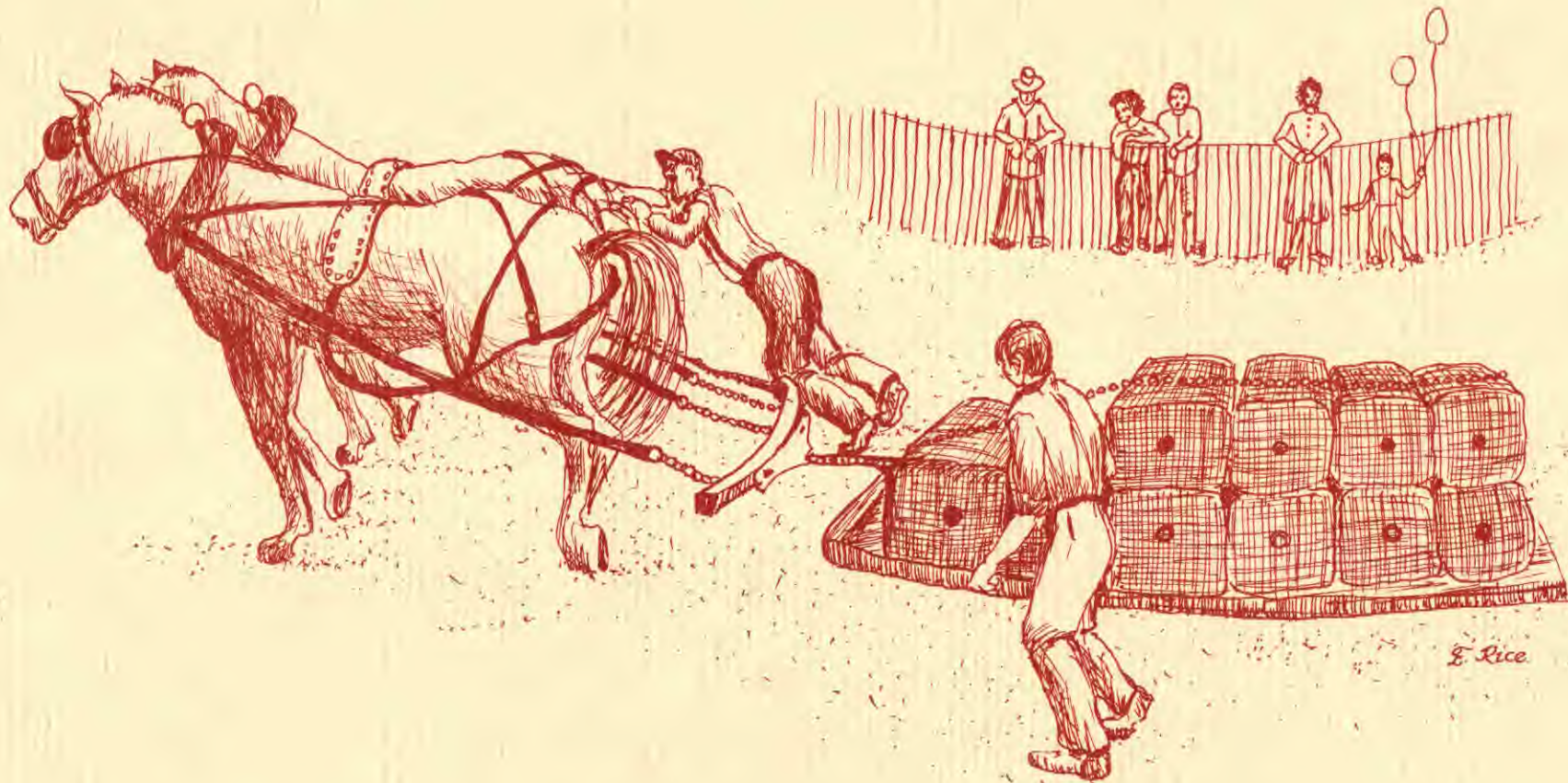


# *Town of Middlefield*



*E. Rice*

*1986 Town Report and Warrant*

*Annual Reports and Warrant*

*of the Town of*

*Middlefield*

*Massachusetts*

*1986*



*Town of Middlefield Office Hours*

THE FOLLOWING OFFICES HOLD HOURS  
AND MEETINGS AS INDICATED BELOW:

- SELECTMEN:** 7:30 P.M. First and Third  
Tuesday of each month
- TAX COLLECTOR:** 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. Tuesdays  
Saturdays: 9 A.M. - Noon
- TREASURER:** 7:30 P.M. First and Third  
Tuesday of every month  
Saturdays: 9 A.M. - Noon
- ASSESSORS:** 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. Tuesdays  
Saturdays: 9 A.M. - Noon
- TOWN CLERK:** 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. Tuesdays  
Saturdays: 9 A.M. - Noon

TOWN OFFICE PHONE 623-8966

THE TOWN CLERK MAY ALWAYS BE CONTACTED  
AT OTHER TIMES BY CALLING 623-8805

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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	1987	TREE WARDEN	Clyde A. Savery	1987
MODERATOR	John E. Rice	1987	TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Elizabeth Oligny Helen Alderman Priscilla Suriner	1987 1988 1989
TREASURER	Nancy C. Pease	1989	PLANNING BOARD	Henry Rock <sup>2</sup> Carol Varsano Ann Jewett Ellen Russo Lesley Jordan Mark Lipton <sup>1</sup>	1987 1987 1988 1988 1989 1989
SELECTMEN AND COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE	Donald A. Savery Joseph J. Kearns <sup>1</sup> Isabella C. Jordan	1987 1988 1989	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	Roger C. Merrell <sup>3</sup> Peter G. Oligny Maurice H. Pease <sup>1</sup> Henry Rock <sup>4</sup> Howard Pease <sup>4</sup> John Rice <sup>4</sup>	1987 1988 1989
ASSESSORS	Wayne E. Main <sup>1</sup> John E. Rice Michael F. Pensivy	1987 1988 1989	FINANCE COMMITTEE	Martha Lee <sup>2</sup> Thomas Rock <sup>1</sup> Edward Cook Vacant Andrea Tosi	1987 1987 1988 1988 1989
BOARD OF HEALTH AND FENCE VIEWERS	The Selectmen		CEMETERY	Larry F. Pease Lois Leonardo-Bell <sup>1</sup> Neil Nickerson	1987 1988 1989
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Edward Donnelly Vacant	1988 1989			
TAX COLLECTOR	Neil Nickerson	1988			
CONSTABLES	Donald A. Savery William L. Paschal	1989 1989			
AUDITOR	Martin A. Main <sup>2</sup>	1987			

<sup>1</sup>Chairperson<sup>2</sup>Appointed<sup>3</sup>Resigned<sup>4</sup>Alternate



## *Middlefield Appointed Town Officials*

### OFFICE

REGISTRARS OF  
VOTERS

Ellen A. Russo  
Janet E. Gardner  
Edith Rice, Town Clerk

HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION

Marjorie Batorski<sup>1</sup>  
Priscilla Suriner

COUNCIL ON  
AGING

Priscilla Suriner<sup>1</sup>  
Helen P. Cook  
Helen Alderman  
Dulcie T. Olds  
James Hale  
Isabella Jordan  
Elizabeth Oligny

RECREATION  
COMMITTEE

The Selectmen  
Bicentennial Committee

CONSERVATION

Jack Guyette<sup>1</sup>  
Paul Schirmer  
Nancy Burnham

ARTS COUNCIL

Ann Jewett<sup>1</sup>  
Judith Artioli  
Ellen Russo

SUPERINTENDENT  
OF STREETS

Robert P. Miller

CIVIL DEFENSE

Howard Pease, Jr.

