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**ANNUAL REPORTS
AND WARRANT**

of the Town of

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OFFICES HOURS AND MEETINGS

SELECTMEN: 7:30 P.M. First and Third Monday of each month

TAX COLLECTOR: 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. Mondays; Saturdays: 9 A.M. - Noon

TREASURER: 7:30 P.M. First and Third Mondays of every month;
Saturdays: 9 A.M. - Noon

ASSESSORS: 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. Mondays; Saturdays: 9 A.M. - Noon

TOWN CLERK: 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. Mondays; Saturdays: 9 A.M. - Noon

TOWN OFFICE PHONE 623-8966

MIDDLEFIELD ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

OFFICE		TERM EXPIRES	OFFICE		TERM EXPIRES
TOWN CLERK	Edith P. Rice	89	TRUSTEES	Mary Jane Donnelly	91
MODERATOR	Peter Oligny	89	OF THE PUBLIC	Priscilla Suriner	89
TREASURER	Nancy C. Pease	89	LIBRARY	Elizabeth Oligny	90
SELECTMEN AND	Donald A. Savery	90	PLANNING BOARD	Ann Jewett	91
COMMISSION OF	Joseph J. Kearns *1	91		Daniel Suriner	91
PUBLIC WELFARE	Isabella C. Jordan	89		Mark Lipton *1	89
ASSESSORS	John E. Rice *1	91		Michael Hale	90
	Joan Almori	90	ZONING BOARD	Carol Varsano	90
	Martin A. Main *2	89	OF APPEALS	Peter G. Oligny	91
BOARD OF HEALTH	The Selectmen			Maurice H. Pease *1	89
AND FENCE VIEWERS			FINANCE	Jordan Paddock	90
SCHOOL	Edward Donnelly	91	COMMITTEE	Edward Cook	91
COMMITTEE	Diane McQuaid	90		Ronald Radwich	91
TAX COLLECTOR	Neil Nickerson	89		Andrea Tosi	89
CONSTABLES	Donald A. Savery	89	CEMETERY	Martha Lee *2	90
	William L. Paschal	89	COMMISSION	Thomas Rock *1	90
AUDITOR	Martin A. Main *2	89		Nancy Burnham *1	91
TREE WARDEN	Clyde A. Savery	89		Neil Nickerson	89
				Larry F. Pease	90

- *1 Chairperson
- *2 Appointed
- *3 Resigned
- *4 Alternate

OFFICE

ANIMAL INSPECTOR Donald A. Savery

ARTS COUNCIL Ann Jewett 89
 Judith Artioli 89
 Ellen Russo 89
 Cameron McQuaid 90
 Cynthia Oligny 91

BUILDING INSPECTOR Walter Smith

CIVIL DEFENSE
 WARDEN Howard Pease, Jr.

CONSERVATION Nancy Burnham 88
 COMMISSION Jack Guyette 89
 Martin A. Main 89
 Paul Schirmer 90
 Curt Robie 90

COUNCIL ON AGING Priscilla Suriner
 Helen P. Cook
 Helen Alderman
 Cynthia Oligny
 James Hale
 Isabella Jordan
 Elizabeth Oligny
 Nancy Pease
 Wayne Suriner
 Gordon Guild
 Marjorie Guild

DISPOSAL AREA
 ATTENDANT Martin A. Main

DOG OFFICER Donald A. Savery

DUTCH ELM/INSECT
 PEST CONTROL
 SUPERINTENDENT Robert P. Miller

FIELD DRIVER The Selectmen

OFFICE

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

HISTORICAL
 COMMISSION Priscilla Suriner

LUMBER SURVEYOR/
 WOOD AND BARK
 MEASURER Brian Miller
 Ira W. Pease

MILK INSPECTOR Donald A. Savery

POLICE CHIEF Thomas Austin
 POLICE SGT.
 OFFICER Michael Pensivy
 AUXILIARY Curt Robie
 Jimmy Jasmin
 Daniel Suriner
 Victor Fastiggi

PLUMBING INSPECTOR William J. Zeitler

RECREATION The Selectmen and The
 COMMITTEE Bicentennial Committee

REGISTRARS OF Anita Myers
 VOTERS Mary Jane Donnelly
 Edith Rice

STREET
 SUPERINTENDENT Robert P. Miller

TOWN CARTOGRAPHER Cameron McQuaid

TREASURER'S
 ASSISTANT Olive Furioni

WIRING INSPECTOR John Savery
 ASST. INSPECTOR Joseph E. Defeo

Warrant for the Middlefield Annual Town Meeting

... May 6, 1989 ...

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 sixth 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.

