



Annual Reports and Warrant

of the Town of

Middlefield

Massachusetts

1987

THE FOLLOWING OFFICES HOLD HOURS
AND MEETINGS AS INDICATED BELOW:

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

TOWN OFFICE PHONE 623-8966

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

TABLE OF CONTENTS

LIST OF TOWN OFFICIALS:

ELECTED	1
APPOINTED	2

ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT	3
---------------------------	---

REPORT OF:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	7
TOWN CLERK	9
TREASURER	11
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	15
TAX COLLECTOR	17
POLICE DEPARTMENT	19
FIRE DEPARTMENT	20
FINANCE COMMITTEE	21
PLANNING BOARD	22
BUILDING INSPECTOR	22
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	23
DISPOSAL ATTENDANT	24
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	24
LEE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION	24
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	25
ARTS COUNCIL	27
PUBLIC LIBRARY	28
HISORICAL COMMISION	28
COUNCIL ON AGING	29
SELECTMEN'S WARRANTS	30

MIDDLEFIELD ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

OFFICE		TERM EXPIRES	OFFICE		TERM EXPIRES
AUDITOR	Martin A. Main ²	1988	TOWN CLERK	Edith P. Rice	1988
TREE WARDEN	Clyde A. Savery	1988	MODERATOR	Peter Oligny	1988
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Helen Alderman	1988	Treasurer	Nancy C. Pease	1989
	Priscilla Suriner	1989	SELECTMEN AND COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE	Joseph J. Kearns ¹	1988
	Elizabeth Oligny	1990		Isabella C. Jordan	1989
		Donald A. Savery		1990	
PLANNING BOARD	Ann Jewett	1988	ASSESSORS	John E. Rice	1988
	Ellen Russo	1988		Michael F. Pensivy	1989
	Lesley Jordan ³	1989		Wayne E. Main ¹	1990
	Mark Lipton ¹	1989	BOARD OF HEALTH AND FENCE VIEWERS	The Selectmen	
	Vacant	1990			
	Carol Varsano	1990			
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	Peter G. Oligny	1988	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Edward Donnelly	1988
	Maurice H. Pease ¹	1989		Diane McQuaid	1989
	Vacant		TAX COLLECTOR	Neil Nickerson	1988
	Howard Pease ⁴				
	John Rice ⁴				
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Edward Cook	1988	CONSTABLES	Donald A. Savery	1989
	Margaret Donnelly	1988		William L. Paschal	1989
	Andrea Tosi	1989			
	Martha Lee ²	1990			
	Thomas Rock ¹	1990			
CEMETERY	Lois Leonardo-Bell ¹	1988			
	Neil Nickerson	1989			
	Larry F. Pease	1990			

¹Chairperson
²Appointed
³Resigned
⁴Alternate

MIDDLEFIELD APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

OFFICE

FIRE CHIEF AND
FOREST WARDEN
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF
William L. Paschal
Larry F. Pease

CHIEF OF POLICE
DEPUTY POLICE
Thomas Austin
Paul Scapin³
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
ELMINSECT 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
Selectmen

DISPOSAL AREA ATTENDANT
Martin A. Main

CIVIL DEFENSE
Howard Pease, Jr.

ASSISTANT TREASURER
Olive Furioni

REGISTRARS OF
VOTERS
Ellen A. Russo
Mary Jane Donnelly
Anita Myers
Edith Rice, Town Clerk

OFFICE

HISTORICAL
COMMISSION
Priscilla Suriner

COUNCIL ON
AGING
Priscilla Suriner
Helen P. Cook
Helen Alderman

James Hale
Issabella Jordan
Elizabeth Oigny

RECREATION
COMMITTEE
The Selectmen
Bicentennial Committee

CONSERVATION
Jack Guyette 1989
Paul Schirmer 1990
Nancy Burnham 1988
Martin Main 1989
Curt Robie 1990

ARTS COUNCIL
Ann Jewett
Judith Artioli
Ellen Russo
Cameron McQuaid
Janet Rock

SUPERINTENDANT
OF STREETS
Robert P. Miller

AUXILIARY POLICE
OFFICERS
Daniel Suriner
James Jasmin

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ROADS
Douglas Robare
Charles E. Cook
Ronald Radwich

TOWN CARTOGRAPHER
Cameron McQuaid

Warrant for the Middlefield Annual Town Meeting, May 7, 1988

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts .. 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 seventh 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, and a Tree Warden for a term of one year.

An Assessor for the term of two years.

A Selectman, Assessor, Cemetery Commissioner, two Zoning Board of Appeals Members, Trustee of the Public Library, two Planning Board Members, two Finance Committee Members, a Collector of Taxes, and a 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, 1988 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 \$158,413 for Middlefield's share of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 1988 through June 30, 1989, or take any other action thereto, or accept as a net assessment a sum which is less than \$158,413 as certified by the Gateway Regional School District.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,875 for Middlefield's Vocational Transportation and Tuition for the period of July 1, 1988 through June 30, 1989, or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant for fiscal year 1989 in the amount of \$263,506 under the provisions of G.L. Ch. 70A, S. 5 as inserted by Ch.188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant shall be expended by the school committee for direct service expenditures.

ARTICLE 8. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges and to pass any vote in relation to same.

ARTICLE 9. 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 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$15,000 for Machinery Expense Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 11. 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 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 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 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 for the Assessor's Expense Account, which is for travel and office expenses.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for a new position of Tax Administrative Assistant.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 for the updating of the Tax Maps.

ARTICLE 16. 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, 1988 through June 30, 1989, or take any other action relating thereto:

HIGHWAY AND RELATED EXPENSES

Snow Removal	\$30,000.00
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

GOVERNMENT

Office Expense	\$2,000.00
Elections and Registration	700.00
Hampshire County Retirement	5,600.00
Health and Sanitation	200.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	2,000.00
Printing	1,200.00
Town Counsel	150.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Civil Defense	\$10.00
Dog Officer and Expense	400.00
Fire Chief and Forest Warden Salary	325.00
Fire Department Expenses	3,000.00
Fire Phones	400.00
Inspections	1,400.00
Library	300.00
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	57.75
Planning Board	10.00
Police Chief Salary	300.00
Recreation	100.00
Street Lights	600.00
Veterans Agent	10.00
War Memorials & Playgrounds	1,000.00

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$6,000 for maintenance of public buildings, including heat, electricity, telephone, etc., or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$25,000 to cover all Town insurance, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 19. 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 20. 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 21. 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 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,050.00 for interest on the Firehouse note, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$35,000 for rubbish removal and disposal area, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 24. 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 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$350 for the Visiting Nurse Association, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$5,000 for a Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 27. 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 28. To see if the Town will transfer the balance of funds in the Recreation Area Account to FY 1989.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to join the Franklin Regional Transit Authority, pursuant to Section 3 of Chapter 161B of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,000 for the five year Fire Department "Recovery System".

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will approve the following rates for State required permits issued by the Fire Department:

- 1. Installation of fuel storage tanks, motor fuel \$10
- 2. Fuel storage tank renewal, yearly, motor fuel \$ 5
- 3. Removal of fuel storage tanks \$10
- 4. Blasting permits \$10
- 5. Oil burner installation, fuel oil tank inspection \$10
- 6. Propane tank installation \$10
- 7. Propane heating system & piping inspection \$10
- 8. Smoke detector inspection \$10

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws with a provision to enact recycling in conjunction with ordinary waste disposal, such that all residents shall separate waste material into the following categories before depositing the same at the Transfer Station: 1). Glass and cans; 2). Paper; 3). Other waste. If no separation takes place, the Transfer Station will not accept the material.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000 for a new snow plow.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100 to collect hazardous household materials in conjunction with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will ask its State and Federal Representatives to redouble their efforts on behalf of children.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will incur an indebtedness up to \$200,000 to pay for the cost of a new Town Hall. This amount to be repaid over a 20 year period.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 to cover the annual cost of running the Conservation Commission including the cost of all dues, postage, etc.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Committee for the Town. Said committee will be responsible for the overseeing of recreation funds and the development of recreational programs and facilities for the Town.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,600 for Police Department Expenses. [Car and equipment budget \$1,000, Police Department budget \$600.]

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 for activities of the Council on Aging for FY 89.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a new fee schedule for Town Clerk's fees in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 262, section 34, clauses 1-79, the schedule being available in the Clerk's office and posted on the Town bulletin board, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 42. 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 first of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine-hundred and eighty-eight.

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

With the rapid growth of the school aged population in Middlefield, the community primary school is poised to open again. It will be great to have this school building filled once more with our children. These young people provide a very important focus to our Town.

The price we have to pay for this is a new Town Hall. Fortunately we have had the valuable services of Steve Cummings, Peter Oigny, and Dick Progulske serving on a Building Committee. They are examining carefully the alternatives and are preparing some of our future needs in light of the Town responsibilities. Much has changed in Town government. There has been an increase in State Aid. With this has come greatly increased reporting requirements. The day of the notebook at home in someone's dresser drawer no longer will suffice as a legal document. In round numbers it will cost \$200,000 to provide space for the Library and Town offices. The State will provide some help toward the Library cost. A commitment has to be made by the Town to develop a final design.

The Gateway School District has presented the Town with a \$50,000 increase in school assessment. To call this staggering is still understated. This will have at least a \$3 impact on the tax rate. It means Town money for road repair will just not be available. School enrollment is going up - costs in other areas are up. The Town has to cover roughly 50% of the local educational costs. The State covers the balance. In Pittsfield, the local tax base covers 25% of its school costs and the State covers 75%. They also have a broad commercial and industrial tax base. Clearly something is wrong when a small town has to shoulder twice the load of a city with a broad tax base. The villain is not the local school district but its lack of State funding. Our sales and income tax dollars must be more fully returned to fund regional school districts. The decline in Federal funding to education has been dramatic in the last eight years. In light of this there is a resolution to our State and Federal Representatives to recommit themselves to the needs of our children. If the Town continues to receive large increases in education costs, bankruptcy is only a year or two away. We obviously need more State aid to Regional Schools.

Another area of concern has been the cost of garbage. Everyone generates more, and the cost of getting rid of it has gone wild. Some solutions have been found. The cure is still a long way off. The Town is entering into a recycling program with the State Department of Environmental Quality. The cost of entering the program is a mandatory recycling By-Law in Town. The items to be recycled will be paper, plastic, bottles and cans. The Town will be provided with a special, covered container, at no cost, to sort and store these items. The container when filled will go to a material recovery center to be built in the North End of Springfield. Each ton of recycled material is \$70 per ton that we avoid paying to the Chicopee landfill.

The roads take up a large share of the Selectmen's time. Discussions at the last Town Meeting reveal it is often a concern of many of our citizens. The large picture shows that we are losing ground, and this is true. We simply do not have enough money available locally to stay even. Because of the elimination of Federal Revenue Sharing funds and greater number of school children, we have been spending less on the roads. This is the only way to balance our budget. Many maintenance items have been delayed, and it shows on our roads.

The Middlefield Highway Department worked on several projects, i.e. State paid, this past year. The completion of a section of Arthur Pease Road near Root Road finished a repair of a badly deteriorated stretch. A section of Chipman Road near Baum's Hill has started as a reconstruction project. Again an area of recurring difficulty was targeted. This summer work will continue on this project. Flood damage repair work was done on several roads. This will be the major focus of the summer. Any of the \$55,000 balance allocated to us and not spent by October 31, 1988 is lost to the Town.

In December, 1987 the Town received a check of \$145,000 under Small Town Road Assistance Program. These funds have to be repaid in the amount of 30% of the Grant over ten years. This project is for the Skyline Trail from the Chester Road to the Chester line. Some of this work will be started this summer. There is the possibility that we could make a second application under this program.