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Olive Furioni

### OFFICE

FIRE CHIEF AND  
FOREST WARDEN  
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

G. Robert Olds  
William L. Paschal

CHIEF OF POLICE  
DEPUTY POLICE

Thomas Austin  
Paul Scapin  
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

SUPERINTENDENT OF DUTCH  
ELM / INSECT PEST CONTROL

Robert P. Miller

DOG OFFICER

Donald A. Savery

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Helen P. Cook

MEASURERES OF WOOD  
AND 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



*Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting*  
*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts - May 2, 1987*  
*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 second 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 report 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, 1987 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 \$129,000 for Middlefield's share of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 1987 through June 30, 1988, or take any other action thereto, or accept as a net assessment a sum which is less than \$129,000 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 \$12,000 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 Elected Official:

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

**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 the sum of \$600 for the updating of the Tax Maps.



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, 1987 through June 30, 1988, or take any other action relating thereto:

HIGHWAY AND RELATED EXPENSES

Snow Removal	\$20,000.00
Employees Holiday and Vacation Pay	3,500.00
Health Insurance, Employees	4,500.00
Unemployment Compensation, Town's Share	100.00

NATURAL RESOURCES

Dutch Elm Disease Control	\$150.00
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 and Registration	600.00
Hampshire County Retirement	3,800.00
Health and Sanitation	10.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	2,000.00
Printing	1,200.00
Town Council	150.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Civil Defense	\$10.00
Dog Officer & Expense	400.00
Fire Chief & Forest Warden Salary	325.00
Fire Department Expenses	2,500.00
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
Portable Pump	1,800.00
Recreation	100.00
Street Lights	600.00
Veterans Agent	10.00
War Memorials & Playgrounds	800.00



**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 \$20,000 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 from the Overlay Surplus 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 \$1,137.50 for interest on 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 \$20,000 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 affective 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 raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,000 for a Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relating thereto.



**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$8,365 toward the amount owed on the dump truck (\$7,000 principal and \$1,365 interest).

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will transfer the balance of funds in the Recreation Area Account to FY 1988.

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$2,500 to be used for the purchase of a police cruiser and its upkeep for one year.

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$500 to continue necessary improvements to the Senior Social Center in the Town Hall building.

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury, the sum of \$200 for the purpose of a town-wide celebration in observance of the 200th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution.

**ARTICLE 29.** Resolve that the Town of Middlefield encourage the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to establish a research group to develop plans and directions for attractive, healthy, affordable and environmentally sound housing.

**ARTICLE 30.** Resolve that the Town of Middlefield encourage the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to establish a method of insuring its members against catastrophic health care costs with special attention to the elderly segment of our population.

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to drill a well at the Fire House.

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will give support to the Commonwealth's effort to establish a park area at the railroad arches.

**ARTICLE 33.** 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-seven.

**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>
35 Males	\$3.00	\$105.00
3 Females	6.00	18.00
36 Spayed Females	3.00	108.00
4 Kennels	10.00	<u>40.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$271.00</b>
78 Clerk's Fees	0.75	<u>58.50</u>
<b>PAID TO TOWN TREASURER</b>		<b>\$212.50</b>

#### JURY LIST - 1986

Joseph Theriault	Nelson Blanchard
David McCusker	Karen DiNicola
Loren Guild	Olive Furioni
Brewster Pease	Cynthia Oligny
Paul Freeman	Joseph Pease
Joan Daly	Myrtle Richardson
Charlene Savery	Glennis Austin
Kinzer Denault	James Jones
Gordon Guild	Patricia Pascal
Leonard Jasmin	Edith Rice
Donald A. Savery	

<u>SPORTING LICENSES</u>	<u>EACH</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
6 Resident Fishing	\$12.50	\$75.00
11 Resident Hunting	12.50	137.50
15 Sporting	19.50	292.50
1 Non Resident Fishing	17.50	17.50
2 Non Resident Hunting	48.50	97.00
1 Sporting (65-69)	9.75	9.75
15 Archery/Primitive	5.10	76.50
1 Sporting (over 70)	Free	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$705.75</b>
36 Clerk's Fees	0.50	18.00
15 Clerk's Fees	0.10	<u>1.50</u>

#### **PAID TO DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

**\$686.25**

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1986

- July 4 - Sandra Marie Pease, daughter of Larry Francis Pease and Marie Rock Pease
- July 14 - Anita Ruth Amy Baines, daughter of Ronald Steven Baines and Ellen Thompson Baines
- September 5 - James Patrick Robie, son of Curt Douglas Robie and Patricia Robidoux Robie
- September 17 - Leilani Lynne Carter, daughter of Donald Harley Carter and Christine Hall Carter
- September 18 - Jonathan David Pouliot, son of Gerard Lucien Pouliot and Debra Hall Pouliot

### MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1986

- July 26 - Leonard C. Jasmin and Nancy E. Troie
- September 4 - Martin A. Main and Crystal L. Will

### DEATHS REDCORDED IN 1986

- March 13 - Irene S. Platzer Age 92
- March 15 - Catherine Della Nickerson Age 67
- July 22 - Dulcie Teresa Olds Age 62



*Report of the Town Clerk continued*

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

June 17, 1986 - Approximately forty voters were present.

ARTICLE 1. The Ballot question to see if the Town would accept an override of the levy limit in the amount of \$4,300.00 was passed: YES - 34 NO - 18

ARTICLE 2. Voted unanimously to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Machinery Expense Account to the Insurance Account.

ARTICLE 3. Voted unanimously to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Transfer Station to the Computer/Consulting Account and to amend the vote at the Annual Town Meeting to change the amount to be raised and appropriated for the Computer/Consulting Account from \$5,300.00 to \$300.00.

ARTICLE 4. Voted unanimously to transfer \$2,506.67 from the Machinery Expense Account to the Snow Account.

ARTICLE 5. Voted unanimously to accept a professional development grant payable on February 15, 1986, August 15, 1986, February 15, 1987, and August 15, 1987 for the purpose of increasing teacher compensation under the provisions of Section 13 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985.

Respectfully submitted,

**Edith P. Rice**  
TOWN CLERK





E. Rice



## *Report of the Middlefield Public Library*

The past year has seen a great deal of growth in Middlefield. This growth is reflected in your library, as well. We have many new patrons visiting the library and larger numbers of children enrolling in the special "story hour" and "summer reading" programs. It's simply wonderful to see their eager young faces looking up as I'm reading stories. The projects that they've had displayed in the library are fascinating, and I would encourage any adult to stop in and see them.

Along with growth, often comes "growing pains", and I feel I must apologize for the appearance of the library at those interims when books, stacked in boxes, are anxiously awaiting their proper places among the shelves. It seems we have more books than shelves, and new shelving is being continually acquired as our budget permits.

The fact that we have so many volumes available is due in part to the generous contributions of our residents. I wish to thank all those who have donated books, especially the following; the Spruces Mobilhome Park via the Jasso family, the Kearns family, and Don Clark of Pittsfield, who have donated large quantities of books. I also wish to show my appreciation to Priscilla Suriner, Chris Bresnahan, Betty Oligny and Lois Bell for the donation of their precious time and talents in the interest of the library.

As always, the Western Regional Bookmobile and it's capable staff have been of invaluable service to us. Middlefield Library borrowed 1,508 books from the Bookmobile in FY 86 and 38 Inter Library Loan requests were filled.

Future plans include book discussion groups for Seniors and activities geared to the young adult.

I hope to see you at the Library, Soon!

