control	100.00		100.00		97.00	-0-	3.00
Tree Warden	100.00		100.00		100.00	-0-	-0-
Unemployment Compensation	100.00		100.00		38.56	-0-	61.44
Veteran's Agent	10.00		10.00		-0-	-0-	10.00
Visiting Nurse	150.00		150.00		150.00	-0-	-0-
War Memorials & Play Areas	500.00		500.00		285.00	-0-	215.00
Western Mass. Coalition	100.00		100.00		100.00	-0-	-0-
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS</b>					<b>233,827.13</b>		



**TREASURER'S REPORT CONT...**  
**FISCAL YEAR 1985**

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPRO- PRIATION</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT AVAILABLE</u>	<u>RESERVE FUNDS TRANSFERS</u>	<u>EXPEN- DITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	<u>BALANCE CLOSED OUT</u>
<u>ACCOUNTS WITH NO APPROPRIATION:</u>							
Arts Council (State Funded Grant)	1,000.00						
Receipt	35.00		1,035.00		500.00	535.00	-0-
Bicentennial Balance 1984	4,518.47						
Receipts 1985	248.50	(2,000.00) <sup>12</sup>	2,766.97		1,025.36	1,741.61	-0-
Establish Recreation Area Fund		2,000.00 <sup>12</sup>	2,000.00		-0-	2,000.00	-0-
Cemetary Expense Balance 1984	1,889.00				1,569.25	319.75	-0-
Chapter 90					35,834.70		
Council on Aging Balance 7/1/84	652.13						
Highland Valley Elder Serv.	250.00						
Dept. of Elder Affairs	500.00						
Recpt for payment of Bill	2.00		1,404.13		686.01	718.12	-0-
Flood Damage					60,274.25		
Historical Commission Bal.	196.45				-0-		
Root Road Bridge					<u>57,501.88</u>		
<u>TOTAL UNAPPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS</u>					157,391.45		
<u>TOTAL SELECTMEN'S ORDERS - APPROPRIATED &amp; UNAPPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS</u>					391,218.58		
<u>TREASURER'S WARRANTS</u>							
Blue Cross Blue Shield-Withheld					1,505.57		
Deposited Check-in Error					60.00		
Dog Fees Collected					290.25		
Dog Fees Error					22.50		
Federal Income Tax-Withheld					4,985.05		
Hampshire Chronic Disease Hospital Assessment					233.65		
Hampshire County Retirement-Withheld					2,563.14		
Hampshire County Tax					11,645.80		
Internal Revenue Error FY 1982					304.20		
Loans-Anticipation of Revenue					100,000.00		
Payment of Printed Checks					30.38		



<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPRO-</u> <u>PRIATION</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>AVAILABLE</u>	<u>RESERVE</u> <u>FUNDS</u> <u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>EXPEN-</u> <u>DITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>BROUGHT</u> <u>FORWARD</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>CLOSED</u> <u>OUT</u>
Returned to Revenue Sharing Account				4,551.23			
State Assessment					2,160.00		
State Income Tax Error					20.12		
State Income Tax Withheld					2,106.86		
Tax Refunds (MV & RE)					749.63		
Town Clerk					<u>10.00</u>		
<b>TOTAL TREASURER'S WARRANTS</b>					131,238.38		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES - SELECTMEN'S ORDERS AND TREASURER'S WARRANTS</b>					<b>522,456.96</b>		



**TREASURER'S REPORT CONT...**  
**FISCAL YEAR 1985**

**TRUSTS**

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND:

Principal Investment	8,900.00
Interest earned as of June 1984	2,597.48
Interest earned FY 1985	<u>751.98</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENT & INTEREST	<u><u>12,249.46</u></u>

SALLY DICKSON SCHOOL FUND:

Original Investment	500.00
Interest earned as of December 1984	2,943.85
Interest earned FY 1985	<u>364.86</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENT & INTEREST	<u><u>3,808.71</u></u>

SALLY DICKSON CHARITY FUND:

Original Investment	1,000.00
Interest earned as of December 1984	5,031.13
Interest earned FY 1985	<u>639.02</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENT & INTEREST	<u><u>6,670.15</u></u>

ENERGY GRANT FUND:

Original Grant	720.00
Interest earned in 1985	<u>4.16</u>
TOTAL GRANT & INTEREST	<u><u>724.16</u></u>

HISTORICAL COMMISSION FUND:

Principal Investment	500.00
Interest earned as of 1984	32.28
Interest earned FY 1985	<u>28.63</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENT & INTEREST	<u><u>560.91</u></u>

STABILIZATION FUND:

Original Investment	5,000.00
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REVENUE SHARING

Balance July 1, 1984	14,203.81
Deposits	<u>15,754.51</u>
Available Funds	30,610.72
TRANSFERS	(20,500.00)
Cost of Checks & withdrawal	<u>(4,555.99)</u>
Balance June 30, 1985	<u><u>5,554.74</u></u>



FOOTNOTES

- |   |  |    |   |
|---|--|----|---|
| 1 | \$1,200.00 from Machinery Expense<br>\$1,376.90 from Town Highways   | 9  | \$ 900.00 from Machinery Expense<br>\$1,082.65 from Overlay Surplus<br>Total sum of Reserve Fund not included in Total Expenditures |
| 2 | State Aid  |    |   |
| 3 | \$10,500.00 from Revenue Sharing<br>\$ 8,000.00 from Free Cash   | 10 | \$ 5,000.00 from Revenue Sharing<br>\$15,000.00 from Free Cash  |
| 4 | From Machinery Expense   | 11 | \$1,800.00 from Machinery Expense<br>\$1,376.90 to Disposal Area  |
| 5 | From Library Fund  | 12 | Establish Recreational Area Fund  |
| 6 | \$1,200.00 to Disposal Area<br>\$1,000.00 to Health Insurance<br>\$ 800.00 to Maintenance Public Buildings<br>\$ 900.00 to Reserve Fund<br>\$1,800.00 to Town Highways |    |   |
| 7 | \$5,000.00 from Revenue Sharing<br>\$ 800.00 from Machinery Expense  |    |   |
| 8 | Donation   |    |   |