Three areas in town were taken up as local projects this year. Drainage work was performed on West Hill Road and on Skyline Trail near Suriners. A section of Bryan Road was renewed to

Increasingly the Middlefield Highway Department is being funded by State grants. No State money is available for maintenance. Insurance, dump, and school costs do not allow the Town to even put a dent in the needed local maintenance. Each year fewer dollars mean rougher roads. Numbers aren't needed to show this, a ride down our main road - Skyline Trail will confirm this.

Over the past year repairs have been made to our plows. They are old - so a request has been made to purchase a new one. This would be prudent to do but also difficult in light of our present fiscal picture.

Important to note is the question of an override. If no override is voted then there is no road repair and no money to plow snow. Wish as we may the school budget can only be reduced so much.

For eight years there has been no increase in the amount budgeted for Town Snow. In the last three years this account has run over. This year the overrun has been nearly 50%. To correct this, the amount to be appropriated has been raised. Demands have been to expand our snow and ice control program. Calls are received from the State Police requesting sanding of the roads in the middle of the night. This has not occurred in the past. More citizens are going off to work as our population grows.

Another area of Town concern is the cemeteries. The cost of maintaining them has understandably grown over the years. It is now outrunning the interest on the cemeteries perpetual care funds to provide proper care. When a new schedule is set for purchase of grave sites, the higher upkeep cost will have to be reflected.

Remarkable progress has been made in the Assessor's Office. A new computer system called CAMA [Computer Aided Mass. Appraisal] has been purchased. Next years tax bills will be printed here in town. All of this is being done with the Commonwealth's encouragement. This will make it easier to set the tax rate early and be able to send out bills in a timely manner. Any delay is very costly as money has to be borrowed as the Town awaits tax money. In order to keep this system up to snuff, a part-time, 15 hours-a-week, person needs to be hired to keep all of the data current. As the demands of government increase, volunteers can't fill the gap.

The Town is in a period of growth. With this growth comes many expenses. Balancing our needs is going to become a harder and harder task. Despite this, progress is being made in many areas. The Selectmen meet on the first and third Monday evenings of the month at 7:30. All meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

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



REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

<u>DOG LICENSES</u>	<u>EACH</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
37 Males	\$3.00	\$111.00
2 Females	6.00	12.00
40 Spayed Females	3.00	120.00
2 Kennels	10.00	20.00
2 Kennels	25.00	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL		\$313.00
83 Clerk's Fees	0.75	<u>62.25</u>
PAID TO TOWN TREASURER		\$250.75

<u>SPORTING LICENSES</u>	<u>EACH</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
10 Resident Fishing	\$12.50	\$125.00
9 Resident Hunting	12.50	112.50
9 Sporting	19.50	175.50
1 Non Resident Fishing	17.50	17.50
1 Non Resident Fish (7 Days)	11.50	11.50
1 Resident Alien Hunting	19.50	19.50
9 Non Resident Hunting	48.50	436.50
2 Sporting (65-69)	9.75	19.50
13 Archery/Primitive	5.10	66.30
1 Duplicate Sporting	2.00	2.00
1 Sporting (over 70)	Free	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL		\$985.80
42 Clerk's Fees	0.50	21.00
13 Clerk's Fees	0.10	<u>1.30</u>
PAID TO DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE		\$963.50

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1987

August 27 - Daniel Paul Myers and Anita Louise Rock
 September 12 - Stephen J. Cummings and Andrea M. Tosi

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1987

June 3 - Joseph Arthur Theriault Age 63
 July 12 - Alton M. Sternagle Age 81
 September 29 - Lillian Lucy Graves Age 90

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

June 2, 1987 - Approximately forty voters were present.

ARTICLE 1. Override ballot questions:

(a) \$20,000.00 40 Yes 21 No (failed to get 2/3 vote)
 (b) \$4,651.00 40 Yes 16 No (passed)

ARTICLE 2. It was unanimously passed to transfer the sum of \$3,200 from Revenue Sharing to the Disposal Area.

ARTICLE 3. Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$300 from the Street Light Account to the Disposal Area.

ARTICLE 4. Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$2,000 from the Revenue Sharing Account to the Machinery Expense Account.

ARTICLE 5. Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$2,300 from the Revenue Sharing Account to the Machinery Expense Account.

ARTICLE 6. Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$700 from the Gateway Regional School District Account to the Machinery Expense Account.

ARTICLE 7. Voted unanimously to transfer \$1,000 from the Revenue Sharing Account to the Truck Account.

June 30, 1987

ARTICLE 1. The following votes cast regarding the assessing of an additional \$20,000 for the fiscal year 1987 are as follows:

Yes	63
No	25
Blanks	0

Proposition 2 1/2 calls for a 2/3 vote which was obtained by this vote.

August 18, 1987 A quorum was present

ARTICLE 1. It was voted unanimously to hear the interim report of the Hampshire County Charter Commission. The report did not call for any immediate action.

ARTICLE 2. It was voted unanimously to add a Flood Plain Zoning By-Law to our Zoning By-Law.

ARTICLE 3. It was unanimously voted to raise \$200 from Free Cash as our Share of the County Resource Planner.

ARTICLE 4. It was voted to affirm that the three member Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for determining the manner and order of repairing the dirt roads.

ARTICLE 5. It was voted to have a committee of three, appointed by the Moderator, to advise the Selectmen in determining the manner and order of repairing dirt roads.

ARTICLE 6. It was unanimously voted to create a special unpaid committee consisting of three (3) people appointed by the Moderator, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 44A of the Massachusetts General Law, as amended.

ARTICLE 7. Wendy Foxman (local circuit rider) submitted the following article which was unanimously approved:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for the Massachusetts Small Cities Program, or other Federal or State monies, and, following a public hearing, to expend any monies received as set forth in the appropriate grant application; or take any other action thereto.

November 30, 1987 A quorum was present

ARTICLE 1. It was voted unanimously to transfer \$24.00 from Free Cash to the Health and Sanitation Account.

ARTICLE 2. It was voted unanimously to transfer \$6,000 from Free Cash to the Insurance Account.

ARTICLE 3. It was voted unanimously to transfer \$1,200 from Free Cash to the Computer Update Account.

ARTICLE 4. It was voted unanimously to transfer \$6,000 from Free Cash to procure the State Department of Revenue appraisal system known as CAMA.

ARTICLE 5. It was voted to transfer \$3,000 to provide assistance in establishing the CAMA system and related systems.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith P. Rice
TOWN CLERK

TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1987

ACCOUNT	APPRO- PRIATIONS	TRANSFERS & MISC.	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	RESERVE TRANSFERS	EXPEN- DITURES	BALANCE FORWARD	BALANCE CLOSED
Ambulance Service	1,700.00		1,700.00		1,700.00		0.00
Arts Council	100.00		100.00		0.00	100.00	
Assessor's Expense & Consult	300.00	2,415.00	2,715.00		2,715.00		0.00
Assessor's Computer Update	1,600.00		1,600.00		1,485.72		114.28
Assessor's Expense	400.00		400.00		245.11		154.89
Cemetery Expense					2,071.10		
Chapter 90					58,381.07		
Civil Defense	10.00		10.00		0.00		10.00
Conservation Commission	10.00			60.00	70.00		0.00
Council on Aging Bal 1987		2,604.67					
Appropriation FY88	1,100.00						
State Aid		3,180.00					
Donations		79.00	6,963.69		2,014.70	4,948.97	
Disposal Area	14,000.00	3,500.00 *1	17,500.00	682.30	18,182.30		0.00
Dog Fees					247.25		0.00
Dog Officer	300.00		300.00		300.00		0.00
Elected Town Officers	6,035.00		6,035.00		6,035.00		0.00
Elections & Registrations	600.00						
State Aid		100.50	700.50	65.65	766.15		0.00
Fire Chief & Forest Warden	325.00		325.00		325.00		0.00
Fire Dept. Expense	2,500.00						
Radio	950.00		3,450.00		2,657.52		792.48
Fire Phones	400.00		400.00	19.71	419.71		0.00
Firehouse Note	1,750.00		1,750.00		1,750.00		0.00
Firehouse Note Interest	1,275.00		1,275.00		1,225.00		50.00
Flood Damage 1984					25,201.66		0.00
Flood Damage 1987					3,869.65		0.00
Forest Fire Protection	10.00		10.00		0.00		10.00
Gateway Reg School District	140,538.18	(700.00) *2	139,838.18		139,837.76		0.42
Hampshire Co Retirement	3,600.00		3,600.00		3,543.00		57.00
Health Insurance	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,118.40	3,618.40		0.00
Health and Sanitation	10.00		10.00	23.80	33.80		0.00
Historical Commission Balance		194.48					
Donation		19.00		213.48	20.00	193.48	
Holiday and Vacation Pay	3,000.00		3,000.00		2,992.50		7.50
Inspections	700.00		700.00	213.20	913.20		0.00
Insurance	8,000.00	10,000.00 *3		983.65	18,983.65		0.00
Interest Short Term Notes	2,000.00		2,000.00		1,945.74		54.26
Library Expense Balance 86	250.00	315.60	565.60	265.11 *4	830.71		0.00
Machinery Expense	13,000.00	4,300.00 *5					
		700.00 *2	18,000.00		17,777.27		222.73
Maintenance Public Bldgs	5,000.00		5,000.00	350.86	5,350.86		0.00
Office Expense	1,210.00		1,200.00		1,190.75		9.25
Pioneer Valley Plng Comsn	57.75		57.75		57.75		0.00
Planning Board	10.00		10.00	69.95	79.95		0.00
Police Chief's Salary	300.00		300.00		300.00		0.00

ACCOUNT	APPRO- PRIATIONS	TRANSFERS & MISC.	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	RESERVE TRANSFERS	EXPEN- DITURES	BALANCE FORWARD	BALANCE CLOSED
Printing	1,200.00	(53.95) *6	1,200.00	227.50	1,427.50		0.00
Recreation	100.00		100.00		100.00		0.00
Recreation Area		7,100.00 *7	7,100.00		2,630.00	4,470.00	
Reserve Fund	3,000.00	1,749.96	4,749.96				
Selectmen's Expense	500.00		500.00	68.48	568.48		0.00
Selectmen's Sec Salary	1,100.00		1,760.00		1,100.00		0.00
Street Lights	600.00	(300.00) *1	300.00		268.63		31.37
Credit from WMECO		342.49	342.49		0.00	342.49 *9	
Tax Maps Balance 1986		4,600.00	4,600.00	63.40	4,663.40		0.00
Town Counsel	150.00		150.00		150.00		0.00
Town Highways	24,000.00	(2,300.00) *5	21,700.00		21,485.53		214.47
Town Snow	20,000.00		20,000.00	7,644.78	27,644.78		0.00
Treasurer's Warrants					5,086.86		
State Assessment					134.00		0.00
County Tax					11,168.19		0.00
Blue Cross/Blue Shield					301.27		0.00
Federal Income Tax					6,276.00		0.00
Hampshire Co Retiremt					3,167.78		0.00
State Income Tax					2,037.06		0.00
Tree Accounts							
Tree Warden	100.00		100.00		99.00		1.00
Dutch Elm Disease Cntrl	155.00		155.00		154.20		0.80
Inspect. & Pest Control	100.00		100.00		94.50		5.50
Truck		37,000.00 *8	37,000.00		36,966.00		34.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00		100.00		48.24		51.76
Veterans Agent	10.00		10.00		0.00		10.00
Visiting Nurse Association	315.00		315.00		315.00		0.00
War Memorials & Playgnds	500.00		500.00	203.00	703.00		0.00
Western Mass. Coalation	100.00		100.00		100.00		0.00
Short Term Borrowing					162,000.00		0.00
Cemetery Perpet Care Fund		250.00			0.00		0.00
Check -Payroll Correction		82.69			0.00		0.00
Total Warrant Expenditures					616,202.52		
Reconciliation Adjustment					331.82		
Total Warrants					616,534.34		
Checking Account Deductions					281.35		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					616,815.69		