### **LIBRARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Balance Year Ending 1985		\$ 49.50
Income 1986		
Appropriation by Town	\$250.00	
State Incentive Grant	906.00	
Dog Tax Income	<u>282.75</u>	
Total Income 1985		<u>\$1,438.75</u>
Total available monies 1986		<u>\$1,488.25</u>
Expenses 1986		
Books	\$563.97	
Salaries	400.00	
Shelving	75.97	
Supplies	11.45	
Trustee's dues	5.00	
To Reserve Fund	<u>400.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$(1,456.39)</u>
<b>Year End Balance</b>		<b><u>\$ 31.86</u></b>

Respectfully submitted,

**Cynthia L. Oligny**  
LIBRARIAN



# Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year 1986

July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1986

## RECEIPTS

Arts Council - State Aid	625.00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Abatements from State	21,732.00	
Additional Aid	3,436.00	
Highways	30,588.00	
Local Aid	3,436.00	
Lottery	10,267.00	
Reimbursement	37,272.47	
School Aid	380.00	107,211.47
Council On Aging		
Donation	130.50	
State Aid	2,350.00	2,480.50
Department of Public Works - Improvement		25,236.00
Dog Fees		228.50
Inspections, Licences, Permits		1,436.50
Interest on Money Market		3,047.97
Library Fund		
District Court	71.78	
State Aid	1,229.00	1,300.78
Miscellaneous Income		
Copier	5.45	
District Court	100.00	
Hampshire County	7.00	
Internal Revenue	662.09	
Sale of Low Value Land	1,801.00	
Telephone	11.47	
Town Clerk	15.50	
U. S. Treasury	380.52	2,983.03
Note		30,000.00
Perpetual Care Fund		400.00
Police Department		1,500.00
Sale of Cemetary Lots		200.00
Revenue Sharing Deposits and Interest		9,154.43
Taxes		175,787.19
Withholding from Payroll		
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	804.17	
Federal Income Tax	4,137.00	
Hampshire Co. Retirement	2,116.74	
State Income Tax	1,535.30	9,595.21
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<u><b>370,186.58</b></u>

## RECEIPTS cont...

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>370,186.58</b>
Cash balance beginning Fiscal Year	27,635.93
Revenue Sharing balance beginning FY	<u>5,554.74</u>
	403,377.25
Miscellaneous checks	<u>506.44</u>
	403,883.69
Less - bad check and transfer to Fund	<u>(316.72)</u>
<b>TOTAL ADJUSTED CASH RECEIPTS</b>	<u><b>403,567.97</b></u>

## PAYMENTS

Total Expenditures	369,503.41
Cash Balance end of Fiscal Year	12,612.25
Revenue Sharing balance end of FY	<u>13,209.17</u>
	395,325.13
Plus cost of checks	65.68
Use of Money Market Funds	8,000.00
Plus offset	<u>176.16</u>
<b>TOTAL ADJUSTED EXPENDITURES</b>	<u><b>403,567.97</b></u>

## LIABILITIES

Firehouse FHA Loan	35,000.00
Payments to reduce Principal 1981-86	<u>(10,500.00)</u>
Principal due	<u>24,500.00</u>
Int. paid on Firehouse Loan @ 5% 81-86	9,184.50
Short Term Loans	
Note #269	30,000.00
Paid in 1986	<u>(30,000.00)</u>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<u><b>-0-</b></u>

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy C. Pease  
TREASURER



Treasurer's Report continued

ACCOUNT	APPRO- PRIATION	TRANSFERS	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS	EXPEN- DITURES	BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	BALANCE CLOSED OUT
Ambulance Service	1,700.00		1,700.00		1,700.00	-0-	-0-
Arts Council	Balance 1985	535.00					
	800.00	(100.00) <sup>1</sup>					
	State Aid	625.00	1,660.00		1,560.00	100.00	-0-
Assessors' Computing Consulting		5,000.00 <sup>2</sup>	5,000.00		2,585.00	2,415.00	-0-
Assessors' Computing Update	1,600.00		1,600.00		1,283.56		316.44
Assessors' Expense	400.00		400.00		388.52		11.48
Cemetery Expense					1,353.43		
Chapter 90					28,122.90		
Civil Defense	10.00		10.00			-0-	10.00
Conservation Commission	10.00		10.00	15.00	25.00	-0-	-0-
Copy Machine	1,200.00		1,200.00	22.80	1,222.80	-0-	-0-
Council On Aging	Balance 1985	718.12					
	Receipts	130.50					
	State Aid	2,350.00	3,198.62		1,693.95	1,504.67	-0-
Disposal Area	8,000.00	4,000.00 <sup>3</sup>	12,000.00	1,107.67	13,107.67	-0-	-0-
Dog Fees Expense					228.50		
Dog Officer	300.00		300.00			-0-	300.00
Elected Town Officials	5,610.00		5,610.00		5,610.00	-0-	-0-
Election and Registration	300.00		300.00	142.89	442.89	-0-	-0-
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	325.00		325.00		325.00	-0-	-0-
Fire Department Expense	2,500.00						
Fire Department Radio	700.00		3,200.00		3,168.87	-0-	31.13
Fire House Loan	1,750.00		1,750.00		1,750.00	-0-	-0-
Fire Phones	400.00		400.00		399.55	-0-	.45
Flood Damage					21,994.33	-0-	-0-
Forest Fire Protection	10.00		10.00			-0-	10.00
Gateway Regional	112,749.73		112,749.73		112,749.73	-0-	-0-
Hampshire County Retirement	4,882.00		4,882.00		4,882.00	-0-	-0-
Health Insurance	2,100.00		2,100.00	300.47	2,400.47	-0-	-0-
Health and Sanitation	10.00		10.00		10.00	-0-	-0-
Historical Commission Balance 1985		196.45	196.45		1.97	194.48	-0-
Holidays and Vacations	2,800.00		2,800.00		2,456.00	-0-	344.00
Inspections	700.00		700.00	152.50	852.50	-0-	-0-
Insurance	12,000.00	5,000.00 <sup>4</sup>	17,000.00		17,000.00	-0-	-0-
Interest - Fire House Loan	1,400.00		1,400.00		1,312.50	-0-	87.50
Interest - Short Term Loans	2,000.00		2,000.00		390.63		1,609.37



ACCOUNT	APPRO- PRIATION	TRANSFERS	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS	EXPEN- DITURES	BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	BALANCE CLOSED OUT
Library Expense	250.00						
Library Fund		700.00					
State Aid		1,229.00					
Dog Fees		71.78	2,250.78		634.40	1,616.38	-0-
Machinery Expense	18,000.00	(5,000.00) <sup>4</sup> (2,506.67) <sup>5</sup>	10,493.33		9,971.39		522.14
Maintenance Public Buildings	5,000.00		5,000.00		3,947.77		1,052.23
Note					30,000.00		
Office Expense	1,200.00		1,200.00	176.57	1,376.57	-0-	-0-
Oiling Town Roads		10,000.00 <sup>6</sup>	10,000.00		9,219.64		780.36
Pioneer Valley Planning Comm.	60.00		60.00		57.75		2.25
Planning Board	10.00		10.00	38.75	48.75	-0-	-0-
Police Chief's Salary	300.00		300.00		300.00	-0-	-0-
Police Department Expense	400.00	1,500.00 <sup>7</sup>	1,900.00	48.35	1,948.35	-0-	-0-
Printing	1,200.00		1,200.00	39.85	1,239.85	-0-	-0-
Public Works - Development Highways		25,236.00 <sup>8</sup>	25,236.00			25,236.00	
Recreation	100.00		100.00		100.00	-0-	-0-
Recreation Area Planning		2,000.00 <sup>9</sup> 100.00 <sup>1</sup>	2,100.00			2,100.00	-0-
Reserve Fund		3,000.00 <sup>10</sup>	3,000.00		(2,093.60)		906.40
Selectman's Expense	500.00		500.00		456.07		43.93
Selectman's Secretary's Salary	1,100.00		1,100.00		1,100.00	-0-	-0-
Street Lights	600.00		600.00		512.09	-0-	87.91
Tax Maps		19,200.00 (4,000.00) <sup>3</sup>	15,200.00		10,600.00	4,600.00	-0-
Town Council	150.00		150.00		150.00		
Town Highways	24,000.00		24,000.00		21,872.07		2,127.93
Town Snow Removal	24,000.00	2,506.67 <sup>6</sup>	22,506.67		22,506.67	-0-	-0-
Transfer Station	5,000.00	(5,000.00) <sup>2</sup>	000.00				
Treasurer's Warrant					3,185.13	-0-	-0-
Assessments - County					10,194.30	-0-	-0-
State					1,625.00	-0-	-0-
Blue Cross/Blue Shield					800.18	3.99	
Federal Income Tax					4,137.00	-0-	-0-
Hampshire County Retirement					2,118.74	-0-	-0-
State Income Tax					1,535.30	-0-	-0-
Tree Accounts - Tree Warden	100.00		100.00		100.00	-0-	-0-
Dutch Elm Disease	155.00		155.00		152.25	-0-	2.75
Insect/pest Control	100.00		100.00		000.00		100.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00		100.00		43.69	-0-	56.31
Veteran's Agent	10.00		10.00			-0-	10.00
Visiting Nurse	300.00		300.00		300.00	-0-	-0-
War Memorial & Parks	500.00		500.00		152.00	-0-	348.00
Western Mass.	100.00		100.00		100.00	-0-	-0-
Plus Offset					369,502.43		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					.98		
					369,503.41		