**TAX COLLECTORS REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1985**  
**JULY 1, 1984 — JUNE 30, 1985**

YEAR	TAX	BALANCE 7/01/84	WARRANTS	REFUNDS	TOTALS	TAXES COLLECTED	ABATED	TAX TITLES	ADJ. (+ OR -)	BALANCE DUE.6/30/85
1985	RE.		\$140,588.62	\$604.95	\$141,193.57	\$108,824.93	\$5,775.89	\$55.13		\$26,537.62
	PP.		\$7,307.38		7,307.38	7,307.38				-0-
	WP.		452.80		452.80	-0-				452.80
	MVE.		8,351.26		8,351.26	5,163.75	307.50			2,880.01
1984	RE.	\$23,288.85			23,288.85	14,101.62				9,187.23
	PP.	50.40			50.40	-0-				50.40
	CF.	19.66			19.66	15.91				3.75
	AGRI.	907.20			907.20	368.64				538.56
	WP.	1,005.00			1,005.00	669.92	335.08			-0-
	MVE.	5,339.14		91.50	5,430.64	4,296.12	211.75		3.48	919.29
1983	RE.	12,402.28			12,402.28	6,739.90			439.07	5,223.31
	PP.	57.75			57.75	-0-				57.75
	CF.	13.41			13.41	-0-				13.41
	AGRI.	694.48			695.48	452.10				243.38
	MVE.	1,404.25			1,404.25	890.16	42.20			471.89
1982	RE.	4,542.38			4,542.38	2,255.20				2,287.18
	PP.	56.35			56.35	-0-				56.35
	CF.	33.38			33.38	33.38				-0-
	MVE.	848.68			848.68	203.76	3.75			641.17
1981	RE.	2,367.12			2,367.12	1,441.80				925.32
	PP.	319.96			319.96	2.44				317.52
	MVE.	330.06			330.06	91.86				238.20
1980	RE.	441.65			441.65	383.57				58.08
	PP.	238.25			238.25	1.82				236.43
	MVE.	798.20			798.20	357.09				441.11
1979	RE.	379.78			379.78	379.76				.02
	PP.	255.00			255.00	-0-				255.00
	MVE.	798.59			798.59	399.66				398.93
1978	RE.	381.21			381.21	381.21				-0-
	MVE.	444.95			444.95	198.00				246.95
1977	RE.	.02			.02	.02				-0-
	MVE.	657.59			657.59	49.93				607.66



YEAR	TAX	BALANCE 7/01/84	WARRANTS	REFUNDS	TOTALS	TAXES COLLECTED	ABATED	TAX TITLES	ADJ. (+ OR -)	BALANCE DUE.6/30/85
1976	MVE.	140.80			140.80	-0-				140.80
1975	MVE.	85.20			85.20	45.60				39.60
1974	MVE.	28.84			28.84	9.04				19.80
TOTALS		\$58,331.43	\$156,700.06	\$696.45	\$215,727.94	\$155,064.57	\$6,676.17	\$55.13	\$442.55	\$53,489.52

Taxes Collected:           \$155,064.57  
 Interest:                    2,506.43  
 Mun. Lines:                 75.00  
                               \$157,646.00

KEY: RE. - Real Estate  
       PP. - Personal Property  
       AGR. - Agriculture  
       CL. - Classified Forest  
       WP. - Wood Products

Respectfully submitted,

Neil G. Nickerson  
 Tax Collector



## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1985

Spring is here again. The frost heaves no longer wrinkle the roads. And do you have peas in? Our friends from Florida are starting to return. The Town goes into its 203rd year.

What do we do with the School Budget? In three years it has increased 115%. The Town does not have the ability to deal with increases of this magnitude. Each year the cost of education goes up. Everything else does. Much of the blame has to be placed on the State. Huge State Revenue Surpluses should be returned to the towns. They have not and this is reflected in all our real estate tax bills. Pittsfield receives 75% of its education budget from the State and we receive 50% from the State. Something is definitely amiss.

An obstacle to many towns is the cost of rubbish removal. Presently, we pay \$500 each time the large steel box leaves Middlefield. This is a fifty per cent increase from last year. We have been warned of another increase to come July 1. This service now costs each household over one hundred dollars a year. Because of public pressure and State regulations, the next few years will see a large continued increase. The Town needs good suggestions to lower this cost and people to carry out the changes needed.

Another big price increase is in the cost of insurance. On one hand we are lucky to have insurance. The coverage we have is broad and relatively low priced. We belong to a large pool administered by the Massachusetts Municipal Association. The increase this year is expected to be 25%. If Ralph Nader is to be believed we are suffering while the insurance companies build their profits. A lot of smoke will have to clear before this issue is seen clearly. In the meantime, we pay much more.

The Selectmen thank Judy Paddock and Edith Rice for their stellar efforts that allowed us to win first place for the Middlefield Town Report. This was not an easy accomplishment and quite a feather in our caps.

The publication of the Middlefield History has definitely been worth the wait. Mary Sternagle and "Pete" Cummings have done a wonderful job. This will be a reference and source of pleasure for many years to come.

With an increasing number of young people in town, there is a need for more recreation opportunities. This year we present a proposal to the Town. The Town owns land in the center of town located east of the firehouse. This is an area where we welcome support. This is a community project that needs participation from many quarters: builders, boosters and users. With an adequate local ball field we could begin to field local teams.