A Selectman, Assessor, Cemetery Commissioner, one Zoning Board of Appeals Member, one Planning Board Member, one Finance Committee Member, two Constables, and a County Commissioner 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, 1989 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 \$176,243 for Middlefield's share of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 1989 through June 30, 1990, or take any other action thereto, or accept as a net assessment a sum which is less than \$176,243 as certified by the Gateway Regional School District.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,981 for Middlefield's Vocational Transportation and Tuition for the period of July 1, 1989 through June 30, 1990, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant for fiscal year 1990 in the amount of \$ 255,737 under 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 \$2,500 for Selectmen's Expenses, which includes \$2,000 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 \$7,900 for the Assessor's Office to cover:

Assessor's Assistant	\$5,000.00
Computer Maintenance	1,600.00
Registry Fees	100.00
Office Expense	600.00
Tax Map Update	600.00

ARTICLE 17. 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, 1989 through June 30, 1990, or take any other action relating thereto:

HIGHWAY AND RELATED EXPENSES

Snow Removal	\$30,000.00
Employees Holiday/Vacation Pay	3,500.00
Health Insurance, Employees	4,500.00
Unemployment Compensation	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

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
Conservation Commission	150.00
Dog Officer and Expense	400.00
Fire Chief and Forest Warden Salary	325.00
Fire Department Expenses	3,000.00
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 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$7,000 for maintenance of public buildings, including heat, electricity, telephone, etc., or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$30,000 to cover all Town insurance, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 17. 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 18. 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 19. 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 20. 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 21. 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 22. To see if the Town will vote (1) to continue to belong to the Western Massachusetts Coalition of Governments and Institutions for the purpose of supporting an effective legal challenge to the rate increase request filed by Western Massachusetts Electric Company with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities; (2) to raise and appropriate funds according to the established fee schedule, or otherwise provide its share of coalition expenses, which is \$100 for municipalities less than 500 population.

ARTICLE 23. 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 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$10,000 for a Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 25. 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 26. To see if the Town will transfer the balance of funds in the Recreation Area Account to FY 1990.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400 for the Franklin Regional Transportation Authority.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,000 for the second year of the five year Fire Department "Recovery System".

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 for activities of the Council On Aging for FY 1990.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for maintenance and improvements of the Town Cemeteries.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to increase the cost of Pine Grove Cemetery lots from \$300 to \$500 to become effective July 1, 1989.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will incur an indebtedness up to \$225,000 to pay for the cost of a new Town Hall. This amount to be repaid over a 20 year period.

ARTICLE 33. 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 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 for a Regional Resource Planner.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to change Section 4 of the Zoning By-Law to increase the minimum front yard dimension, i.e. the set back of buildings from Town roads to 75 feet and to vary the front yard dimension (setback) to a greater distance where the road frontage is less than 400 feet. This greater setback distance shall vary in inverse proportion with the length of road frontage in the building lot according to the following formula: a triangle of at least 15,000 square feet shall be described by the end points of the lot frontage and the location of the building. If the lot has the minimum required road frontage of 200 feet, the setback distance will increase to 150 feet. However, any front yard dimension greater than 75 feet shall be required only to a distance where topographic features do not cause a severe hardship.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Scenic Road By-Law for certain roads bordered by trees of exceptional quality, stone walls, or other features of aesthetic value. This By-Law will permit the Planning Board to hold hearings and render decisions on road work or other activities which would involve the cutting of trees, the destruction of stone walls, or alterations which would lessen the aesthetic value of other natural or man-made features within the town right-of-way. The decisions of the Planning Board under the scenic Roads By-Law must be based on the preservation of natural resources, environmental values, historical values, scenic and aesthetic values, public safety, proposed compensatory actions, and other sound planning considerations.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a By-Law regulating common access driveways. This By-Law will require, in part, that no common access driveway shall serve more than 3 lots, all of which must have the required frontage on a Town road. No common driveway could be constructed without a special permit from the Planning Board after a hearing at which the Fire Chief, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, and Building Inspector will give opinions on the adequacy of the design of the proposed driveway. No common driveway shall be construed as a Town road under any circumstance.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept a Zoning By-Law which establishes a Critical Resources District bounded as follows: all land between the Worthington line and a line described by the east side of Arthur Pease Road and the east side of Skyline Trail from its intersection with Arthur Pease Road to the Chester line. The purpose of the Critical Resources District is to preserve the class A water in the Middle Branch of the Westfield River and to maintain the rural and natural qualities of the Town. The minimum dimensional requirements in the CRD shall be three acres with 300 feet of road frontage. Areas which are designated wetlands as defined by MGLA CH 131, S 40, as well as flood prone land and land with a slope greater than 30% shall be excluded from the area calculation of the lot. Further, the creation of three or more lots from any parcel of land within a twenty year period shall be allowed only by Special Permit. A Special Permit may be granted after filing a Development Plan which conforms to the requirements for a preliminary subdivision plan under the Planning Board's Subdivisions Rules and Regulations, an Environmental Analysis, and a site plan. The Development Plan can be approved if it shows that, where applicable, the proposed development meets all the requirements of the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations. Copies of the Development Plan shall be submitted to the Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Board of Health, and Board of Selectmen. A Special Permit may be granted only after a formal Public Hearing.