TRUSTS

ARTS COUNCIL FUND

Principal	552.36
Interest earned as of FY 86	<u>4.79</u>
Total investment and interest	<u>557.05</u>

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

Principal	9,325.00
Interest earned as of FY 86	4,634.27
Withdrawn for expense	(1,032.68)
Interest remaining for expenses	<u>3,601.59</u>

SALLY DICKSON CHARITY FUND

Principal	1,000.00
Interest earned as of FY 86	<u>5,905.65</u>

SALLY DICKSON SCHOOL FUND

Principal	500.00
Interest earned as of FY 86	<u>3,443.21</u>

ENERGY GRANT

Principal	720.00
Interest earned FY 86	<u>39.05</u>

ESCROW ACCOUNT (From property sales)

Principal	457.00
Interest earned FY 86	<u>2.08</u>

HISTORICAL COMMISSION FUND

Principal	500.00
Interest earned as of FY 86	<u>154.73</u>

STABILIZATION FUND

Deposited as of FY 86	10,000.00
Interest earned as of FY 86	<u>430.85</u>

REVENUE SHARING

Balance July 1, 1986	5,554.74
Transferred during FY 86	<u>(1,500.00)</u>
	4,054.74
Deposits	8,464.45
Interest earned as of FY 86	<u>889.98</u>
<b>BALANCE FY 86</b>	<u><b>13,209.17</b></u>

FOOTNOTES

1. Transferred from Arts Council to Recreation Area Planning.
2. Transferred from Transfer Station Account to Assessors Computer Consulting.
3. Transferred from Tax Maps to Disposal Area.
4. Transferred from Machinery to Insurance.
5. Transferred from Machinery to Town Snow.
6. Transferred from Free Cash to Oiling Town Roads.
7. Transferred from Revenue Sharing to Police Department Expense.
8. Received from State for development of highways.
9. Transferred from Bicentennial Account to Recreation Area Planning.
10. Transferred from Overlay Surplus to Reserve Fund.



## *Council On Aging*

The Seniors of our town have been granted the use of the former library/classrooms at the Town Hall. A grant from EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS in Boston and an appropriation from the town enabled Seniors to start making a Social Center. We have undertaken several projects for our first year.

We had the electricity turned on and had two electric wall heaters installed for auxilliary heat. We had ten storm windows put in place. We purchased three tables and twenty-four chairs. We purchased two coffee urns (one for coffee and the other for hot water) and silverware for use in the Senior Social Center.

With these beginnings we enjoyed two brunches and a pot-luck luncheon. Because we found that we were crowded at the luncheon and other activities we asked permission to remove the partition between the two classrooms. This was granted, and with the approval of the Building Inspector the partition has been removed.

We held two clinics during the summer which pointed to the need of a ramp to the entrance. We expect to have to have one in place soon.

We have instituted a Newsletter to be published quarterly. The first issue was mailed in January. The second issue is ready and the third issue will be out June first.

The Seniors look forward to a full agenda of activities this coming season.

Respectfully submitted,

**Priscilla Suriner**

**Margorie Guild**

**Wayne Suriner**

**Gordon Guild**

**Isabella Jordan**

**James Hale**

**Helen p. Cook**

**Elizabeth Oligny**

**Cynthia Oligny**

**Nancy Pease**

**COUNCIL ON AGING**





# Tax Collector's Report Fiscal Year 1986

July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1986

FISCAL YEAR	TAX	BALANCE 7-1-85	WARRANTS	REFUNDS	TOTALS	TAXES COLLECTED	TAXES ABATED	TAX TITLES	ADJ. -or-	BALANCE DUE 6/30/86
1984	RE		153800.20	11.18	153811.38	120633.60	5073.89		.20	28104.09
	PP		8667.66		8667.66	8610.96				56.70
	WP		0.00		0.00	0.00				0.00
	MVE		11979.64		11979.64	6016.72	353.34		80.68	5528.90
	ROLL-BACK		0.00	0.00	0.00	375.09				0.00
SUB TOTAL			174447.50	11.18	174458.68	135636.37	5427.23	0.00	80.88	33689.69
1985	RE	26537.92		299.49	26837.41	19287.53	299.49		137.04	7389.36
	PP	0.00			0.00	0.00				0.00
	WP	456.80			456.80	456.80				0.00
	MVE	8957.54		115.63	9073.17	6155.93	868.35		51.49	1997.40
SUB TOTAL		35952.26			36372.38	25900.26	1167.84	0.00	188.53	9386.76
1984	RE	9187.23			9187.23	3979.74	354.24		313.98	4521.27
	PP	50.40			50.40	0.00				50.40
	CF	3.75			3.75	3.75				0.00
	AGRI.	538.56			538.56	0.00				538.56
	MVE	1360.80			1360.80	936.80	109.02		27.70	342.68
SUB TOTAL		11140.74			11140.74	4920.29	463.26	0.00	341.68	5452.91
1983	RE	5223.31			5223.31	3111.66			60.00	2051.65
	PP	57.75			57.75	0.00				57.75
	CF	13.41			13.41	13.41				0.00
	AGRI.	243.38			243.38	0.00				243.38
	MVE	471.89			471.89	12.90	277.76			181.23
SUB TOTAL		6009.74			6009.74	3137.97	277.76	0.00	60.00	2534.01
1982	RE	2287.18			2287.18	1367.81				919.37
	PP	56.35			56.35	0.00				56.35
	MVE	641.17			641.17	204.63	207.53		7.94	221.07
SUB TOTAL		2984.70			2984.70	1572.44	207.53	0.00	7.94	1196.79



FISCAL YEAR	TAX	BALANCE 7-1-85	WARRANTS	REFUNDS	TOTALS	TAXES COLLECTED	TAXES ABATED	TAX TITLES	ADJ. -or-	BALANCE DUE 9-30-85
1981	RE	925.32			925.32	680.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	244.51
	PP	317.52			317.52	0.00				317.52
	MVE	238.20			238.20	30.05	51.67			156.48
SUB TOTAL		1481.04			1481.04	710.86	51.67	0.00	0.00	718.51
1980	RE	58.08			58.08	58.08				0.00
	PP	236.43			236.43	0.00				236.43
	MVE	441.11			441.11	184.33	178.20			78.58
SUB TOTAL		735.62			735.62	242.41	178.20	0.00	0.00	315.01
1979	RE	.02			.02	.02				0.00
	PP	255.00			255.00	0.00				255.00
	MVE	398.93			398.93	172.56	136.95			89.42
SUB TOTAL		653.95			653.95	172.58	136.95	0.00	0.00	344.42
1978	MVE	246.95			246.95	132.00	33.00	0.00	0.00	81.95
1977	MVE	607.66			607.66	507.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.06
1976	MVE	140.80			140.80	140.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1975	MVE	39.60			39.60	39.05	0.00	0.00	.55	.55
1974	MVE	19.80			19.80	19.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GRAND TOTAL		60012.86	174447.50	213.15	234891.66	173132.43	7943.44	0.00	679.58	53136.21