It has been increasingly difficult to fill both elective and appointive offices. This is not just a problem in Middlefield, but is present in most towns in our country. As more families have both parents employed, less time is available for community service. We need you and your enthusiasm. If we are unable to cover all the expectations of the State, the price will be high. Several neighboring towns have paid thousands of dollars in audit fees when there was a gap in financial record keeping. The state is pushing professionalism which flies in the face often of town meeting style government. Democracy is not based on the smartest or richest but on all of us. Which should be a way of thanks for everyone who has come out to hearings and special town meetings to lend an ear and possibly a few words. In this area also, salaries of town officials have not kept up with either inflation or the increased demands of the State. The Town is going to have to increase the financial reward for some of these jobs. Government, like so much else, is becoming more complicated.



We are proposing that the Town buy a new dump/snow truck in the upcoming year. It will replace a 1971 truck that has long since paid for itself. In its present condition, it begins to be a liability rather than an asset.

Town roads are the one area that we still have some control. We are obviously a poor second to nature. This past year saw major repairs to flood damaged areas. The Churchill hill on Clark Wright Road was resurfaced. Also resurfaced was a section of West Hill Road. A project was begun at the foot of Reservoir Road and will continue this summer. Above the center of town on Skyline Trail a deteriorating culvert was replaced.

With the completion of Millstone III we will receive a 30% increase in electricity bills. This affects everyone not just the Town. It shows that nuclear power is expensive for all of us. The Town continues its membership in a coalition that attempts to keep these prices under control. Our rates are high and keep jumping and better answers need to prevail.

While the administration of Gateway refuses to commit itself, The Middlefield School will probably see increased use. This year for the first time in several years, the school is being used again. If this use increases, Town Officials and the Town Library will have to move back to the Town Hall. This year the Seniors are asking to start the revitalization. The Selectmen support this effort.

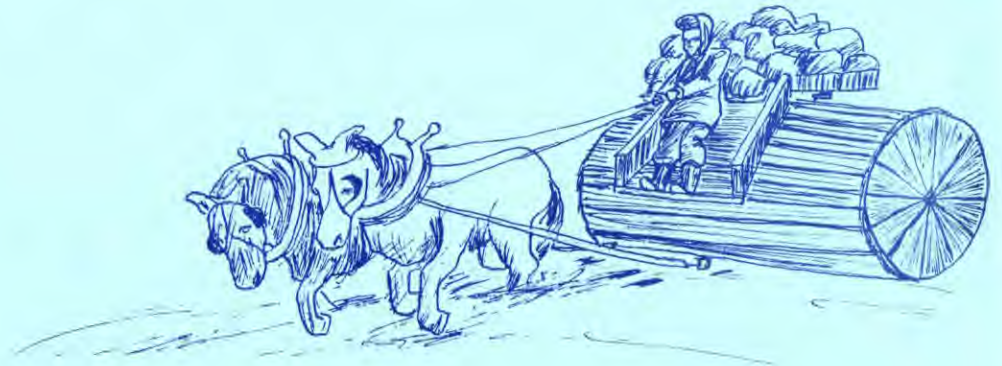
The Selectmen continue to meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month. The meetings are open to all. We welcome your suggestions, proposals and even your complaints. Thanks for your support and encouragement in this past year.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph J. Kearns\*  
Isabella C. Jordan  
Donald A. Savery

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

\*Chairperson



*A snow roller packed the snow  
instead of clearing it!*

*from Eric Sloane's America*



**SELECTMEN'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1985**  
**JULY 1, 1984 — JUNE 30, 1985**

**AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Appropriation	\$1,700.00
Hinsdale Ambulance	1,200.00
Huntington Ambulance	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expenditures	1,700.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>-0-</u></u>

**ASSESSORS COMPUTER UPDATE**

Appropriation	1,600.00
Transfer from Reserve	<u>49.56</u>
Total Expenditures	1,649.56
MMC, Inc.	1,649.56
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>-0-</u></u>

**ASSESSORS EXPENSE**

Appropriation	400.00
Postage	9.35
Hobbs & Warren-forms	42.00
J. Rice-supplies	139.89
S. Kozera-transfers	<u>174.75</u>
Total Expenditures	365.99
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>34.01</u></u>

**CIVIL DEFENSE**

Appropriation	10.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>10.00</u></u>

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Appropriation	\$10.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>10.00</u></u>

**DISPOSAL AREA**

Appropriation	8,000.00
Transfer from Mach.Account	1,200.00
Transfer from Town Highway Acct.	<u>1,376.90</u>
Available Funds	10,576.90
M. Main	600.00
P. Suriner-Attendant	440.00
Berkshire Cleanway	7,564.00
R. Miller	570.00
L. Pease	614.80
B. Miller	382.50
M. Main	33.60
B. Pease	150.00
J. Winn	<u>240.00</u>
	10,576.90

Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>-0-</u></u>
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**DOG OFFICER**

Appropriation	300.00
M. Brighenti	100.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>200.00</u></u>



EQUIPMENT/GRADER PURCHASE

Appropriation	\$10,000.00
Transfer from Revenue Sharing	5,500.00
Transfer from Free Cash	<u>3,000.00</u>
Available Funds	18,500.00

Tyler Equipment 18,500.00

Balance 6/30/85 -0-

FIRE CHIEF SALARY

Appropriation	325.00
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G. Robert Olds 325.00

Balance 6/30/85 -0-

ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES

Appropriation	5,610.00
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J. Rice 60.00

E. Rice 375.00

N. Pease 1,200.00

P. Oligny 45.00

I. Jordan 300.00

J. Kearns 600.00

D. Savery 300.00

J. Rice 450.00

W. Main 450.00

M. Pensivy 450.00

N. Nickerson 1,200.00

W. Paschal 90.00

D. Savery 90.00

Total Expenditures 5,610.00

Balance 6/30/85 -0-

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation	\$300.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	402.89
State Contribution for Extra Hours	<u>80.40</u>
Available Funds	783.29

R. Merrell 26.80

C. Oligny 25.12

A. Savery 21.77

M. Batorski 33.49

R. Croxford 21.77

C. Carter 52.75

J. Waite 16.75

E. Russo 24.28

J. Gardner 109.71

M. Sternagle 16.75

D. Olds 102.99

L. Bell 36.84

P. Suriner 13.40

S. Savery 81.22

N. Pease 51.92

J. Vreeland 36.84

Westwall Printing 88.50

J. Rice-Voters List 6.99

Hobbs & Warren 15.40

Total Expenditures 783.29

Balance 6/30/85 -0-

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1985 CONT...

FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
Transfer from Radio Fund	1,100.00
Transfer from Reserve	<u>50.31</u>
Available Funds	3,650.31
Motorola-pagers	274.02
South Street Service	
Olds Store-gas	663.79
Raynor's	218.91
Blue Max Elec.	1,814.00
Thomas Andrews Elec.	159.95
Smith Auto Elec.	114.04
Ryder	275.60
Sarafan Auto Supply	<u>130.00</u>
Total Expenditures	3,650.31
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>-0-</u></u>

FIRE PHONES

Appropriation	250.00
Transfer from Reserve	<u>128.28</u>
Available Funds	378.28
WMECO-Siren	84.91
New England Telephone	233.28
AT&T Phone Rental	<u>60.09</u>
Total Expenditures	378.28
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>-0-</u></u>

FIREHOUSE LOAN

Appropriation	\$1,750.00
FHA	1,750.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>-0-</u></u>

FOREST FIRE PROTECTION

Appropriation	10.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>10.00</u></u>

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appropriation	98,946.53
Gateway Regional School District	98,946.53
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>-0-</u></u>

HAMPSHIRE COUNTRY RETIREMENT

Appropriation	1,628.00
Hampshire Country Treasurer	1,628.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>-0-</u></u>



**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Appropriation	\$1,300.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	286.95
Transfer from Mach. Account	<u>1,000.00</u>
Available Funds	2,586.95
Blue Cross Blue Shield	2,543.95
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>43.00</u></u>

**HEALTH & SANITATION**

Appropriation	10.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>10.00</u></u>

**HOLIDAY & VACATION PAY**

Appropriation	1,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	<u>987.46</u>
Available Funds	2,487.46
R. Miller	1,320.80
L. Pease	780.80
M. Main	148.26
B. Miller	<u>237.60</u>
Total Expenditures	2,487.46
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>-0-</u></u>

**INSPECTIONS**

Appropriation	\$700.00
W. Smith	550.00
G. Robert Olds	50.00
C. Cook	<u>30.00</u>
Total Expenditures	630.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>70.00</u></u>

**INSURANCE**

Appropriation	12,000.00
Transfer from Police Insurance	<u>400.00</u>
Available Funds	12,400.00
Stevenson Agency	4,078.60
MIA	83.00
Old Republic	2,348.00
Hastings-Tapley	<u>5,890.60</u>
Total Expenditures	12,399.60
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>.40</u></u>

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1985 CONT...

INTEREST-FIREHOUSE LOAN

Appropriation	\$1,400.00
FHA	1,400.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u>-0-</u>

INTEREST-SHORT TERM LOAN

Appropriation	2,000.00
Transfer from Mach.Account	<u>900.00</u>
Available Funds	2,900.00
1st Agricultural Bank	2,845.06
Bur. of Accounts	<u>40.00</u>
Total Expenditures	2,885.06
Balance 6/30/85	<u>14.94</u>

LIBRARY EXPENSE

Appropriation	250.00
Transfer from Library Fund	<u>658.43</u>
Available Funds	908.43
Dues	5.00
E. Pease-supplies, books	52.50
C. Oigny-salary, phone	400.00
Box Rent	7.00
October Mt. Books	242.23
Universal Productions	34.23
Bloom's-copier supplies	125.00
Literary Guild	<u>42.47</u>
Total Expenditures	908.43
Balance 6/30/85	<u>-0-</u>

MACHINERY EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$18,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	725.00
<u>MACH EXPENSE TRANSFERS:</u>	
Transfer to Town Higways	(1,800.00)
Transfer to Health Insurance	(1,000.00)
Transfer to Disposal Area	(1,200.00)
Transfer to Interest	(900.00)
Transfer to Maint/PB	<u>(800.00)</u>
Available Funds	\$13,025.00
Ralph's Blacksmith Shop	
Olds Store-gas & supplies	3,229.07
Charlie's Garage-gas	503.56
Brown Oil-diesel fuel	3,343.41
Freadman Steel-scraper blades	377.09
Pittsfield Welding-acetylene,oxygen	666.93
B.J. McLaughlin-machinery supplies	215.29
Gateway Auto Supply-	
machinery supplies	1,257.75
Dalton Tractor	28.40
Raynor's	183.33
L. P. Adams	10.04
W. Manley-welding	75.00
Worthington Garage	371.25
Tyler Equipment	60.30
City Tire	2,132.52
Buds Chain Saw	72.00
R. Miller	6.67
Atlantic Fasteners	98.23
Southgate Motors	<u>394.16</u>
Total Expenditures	\$13,025.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u>-0-</u>



PLANNING BOARD

Appropriation \$10.00  
Balance 6/30/85 10.00

PIONEER VALLEY PLAN COMM

Appropriation 60.00  
PVPC 57.75  
Balance 6/30/85 2.25

MAINTENANCE PUBLIC BLDGS.