FOOTNOTES

- *1 Transferred from St Lights & Revenue Sharing
- *2 Transferred to Machinery Expense
- *3 Transferred from Free Cash
- *4 Transferred from Library Fund
- *5 Transferred from Highways and Revenue Sharing
- *6 Check returned; not cashed

- *7 Amounts obtained as follow:
5,000 Revenue Sharing
2,000 Bicentennial Acnt
100 From Arts Council

- *8 Amounts obtained as follow:
6,000 Revenue Sharing
10,000 Stabilization Fund
21,000 Borrowed - Long term notes
- *9 Street Light credit depletion

Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year 1987

July 1, 1986 - June 30, 1987

RECEIPTS

Cemetery Perpetual Care	250.00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	196,517.42	
Council on Aging		
State Aid	1,095.00	
State Grant	2,000.00	
Donations	79.00	3,174.00
Dog Fees	247.25	
Election and Registration	100.50	
Historical Commission	19.00	
Inspections, Licenses, Permits	4,287.00	
Interest - Checking Account	733.02	
Interest - Money Market	1,140.29	
Library Fund		
State Aid	1,427.02	
Dog Refund	76.47	1,503.49
Loans		162,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,253.02	
Revenue Sharing	11,237.92	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	125.00	
Taxes	188,253.02	
Transfer from Cemetery		
Perpetual Care	3,104.21	
Transfer From Energy Grant	777.19	
Withholding Taxes		
BC/BS	353.70	
Federal Income Tax	6,276.00	
Hampshire County		
Retirement	3,167.78	
State Income Tax	2,037.06	11,834.54
Total Cash		586,556.87

TRUSTS AND FUNDS

Arts Council		
Balance - 7/1/86	557.05	
Interest FY87	28.91	
Balance - 6/30/87	585.96	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		
Balance - 7/1/86	12,926.59	
Interest FY87	702.93	
Deposits FY87	250.00	
Expense FY87	(2,071.60)	
Balance - 6/30/87	11,807.92	
Sally Dickson Charity Fund		
Balance - 6/30/87	6,905.69	
Sally Dickson School Fund		
Balance - 6/30/87	3,943.21	
Energy Grant - Funds returned to State		
Balance - 6/30/87	0.00	
Escrow Account - Former Property Owners		
Balance - 7/1/86	659.71	
Interest FY87	34.25	
Balance - 6/30/87	693.96	
Historical Commission		
Balance - 7/1/86	654.73	
Interest FY87	58.32	
Balance - 6/30/87	713.05	
Stabilization Fund		
Balance - 7/1/86	10,430.85	
Appropriation FY87	5,000.00	
Interest FY87	322.55	
Transfer FY87	(10,000.00)	
Balance - 6/30/87	5,753.40	
Revenue Sharing		
Balance - 7/1/86	13,272.97	
Interest FY87	580.67	
Deposits FY87	2,416.00	
Transfers FY87	(16,200.00)	
Balance - 6/30/87	69.64	
Transferred to Cash	(69.64)	
Account closed	0.00	

CASH RECONCILIATION

Cash Balance July 1, 1986	12,612.55
Total Receipts FY87	<u>586,556.87</u>
Total Cash	599,169.42
Plus Money Market Funds	<u>62,300.00</u>
	661,469.42
Plus Offset	<u>2.34</u>
	661,471.76
Less Expenditures	<u>(616,534.34)</u>
Balance June 30, 1987	44,937.42

LIABILITIES

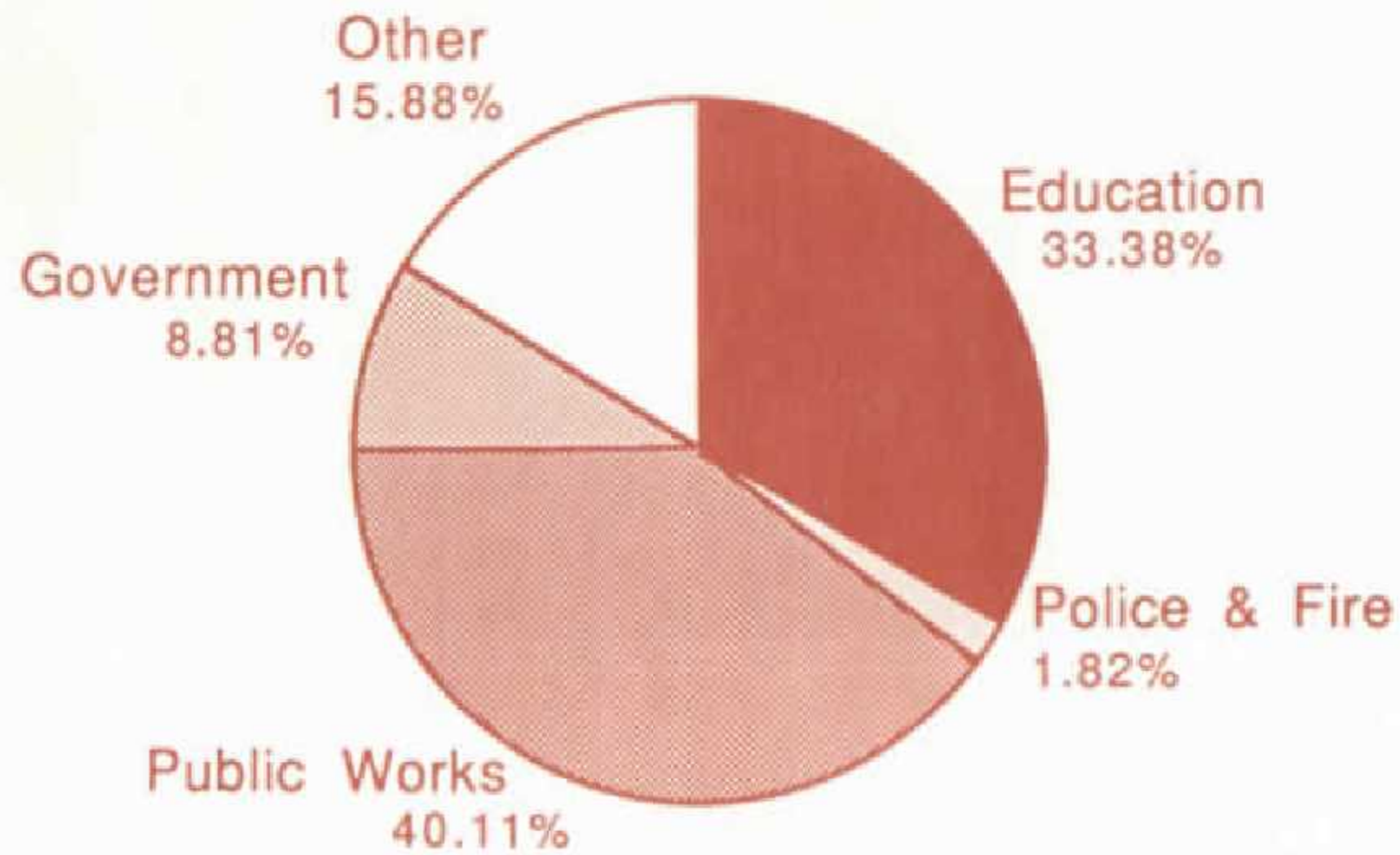
Fire House Loan	
Principle - 7/1/86	24,500.00
Payment FY87	(1,750.00)
Principle - 6/30/87	22,750.00
Interest Paid FY87	1,225.00
Truck Loan	21,000.00
No payments in FY87	
Short Term Loans	
Notes 270-275	162,000.00
Payments FY87	(162,000.00)
Balance	0.00