EXPENSE	AMOUNT	KEY:	RE	REAL ESTATE
TAXES	91.00		PP	PERSONAL PROPERTY
INTEREST	173132.43		CF	CLASSIFIED FOREST
LIENS	2036.27		RB	ROLL-BACK
FEES	300.00		AG	AGRICULTURAL
	2.00			
TOTAL				

Respectfully submitted,  
Neil G. Nickerson  
TAX COLLECTOR



# Police Department Report

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During 1986 the Middlefield Police responded to 131 calls, an increase of 11% over 1985. Although there was an overall increase in calls, we saw a decrease in some of the more serious incidents, such as larceny, suicide, motor vehicle accidents, and less serious, recreational vehicle complaints. One area that more than doubled in the last year has been the number of calls relayed by the State Police and their requests for assistance.

This year, as in the preceeding couple of years, changes in the law coupled with new court decisions have increased the burden of liability and accountability on your Police Department as well as the Town budget. To help offset this burden the Department maintains a mandatory training program based on the requirements as set forth by the Criminal Justice Training Council for the Commonwealth.

The increased time on the road for calls and patrol, training and court necessitated by the increased accountability and liability has required a greater commitment, both financially and in time, on the individual officers. Hopefully, with the continuing support of the residents and increased financial backing from the Town, we will be able to continue the professional level of service we have tried to give.

On a sadder note we have to announce the loss of Bob Keach from the Department. Bob has found that personal commitments have become such that he is unable to remain on the force. I am sure all of the residents wish Bob and his family the best in their endeavors and join with us in saying, "Thank you, for all your service and help."

The current statistics on matters handled by your Police Department from January 1, 1986 to December 31, 1986 are as follows:

Answered Alarms	6
Assault	2
Assist Fire Department	0
Assist Game Warden	5
Assist State Police	15
Attempted Breaking and Entering	4
Break-ins	6
Court Hours	80
Disturbed Person	1
Disturbing the Peace	2
Domestic Disturbance	10
DWI	1
Hit and Run	1
Illegal Camping	22
Illegal Discharge Firearms	2
Larceny	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Motor Vehicle Citations	0
Recreational Vehicle Complaints	12
Recreational Vehicle Violations	0
Serving Papers	10
Suicide	0
Suspicious Vehicles	10
Stolen Vehicle	0
Towed Vehicle	1
Trespass	10
Vagrant	2
Vandalism	8

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
Mike Pensivy	623-5232

Respectfully submitted,

**Thomas Austin, CHIEF**  
MIDDLEFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



The revaluation of all real property in Town during 1986 produced a new total assessed valuation of \$16,092,343.00. This is an increase of 45% above the preceding value. The new assessed valuations are based upon real estate sales in Middlefield during the past two years, and were thoroughly analyzed and checked by the State Department of Revenue prior to final approval. The FY 1987 tax rate is \$12.80 per \$1000.00 of valuation, and is calculated as follows:

Total Town Meeting Appropriations	302,360.93
Total State and County Charges	12,948.00
Overlay Reserve	8,085.06
Total Offsets	<u>1,524.96</u>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>324,918.95</b>
Receipts From State	85,530.00
Estimated Local Receipts	19,900.00
Revenue Sharing	11,500.00
Free Cash	15,000.00
Stabilization Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>141,930.00</b>
<b>NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>182,988.95</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION</b>	<b>14,296,012.00</b>
<b>TAX RATE:</b>	$\frac{\underline{182,988.95}}{14,296,012.00} \times 1000 = \$12.80$

Real estate taxes for FY 1987 increased an average of 12% above the preceding year. The primary cause is the 25% increase in School Budget. There appears to be no change in this upward trend in sight. The school budget coupled with a quantum leap in waste disposal costs are forcing the Town to find ways to decrease expenses in other areas.



One such area is assessment administration. The triennial recertification of assessed values generates major computer and consulting expense. These costs, coupled with mandatory annual computer updating of appraisal and legal files and printing tax bills, are causing the Board of Assessors to examine alternate means for accomplishing such tasks.

The Department of Revenue is currently testing a system called CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) for performing assessment and tax administration work currently requiring vendor computer and consulting assistance. The initial cost of the computer hardware is substantial, but all necessary software and training will be provided by the State free of charge. We plan to attend orientation seminars to learn more about this new system. While it is premature to present a cost justification analysis at this time, there appears to be no question that acquisition of CAMA would more than pay for itself within five years. It is our opinion that future costs for computer services will make an in-house system of this type mandatory.

Our recently completed tax maps are proving very useful to both Town officers and property owners. Tax maps are now required by the Commonwealth to qualify for recertification of assessed valuations; thus our Town Meeting action two years ago to procure maps was very timely. Where discrepancies exist between tax map acreage and Town records, property owners are being contacted. The property owner will be given the necessary information to make direct contact with our cartographer (Cartographic Associates of Littleton, NH) to resolve the differences.

The tax maps are used for tax purposes only. The property owner's deed of record is the legal property description. The Board of Assessors will assist any taxpayer with tax map questions or problems. We recommend that everyone stop in at the office to view his or her map description. The maps will be updated annually, and thus should provide us with useful and current property information.

Respectfully submitted,

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



## *Report of the Finance Committee*

### Recommendations:

Education: The school budget is taking an increasing share of the Town's budget; this increase results in decreased funds available for other basic town services. We anticipate a substantial increase in the school appropriations. We recommend requesting other towns in the GRSD to join us in petitioning the state to raise the cap on Chapter 70 funding, in order to help alleviate this ever increasing burden to small towns.

Middlefield Elementary School: The lease of the school to the GRSD expires in July 1988. Under the lease agreement, GRSD has been responsible for maintaining the building. We recommend that GRSD be encouraged to renew this lease; we will try to work closely with the school committee and school officials to encourage this. Because of the increasing enrollment of Middlefield students, this would enable some of the children to attend school locally when the town census warrants it. We feel that this is in the best financial interest of both Middlefield and GRSD.

Transfer Station: We support the Selectmen's suggestions of installing a compactor and encouraging recycling, in an effort to reduce costs.

Roads: We laud the efforts of the Selectmen in securing a grant for road rebuilding on the Skyline Trail, south of the center of town. The roads are suffering from a lack of funding for necessary repairs, caused by previous budget cuts. We recognize the need to increase our expenditures for roads; we recommend pursuing additional state funds for road repair.

The Finance Committee has met monthly, or more often, during the past year. We worked with the Selectmen to develop a sticker and fee system for the transfer station. The intent of this is to restrict transfer station use to the town residents only, and to help offset the rapidly increasing cost of maintaining the transfer station. We feel that certain services have not been provided, due to constraints imposed by the school budget. We need to investigate ways of generating income over the long term, to improve our financial situation. We need to plan for our future.

Respectfully submitted,

**Thomas H. Rock, CHAIRMAN**  
**Martha A. Lee**  
**Edward M. Cook**  
**Andrea M. Tosi**  
FINANCE COMMITTEE



## *Disposal Attendant's Report*

For Middlefield, as for most surrounding towns, the cost of rubbish removal continued to escalate at an alarming rate in 1986. For the second year in a row, a 50% increase in the cost of "dumpster" replacement was experienced, resulting in a present cost in excess of \$800.00/draw.

An additional problem emerged in disposing of metal refuse due to a "soft" metals reclamation market. Although historically scrap metal has been disposable at substantially no cost to the town, the town now incurs the additional cost of removal at prevailing regular rates.