ARTICLE 39. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Other articles may be added to this warrant.

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

LICENSE SUMMARY

DOG LICENSES	EACH	AMOUNT
22 Males	\$3.00	\$66.00
5 Females	6.00	30.00
30 Spayed Females	3.00	90.00
1 Kennels	10.00	<u>10.00</u>
TOTAL		\$196.00

83 Clerk's Fees 0.75 43.50

SPORTING LICENSES	EACH	AMOUNT
19 Resident Fishing	\$12.50	\$237.50
16 Resident Hunting	12.50	200.00
20 Sporting	19.50	390.00
1 Non Resident Fishing	17.50	17.50
1 Resident Alien Fish	14.50	14.50
1 Mass. Waterfoul Stamp	1.25	1.25
14 Non Resident Hunting	48.50	679.00
1 Sporting (65-69)	9.75	9.75
6 Archery/Primitive	5.00	30.00
1 Duplicate Sporting	2.00	2.00
3 Sporting (over 70)	0.00	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL		\$1,581.50

72 Clerk's Fees 0.50 \$36.00
 6 Clerk's Fees 0.10 0.60
TOTAL **\$36.60**

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1988

January 2 Thomas H. Rock and
 Mary Christine Bresnahan

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1988

March 10 Michelle Lee Hunt, daughter of Wendy
 Ann and William E. Hunt
 April 20 Lee Robert Jasmin, son of Laurie Edith
 and Jimmy Lee Jasmin
 May 21 Meghan Kathryn, daughter of Susan
 Harriet and Joseph Michael Donnelly
 July 15 Catherine Audrey Elizabeth, daughter of
 Ellen Joan and Ronald Steven Baines
 August 10 Jesse Michael, son of Christine Louise
 and Donald Harley Carter

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1988

November 4 Florence E. Warren Age 78
 December 5 Lyndon Gilmore Age 69

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

October 3, 1988 - The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Peter Oligny, at 8 P.M. There were 15 registered voters present.

ARTICLE 1. It was unanimously voted to join in the establishment of the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) together with the following towns: Chesterfield, Goshen, Cummington, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Southampton, Hatfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington.

ARTICLE 2. It was unanimously voted to transfer from free cash the sum not to exceed \$1,300 for the annual operational and administrative expenses of HRMC.

November 28, 1988 - The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Peter Oligny, at 8 P.M. There were forty registered voters present.

ARTICLE 1. The question was to see if the Town would approve the \$1,668,060 indebtedness authorized by the Regional School District for the purpose of remodeling and making major repairs to the school buildings. After a long discussion, the Moderator called for a vote:

Yes 21
 No 4

Respectfully submitted,

Edith P. Rice
 TOWN CLERK



Treasurer's Report - Fiscal Year 1988

ACCOUNT	APPRO- PRIATIONS	AMOUNT TRANSFER	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	RESERVE FUND	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	
State Aid		750.00				750.00	
Transfer		(100.00) *1	750.00	600.00 *1	600.00		
Assessor's Comp Update	1,600.00	1,200.00 *2	2,800.00		2,743.38		56.62
Assessor's Expense	400.00		400.00		263.86		136.14
CAMA Computer System	6,000.00		6,000.00		5,788.61		
CAMA System Assistant	3,000.00		3,000.00			3,000.00	*3
Cemetery Expense		2,000.00 *4	2,000.00		1,337.25	662.75	
Chapter 90							
Arthur Pease Road					10,551.58		
Chipman Road					8,061.30		
Civil Defense	10.00		10.00		0.00		10.00
Conservation Commission	10.00		10.00		0.00		10.00
Constitutional Bicent	200.00	6.05 *5	206.05		135.57		70.48
Council On Aging							
Appropriation	500.00	100.00 *6					
Balance 1987		3,839.97					
Highland Valley		1,221.00					
Donations		92.00	5,752.97		4,308.56	1,444.41	
County Resource Planner	200.00		200.00		0.00		200.00
Disposal Area	30,000.00	2,000.00 *2	32,000.00		31,680.58		319.42
Dog Fees					128.50		
Dog Officer & Expense	400.00		400.00		300.00		100.00
Elected Town Officers	6,035.00		6,035.00		6,035.00		
Elections & Registrations	600.00	42.60 *7	642.60		585.48		57.12
Fire Chief/Warden	325.00		325.00		325.00		
Fire Dept. Expense	2,500.00		2,500.00		2,495.21		
Fire Dept. Portable Pump	1,800.00		1,800.00	120.33	1,920.33		
Fire Dept. Water Supply	1,000.00		1,000.00		50.83	949.17	
Fire Phones	400.00		400.00	42.15	442.15		
Firehouse Loan & Interest	2,887.50				2,887.50		
Flood Damage 1987					25,814.99		
Forest Fire Protection	10.00		10.00		0.00		10.00
Gateway Reg School Dist	129,000.00		129,000.00		128,738.82		261.81
Hampshire Co Retirement	3,800.00		3,800.00		3,794.00		6.00
Hampshire County Tax					11,006.56		
Health Insurance	4,500.00		4,500.00		4,106.30		393.70
Health and Sanitation	10.00	24.00 *9	34.00		34.00		
Historical Commission Balance		193.48					
Sale of plates		10.00	203.48		0.00	203.48	
Holiday and Vacation Pay	3,500.00		3,500.00		3,175.20		314.80
Inspections,Licenses,Pmt	700.00		700.00	775.00	1,475.00		
Insurance	20,000.00	6,000.00 *8	24,000.00		23,912.33		87.86
		(2,000.00)					
Interest Short Term Notes	2,000.00		2,000.00		885.30		1,114.70
Library Expense Balance	250.00	1,500.00	1,750.00		1,425.13	324.87	
Machinery Expense	12,000.00	1,000.00 *2	13,000.00	1,694.71	14,694.71		
Maintenance Public Bldgs	5,000.00	2,000.00 *8	7,000.00		5,960.63		1,039.17
Note					60,000.00		