Respectfully submitted,

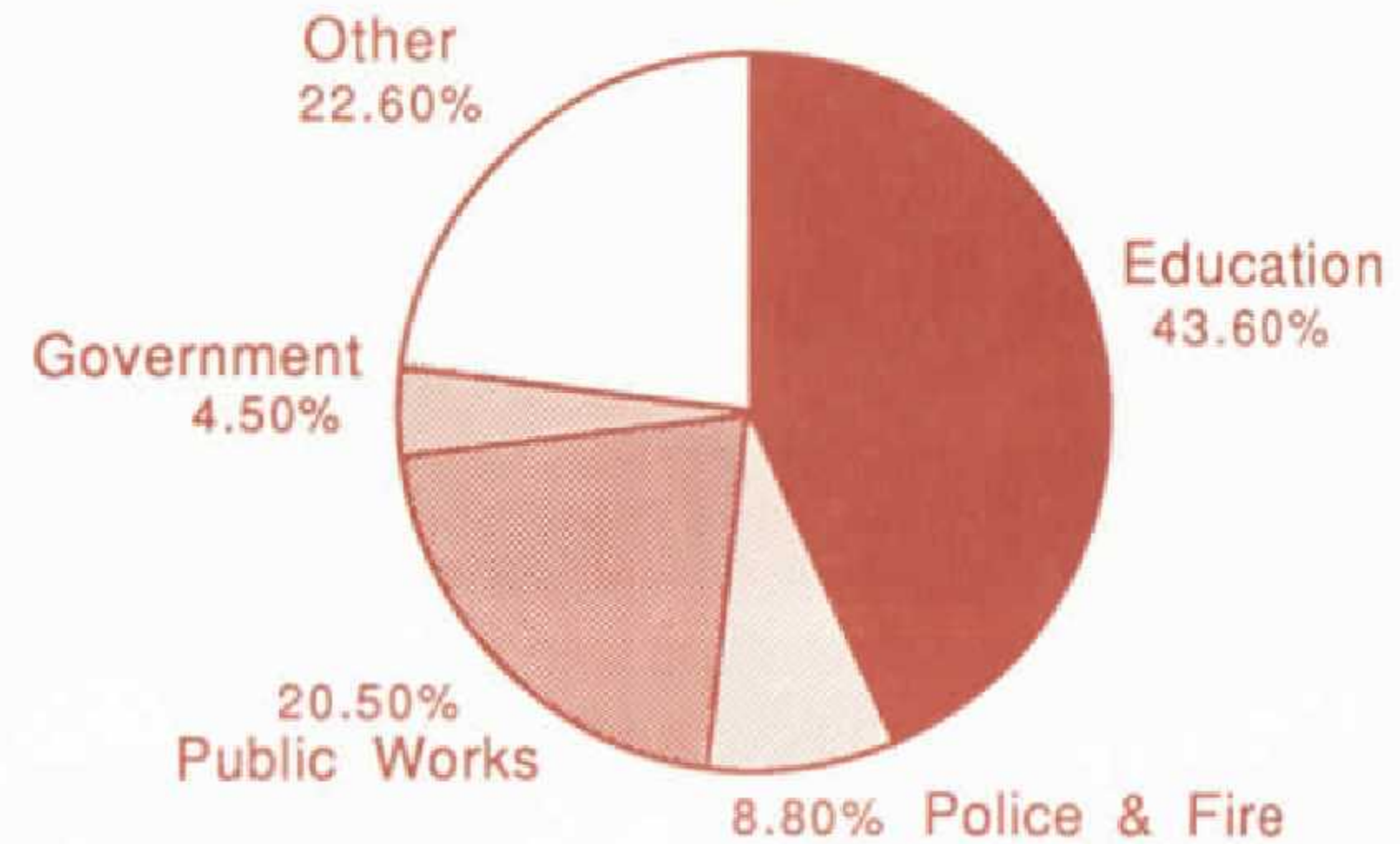
Nancy C. Pease
TREASURER

Expenditures: Where the Money Goes

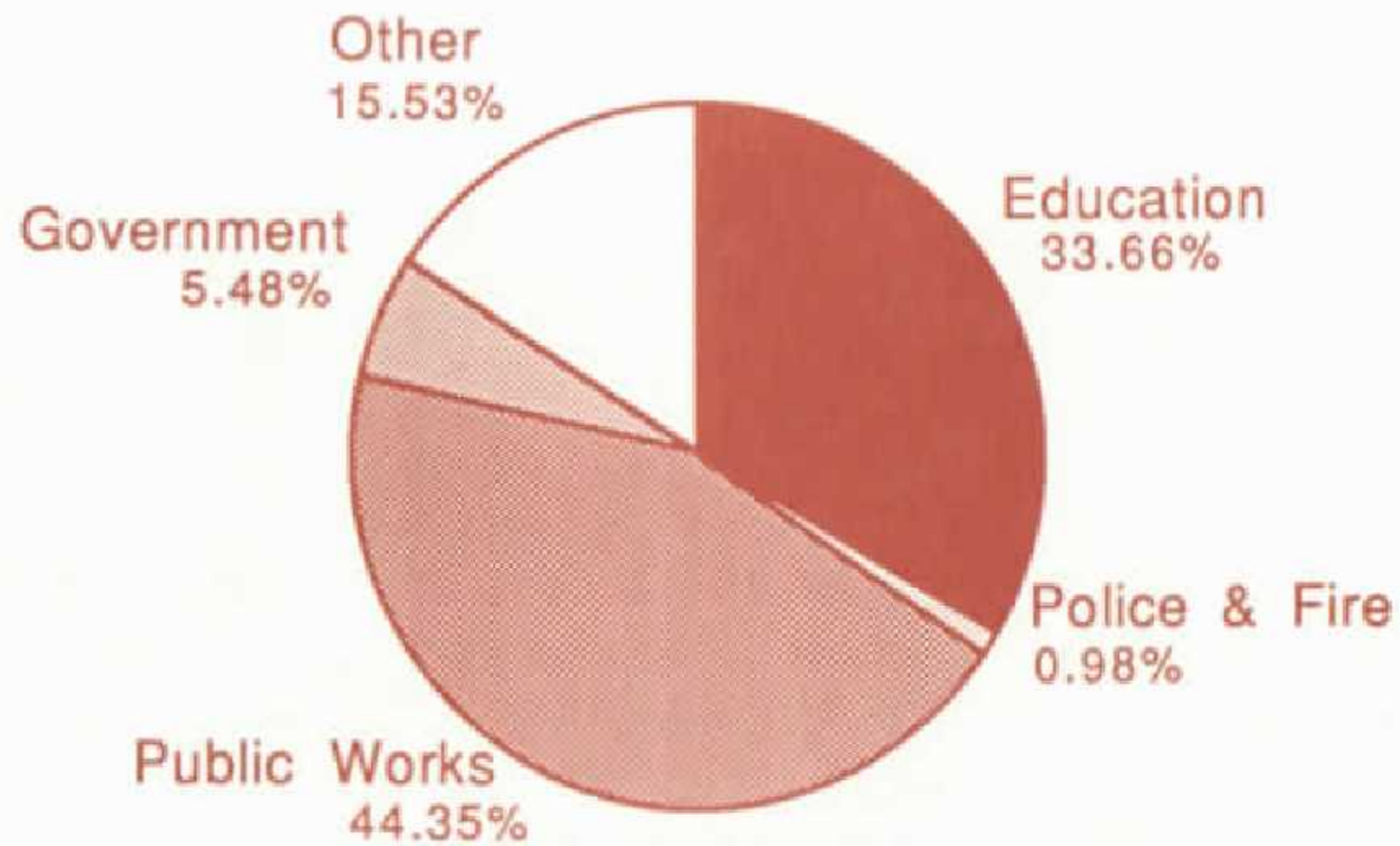
Middlefield FY86



State Average FY86



Middlefield FY87



	FY86	FY87
Public Works*	\$135,468	\$184,276
Education	\$112,750	\$139,838
Other	\$53,647	\$64,542
Government	\$29,746	\$22,753
Police & Fire	\$6,142	\$4,078
	<u>\$337,753</u>	<u>\$415,487</u>

*Public Works: Cemetery, Ch. 90, Disposal, Flood, Holiday/Vacation Pay, Machinery, Maint Public Bldg, Oil roads, Town highway, Town snow, Trees, Unemployment comp, War memorials/playgrounds.

ASSESSORS REPORT

A study by the Finance Committee and Board of Assessors has shown that the acquisition and implementation of the Department of Revenue tax administration system known as CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) will alleviate the financial dilemma presented by ever-increasing costs of vendor computer and consulting services. The direct savings for a ten year assessment certification cycle will amount to approximately \$48,000. Additional indirect savings resulting from cycle time saved, data error reduction, increased flexibility and ease of operation will be comparably substantial.

The Board of Assessors is pleased to report that the Town voted on November 30, 1987 to purchase and implement the CAMA system. This major step forward is particularly appropriate at this time, because a full-scale real property revaluation is required for FY 1990. Work on this revaluation project must start during the summer of 1988 in order to achieve State recertification of values prior to January 1, 1989. (note that FY1990 begins on July 1, 1989).

Our new computerized tax administration system will eliminate the requirement for expensive vendor assistance in the performance of this task. The Tax Collector will benefit considerably from the built-in tax record and billing administration capabilities. The Town Clerk will maintain computerized street lists, voter registration records, and school population lists; the Selectmen's office will record and control Town Warrant and other financial data.

The FY1988 Tax Levy is \$206,974.62, an increase of 13.1% over the previous year's levy. This generates a tax rate of \$14.20 per \$1000 of valuation. The Town voted a \$20,000 override of the levy limit imposed by Proposition 2 1/2 to support this levy.

Real Estate sales in Town were brisk throughout 1987, and reflected a market willing to pay much higher prices for both homes and open land. These higher market values will be incorporated into our forthcoming State mandated revaluation of Town real and personal property.

The FY 1988 tax rate is calculated as follows:

Total Town Meeting Appropriations	313,295.25
Total State and County Charges	11,234.00
Overlay Reserve	7,123.33
Total Offsets	<u>7,857.04</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED 339,509.62

Receipts From State	102,435.00
Estimated Local Receipts	20,700.00
Revenue Sharing	6,200.00
Free Cash	200.00
Overlay Surplus	<u>3,000.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS 132,535.00

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED 206,974.62

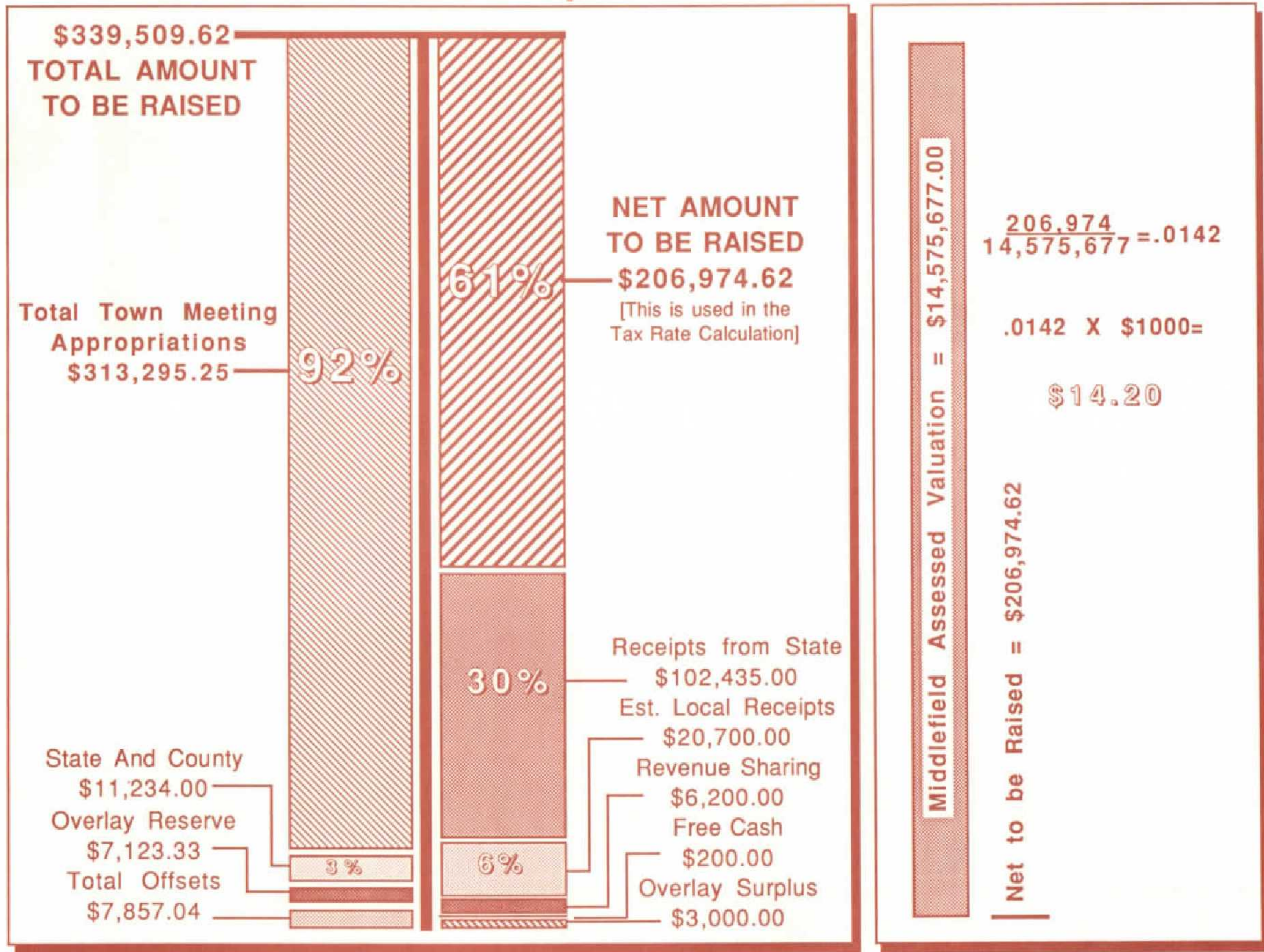
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION 14,575,677.00

TAX RATE: $\frac{206,974.62}{14,575,677.00} \times 1000 = \14.20

Respectfully submitted,

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

The Dollars Stack Up To Form Your Tax Rate



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

JULY 1, 1986 THRU JUNE 30 1987 (THRU REPORT #40)