In response to these circumstances, the town has found it necessary to (1) impose a fee schedule (eff. 1/1/87) to help absorb the cost of abnormally large amounts of refuse (demolition, clearings, etc.) and (2) institute the use of resident identification stickers (eff. 1/1/87) to curb possible use of the facility by non-residents.

While these measures have brought a measure of control to the use of the Transfer Station, future ability to maintain this cost at reasonable levels will hinge upon the region's success in securing either fair dumping fees or alternative certified land fill sites.

Constructive suggestions for the improvement of the Transfer Station are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

**M. Archie Main**  
DISPOSAL ATTENDANT

## *Inspector of Animals Report*

I have found 222 head of cattle, 24 horses, 2 goats, a sheep, and 2 swine in my annual inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

**Charles E. Cook**  
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

## *Lee Visiting Nurse Association*

The following is a report of the services performed for the town of Middlefield for the calendar year 1986:

### HOME VISITS

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

### CLINICS

### SESSIONS

### ATTENDANCE

Blood Pressure	1	19
Flu Immunization	1	21

Respectfully submitted,

**B. Ann Beacco, BSN**  
DIRECTOR



# Fire Department Report

This was a busy year for our department with a total of 28 calls. I would like to thank all the members for their voluntary time on both calls and time spent working on the trucks and station.

I have obtained a 1967 Ford ten wheeler cab and chassis to replace our old 1954 GMC. We now have in service two tankers which gives us a total of 4500 gallons of water when we arrive at a fire. This truck was obtained through a State program with no cost to the taxpayers.

We are continuously taking training courses offered by the Mass. Fire Academy, have been re-certified in C.P.R., and will be re-certified first responders.

My operating budget remains the same, but I am asking for an additional \$1,800.00 for a pump for the new tanker. Our radio system is almost complete except for a base station. However the need for the new pump is a priority.

Our membership has increased to 23 members thanks to the increased interest of our young people. I would like to thank the townspeople once again this year for their continued support.

## ITEMIZED CALLS

Structure Fires	1
Chimney Fires	2
Car Fires	1
Brush Fires	5
Service Calls	3
Medical Calls	10
Ambulance Calls	10
Mutual Aid	2
False Alarms	3

Respectfully submitted,

**G. Robert Olds**  
FIRE CHIEF

# *Fire Department Members*

## March 1986 - March 1987 Officers

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

## Current Members

William Hunt, Tim Pease, Robert Miller, Brian Miller, Dan Suriner, Tom Rock, Doug Savery, Kirk Dowsey Jr., Paul Rock, Paul Donnelly, Marco Artioli, Darren Artioli, Tony Scapin Jr., Henry Rock III, Jamie Denault

## Honorary Chiefs from 1953 - 1987

Charles Cook  
Howard F. Pease Jr.  
G. Robert Olds  
William Paschal  
Lee Davenport  
Jan Elovirta

and many other members young and old.



## *Planning Board Report*

The planning board began its year conducting an analysis of existing zoning and land-use regulations. Through this process, it became apparent that our once progressive requirements for building and development, are becoming obsolete.

Our conclusion was that current zoning By-Laws could no longer guarantee the beauty of Middlefield. Furthermore, we believe that simply strengthening existing regulations would be an arbitrary activity without a more general master plan to guide us.

The outcome of this analysis led to our decision to develop an Open Space Plan. To accomplish this, we met with State Officials and residents and we applied for funding to help defray the costs of developing the plan. Funding from the State on many Town projects is also dependent on the existence of an Open Space Plan.

In early 1987, a letter from the Planning Board was sent to all land owners apprising them of our desire to develop an Open Space Plan. This plan requires the participation of all interested groups and should represent the desires of the community at-large. The letter, therefore, explained the need for the Open Space Plan Committee and sought participation from as many residents as possible.

The committee will be formed in March, 1987. Thus this effort requires a great deal of human resources, the Planning Board continues to extend its invitation for serving on the committee to any landowner who has not expressed interest.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mark Lipton, CHAIRMAN**  
PLANNING BOARD

## *Building Inspector's Report*

Thank you, everyone for your cooperation. It is really appreciated. I respectfully submit the permits given for the year of 1986.

Spring Perc Tests	28
Houses	4
Garages	3
Barns	3
Sheds	1
Septic Repair	4
Decks	5
Additions	3
Stove Permits	2
Demolition	1
Occupancy	2
Fall Perc Tests	19

**Walter D. Smith**  
BUILDING INSPECTOR





*A familiar sight during fair time*



If there is one theme for this year, it is, "How are we going to pay for it?" The Town is limited by statute on the amount of money it can raise. The Town is also limited by conscience on how much burden can be placed on the homeowner and landowner. The budget placed before the Town last year was too small. We have cost overruns in several accounts. This year's budget is more of the same. All of the cushions of the past are gone. The school budget is set by the school committee. The only thing we can cut is the maintenance of Town roads. It was done last year and will be done again this year. This trend if followed for another year or two, will mean that there will be no maintenance of town roads. This year the town will pay as much for refuse removal as for maintenance of all town roads. An equal amount goes to insurance whose cost continues to grow well in excess of inflation. Costs which once had a sense of balance are seemingly beyond our control. The roads of Middlefield are receiving less and less maintenance. The money just isn't there. The State has brought some balance to this by providing more funds for road construction.

The town recently received notification that a STRAP (Small Town Road Assistance Project) Grant for \$145,000.00 was approved. Of the amount 30% will have to be repaid by the town over a ten year period (\$4,500 per year from state aid funds). \$32,000.00 was spent on the Bancroft Bridge that crosses Factory Brook. This shall mean many more years of good services from this freshly rehabilitated structure. The first hill on Reservoir Road was rebuilt with state funds. When the logging project in that area is finished the hill will receive a tar surface. Arthur Pease Road where it abuts Root Road is being rebuilt with state funds. This project will be finished this year. Due to home construction a section of the Bryant Road will be reconstructed. Since this is not a main road in town, the state will only cover 75% of the rebuilding cost. Several areas received new culverts under the Flood Reimbursement of the state. So at least for the near future, much of the Town's road effort will be in reconstruction rather than maintenance.

The phrase, "We'll get to it," will be heard more often. Some repairs will be years away, but this is the position we are forced to take. The machinery of the Town Highway Department has been substantially upgraded. The new Ford truck has replaced a tired sixteen-year-old model. All the town road equipment now runs on diesel fuel. With our own fuel tank for diesel fuel the town road crew doesn't have to fear running out of gas in the middle of a snow storm. One of the units to spread sand has been rebuilt to new condition. The other unit will be rebuilt this summer. The transmission and brakes of the Town's green Mack Truck were rebuilt this past year. Electrical wiring in the Town Garage was updated. The town still has pending a grant application for a salt and sand shed.

Recently there has been a big increase in residential construction. This will have a big impact on the town. The Planning Board is working on an Open Space Plan. A problem for the Town is the loss of funds as a result of new construction. In the first few years the cost of providing services to a newly constructed home outweighs the revenues from the new evaluation. Meager resources for the road maintenance will be spread even more thinly.

One task that has been taken from the Selectmen is the selection for jury duty. It is now handled by the State. The big change for those chosen is the time. Now one serves only one day or one trial. In the past it meant going to Northampton for a month. This change seems like a better idea for everyone.

The Transfer Station has become a huge cost to the town. It now costs \$1,000.00 every time the forty yard steel box is emptied. More money will be spent this year on garbage than on road maintenance. Obviously something is wrong. It is hard to believe that a town of 380 has developed a \$20,000.00 plus habit a year. Better solutions are needed. The change will be slow as habits are hard to break.