Appropriation 5,000.00  
Transfer from Reserve 434.81  
Transfer from Mach.Acct. 800.00  
Available Funds 6,234.81

WMECO 872.42  
New England Telephone 680.53  
L. P. Adams 24.96  
Howard Johnson Oil 2,956.69  
AT&T 20.90  
Ryder 62.51  
Energy Auditors 750.00  
R. Miller 209.25  
L. Pease 219.70  
M. A. Main 245.70  
B. Miller 192.15  
Total Expenditures 6,234.81

Balance 6/30/85 -0-

OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation \$1,200.00  
Transfer from Reserve Fund 17.57  
Available Funds 1,217.57

John T. Maher-calculator & supplies 117.94  
Forms, Paper, Supplies 294.09  
Postage & Envelopes 458.57  
Dues 115.00  
King Bus-type maint. 38.00  
NE Document 30.00  
Bloom's-copy agreement 163.97  
Total Expenditures 1,217.57

Balance 6/30/85 -0-

POLICE CHIEF SALARY

Appropriation 300.00

T. Austin 300.00

Balance 6/30/85 -0-

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1985 CONT...

POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$400.00
Recpt from Ladies Aid	400.00
Available Funds	<u>800.00</u>
Supplies	34.33
Sentry Uniform	52.75
Ammunition	120.50
Comm. of MA-Pistol Permits	30.00
Taylor Sound	307.95
Thomas Andrews-radio	250.00
Total Expenditures	<u>795.53</u>
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>4.47</u></u>

PRINTING

Appropriation	1,000.00
Impress-Town Report	720.00
Envelopes	241.80
Total Expenditures	<u>961.80</u>
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>38.20</u></u>

RECREATION EXPENSE

Appropriation	100.00
Chester Recreation Comm.	100.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>-0-</u></u>

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
Transfer @ Spec. Town Meeting from overlay surplus	<u>1,082.83</u>
Available Funds	<u>3,082.83</u>

Transfers:

Disposal Area	
Elections & Registration	402.89
Holiday & Vacation Pay	987.46
Health Insurance	286.95
Office Expense	17.57
Fire Phones	128.28
Fire Department Expense	50.31
Maintenance Public Bldgs	434.81
Mach.Expense	725.00
Assess Comp Update	49.56
Total Transfers	<u>3,082.83</u>

Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>-0-</u></u>
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NOTE: These are not expenditures,  
thus are not included in any  
total figures.

SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY SALARY

Appropriation	1,100.00
J. Paddock	1,000.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>100.00</u></u>



RECREATIONAL AREA PLANNING FUND

Transfer from Bicentennial Comm. \$2,000.00  
Balance 6/30/85 2,000.00

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation 600.00  
WMECO 482.19  
Balance 6/30/85 117.81

TAX MAPS

Appropriation @ Spec Town Meeting 20,000.00  
Cartographic Association 800.00  
Balance 6/30/85 19,200.00

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriation 500.00  
U.S. Post Office 11.00  
J. Kearns Meeting 24.00  
J. Paddock-postage 12.98  
I. Jordan-meetings & phones 57.90  
Advertising 85.50  
Dues 209.00  
Total Expenditures 400.38  
Balance 6/30/85 99.62

TOWN COUNCEL

Appropriation \$150.00  
F. Collins 150.00  
Balance 6/30/85 -0-

VETERANS AGENT

Appropriation 10.00  
Balance 6/30/85 10.00

STABILIZATION FUND

Appropriation 5,000.00  
Balance 6/30/85 5,000.00

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1985 CONT...

TOWN HIGHWAYS

Appropriation	\$18,000.00
Transfer from Mach.	1,800.00
Transfer to Disposal	<u>(1,376.90)</u>
Available Funds	18,423.10
R. Miller	4,152.65
L. Pease	4,051.90
M. Main	479.85
B. Miller	3,529.70
Lane Construction-hot mix	1,663.50
Donovan Bros.-gravel	2,795.31
D. Savery-mowing	988.00
Freadman Steel-culverts	351.50
John Winn-welding	120.00
L. P. Adams	<u>49.52</u>
Total Expenditures	18,181.93
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>241.17</u></u>

TOWN SNOW

Appropriation	\$20,000.00
R. Miller	5,434.50
L. Pease	4,627.50
B. Miller	3,836.50
M. Main	25.00
T. Rock	50.00
International Salt-salt	2,505.28
Donovan Bros.-sand	3,245.59
Freadman Steel	<u>251.88</u>
Total Expenditures	19,976.25
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>23.75</u></u>

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Appropriation	100.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	38.56
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>61.44</u></u>



TREE ACCOUNT

DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Appropriation	155.00
R. Miller	97.50
B. Miller	27.50
L. Pease	<u>30.00</u>
Total Expenditures	155.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>-0-</u></u>

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Appropriation	100.00
L. Pease	48.50
B. Miller	<u>48.50</u>
Total Expenditures	97.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>3.00</u></u>

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation	100.00
C. Savery	100.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>-0-</u></u>

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Appropriation	150.00
Lee VNA	150.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>-0-</u></u>

WAR MEMORIALS & PLAYGROUNDS

Appropriation	\$500.00
Paul Rock	90.00
C. Paddock	<u>195.00</u>
Total Expenditures	285.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>215.00</u></u>

WESTERN MASS COALITION

Appropriation	100.00
Western Mass Coalition	100.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>-0-</u></u>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY 1985  
APPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS**

233,827.13

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1985 CONT...