FISCAL YEAR	TAX	BALANCE 7/01/86	WARRANTS	REFUNDS	TOTALS	TAXES COLLECTED	TAXES ABATED	TAX TITLES	ADJ. -or-	BALANCE DUE 6/30/87
1987	RE	0.00	174,619.30	327.68	174,946.98	138,392.31	7,235.81		330.23	29,649.09
	PP	0.00	8,618.42		8,618.42	7,832.10	0.00			786.32
	WP	0.00	379.47		379.47	379.47	0.00			0.00
	MVE	0.00	8,353.75	16.25	8,370.00	4,879.26	445.74			3,045.00
	ROLL BACK	0.00								0.00
SUB TOTAL		0.00	191,970.94	343.93	192,314.87	151,483.14	7,681.55	0.00	330.23	33,480.41
1986	RE	28,104.09			28,104.09	16,543.35			6.48	11,567.22
	PP	56.70			56.70	0.00				56.70
	WP	0.00	520.00		520.00	520.00				0.00
	MVE	5,528.90	4,929.97	113.86	10,572.73	6,008.59	1,380.82		21.75	3,205.07
SUB TOTAL		33,689.69	5,449.97	113.86	39,253.52	23,071.94	1,380.82	0.00	28.23	14,828.99
1985	RE	7,389.36			7,389.36	2,842.09	0.00			4,547.27
	PP	0.00			0.00	0.00				0.00
	CF	0.00			0.00	0.00				0.00
	AGRI.	0.00			0.00	0.00				0.00
	MVE	1,997.40		5.23	2,048.01	983.96	5.23		12.40	1,046.42
SUB TOTAL		9,386.76			9,437.37	3,826.05	5.23	0.00	12.40	5,593.69
1984	RE	4,521.27	473.76		5,090.70	2,570.53			380.16	2,899.70
	PP	50.40			50.40	0.00				50.40
	CF	0.00			0.00	0.00				0.00
	AGRI.	0.00			0.00	0.00				0.00
	MVE	342.68	4.24		346.92	143.30				203.62
SUB TOTAL		4,914.35			5,488.02	2,713.83	0.00	0.00	380.16	3,153.72
1983	RE	2,051.65			2,051.65	332.60				1,719.05
	PP	57.75			57.75	0.00				57.75
	AGRI	243.38			243.38	62.70				180.68
	MVE	181.23			181.23	97.96			7.50	90.77
SUB TOTAL		2,534.01			2,534.01	493.26	0.00	0.00	7.50	2,048.25

FISCAL YEAR	TAX	BALANCE 7-1-85	WARRANTS	REFUNDS	TOTALS	TAXES COLLECTED	TAXES ABATED	TAX TITLES	ADJ. -or-	BALANCE DUE 6/30/87
1982	RE	919.37			919.37	248.00				671.37
	PP	56.35			56.35	0.00				56.35
	MVE	221.07			221.07	194.54				26.53
SUB TOTAL		1,196.79			1,196.79	442.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	754.25
1981	RE	244.51			244.51	0.00				244.51
	PP	317.52			317.52	0.00				317.52
	MVE	156.48			156.48	125.24				31.24
SUB TOTAL		718.51			718.51	125.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	593.27
1980	RE	0.00			0.00	0.00				0.00
	PP	236.43			236.43	0.00				236.43
	MVE	75.58			75.58	27.50				48.08
SUB TOTAL		312.01			312.01	27.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	284.51
1979	PP	255.00			255.00	50.00				205.00
	MVE	89.42			89.42	51.67		0.00	0.00	37.75
SUB TOTAL		344.42			344.42	101.67				242.75
1978	MVE	81.95			81.95	12.05				69.90
1977	MVE	100.06			100.06	41.48				58.58
GRAND TOTAL		53,278.55	197,659.91	460.41	251,781.53	182,338.70	9,067.60	0.00	758.52	59,616.71

TAXES COLLECTED 182,338.70
 INTEREST 757.16
 MUNIC.LIENS 330.00
 ROLL-BACK TAXES 4,819.26

 188,245.12

KEY: RE REAL ESTATE
 PP PERSONAL PROP ERTY
 CF CLASSIFIED FO REST
 RB ROLL-BACK
 AG AGRICULTURAL

TAX COLLECTOR

NEIL G. NICKERSON

POLICE DEPARTMENT

During 1987 the Middlefield Police responded to 132 calls, an increase of one over 1986.

As many of you know 1987 was a year of change for the Police Department. Paul Scapin found it necessary to resign because of the growing pressure of his construction business and the hours of training required now. We all wish Paul good luck in his venture and say thank you for his efforts on the Department. Jimmy Jasmin and Dan Suriner were appointed special officers for the department, and at this writing Jimmy is finishing a 14 week training course for certification as a regular officer. Good luck, Jimmy!

Also 1987 saw the purchase of Middlefield's own cruiser. The value of which cannot be measured in terms of dollars to the Department. Having the proper equipment not only makes the job easier to do, but also safer. Thank you to all who helped.

With the growth of the Town there comes a need for a growth in services. With budget and manpower restraints we need to ask the citizens of Middlefield to be alert to any suspicious activity in your area. If you see something out of the ordinary, please call one of the officers.

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

Tom Austin, Chief	623-8847
Mike Pensivy	623-5232
Jimmy Jasmin, Auxiliary	623-5054
Dan Suriner, Auxiliary	623-8796

The current statistics on matters handled by your Police Department from January 1, 1987 to December 31, 1987 are as follows:

Answered Alarms	8
Assault	2
Assist Fire Department	2
Assist Game Warden	5
Assist State Police	12
Attempted Breaking and Entering	5
Break-ins	6
Court Hours	40
Disturbed Person	0
Disturbing the Peace	1
Domestic Disturbance	8
DWI	1
Hit and Run	0
Illegal Camping	18
Illegal Discharge Firearms	4
Larceny	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Motor Vehicle Citations	1
Recreational Vehicle Complaints	10
Recreational Vehicle Violations	0
Serving Papers	10
Suicide	0
Suspicious Vehicles	12
Stolen Vehicle	0
Towed Vehicle	1
Trespass	10
Vagrant	1
Vandalism	10

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Austin, CHIEF
MIDDLEFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In 1987 the Department responded to a total of 18 calls. Two of those calls were structure fires, the most recent being the New Year's Eve fire that destroyed the home of Don and Tina Carter. Although the house was totally engulfed in flames when discovered, the quick response of our firemen and the effectiveness of our Mutual Aid System saved the main house and garage. Just one more reminder that with each passing year our equipment is becoming more antiquated.

On behalf of the members, I am asking the Townspeople to support the two articles on this year's warrant. We are asking for an increase in our yearly operating budget from \$2500 to \$3000. We are also asking for a workable solution to our serious equipment problem, in the form of a "RECOVERY PROGRAM". This will give the Department an additional \$3000 a year for 5 years to purchase badly needed equipment. We have met with the Finance Committee and this appears to be feasible.

The Department also sent out informational letters this fall, hopefully no one was omitted from the mailing list. The letter contained the emergency numbers of the Berkshire County Fire Mutual Aid Center in Pittsfield, where all fire and ambulance calls are answered, and a short explanation of how the calls are dispatched.

Meetings of the Middlefield Fire Department are held on the second and fourth Monday of the month. Anyone wishing to stop by the station is always welcome. I would like to thank the people of Middlefield for their on-going support.

ITEMIZED CALLS

Structure Fires	2
Oil Burner Fires	2
Brush Fires	3
Medical Calls	8
Hinsdale Ambulance	8
Mutual Aid (to other towns)	3

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Paschal
FIRE CHIEF

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Chief	William Paschal
Deputy Chief	Larry Pease
First Assistant	Ronald Radwich
Second Assistant	Danny Suriner
First Captain	Robert Connor
Second Captian	Scott Smith
First Lieutenant	Paul Rock
Second Lieutenant	Doug Savery
Secretary	Larry Pease
Treasurer	Maurice Pease
Grievance Committee	Howard Pease
	Jon Jones
Training Officer	Ronald Radwich
Mechanics	Howard Pease
	William Paschal
	Scott Smith

Current Members

William Hunt, Tim Pease, Robert Miller, Brian Miller, Tom Rock, Kirk Dowsey Jr., Paul Donnelly, Marco Artioli, Darren Artioli, Tony Scapin Jr., Henry Rock III, Jamie Denault, David Faust, Gerry Pouloit, Kevin Robitaille

Honorary Chiefs

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Following is a summary of recommendations for Articles in 1988 Town Warrant:

Article 5. After meeting with Mr. Holland, Gateway Regional School District Superintendent, and the Selectmen, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to reject the proposed school budget. It is an increase of approximately 37% over last year's budget. The school budget has been increasing at a pace greater than inflation and far above the constraints of Proposition 2 1/2. These continued increases in the school budget will be at the expense of other necessary Town services.

Article 10. The Finance Committee voted to recommend an increase of \$3,000 in the Machinery Expense account. This account has been level funded for the past several years, at a time when the Town growth is demanding an increase in services.

Article 13. The Finance Committee voted to recommend the sum of \$400 for the Assessor's office expense account. The Assessors have been very forward thinking; this money spent now could save us money in the future for re-evaluation.

Article 14. The Finance Committee voted to recommend the sum of \$5,000 for a Tax Administrative Assistant. There are increasing state mandated regulations putting an added burden on present administrative resources.

Article 16. The Finance Committee voted to recommend an increase of \$10,000 in the snow removal account; we have had a deficit in this account for the past several years; an increase of \$500 in the Fire Department budget, to reflect the increasing expense of complying with safety standards; an increase of \$400 in the Office Expense account. This account has been level funded for years; now an increase in Town growth is causing an increased demand for services.

Article 18. The Finance Committee voted to recommend an increase of \$5000 for insurance.

Article 23. The Finance Committee voted to recommend an increase of \$5000 over last year's costs for rubbish removal; this is a modest estimate of the expected increase in those costs for the coming year.

Article 25. The Finance Committee voted to recommend the sum of \$350 for the Visiting Nurse Association.

Article 26. The Finance Committee voted to recommend the sum of \$5000 for the Stabilization fund. This fund is intended to help defray large capital expenses in the future.

Article 30. The Finance Committee voted to recommend \$3000 for the Fire Department "Recovery System".

Article 33. The Finance Committee voted to recommend the sum of \$4000 for a new plow.

Article 34. The Finance Committee voted to recommend the sum of \$100 for the collection of hazardous household materials.

ARTICLE 37. An increase of \$140 for the Conservation Commission account to comply with the DEQE requirements of an active Conservation Commission.

We feel that the above articles represent a minimum level of Town services. To raise the funds needed for these services, the Town must vote for an override. The Finance Committee recommends that the override be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Cook
Margaret Donnelly
Martha Lee
Thomas Rock, Chairman
Andrea Tosi
FINANCE COMMITTEE

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board has had two major, long commitments this year involving rewriting and updating the General By-Laws, and creating an Open Space plan for the Town of Middlefield.

The Open Space Plan will be of interest to Town residents as it includes all the natural and cultural resources in Middlefield. Also it will provide the basis for updating the zoning which will be the next large project the Planning Board will undertake.

The Planning Board has signed many surveys of land that have changed hands this year. As the land is broken up, the character of the Town is bound to change. This will affect all of us. The Planning Board would like to hear from residents their feeling about change as we go into reevaluating our zoning.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Varsano
Ann Jewett
Ellen Russo
Lesley Jordan
Henry Rock
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 1987.

Spring Perc Tests	47
Houses	7
Garages	7
Barns	2
Sheds	4
Septic Repair	7
Decks	3
Additions	2
Stove Permits	5
Fall Perc Tests	10

Walter D. Smith
BUILDING INSPECTOR

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The responsibility and authority of all Conservation Commissions in the Commonwealth have increased significantly since the passage of the Wetlands Protections Act in 1986. This is due in large part to the increasing awareness and concern of the Legislature and the private sector regarding developments that adversely affect wetlands areas. Since the local body administering wetlands is the Conservation Commission, any new development can expect to confront wetlands regulations in the present and the future.