The school budget continues to grow much faster than our ability to meet its growth. This year represented a temporary reprieve due to the school's method of accounting. If the trend continues as it has, next year it will show a large increase to the town. Consideration is now being given to the changing of the ongoing Regional School Agreement. The Gateway Regional School District's lease on Middlefield School runs out on July 1, 1988. They have given tentative indication that they would like to renew the lease. There is growth in the whole district so space is definitely needed.

It is easy to just stick to the issues that must be taken care of at town meetings. Increasingly decisions made beyond Middlefield have greater impact on our lives here. Federal Revenue Sharing which the Town received for a decade and a half was traditionally worth a dollar on our local tax rate. It is now gone. The recurring Federal deficit costs every homeowner at least a 25% surcharge in the level of interest rates on their mortgages. In the last six years Federal Debt has doubled when we were not at war or in a depression. The increasing cost of housing is such that the average American will not be able to live in his own home. Any progress in our lives is going to have to happen at the state level. The leadership and momentum of the Federal Government has faltered. The giant will take years to find it. It also has to help the average citizen rather than some power block with a lobbyist or Political Action Committee (PAC). Housing needs to enter the modern age at an affordable price. The Province of Saskatchewan has provided research that can allow a home to be heated at \$200.00 per year. We need that type of research here to allow citizens to build healthy and attractive homes on an average person's income. Many of our local homes stand as a testament for us to relearn some of the timeless ways to build. We need a state sponsored research group to offer designs that will never come from the large companies that sell building materials.

Another pressing issue is that the Federal Government has failed to provide leadership in health care and its associated costs. Between 1965 and 1985, the cost of health care in this country has increased ten fold. As much as ten percent of the new US produced car is for health costs. The number of people over the age of 65 is the fastest growing part of our population.

The Selectmen continue to meet the first and third Tuesday of every month. Meetings are open, and public comment is invited. Being a Town of few citizens there are always positions to be filled on various Town Committees.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joseph J. Kearns, CHAIRMAN**  
**Isabella C. Jordan**  
**Donald A. Savery**  
SELECTMEN OF MIDDLEFIELD



# Selectmen's Report Fiscal Year 1986

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July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1986

## AMBULANCE SERVICE

Appropriation	1,700.00
Hinsdale Ambulance	1,200.00
Huntington Ambulance	500.00
Total Expenditures	1,700.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

## ARTS COUNCIL

Appropriation	600.00
Balance Forward	535.00
State Grant	625.00
Transfer to Rec. Area	(100.00)
Available Funds	1,660.00
N. Burnham	150.00
Berkshire Public Theater	300.00
Music Performing Trust	325.00
P. Scapin	15.00
M. Pensivy	25.00
A. Jewett (piano & ads)	182.74
Subscription	10.00
Deposit into Acct.	552.26
Total Expenditures	1,560.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>100.00</u>

## ASSESSOR'S COMPUTER CONSULTANT EXPENSE

Balance Forward	5,000.00
MMC, Inc.	2,585.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>2,415.00</u>

## ASSESSORS COMPUTER UPDATE

Appropriation	1,600.00
MMC, Inc	1,283.56
Balance 6/30/86	<u>316.44</u>

## ASSESSORS EXPENSE

Appropriation	400.00
Dues	45.00
Postage	14.00
Impress	15.00
J. Rice-supplies	97.77
S. Kozera-transfers	216.75
Total Expenditures	388.52
Balance 6/30/86	<u>11.48</u>

## CEMETERY EXPENSE

E. Horaleck	96.25
J. Pouliot	79.75
D. Carter	74.25
L. Bell	100.00
R. Savery	150.00
G. Carrington	365.00
B. Oigny	26.80
S. Paddock	19.25
M. Main	442.13
Total Expenditures	<u>1,353.43</u>



CHAPTER 90 FUNDING (State Reimbursable)

Daniel Schnopp	4,644.00
S. Fisk	288.00
R. Miller	1,897.99
L. Pease	1,483.00
B. Miller	178.75
J. Winn	2,110.26
J. Delaney	8,962.90
G. Bell	112.50
Peasewood Products (trucking)	1,340.00
B. Pease	6,632.50
D. Savery	<u>473.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>28,122.90</u>

CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation	10.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>10.00</u>

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appropriation	10.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	<u>15.00</u>
Available Funds	25.00
Dues	25.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

COPY MACHINE

Appropriation	1,200.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	<u>22.80</u>
Available Funds	1,222.80
A-Copy	1,036.00
Berkshire Graphics	<u>186.80</u>
Total Expenditures	1,222.80
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

COUNCIL ON AGING

Balance 7/1/85	718.12
Donation	130.00
State Grant	<u>2,350.00</u>
Available Funds	3,198.62
W. Suriner	303.35
P. Suriner	98.43
Dr. Jeff Feldman	150.00
H. Alderman	35.81
J. Hale	18.76
J. Gardner	17.60
W. Cook	41.30
J. & E. Rice	17.60
C. Morrison	8.80
I. Jordan	4.80
Country Glass Shop	650.00
C. Varsano	17.60
G. Bell	24.00
R. Olds	8.80
J. Romano	4.80
M. Donnelly	28.80
B. Oligny	60.00
Worthington Health Assoc.	38.00
Lee Visiting Nurse Assoc.	<u>165.00</u>
Total Expenditures	1,693.95
Balance 6/30/86	<u>1,504.67</u>



DISPOSAL AREA

Appropriation	8,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	1,107.67
Transfer from Free Cash	<u>4,000.00</u>
Available Funds	13,107.67

M. Main - Attendant	1,047.00
Berkshire Cleanway	10,852.00
R. Miller	377.00
L. Pease	570.00
B. Miller	60.50
J. Baum	65.00
I. Jordan	18.42
Freedman	<u>117.75</u>
Total Expenditures	13,107.67

Balance 6/30/86 -0-

DOG OFFICER

Appropriation	300.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>300.00</u>

ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES

Appropriation	5,610.00
J. Rice	60.00
E. Rice	375.00
N. Pease	1,200.00
M. Main	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	<u>90.00</u>
Total Expenditures	5,610.00

Balance 6/30/86 -0-

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation	300.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	<u>142.89</u>
Available Funds	442.89

G. Austin	15.98
P. Oigny	23.08
P. Paschal	37.28
M. Batonski	35.51
E. Russo	28.48
J. Gardner	35.98
D. Olds	12.43
L. Bell	35.51
P. Suriner	15.98
S. Savery	29.41
Westwall Printing	<u>174.25</u>
Total Expenditures	442.89

Balance 6/30/86 -0-

FLOOD DAMAGE

(State Reimbursable at 100%)

R. Miller	874.25
L. Pease	693.00
B. Miller	687.50
Donovan Bros.	10,927.15
All States Asst.	7,873.13
Tri-City Supply	60.00
L. P. Adams	39.10
B. Pease	<u>240.00</u>

Total Expenditures 21,994.13



FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE

Appropriation	2,500.00
Transfer from Radio Fund	<u>700.00</u>
Available Funds	3,200.00
Motorola-pagers	464.88
C & S Spec.	745.65
Olids Store-gas	320.92
Raynor's	196.47
Gingras Equip.	167.11
Lock Shop	20.00
Lee Audio	1,003.84
J. Marchino Trucking	<u>250.00</u>
Total Expenditures	3,168.87
Balance 6/30/86	<u>31.13</u>

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN

Appropriation	325.00
R. Olids	325.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

FIRE PHONES

Appropriation	400.00
WMECD - siren	86.14
New England Telephone	168.60
AT&T Phone Rental	<u>144.81</u>
Total Expenditures	399.55
Balance 6/30/86	<u>.45</u>

FIREHOUSE LOAN

Appropriation	1,750.00
FHA	1,750.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

FOREST FIRE PROTECTION

Appropriation	10.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>10.00</u>

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appropriation	112,749.73
Gateway Regional School Dist.	112,749.73
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT

Appropriation	4,882.00
Hampshire County Treasurer	4,882.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