ACCOUNTS WITH NO APPROPRIATION:ARTS COUNCIL

State Grant	\$1,000.00
Refund from Magic Carpet	<u>35.00</u>
Available Funds	1,035.00
Middlefield Historical Fund	350.00
Robbins Zest	<u>150.00</u>
Total Expenditures	500.00
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>535.00</u></u>

BICENTENNIAL EXPENSE

Balance 7/1/84	4,518.47
Receipts from Sales	248.50
Transfer to Recreation Area	<u>(2,000.00)</u>
Available Funds	2,766.97
Charles Winn, Sr.-bugler	10.00
Town of Chester	50.00
Phyllis Kelso-drapes	360.00
Randall's Trophy	171.00
I. Jordan-pot luck	17.30
J. Rice-glass & paint	35.07
M. Batorski	13.47
Ross Wolfe	10.68
M. Pensivy-sound system	<u>357.84</u>
Total Expenditures	1,025.36
Balance 6/30/85	<u><u>1,741.61</u></u>
Returned to General Fund	

ACCOUNTS WITH NO APPROPRIATION (CONT...)CEMETERY EXPENSE

G. Bell	\$ 6.00
L. Bell	100.00
N. Nickerson	135.00
L. Pease	81.00
T. Bates	514.50
M. Main	<u>732.75</u>
Total Expenditures	<u><u>1,569.25</u></u>

ROOT ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

(State Reimbursable @ 100%)

Stockbridge Construction	32,029.88
Rotondo	<u>25,472.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u><u>57,501.88</u></u>

CHAPTER 480

(State Reimbursable @ 100%)

R. Miller	628.88
L. Pease	565.50
B. Miller	518.38
B. Pease-bulldozing	3,255.00
Taylor Rental	220.00
Penn Culvert	3,536.94
Stockbridge Construction	18,880.40
Jas. Delaney-gravel	4,989.60
S. Fiske-drott	<u>3,240.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u><u>35,834.70</u></u>



ACCOUNTS WITH NO APPROPRIATION (CONT...)

COUNCIL ON AGING

Balance 7/1/84	\$ 652.13
Highland Valley Elder Grant	250.00
Sec'y Elder Affairs Grant	<u>500.00</u>
Available Funds	1,402.13
W. Suriner	29.60
P. Suriner	94.44
Dr. A. Plante	234.00
H. Alderman	80.81
J. Hale	33.40
H. Cook	24.71
W. Cook	28.00
N. Nickerson	44.80
L. Jacobson	20.00
I. Jordan	17.40
H. Rock	6.00
B. Pensivy	5.00
L. Varsano	25.00
P. Paschal	5.60
G. Bell	32.00
Olds Gen.	<u>5.25</u>
Total Expenditures	686.01
Balance 6/30/85 Brought Forward	<u>716.12</u>

FLOOD DAMAGE

(State Reimbursable @ 100%)

R. Miller	\$2,320.47
L. Pease	1,760.80
M. Main	476.70
B. Miller	1,723.65
B. Pease-bulldozing	7,560.00
Donovan Bros.-gravel	20,241.63
Terry Young-trucking	1,050.00
Daniel Schnopp-trucking	2,152.50
Roy Whitaker-gravel	4,221.00
Jas. Delaney	75.20
Penn Culvert	1,260.93
B. J. McLaughlin	76.50
Lane Construction	56.78
All States Asst.	5,957.80
Freadman Steel	1,500.29
Stuart Fisk	<u>9,840.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>60,274.25</u>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY 1985**

**UNAPPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS**

157,391.45

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY 1985**

**APPROPRIATED & UNAPPROPRIATED  
ACCOUNTS**

391,218.58

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Kearns  
Isabella C. Jordan  
Donald A. Savery

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

During 1985 the Middlefield Police responded to 119 calls, an increase of 87% over 1984. This increase is due mostly to the growing awareness and, hopefully, faith in the local Department by not only Town residents, but also the State Police who have relayed more calls to us this year.

Through the generosity of some individual contributions and a special Town meeting in February, the Police Department now has a base radio and four mobile radios allowing inter-car communication and mutual aid with our Fire Department and surrounding Police Departments. Thank you to all that helped.

During the year, changes in the law have necessitated a continuing training program for all officers in the Commonwealth covering such areas as suicide prevention, firearms qualification, law update, officer survival and civil and criminal liability. This training is required of all officers each year to help all Departments become more professional and effective, thereby helping to keep down insurance and liability costs.

Every year the Department spends a great deal of time responding to complaints of irresponsible operators of recreational vehicles. This past year was no exception; again the complaints came in and again the officers tried to educate and contain the offenders (and sometimes their parents). When this did not work, citations were written and more will be written if the violations do not stop. Perhaps this is a good place to inform the residents of a change with the Department of Natural Resources. They have increased their field officers substantially by bringing the officers of the Marine and Recreational Vehicle Division into the DNR. We have a new officer assigned to Middlefield, Worthington and Huntington who believes in strict enforcement of the law.

For the coming year we are planning a child identification program and with the help of the Ladies Aid Society, we should be able to follow through. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have already put it in place.

The current statistics on matters handled by your Police Department from January 1, 1985 to December 31, 1985 are as follows:

Court Hours	56	Illegal Camping	20
Answered Alarms	8	Illegal Discharge Firearms	3
Assault	1	Larceny	6
Assist Fire Department	1	Motor Vehicle Accidents	7
Assist State Police	5	Motor Vehicle Citations	2
Attempted Breaking & Entering	3	Rec. Vehicle Complaints	24
Break-ins	5	Rec. Vehicle Violations	0
Disturbing the Peace	1	Suicide	1
Disturbed Person	1	Suspicious Vehicles	12
Domestic Disturbance	8	Stolen Vehicle	1
Fraud By Mail	1	Vandalism	7
Hit and Run	2		



If you need assistance, please feel free to contact any of the officers listed as follows:

Tom Austin, Chief	623-8847
Paul Scapin	623-8780
Bob Keach	623-6646
Mike Pensivy	623-5232

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Austin, Chief

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

It is now that time again to report to our people, the activities of the Fire Department.

We had a busy year and although the number of calls was down to 26, the response was better than ever.

### Itemized Calls:

Mutual Aid Calls:	3
(2)-To Hinsdale with our tanker;	
(1)-To Becket with the Power Wagon and manpower	
House Fires	1
Chimney Fires	3
Minor Fires	Several
Service Calls	1
Brush Fires once again plagued us with	6
Lost Hunters	2
(each lasting two days)	
Ambulance Calls*	9

\*Fortunately none of a critical nature. One call, however, could have been extremely serious had it not been for the alert action of one of my firemen. A call to the Hall house reported a baby not breathing. The quick action of Doug Hall, one of my officers who began C.P.R., started the baby breathing again.