Treasurer's Report - Fiscal Year 1988 Continued

ACCOUNT	APPRO- PRIATIONS	AMOUNT TRANSFER	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	RESERVE FUND	EXPEN- DITURES	BALANCE FORWARD	BALANCE CLOSED
Office Expense	1,200.00		1,200.00	244.73	1,444.73		
Pioneer Valley Png	57.75		57.75		57.75		
Planning Board	10.00		10.00		0.00		10.00
Police Chief's Salary	300.00		300.00		300.00		
Police Cruiser	2,500.00		2,500.00		2,371.00		129.00
Police Department Expens	400.00		400.00		340.95		59.05
Printing	1,200.00		1,200.00	73.54	1,273.54		
Recreation	100.00		100.00		0.00		100.00
Recreation Area Planning		4,470.00	4,470.00		50.00	4,420.00	
Reserve Fund		3,000.00	3,000.00	2,969.42			30.58
Selectmen's Expense	500.00		500.00		398.18		101.82
Selectmen's Sec Salary	1,100.00		1,100.00		1,100.00		
Street Lights	600.00		600.00	*10	8.63		591.37
Tax Maps Balance 1986	600.00		600.00		600.00		
Town Counsel	150.00		150.00		150.00		
Town Highways	24,000.00		24,000.00		23,801.10		
Town Snow	20,000.00		20,000.00		27,404.16		
Treasurer's Warrants							
Arts Council Savings					750.00		
Assistant Treasurer					25.00		
Bannish					1,000.00		
Commonwealth of Mass.					2,736.00		
Motor Vehicle Refunds					25.00		
Real Estate Refunds					482.14		
Tax Collector					390.00		
Town Clerk Account					91.50		
Tree Accounts							
Tree Warden	150.00		150.00		147.60		
Dutch Elm Disease Cntr	100.00		100.00		97.80		
Inspect. & Pest Control	100.00		100.00		100.00		
Truck Interest	1,365.00		1,365.00	18.96	1,383.96		
Truck Loan	7,000.00		7,000.00		7,000.00		
Unemployment Compens	100.00		100.00		46.13		53.87
Veterans Agent	10.00		10.00		0.00		10.00
Visiting Nurse Association	315.00		315.00		315.00		
War Memorials/Playgrnds	800.00		800.00		757.50		42.50
Western Mass. Coalation	100.00		100.00		0.00		100.00
Withholdings							
Federal Income Tax					5,522.00		
Hamp. Co. Group Health					216.16		
Hamp. Co. Retirement					2,987.85		
State Income Tax					1,871.90		
Total Warrant Expenditures					452,609.24		