In addition, the State Legislature in October, 1987, passed a revision to the act that specifically protects wildlife habitats in wetlands. This revision can stop a developer entirely if his project is seen as presenting a threat to animal habitats. The other major reason to protect our wetlands is that they tend to be the major recharge area for underground water sources, or aquifers.

Middlefield Conservation Commission, for the first time in several years, has a full complement of members. It met in February, 1987 to organize, electing Jack Guyette, Jr., Chairman and Nancy Burnham, Recorder. Other new members are Paul Shirmer, Curt Robie, and Martin (Archie) Main.

The Commission met several times during the year with the Selectmen to review the plans and discuss the area proposed for the Town Recreation Area which would be located off Bell Road, behind the Fire Station and below the Town Disposal area. While the Commission expressed its unanimous support for the need of a Town Recreation Area, it also expressed its objections to the monies already spent there and rejected the site for the following reasons:

1. proposed site is a wetlands area;
2. site was proposed before Firehouse and Town Disposal Area were in existence;
3. proposed site would not satisfy percolation testing;
4. testing of water in pond on site revealed high salt content.

Further reasons for rejection of this site followed an on-site meeting and inspection with the Commission, Selectmen, and DEQE engineer Robert McCollom on November 19, 1987: Mr. McCollom strongly recommended against the proposed site for the same reasons as the Commission and suggested, along with the Commission, that alternate sites be considered. If, however, the Selectmen stand firm on the proposed site it will be required to seek a permit from the Commission, and to undertake new water and soil testing of the area, which could cost upwards of thousands of dollars.

Other business conducted by this Commission during 1987 included on-site inspection of land owned by Amerigo Baruzzi of Skyline Trail in response to a complaint filed with the DEQE by abutter Victor Artioli whose land, it was claimed, was flooded by the Baruzzi pond. As of the date of this report no disposition has been made known to the Commission by the DEQE.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Guyette, Jr. CHAIRMAN
Nancy Burnham, RECORDER
Paul Shirmer
Curt Robie
Martin "Archie" Main
 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DISPOSAL ATTENDANT REPORT

In 1987-88, Middlefield has continued to experience constantly spiraling refuse disposal costs which, in the face of relatively static operating revenues, has affected the level of other town services. More specifically, until 1985 this cost had settled in the \$9000 annual cost range. In 1985, the cost jumped to \$10,577, then escalated to \$13,108 [1986] and \$18,182 [1987]. As of mid-March 1988, the cost for FY88 stood at \$23,942, with more than a quarter year remaining to run. In 1988-89, this cost will approximate \$35,000. For perspective, it now costs \$130 for every "cord" of rubbish removed or \$1100 for each twice-monthly container removal.

In response to this growing burden, the town has focused on the only area in which it can expect an influence - volume control. Dumping fees for non-household refuse were instituted on 1/1/87 and increased on 1/1/88. Security measures to prohibit non-scheduled dump use have been effected and resident identification stickers have been a requisite to Middlefield living.

In addition to on-going involvement in long-term solutions, the town is presently considering a promising recycling program of more immediate benefit. This system would segregate glass, plastic and paper articles from those removable at regular rates. While additional handling would be increased, the savings could significantly exceed the nominal effort involved.

One thing is certain. Until sensible alternatives are forthcoming, our best efforts will be consumed in dampening continued cost increases rather than constructively controlling existing costs. And other services will increasingly suffer the consequences.

Suggestions for improvement of the Transfer Station are always welcome.

Respectively Submitted,

M. Archie Main
DISPOSAL ATTENDANT

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS REPORT

I have found 205 head of cattle, 29 horses, 4 goats, 10 sheep, and 3 swine in my annual inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Cook
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

LEE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION REPORT

The following is a report of the services performed for the town of Middlefield for the calendar year 1987:

	<u>HOME VISITS</u>
Nursing	44
Physical Therapy	2
Home Health Aide	64 visits/64 hours
Homemaker	259 visits/379.5 hours

<u>CLINICS</u>	<u>SESSIONS</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Blood Pressure	2	37
Flu Immunization	1	16

Respectfully submitted,

B. Ann Beacco, BSN
DIRECTOR

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

After an extended candidate search and selection process, Lawrence Holland was hired last summer as Superintendent of Schools. He was welcomed to protracted contract negotiations between the School Committee and the Gateway Teachers Association which were eventually consummated in January of this year. This gave Mr. Holland an opportunity to become well acquainted with teachers, staff and committee members.

The Gateway High School received accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges with both commendations and recommendations. The recommendations focused on problems as a result of facility and space and problems due to administrative organization. Mr. James Lutat along with the Steering Committee are addressing the space problems.

Mr. Holland has arranged an administrative reorganization with a new position, Director of Curriculum and Personnel. Three Assistant Principal positions will be eliminated. The schools will be directed by one High School Principal, one Middle School Principal and two Elementary Principals.

Vocational education at Gateway is accelerating with Mr. Norman Drapeau's Carpentry program. The partition which delineates our Town Office in the Middlefield Elementary School is a fine example of Gateway students' progress.

The Gateway Regional District School budget for next year has risen to \$6,749,733 which is an 11.2% increase over last year's \$6,068,554 budget. The primary factor increasing this budget is the contracted salaries of the teachers. The next hit was in insurance which increased by over 20%. While the Committee might wish to reduce line item cost increases, the fact remains that there is nothing that can be done to reduce these at this time.

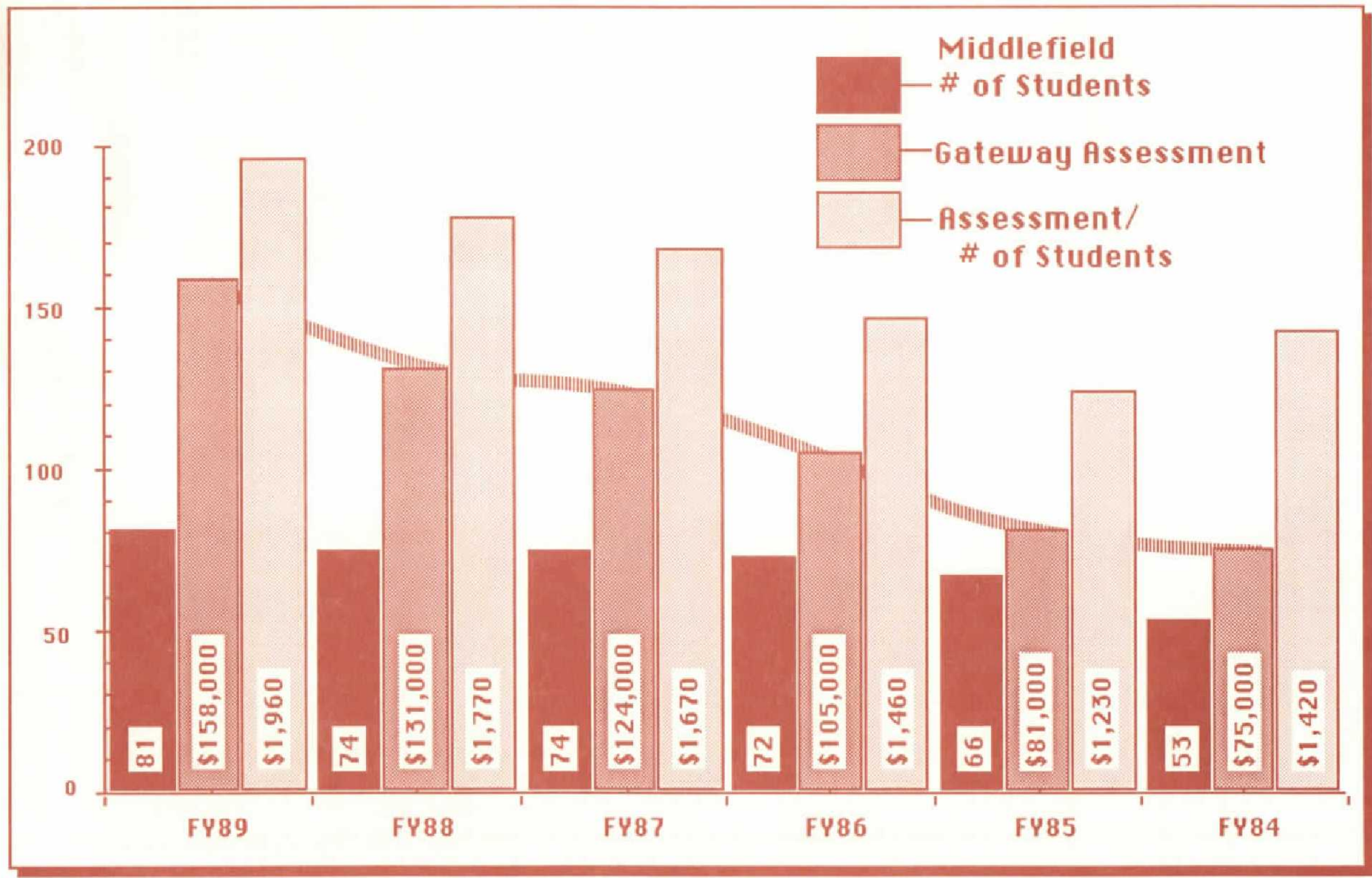
The Gateway assessment to Middlefield has risen so drastically because of the seven new students enrolled from Middlefield. Had we the same number of students this year as last, the increase would have been \$10,313. This trend of increases is only going to get worse. Ten additional students are anticipated to be enrolled by the year 1993. This is based on simply the below school age children currently living in Town.

The Regional School Trends Chart does not reflect any of the Middlefield vocational education costs, as the Committee is not in direct control of other school budgets. We are deeply concerned about the assessment increases and pledge to be exceedingly diligent in our efforts to be frugal.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Donnelly
Diane McQuaid
School Committee

Regional School Trends Effecting Middlefield



ARTS COUNCIL REPORT

The Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council funding program for community arts activities has been so successful that last year the dollar amount available to participating towns of 1000 or less population has risen from \$1000 annually to \$1500 distributed in two payments of \$750 each in January and July. These monies are held in an interest bearing account until distribution to applicants.

The Mass. Council has also initiated a Performing Arts Student Series [PASS] which provides funding for public school youngsters to attend performing arts events at a ticket price of \$5 or less.

The Middlefield Arts Council met in October 1987 to review applications for the January 1988 funding cycle. The following four grants were awarded by us and subsequently approved by the Mass. Council:

1. **FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY THEATRE** for a program involving local participation in acting, playwriting, scene design, and techniques of play production. \$200
2. **MIDDLEFIELD ARTS COUNCIL** for construction of a "locked box" bulletin board for public announcements regarding arts events, scholarships, grants, school activities, and etc. ... \$150

3. **MIDDLEFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY** for a matching-fund grant to go toward the purchase of video-tapes of museum tours, the tapes to become part of our library in conjunction with books purchased by our library funds, which books relate to museums. \$145
4. **BERKSHIRE PUBLIC THEATRE** for a presentation at the school of "The Public Speaks", a combined performance and slide-show. \$250

The Public Theatre performance is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, at 2 pm. There will be songs, dance and scenes. Do come.

We would like to hear opinions as to where the Bulletin Board should be located - someplace public, not in wetlands, and highly visible.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Artioli
Ann Jewett, Chair
Cameron McQuaid
Janet Rock
Ellen Russo
ARTS COUNCIL

LIBRARY REPORT

The Library has moved again and many other changes have taken place as well.

The staff is trying to streamline services. We realize that no library can be all things to all people, and this especially evident in a library as small as ours.