We had two training courses by the Massachusetts Fire Academy and a First Aid refresher course.

The Ladies' Auxiliary purchased two complete sets of turn-out gear for us which includes boots, helmets and coats.

Thanks to the Selectmen and Finance Committees our radio communications situation is improving yearly.

The old, inadequate radios have all been replaced but one and we are continuing to rebuild our system.

One last very sad note for our Department and the Town was the death of Becky Smith. Becky was an E.M.T. and a member of the Middlefield Fire Department and Hinsdale Ambulance. The Ladies' Auxiliary and Fire Department have started a scholarship in Becky's memory and, so far, the response has been overwhelming with over \$900.00 donated. Anyone wishing to donate should contact either Marilyn Pease or Maurice Pease.

I would like to thank all of the townspeople and organizations for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Robert Olds  
Fire Chief



March 1985 - March 1986 Officers

Chief	G. Robert Olds
Deputy Chief	William Paschal
First Assistant	Larry Pease
Second Assistant	Wayne Main
First Captain	Robert Connor
Second Captain	Maurice Pease
First Lieutenant	Eric Main
Second Lieutenant	Thomas Austin
Secretary	Larry Pease
Treasurer	Maurice Pease
Grievance Committee	Howard Pease
	Jon Jones
Mechanics	Howard Pease
	William Paschal
	Scott Smith

Members:

Todd Main, Marco Artioli, Darrin Artioli, Jamie Denault, Jarrett Hobart, Paul Rock, Henry Rock III, Tom Rock, Doug Hall, Paul Donnelly, Tim Pease, Guy Carrington, Bill Lee, Becky Smith, Bill Hunt, Brian Miller, Bobby Miller, Kirk Dowsey, Jr.

## COUNCIL ON AGING

The senior members of our town have been participating in the benefits accorded them by the Council On Aging, by the Highland Valley Elder Services, Inc. and by the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs. There have been health fairs, podiatry clinics, luncheons and parties. A mileage allowance is used to transport seniors to the cities for medical reasons. We have had Brown Bags distributed.

In July a trip to The Whale Inn in Goshen was enjoyed by twenty Seniors. Many stopped to visit the Kingman Tavern, a museum, in Cummington. In September we enjoyed a trip by train to Great Barrington from Lee.

A movie will take place in the summer from a grant by the Arts Council. The title will be announced and a date set. It will be open to everyone in town.

We are looking forward to holding our meetings in the now vacant classrooms in the Old Town Hall. Last year we secured permission from the Selectmen to use these rooms and a sweeping was undertaken by some of the Seniors. Without electricity a more thorough cleaning could not be done.

We wish to have the electricity turned on in the Old Town Hall and paid for from the town funds. The Wiring Inspector has inspected the building and found the circuit breaker in order. The Building Inspector also visited the building and suggested that we have electrical heating units installed to be used for heat when necessary. There is no plan to use the building during the cold winter months, so two units were deemed adequate for our needs. A circuit is also necessary for a coffee maker as we could find no utility outlets in the rooms. A bid was submitted.

The windows in the classrooms need repairing. Storm windows were suggested and a quote was obtained from a firm in Pittsfield.

The question of sanitary facilities has been resolved for the present by the use of the Rest Rooms in the adjacent Church. Permission for their use has been granted by the Church Committee.

Painting the interior classrooms and hallway is needed but not essential to our use of the building. The question of furniture will be resolved by the Seniors themselves. Perhaps funds are available from other sources. Highland Valley Elder Services, Inc. have voiced an interest in this project.

With the support of our neighbors and our friends the Seniors should carry on another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Suriner\*  
Isabella Jordan\*\*  
Helen Alderman  
Helen P. Cook

Dulcie Olds  
Elizabeth Oigny  
Cynthia Oigny  
Nancy Pease  
James Hale

\*Chairperson  
\*\*Council Representative



## BUILDING INSPECTOR

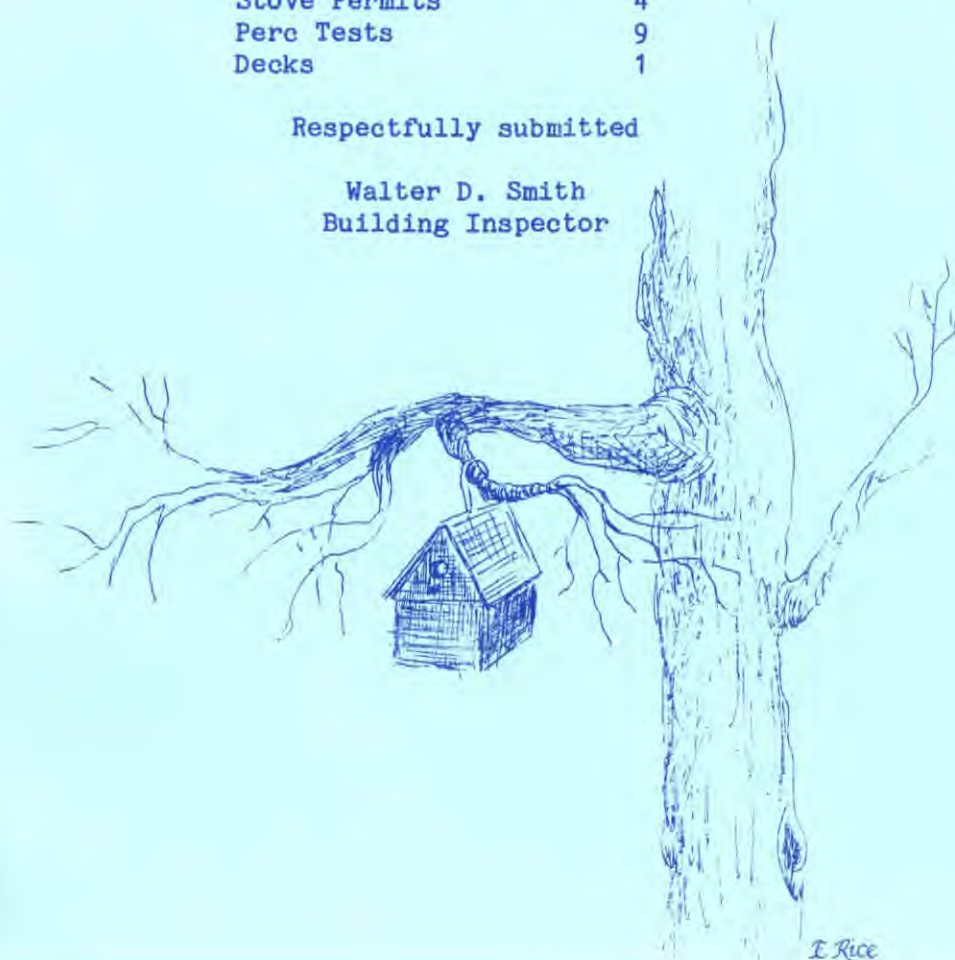
As Building Inspector for 1985, I hereby submit my report for the year. I want to sincerely thank everyone for their cooperation.