FOOTNOTES

*1 From Art's Council Savings

*2 Transfer from Free Cash

*3 Transfer to Revaluation FY89

*4 From Cemetery Perpetual Fund

*5 Received from Bottle Refund

*6 Transfer to COA

*7 State Aid

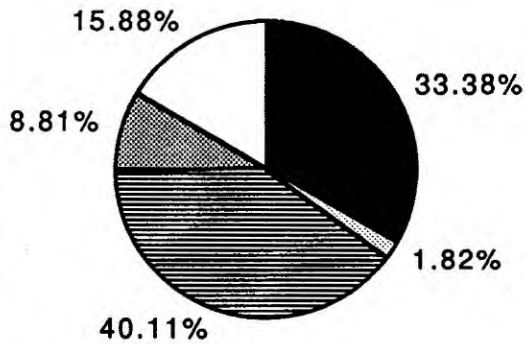
*8 From Free Cash to Maint Public Bldgs

*9 Transfer from Overlay Surplus

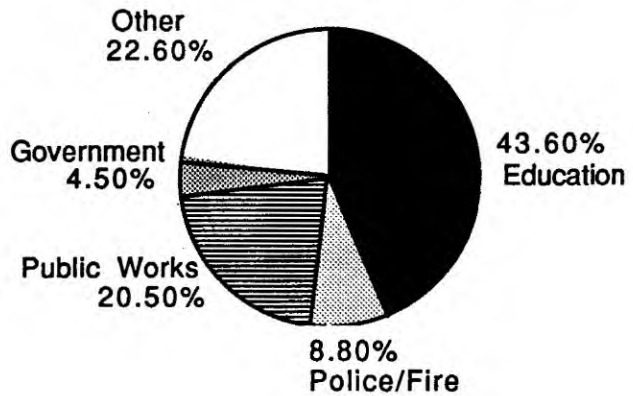
*10 Credit \$342.57 Less Expense \$351.12

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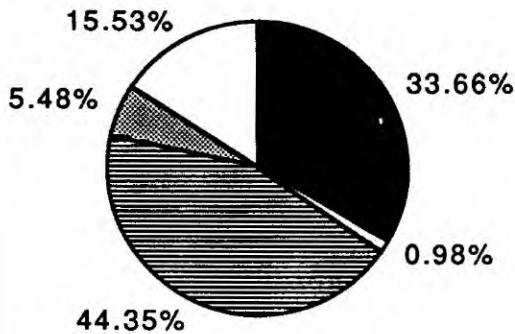
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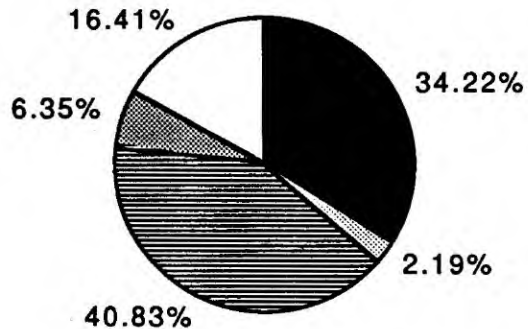
State Average FY86 *1








Middlefield FY87



Middlefield FY88



	FY86	FY87	FY88
 Education	\$112,750	\$139,838	\$128,739
 Police/Fire	\$6,142	\$4,078	\$8,245
 Public Works*2	\$135,468	\$184,276	\$153,631
 Government	\$29,746	\$22,753	\$23,885
 Other	\$53,647	\$64,542	\$61,757
Totals	\$337,753	\$415,487	\$376,257

*1 From Massachusetts Municipal Magazine: for small towns under 25,000 population. Complete breakout of their categories is not available.

*2 Public Works: Cemetery, Ch. 90, Disposal, Flood, Holiday/Vacation Pay, Machinery, Maint Public Bldgs, Oil Roads, Town Highway/Snow, Trees, Unemployment Compensation, Memorials/Playgrounds

RECEIPTS

Arts Council		750.00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		150,985.19	
Council on Aging			
State Aid	1,700.00		
Highland Valley	221.00		
Fees	57.00		
Donations	<u>35.00</u>	2,013.00	
Dog Fees		128.50	
Election and Registration		42.60	
Historical Commission		10.00	
Inspections, Licenses, Permits		6,528.00	
Interest - Checking Account		1,755.84	
Interest - Money Market		1,603.65	
Library Fund			
State Aid	1,549.00		
Dog Refund	101.74		
Donations	<u>55.00</u>	1,705.74	
Loans		60,000.00	
Miscellaneous Income		717.35	
Taxes		405,740.74	
Withholding Taxes			
BC/BS	162.81		
Federal Income Tax	5,522.00		
Hamp Retirement	2,987.85		
State Income Tax	<u>1,871.90</u>	10,544.56	
Total Cash		642,525.17	

CASH RECONCILIATION

Cash Balance FY87	44,937.42
Total Receipts FY88	<u>642,525.17</u>
Total Cash	687,462.59
Less STRAP Grant	(145,859.00)
Less Money Market Invest	(26,000.00)
Less Service Charges & Others	<u>(460.67)</u>
	515,142.92
Less Expenditures	(452,609.24)
Balance June 30, 1987	62,533.68