The librarian and trustees have been assessing our community needs to evaluate our performance and to ascertain how we can best accommodate the specialized needs of our community. As a result of our efforts to prioritize our roles, we have received a State Grant of \$1,000.00 for the purchase of non-fiction books. In addition, pending matching funds, we have received a grant of \$145.00 from the State Lottery Arts Council for the purpose of cultural video tapes. These monies represent a 100% increase over our normal operating budget.

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners require public libraries receiving state aid to be open a minimum of 10 hours per week. Our hours of operation are:

Monday	4 - 7 PM
Wednesday	4 - 8 PM
Saturday	9AM - NOON

We hope that the hours chosen are those best suited to the townspeople. As always, we are open to comment and suggestions from the public.

Once again the Regional Bookmobile and Inter-library loan network have proven to be invaluable in providing materials beyond our scope as a small library with very little wait.

I wish to thank Library Aide, Anita Myers; the devoted trustees and all those who have donated books or have worked in any way to make our library a better place.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Oigny
LIBRARIAN

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

The Historical Committee has received two gifts this past year to add to the displays at the Old Town Hall. Mrs. Alice Steele of Cummington donated one of her shadow-boxes of miniature items that have made her miniature room displays come alive. She is very well known for the many miniature room displays she has made.

The Olsens, Polly and Ollie, have given a quilt to the Museum. This will add to the colorful Signature and Town quilts that are already on display.

The Middlefield Town Museum is located on the second floor of the Town Hall and can be seen by appointment. Call 623-8796.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Suriner
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

COUNCIL ON AGING REPORT

Middlefield Seniors have had a busy year and appreciate the advantages of the use of the space in the Town Hall for a Senior Center.

We have added three tables, so we now have six tables for use at the Center.

The Christmas party and luncheon was enjoyed by many and included a gift exchange. The Seniors appreciated the holiday decorations, also.

In April our pot luck luncheon was also held at the church parish hall, and we had as our guests Edwin and Sally Lawton from the Westhampton Council On Aging.

Our May guests were Linda McTartan, who is in charge of Community Care, Sarah McColgan, Adult Family Care, and Deb Friedman, Friends-In-Need and Senior Companion program, all of Highland Valley. They were here for the pot luck luncheon and spoke and answered questions afterward.

Several seniors enjoyed an ice cream social and a picnic at Glendale Falls during the summer months. Marilyn Curtis of the Lee Visiting Nurses Association came for a blood pressure clinic at one of our summer luncheons.

Dr. Albert Plante of Westfield was here in August, October and May for podiatry clinics, and about eight people participated each time.

News letters were issued in December, March and June to all of our Senior members.

The new ramp at the Town Hall built by Bruce Wehman has made it possible for seniors in wheel chairs to participate in our programs at the Center.

Mileage is allowed for anyone over 60 who needs transportation for grocery shopping or medical-related purposes, and people needing this service should contact the chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Suriner, Chairman

Margorie Guild

Wayne Suriner

Gordon Guild

Isabella Jordan

James Hale

Helen P. Cook

Elizabeth Oligny

Cynthia Oligny

Nancy Pease

COUNCIL ON AGING

Selectmen's Expenditure Report

Fiscal Year 1987

7/1/86 - 6/30/87

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Hinsdale Ambulance	1,200.00
Huntington Ambulance	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expenditures	1,700.00

ASSESSOR'S EXPENSE & CONSULT

MMC, Inc	<u>2,715.00</u>
Total Expenditures	2,715.00

ASSESSORS COMPUTER UPDATE

MMC, Inc.	<u>1,485.72</u>
Total Expenditures	1,485.72

ASSESSORS EXPENSE

Hobbs & Warren	26.00
Dues	50.00
Gowdy, Inc.	20.20
Impress	37.15
J. Rice - supplies	45.01
S. Kozera - transfers	<u>66.75</u>
Total Expenditures	245.11

CEMETERY EXPENSE

E. Horalek	1,107.75
E. Donnelly	112.75
L. Bell	100.00
R. Savery	705.90
P. Oligny	<u>44.70</u>
Total Expenditures	2,071.10

CHAPTER 90 FUNDING

Daniel Schnopp	3,460.95
S. Fisk	4,450.00
Salaries	5,438.68
R. Pease	1,800.00
Lane Metal Products	2,280.48
Western Mass. Construction	32,695.00
R.K. Steele	1,712.00
J. Winn	502.92
Donovan Bros.	800.60
B. Pease	5,110.00
Retroactive Pay	<u>130.44</u>
Total Expenditures	58,381.07

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dues	<u>70.00</u>
Total Expenditures	70.00

COUNCIL ON AGING

W. Suriner	54.39
P. Suriner	204.65
Dr. Alfred LaPlante	200.00
M. Guild	108.82
G. Guild	27.60
J. Gardner	8.80
W. Cook	33.00
J. Savery	419.18
D. Suriner	150.00
Country Journal	204.00
Alfax Furniture	317.02
Zayre Dept. Store	239.28
M. Donnelly	10.48
B. Oligny	<u>37.48</u>
Total Expenditures	2,014.70

DISPOSAL AREA

M. Main - attendant	1,060.00
Berkshire Clean-Way	15,039.00
D. Savery	72.45
L. Pease	68.55
R. Miller	21.00
R. Wilander	190.00
Retroactive Pay	0.30
Commercial Disposal	<u>1,731.00</u>
Total Expenditures	18,182.30

DOG OFFICER

D. Savery	<u>300.00</u>
Total Expenditures	300.00

ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY

J. Rice	60.00
E. Rice	800.00
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	6,035.00

Selectmen's Expenditure Report

Fiscal Year 1987

7/1/86 - 6/30/87

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS

C. Oligny	18.76
B. Oligny	30.18
P. Oligny	27.08
J. Vreeland	45.84
M. Batorski	58.27
E. Russo	17.75
J. Gardner	17.75
E. Denault	55.14
L. Bell	40.83
P. Suriner	92.60
S. Savery	90.70
E. Rice	94.00
M. Sternagle	74.72
G. Seefield	18.64
E. Seefield	17.75
R. Croxford	50.16
W. Suriner	15.98
Total Expenditures	766.15

FLOOD 1984

Salaries	6,204.45
Lane Construction	1,686.93
Lane Metal Products	514.60
Ray's Sweeping Service	425.00
All State Asphalt	7,110.68
B. Pease	9,260.00
Total Expenditures	25,201.66

FLOOD 1987

Salaries	2,278.40
P.K. Steele	315.00
Daniel Schnopp	1,276.25
Total Expenditures	3,869.65

FIRE DEPT. EXPENSE

Hinsdale Sevice Center	45.60
R.S. Lee	8.00
Berkshire Communications	773.35
Motorola	1,002.89
C & S Spec.	54.00
Gateway Auto Parts	32.59
Raynor's	527.01
Fire Control Service	28.00
L.P. Adams	19.92
Lee Audio	126.25
Pittsfield Welding	39.91
Total Expenditures	2,657.52

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN

R. Olds	325.00
Total Expenditures	325.00

FIRE PHONES

WMECO	86.22
New England Telephone	167.41
AT&T	166.08
Total Expenditures	419.71

FIREHOUSE LOAN

FHA	1,750.00
Total Expenditures	1,750.00

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCH. DIST.

Gateway	139,837.76
Total Expenditures	139,837.76

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT

Hampshire Co. Treasurer	3,543.00
Total Expenditures	3,543.00

HEALTH INSURANCE

Blue Cross/Blue Shield	3,618.40
Total Expenditures	3,618.40

HEALTH & SANITATION

I. Jordan	8.80
Mass. Assoc of Health Boards	25.00
Total Expenditures	33.80

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P. Suriner	20.00
Total Expenditures	20.00

HOLIDAY & VACATION PAY

Retroactive Pay	24.80
R. Miller	1,319.00
L. Pease	892.80
D. Savery	755.90
Total Expenditures	2,992.50

INSPECTIONS

L. Pease	20.00
W. Smith	550.00
J. Savery	100.00
G. Robert Olds	70.00
C. Cook	30.00
E. Rice	13.20
Zeitler Plumbing	120.00
H. Pease	10.00
Total Expenditures	913.20

INSURANCE

Stevenson Agency	679.05
MIIA	3,407.00
Hastings-Tapley	14,897.60
Total Expenditures	18,983.65

Selectmen's Expenditure Report

Fiscal Year 1987

7/1/86 - 6/30/87

INTEREST-FIREHOUSE LOAN		MAINTENANCE PUBLIC BLDGS.		POLICE CHIEF SALARY	
FHA	1,225.00	WEMCO	961.13	T. Austin	300.00
Total Expenditures	<u>1,225.00</u>	New England Telephone	573.99	Total Expenditures	<u>300.00</u>
		L.P. Adams	25.31		
INTEREST-SHORT TERM LOAN		Kieras Oil	1,254.14	POLICE DEPT. EXPENSE	
1st. Agricultural Bank	1,895.74	AT&T	54.00	Sentry Uniforms	16.90
Bureau of Accounts	50.00	Lennox-Patterson	1,796.11	Western Mass. Police Assoc.	30.00
Total Expenditures	<u>1,945.74</u>	Fire Control Service	17.00	M. Pensivy	23.40
		Olds Store	44.18	Jordan Gun Shop	120.25
LIBRARY EXPENSE		Michael O'Melia	625.00	Commonwealth of Mass. permit	70.00
Oxmoor Publishers	17.64	Total Expenditures	<u>5,350.86</u>	J. Jasmin	50.27
C. Oigny	475.97			Robert L. Keach-jacket	65.00
DEMCO	43.68	OFFICE EXPENSE		Total Expenditures	<u>375.82</u>
October Mt. Books	239.96	U.S. Postal Service	605.70		
Literary Guild	53.46	Hobbs & Warren	253.70	PRINTING	
Total Expenditures	<u>830.71</u>	Edward Deveraux	15.00	Country Journal	9.75
		E. Rice	28.09	Impress	480.50
MACHINERY EXPENSE		Bureau of Accounts	30.00	Hobbs & Warren	67.75
Kieras Oil [diesel oil]	1,857.11	Impress Printing	108.00	Berkshire Eagle	65.82
Old's General Store	582.54	Middlefield Post Office	10.00	Eagle Printing Binding & Mailing	520.23
Charlie's Garage	1,143.02	Mass. Collectors & Treasurers	17.50	D. McQuaid-paper & copies	41.00
Langdon's Truck Service	1,105.72	R.S. Lee Co.	10.70	Moore Business Sytems	53.95
Freedman Steel	1,463.35	N. Pease	3.19	Westwall Press	188.50
Southgate Motors	45.35	C. McQuaid	53.47	Total Expenditures	<u>1,427.50</u>
B.J. McLaughlin Equipment	272.47	Mass. Mutual Assoc.	20.40		
Gateway Auto Supply	1,545.75	Finance Committee Assoc.	35.00	RECREATION	
Dalton Tractor	587.64	Total Expenditures	<u>1,190.75</u>	Town of Chester	100.00
Raynor's	57.54			Total Expenditures	<u>100.00</u>
Juny's Glass	147.24	PIONEER VALLEY PLAN. COMM.			
Smith Auto	12.80	Pioneer Valley Plan. Comm.	57.75	RECREATION AREA PLANNING	
John's Building Supply	29.40	Total Expenditures	<u>57.75</u>	Brewster Pease	630.00
City Tire	3,763.01			University of Mass.	2,000.00
Bud's Chain Saw	457.20	PLANNING BOARD		Total Expenditures	<u>2,630.00</u>
R. Savery	3,052.80	C. Varsano	49.95		
Tri-City Contractors	1,461.80	Mass. Fed. of Plann. Brds.	30.00		
Hinsdale Service Center	178.95	Total Expenditures	<u>79.95</u>		
Orchard Equipment	6.13				
R. Miller	7.45				
Total Expenditures	<u>17,777.27</u>				