### INSPECTIONS:

New Dwellings	2
Alterations	5
Garages	3
Barns	1
Septic Permits	4
Stove Permits	4
Perc Tests	9
Decks	1

Respectfully submitted

Walter D. Smith  
Building Inspector



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## DISPOSAL ATTENDANT REPORT

Since being appointed to the Disposal Attendant's position in December, 1984, I have witnessed continuing improvements in the condition of the Transfer Station.

During the period the grounds have been graveled several times to upgrade drainage and the general surface of the approaches to the collection areas. At the container site the retaining blocks have been relaid to stem erosion which was occurring at the approach to the container. Perhaps the most significant improvement has been the installation of a continuous chain-link fence at the front and east side of the disposal area. This measure, coupled with netting of the containers between use, has reduced the chronic problem of wind-blown debris to a controllable level.

Future improvements, contingent on funding, may lead to the installation of a reinforced concrete pad and wall for the stall box. This would further contain spillage at the dumpster site and generally contribute to a neat appearance.

Since December 1985, Henry Roberts has ably assumed charge of the Sunday dump opening and will continue on an ongoing basis.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Archie Main  
Disposal Attendant



## REPORT OF THE MIDDLEFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

This past year has been a challenging and rewarding experience for your new librarian. After attending many varied workshops sponsored by the Western Mass Regional Public Library System, I was ready to assume the position as librarian and thrust myself headlong into that work.

I soon discovered that to apply every suggestion and project that was taught to me was overly ambitious and also inappropriate for a library of this size.

I have settled on a few basic improvements which are now completed. The Non-fiction collection has been classified according to the Dewey Decimal System. The Children's Books have been sorted according to reading and interest age levels. Books of special interest to young adults are shelved in their own section, as are books of local interest.

I wish to thank all the Bookmobile Staff, especially Mr. Tom Mooney, for their patience in my novice. Middlefield Library borrowed 1,473 books from the Bookmobile in FY 85 and 34 Inter-Library Loan requests were filled.

Thanks go out to all those who have donated books and periodicals to the library.

I cannot close this report without giving special thanks to Miss Ethel Pease for all her training, guidance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Oligny  
Librarian

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance Year Ending 1984		\$57.00
Income 1985		
Appropriation by Town	250.00	
State Incentive Grant	956.00	
Dog Tax Refund	<u>95.00</u>	
Total Income 1985		<u>1,301.00</u>
Total available monies 1985		<u>\$1,358.00</u>
Expenses 1985		
Books	\$285.00	
Salaries	450.00	
Supplies	34.00	
Copier Service Contract	125.00	
Postage & Box Rent	9.50	
Trustees' dues	5.00	
To reserve fund	<u>400.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>(1,308.50)</u>
Year End Balance		<u>\$49.50</u>



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The tax rate for FY 1986 is \$16.20 per \$1,000 of valuation. This is an increase of \$1.30 over last year and primarily reflects the direct cost of a 15% larger school assessment. Had not a combination of real estate valuation increments and State aid increased alleviated the burden, our tax rate this year would have been well over \$17.00.

The mandatory triennial State recertification of all assessed valuations must be accomplished prior to setting our FY 1987 tax rate. This entails a Department of Revenue review of all real estate sales which have taken place in Town over the past three years. A team of Bureau of Local Assessment personnel will come into Town and inspect each sale property. This inspection plus a review of Town property assessment records and market analysis data will be used to determine full fair market value. In addition, the computer service organization which processes all Town assessment records will analyze and calculate the changes for each property owner.

The Bureau of Local Assessment has made a preliminary review of our own market analysis and thus far concurs with our recommendations. Current law under Proposition Two and One-Half requires that:

1. Assessed valuations of all real property reflect the current market value as tested by sales.
2. Valuation calculation criteria must be applied fairly and uniformly to all properties.

Our current preliminary estimate indicates that assessed valuations, in general, will increase approximately 26%. This 26% increase in valuation does not mean that taxes will increase the same amount. Any tax change is the direct result of total Town Budget change from one year to the next. The Town Budget is voted and approved at the Annual Town Meeting.

The preparation of Tax Maps for the Town is proceeding on schedule and will be completed by June 15th of this year. All taxpayers will have an opportunity to review these maps, and full attention will be given to individual questions and problems. Public notices will be posted to announce times and place for map inspection and review. It should be noted that the State now requires that all communities have tax maps in order to qualify for Triennial Recertification.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne E. Main\*  
Michael F. Pensivy, Jr.  
John E. Rice

\*Chairperson