LIABILITIES

Fire House Loan	
Principle FY87	22,750.00
Payment FY88	(1,750.00)
Principle FY88	21,000.00
Interest Paid FY88	1,137.50
Truck Loan	
Principle FY87	21,000.00
Payment FY88	(7,000.00)
Principle FY88	14,000.00
Short Term Loan	
Note 276	60,000.00
Payment FY87	(60,000.00)
Balance FY88	0.00

TRUSTS AND FUNDS

Arts Council	
Balance FY87	585.96
State Aid	750.00
Interest FY87	42.67
Balance FY88	1,378.63
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	
Balance FY87	11,807.92
Interest FY88	688.04
Withdrew	(2,000.00)
Balance FY88	10,495.96
Sally Dickson Charity Fund	
Balance FY87	6905.69
Interest FY88	521.35
Balance FY88	7,427.04
Sally Dickson School Fund	
Balance FY87	3943.21
Interest FY88	297.68
Balance FY88	4,240.89
Escrow Account	
Balance FY87	693.96
Interest FY88	35.63
Balance FY88	729.59
Historical Commission	
Balance FY87	713.05
Interest FY88	36.60
Balance FY88	749.65
Stabilization Fund	
Balance FY87	5,753.40
Appropriation FY88	5,000.00
Interest FY88	568.57
Balance FY88	11,321.97
STRAP Grant	
Principle FY88	145,859.00
Interest FY88	5,091.63
Balance FY88	150,950.63

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy C. Pease
TREASURER

IN APPRECIATION OF CHARLES E. AND HELEN P. COOK

Service to the the Town and community may seem as an archaic practice in today's life style terms, however Middlefield is extensively governed by volunteers who spend many hours with little, if any, monetary remuneration. The community organizations exist solely through the efforts of local citizens. Some of the volunteers offer their services for a select occasion or an issue of special importance. Some serve for a single term on a necessary committee or the like. Others prevail for many terms in many roles. While all, with thanks, weave the fabric of our small town government and culture, the long-term, multi-faceted participants merit special recognition.

Charlie and Helen Cook individually and together deserve tribute for their innumerable contributions to the Town during the last sixty-odd years. The *Middlefield Council on Aging Newsletter* documented the efforts of Charlie in October of 1987 and Helen in February 1989. The following information is adapted from that source.

Charlie's interest in the Highland Agricultural Society, which plans and runs the Middlefield Fair, began at an early age when he used to help his father, "Ed" Cook, prepare the grounds. He succeeded his father as Superintendent in 1938. Charlie served as president for 22 years.

His first town office was on the School Committee. He served as Selectman for several terms, as Constable and Police Chief, and as Superintendent of Streets and Snow Removal for several years. As Fire Chief, he organized in 1953 the Middlefield Volunteer Fire Department, instituted training courses, and was instrumental in the purchase of the first fire truck, which is still in use.

For many years Charlie worked on the town's highways until retirement at age 70. Until this year he

assisted as the town's Animal Inspector. He also served for over 49 years as Hampshire County Deputy Sheriff for Middlefield. He is a Deacon of Middlefield Congregational Church, a 72-year member of the Grange, where he has held several offices, and enjoys membership in the Men's Club.

Helen's activities were also many and varied. She furthered the 4-H as a leader for 15 years and was active for many years in Hampshire County Extension Service. She provided for the Hampshire Board of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children for 40 years as a Director. For 35 years Helen contributed as the Treasurer of the Middlefield Congregational Church and for 67 years as a member of the Grange, most of the time as an officer.

Helen also served as a member of the School Committee and of the School Building Committee during the planning and erection of our present school. She also devoted time as an official on the Planning Board and Finance Committee at various times. Helen has been active with the Fair as Director, 50 years as Harvest Dinner Chairman, as a charter member of the Council on Aging, and as a member of the Ladies Aid since age 25.

Helen gained further commendation as the Middlefield correspondent for the *Springfield Union*, the *Dalton News Record*, the *Country Journal*, and 50 years with the *Berkshire Eagle*. She retired from this role only last October.

The town has benefited immeasurably from the involvement of Charlie and Helen Cook. Their documented contributions are but a small part of their overall interest and concern for the quality of life and people of Middlefield. The model they have set for us in participation, effectiveness and honor, is a benchmark which is unlikely to be surpassed. Middlefield thanks you both.



Thanks to the *Country Journal*

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council On Aging held Pot Luck Luncheons in July, September, October, and May of the 1987-1988 season. We held an Ice Cream Social in August of 1987 and another in June of 1988. At our June meeting we were treated to cookies made by the 4-H club members led by Eleanor Doyle and Cindy Oligny. Eight young people joined their leaders as our guests.

Karen Steele from the Lee Visiting Nurses administered the Flu vaccine to thirteen members from Middlefield and three guests from Chester. Blood pressure readings were also taken on that occasion. We do have Blood Pressure readings taken at some of our luncheons but not all of them.