Selectmen's Expenditure Report

Fiscal Year 1987 7/1/86 - 6/30/87

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Mass. Municipal [dues 2 yrs]	372.75
Berkshire Eagle	39.49
Country Journal	11.70
Hamp. Co. Selectmens Assoc.	114.00
I. Jordan	10.54
Pioneer Val. Recycl. Assoc.	20.00
Total Expenditures	<u>568.48</u>

SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY

L. Bell	550.05
D. McQuaid	549.95
Total Expenditures	<u>1,100.00</u>

STREET LIGHTS

WMECO	268.63
Total Expenditures	<u>268.63</u>

TAX MAPS

Cartographic Assoc.	4,649.00
E. Rice	14.40
Total Expenditures	<u>4,663.40</u>

TOWN COUNSEL

Francis Collins	150.00
Total Expenditures	<u>150.00</u>

TRUCK

Mutual Ford	36,966.00
Total Expenditures	<u>36,966.00</u>

TOWN HIGHWAYS

Salaries	12,076.60
B. Miller	1,022.25
Lane Construction	884.79
Lane Metal Products	693.28
Daniel Schnopp	113.75
Stuart Fisk	3,800.00
Retroactive Pay	290.05
B. Pease	175.00
J. Winn	140.00
Donovan Bros.	1,821.09
Trew Corp.	262.45
Highway Sign Co.	125.00
Freedman Steele	81.27
Total Expenditures	<u>21,485.53</u>

TOWN SNOW

Salaries	18,835.93
Donovan Bros.	5,312.07
International Salt	3,337.78
B. Miller	159.00
Total Expenditures	<u>27,644.78</u>

TREASURER'S WARRANTS

Federal Income Tax	6,276.00
State Income Tax	2,037.06
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	301.27
Hamp. Co. Retirement	3,167.78
County Tax Assessment	11,168.19
State Assessment - MVE	134.00
Dog Fees	247.25
Other Treasurer's Warrants	5,086.86
Total Expenditures	<u>28,418.41</u>

TREE ACCOUNTS

C. Savery	130.00
R. Miller	98.00
L. Pease	107.10
D. Savery	12.60
Total Expenditures	<u>347.70</u>

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Comm. of Mass.	48.24
Total Expenditures	<u>48.24</u>

VISITING NURSE ASSOC.

Lee Visiting Nurse Assoc.	315.00
Total Expenditures	<u>315.00</u>

WAR MEMORIALS & PLAYGROUNDS

E. Horalek	663.00
G. Pouloit	40.00
Total Expenditures	<u>703.00</u>

WESTERN MASS. COALITION

Western Mass. Coalition	100.00
Total Expenditures	<u>100.00</u>

SUBTOTAL EXPENDITURES 454,202.52

OTHER EXPENDITURES

Short Term Borrowing	162,000.00
Total Expenditures	<u>162,000.00</u>

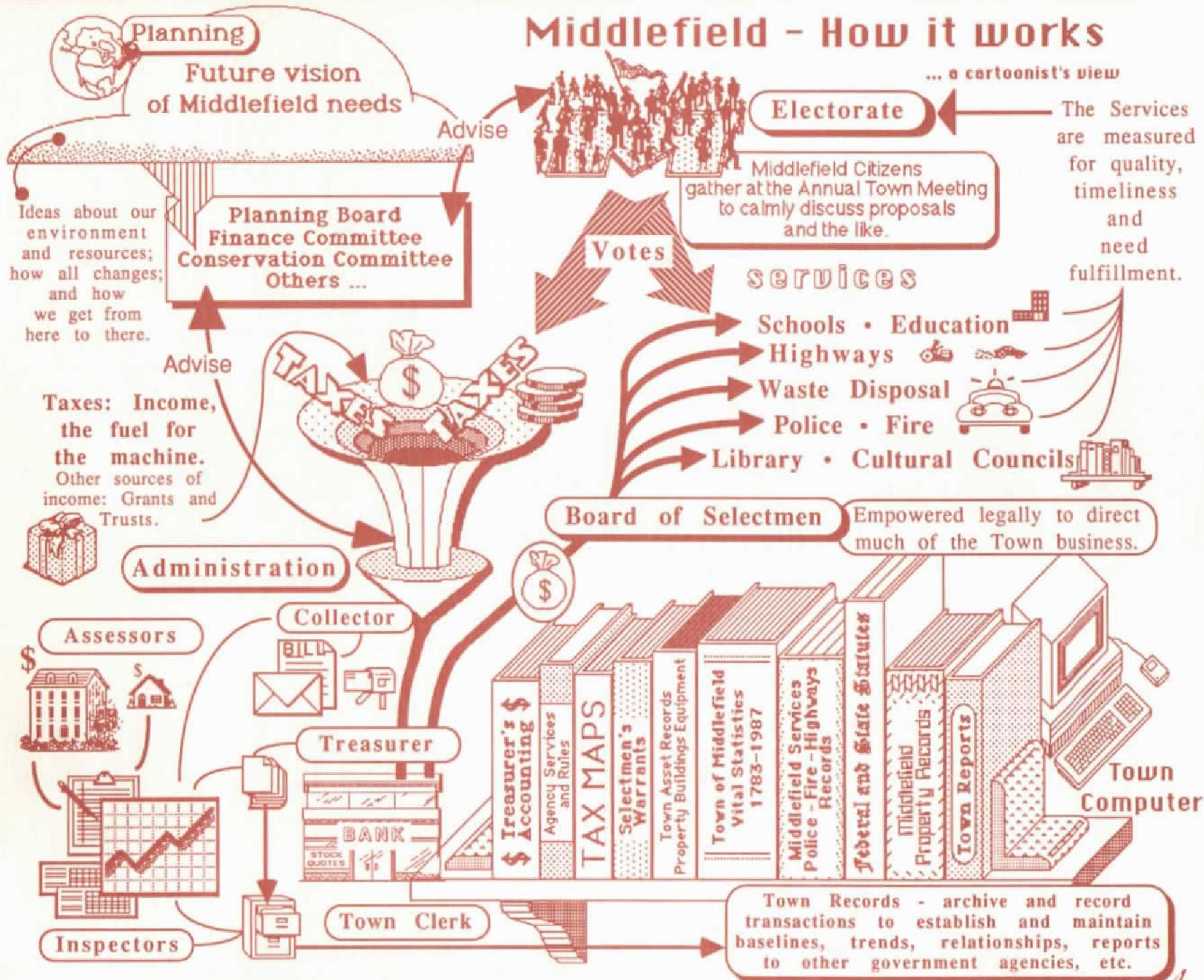
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 616,202.52

NOTES:



Middlefield - How it works

... a cartoonist's view



Planning

Future vision of Middlefield needs

Ideas about our environment and resources; how all changes; and how we get from here to there.

Planning Board
Finance Committee
Conservation Committee
Others ...

Advise



Electorate

Middlefield Citizens gather at the Annual Town Meeting to calmly discuss proposals and the like.

The Services are measured for quality, timeliness and need fulfillment.

Votes

services

- Schools • Education
- Highways
- Waste Disposal
- Police • Fire
- Library • Cultural Councils

Taxes: Income, the fuel for the machine.
Other sources of income: Grants and Trusts.



Board of Selectmen

Empowered legally to direct much of the Town business.

Administration

Assessors

Collector

Treasurer

Town Clerk

Inspectors



Town Records - archive and record transactions to establish and maintain baselines, trends, relationships, reports to other government agencies, etc.

Town Computer

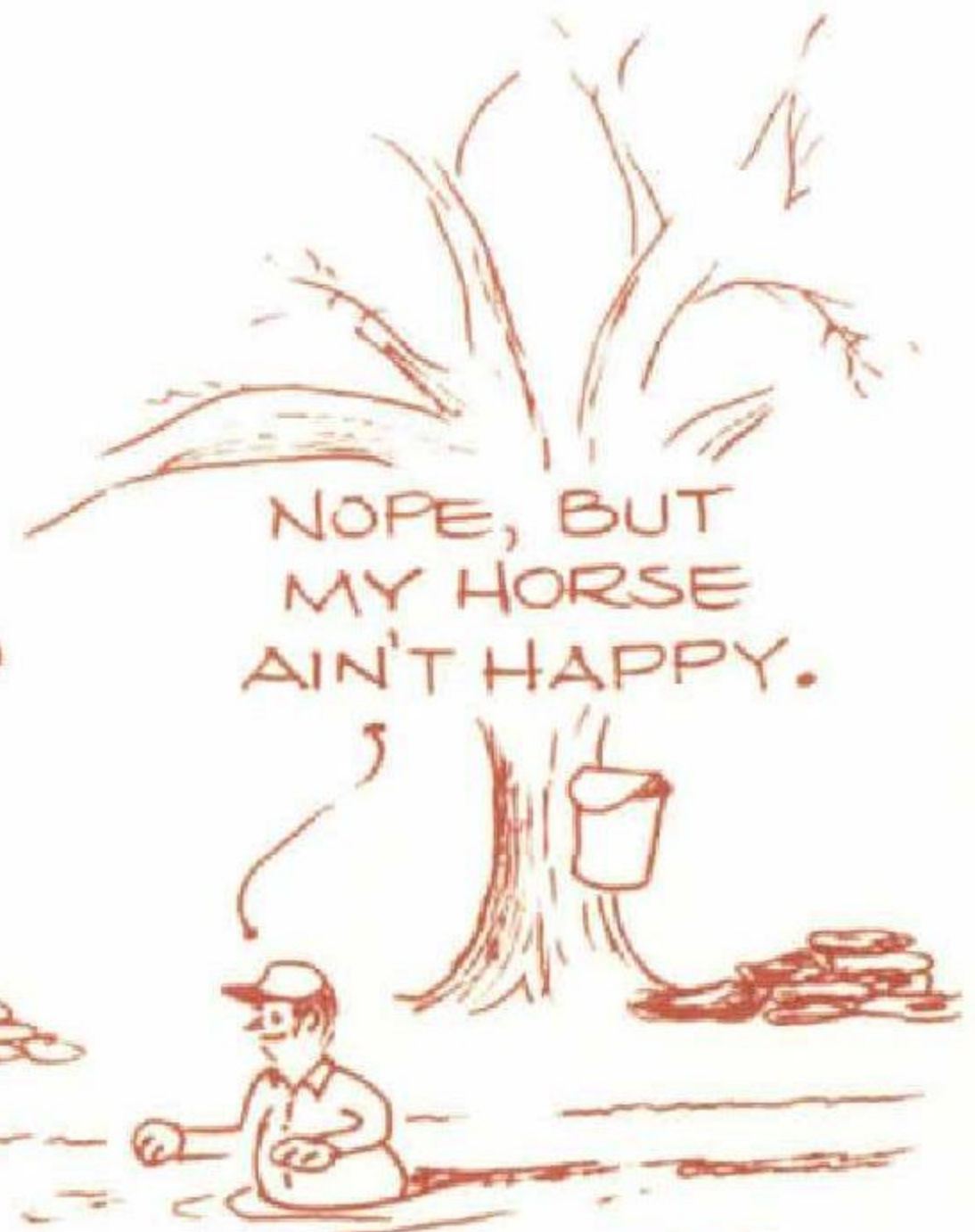
Com

NOTES:

HI, NEIGHBOR,
MUD STILL BOTHERIN'
YOU?



NOPE, BUT
MY HORSE
AIN'T HAPPY.



Jan



Middlefield