HEALTH INSURANCE

Appropriation	2,100.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	<u>300.47</u>
Available Funds	2,400.47
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	2,400.47
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Appropriation	10.00
I. Jordan	10.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>



HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Balance Forward	196.45
Olds Store	1.97
Balance 6/30/86	<u>194.48</u>

HOLIDAY AND VACATION PAY

Appropriation	2,800.00
R. Miller	1,196.00
L. Pease	864.00
B. Miller	<u>396.00</u>
Total Expenditures	2,456.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>344.00</u>

INSPECTIONS

Appropriation	700.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	<u>152.50</u>
Available Funds	852.50
W. Smith	550.00
J. Savery	100.00
G. Robert Olds	65.00
C. Cook	30.00
E. Rice	12.50
Zeitler Plumbing	<u>95.00</u>
Total Expenditures	852.50
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

INSURANCE

Appropriation	12,000.00
Transfer from Mach. Exp.	<u>5,000.00</u>
Available Funds	17,000.00
Stevenson Agency	6,336.80
Old Republic	3,867.00
Hastings-Tapley	<u>6,796.20</u>
Total Expenditures	17,000.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

INTEREST-FIREHOUSE LOAN

Appropriation	1,400.00
FHA	1,312.50
Balance 6/30/86	<u>87.50</u>

INTEREST-SHORT TERM LOAN

Appropriation	2,000.00
1st. Agricultural Bank	380.63
Bur. of Accounts	<u>10.00</u>
Total Expenditures	390.63
Balance 6/30/86	<u>1,609.37</u>

LIBRARY EXPENSE

Appropriation	250.00
Transfer from Library Fund	<u>2,000.78</u>
Available Funds	2,250.78
Dues	5.00
C. O'lighy-salary, phone	412.53
Box Rent Middlefield P.O.	25.00
October Mt. Books	134.66
Literary Guild	<u>56.21</u>
Total Expenditures	634.40
Balance 6/30/86	<u>1,616.38</u>



MACHINERY EXPENSE

Appropriation	18,000.00
Transfer to Snow Acct.	(2,506.67)
Transfer to Insurance	<u>(5,000.00)</u>
Available Funds	10,493.33

Kieras Oil (Diesel Fuel)	1,360.00
Olds Store-gas & supplies	3,250.15
Charlie's Garage-gas	572.91
Brown Oil-diesel fuel	365.44
Freedman Steel-blades	821.01
Pittsfield Welding	244.90
B.J. McLaughlin mach. supplies	806.16
Gateway Auto Supply	596.03
Dalton Tractor	85.20
Raynor's	160.23
L. P. Adams	39.62
Smith Auto	165.31
Graves	136.43
City Tire	142.15
Bannish	2.40
R. Savery	799.50
Tri-City Tire	379.65
Hinsdale Service	<u>44.20</u>
Total Expenditures	9,971.29

Balance 6/30/86 522.04

MAINTENANCE PUBLIC BLDGS.

Appropriation	5,000.00
WEMCO	629.47
New England Telephone	701.21
L. P. Adams	248.85
Fire Cont. Svc.-fire exting.	77.60
AT&T	36.00
Ultramar	1,918.94
Moody Energy	35.70
R. Miller	52.00
L. Pease	<u>48.00</u>
Total Expenditures	3,947.77

Balance 6/30/86 1,052.23

NOTE

Short Term Borrowing	
First Agricultural Bank	30,000.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation	1,200.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	<u>176.57</u>
Available Funds	1,376.57

Legal Adds	304.88
Hampshire Gazette	48.13
Forms, Paper, Supplies	50.70
Postage and Envelopes	212.61
Dues	311.00
King Bus-type maint.	38.00
NE Document	10.00
Country Journal	9.75
Hobbs & Warren	<u>391.50</u>
Total Expenditures	1,376.57

Balance 6/30/86 -0-

OILING TOWN ROADS

Appropriation	10,000.00
All States Asphalt	6,121.05
Donovan Bros.	<u>3,098.59</u>
Total Expenditures	9,219.64

Balance 6/30/86 780.36

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## PIONEER VALLEY PLAN COMM

Appropriation	50.00
PVPC	57.75
Balance 6/30/86	<u>2.25</u>

## PLANNING BOARD

Appropriation	10.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	<u>38.75</u>
Available Funds	48.75
Berkshire Eagle	48.75
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

## POLICE CHIEF SALARY

Appropriation	300.00
T. Austin	300.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

## POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE

Appropriation	400.00
Appropriated at Spec. Town Mtg,	1,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	<u>48.35</u>
Available Funds	1,948.35
Dues	30.00
Sentry Uniform	418.35
Scanner World	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Expenditures	1,948.35
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

## PRINTING

Appropriation	1,200.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	<u>39.85</u>
Available Funds	1,239.85
Admin. Bus. Svc.	149.50
Impress-Town Report	637.35
Envelopes	363.90
Berkshire Eagle	5.85
Westwall Press	<u>83.25</u>
Total Expenditures	1,239.85
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

## RECREATION EXPENSE

Appropriation	100.00
Chester Recreation Comm.	100.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

## RECREATIONAL AREA PLANNING FUND

Transfer fr Bicentennial Comm.	2,000.00
Transfer from Arts Council	100.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>2,100.00</u>

## SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriation	500.00
U.S. Post Office	26.00
J. Long Meeting	30.00
Advertising	370.07
Dues	<u>30.00</u>
Total Expenditures	456.07
Balance 6/30/86	<u>43.93</u>



SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY SALARY

Appropriation	1,100.00
J. Paddock	1,008.30
L. Bell	<u>91.70</u>
Total Expenditures	1,100.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	600.00
WMECO	512.09
Balance 6/30/86	<u>87.91</u>

TAX MAPS

Balance Brought Forward	19,200.00
Transfer to Desp.	<u>(4,000.00)</u>
Available Funds	15,200.00
Cartographic Association	10,600.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>4,600.00</u>

TOWN COUNSEL

Appropriation	150.00
F. Collins	150.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

TOWN HIGHWAYS

Appropriation	24,000.00
D. Savery	159.50
R. Miller	6,010.88
L. Pease	5,733.50
B. Miller	2,483.25
Lane Construction	2,801.95
Donovan Bros.	3,595.49
B. Miller - mowing	390.00
R. Whitaker	182.00
K. Dowsey	25.00
J. Denault	15.00
K. Robitaille	10.00
Daniel Schnapp	<u>465.50</u>
Total Expenditures	21,872.07
Balance 6/30/86	<u>2,127.93</u>

TOWN SNOW

Appropriation	20,000.00
Transfer from Mach. Exp. Act.	<u>2,506.67</u>
Available Funds	22,506.67
R. Miller	4,968.27
L. Pease	4,693.00
D. Hall	322.50
International Salt	5,403.42
Donovan Bros.	<u>7,120.48</u>
Total Expenditures	22,506.67
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

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TREE ACCOUNT

DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Appropriation	155.00
R. Miller	52.00
D. Savery	52.25
L. Pease	<u>48.00</u>
Total Expenditures	152.25
Balance 6/30/86	<u>2.75</u>

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Appropriation	100.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>100.00</u>

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation	100.00
C. Savery	100.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Appropriation	100.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	43.69
Balance 6/30/86	<u>56.31</u>

VETERANS AGENT

Appropriation	10.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>10.00</u>

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Appropriation	300.00
Lee VNA	300.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

WAR MEMORIALS & PLAYGROUNDS

Appropriation	500.00
T. Rock	100.00
P. Rock	40.00
H. Roberts	<u>12.00</u>
Total Expenditures	152.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>348.00</u>

WESTERN MASS COALITION

Appropriation	100.00
Western Mass Coalition	100.00
Balance 6/30/86	<u>-0-</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY 1986 \$345,678.28

Respectfully submitted,

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