Because a visitor was kind enough to add to our budgeted Christmas Party Fund and requested that we "go out" for a luncheon, thirteen members enjoyed a trip to the Wale Inn in Goshen.

On June 2, 1988 a Health Fair was held. Sixteen Seniors took part in Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Readings. Doctor Charles Ross, Sue Lehman and Diane Howe from the Worthington Health Center were in charge. Sheila Dunn from the Lee Visiting Nurses and Kathy Ramsey from Highland Valley also helped.

A podiatry Clinic was held on June 20th. Seven seniors were attended by Dr. Ross.

During the winter of 1988 Robert Conner painted the entire interior of our social room and the adjacent hallway. This gives a much nicer atmosphere to the room.

We have mileage reimbursed to the drivers for shopping and trips to doctors for those Seniors who need this service.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Suriner, Chairman
Marjorie Guild
Wayne Suriner
Gordon Guild
Isabella Jordan
James Hale
Helen P. Cook
Elizabeth Oligny
Cynthia Oligny
Nancy Pease
COUNCIL ON AGING

DISPOSAL ATTENDANT REPORT

In 1988-89, Middlefield continued to grapple with the continuously escalating cost of refuse removal. While State disposal standards have become increasingly rigid, ground level solutions have been languishing in the face of State and local budget constraints and an absence of regional cooperation.

Recently, however, two opportunities have emerged which may offer some relief. First, the Hilltown Resource Management Co-Op has been formed to deal with problems endemic to the Hilltowns in "long-hauling" its refuse to remote disposal sites. Besides offering some dollar relief, this body should provide some badly needed leverage in addressing common regional costs.

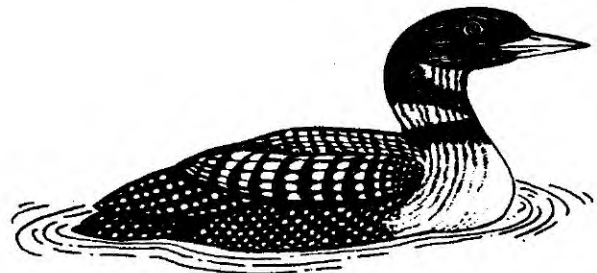
Secondly, the state sponsored Material Recycling Facility (MRF), after three years in the making, will purportedly become a reality during October of 1989. This event will permit, for the first time, the Town to directly exert a measure of control over its disposal costs. The savings realizable, of course, will be directly proportional to the willingness of townspeople to co-operate with procedures established for separating recyclable materials. Initially, paper, glass, and cans will be accepted with plastics following at a later date. Middlefield plans to begin recycling during mid-summer 1989.

While it's clear that this \$35,000/200 ton problem will not be resolved quickly, future control will rest more squarely on the shoulders of the Town.

Suggestions for improving the Transfer Station are always welcome.

Respectively Submitted,

M. Archie Main
DISPOSAL ATTENDANT



TAX COLLECTOR 'S REPORT FY 1988

JULY 1, 1987 THRU JUNE 30 1988

(THRU REPORT #29)

FISCAL YEAR	TAX	BALANCE 7/01/87	WARRANTS	REFUNDS	TOTALS	TAXES COLLECTED	TAXES ABATED	TAX TITLES	ADJ. PLUS-MINUS	BALANCE DUE 6/30/88
1988	RE	0.00	199,930.54	409.93	200,340.47	161,600.48	5,426.02		790.34	34,023.31
	PP	0.00	10,821.36	22.29	10,843.65	10,509.40	81.14		.04	253.07
	MVE	0.00	14,555.96		14,555.96	5,769.49	86.25		10.00	8,690.22
	RB	0.00	3,966.50		3,966.50	3,966.50				0.00
SUB TOTAL		0.00	229,274.36	432.22	229,706.58	181,845.87	5,593.41	0.00	800.38	42,966.60
1987	RE	29,649.09		49.92	29,699.01	21,302.91	812.80		234.65	7,348.65
	PP	786.32			786.32	409.76	203.02			173.54
	MVE	12,889.75		25.00	12,914.75	9,048.87	664.59		18.75	3,220.04
SUB TOTAL		43,325.16			43,400.08	30,761.54	1,680.41	0.00	253.40	10,742.23
1986	RE	11,567.22			11,567.22	9,747.62	19.44			1,800.16
	PP	56.07			56.07	0.00	0.00			56.07
	MVE	3,462.67			3,462.67	1,849.09	552.85		18.75	1,041.98
SUB TOTAL		15,085.96			15,085.96	11,596.71	572.29	0.00	18.75	2,898.21
1985	RE	4,547.27			4,547.27	3,472.38	17.88		.15	1,057.16
	PP	0.00			0.00	0.00				0.00
	MVE	1,046.42			1,046.42	594.74				451.68
SUB TOTAL		5,593.69			5,593.69	4,067.12	17.88	0.00	.15	1,508.84
1984	RE	2,899.70			2,899.70	2,202.59	0.00			697.11
	PP	50.40			50.40	0.00	0.00			50.40
	MVE	203.62			203.62	150.60	0.00			53.02
SUB TOTAL		3,153.72			3,153.72	2,353.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.53
1983	RE	1,719.05			1,719.05	1,719.05				0.00
	PP	57.75			57.75	0.00				57.75
	MVE	90.77			90.77	38.88				51.89
	AG	180.68			180.68	161.70				18.98
SUB TOTAL		2,048.25			2,048.25	1,919.63				128.62

FISCAL YEAR	TAX	BALANCE 7/01/87	WARRANTS	REFUNDS	TOTALS	TAXES COLLECTED	TAXES ABATED	TAX TITLES	ADJ -or-	BALANCE DUE 6/30/88
1982	RE	671.37			671.37	671.37	0.00			0.00
	PP	56.35			56.35	0.00	0.00			56.35
	MVE	26.53			26.53	27.00	0.00		.47	0.00
SUB TOTAL		754.25			754.25	698.37	0.00	0.00	.47	56.35
1981	RE	244.51			244.51	244.51	0.00			0.00
	PP	317.52			317.52	0.00				317.52
	MVE	31.24			31.24	23.74	0.00			7.50
SUB TOTAL		593.27			593.27	268.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	325.02
1980	PP	236.43			236.43	0.00	0.00			236.43
	MVE	51.08			51.08	45.30	0.00			5.78
SUB TOTAL		287.51			287.51	45.30	0.00			242.21
1979	MVE	37.75			37.75	37.75				0.00
	PP	205.00			205.00	0.00				205.00
SUB TOTAL		242.75			242.75	37.75				205.00
1978	MVE	69.90			69.90	69.90				0.00
1977	MVE	58.58			58.58	58.58				0.00
GRAND TOTAL		71,213.04	229,274.36	469.68	300,994.54	233,891.10	7,863.99	0.00	1,073.15	58,166.30

TAXES	233,891.10	KEY:	RE	REAL ESTATE
INTEREST	6,187.73		PP	PERSONAL PROP ERTY
LIENS	600.00		CF	CLASSIFIED FO REST
FEES	0.00		RB	ROLL-BACK
EXPENSES	168.89		AG	AGRICULTURAL
TOTAL		240,847.72		

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
NEIL G. NICKERSON
TAX COLLECTOR

ARTS COUNCIL

During 1988 the Middlefield Arts Council approved the following arts applications:

\$200 to Sevenars Concerts, Inc. of Worthington for their summer program.

\$200 to the Footlights Theatre Company of Chester for the purchase of sound equipment for their permanent theatre.

\$550 to the Gateway Middlefield School Theatre towards the cost of hiring a professional group, "Flying by Foy", to work with students and to stage flying effects for the student production of *Peter Pan*

1988 was the first year we received applications for PASS, the Performing Arts Student Series. PASS is a program created by the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council to enable young people to attend arts events at a minimal cost. Our council approved the following:

\$100 to Gateway Regional for the eleventh grade students to attend a performance of *MacBeth* at Stage West in Springfield.

\$20 to Gateway Regional for advanced placement students to attend a performance of *Drood* at Univ. of Mass.

\$130 to Chester Elementary School for students to attend a production of *Pinocchio* by the Children's Theatre of Mass. at Symphony Hall in Springfield.

Local Arts Council members are appointed by the Selectmen for two year terms, not exceed three consecutive terms. So, we will need three new appointees as of May 1989. Anyone interested in serving on this interesting and creative "no-cost-to-the-taxpayer" council, please contact the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judith Artioli
*Ann Jewett, Chair
Cameron McQuaid
Cindy Ollgny
*Ellen Russo
ARTS COUNCIL

* Term expires May 1989.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS REPORT

I have found 159 head of cattle, 25 horses, 3 goats, 13 sheep, 11 ponies, 3 llamas and 1 swine in my annual inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Savery
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS



CEMETERY COMMISSION

Our thanks to all of you who have helped to keep our Town Cemeteries in condition this year. We welcome your continued support and suggestions. We all want to see our family plots properly cared for but the cost of maintenance, along with everything else, has increased sharply. There has not been an increase in cemetery lots here since 1984 which is the reason we voted in favor of an increase from \$300 to \$500. With voter support, authorizing us to implement this raise, it will take effect July 1, 1989.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Burnham, Chair
Larry Pease
Neil Nickerson
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Fire Department responded to a total of 27 calls during 1988, 10 medical calls and the remaining fire related. During the bridge outage on River Road, the Hinsdale Ambulance agreed to cover those people living on the Worthington side and the Huntington Ambulance continued their coverage on the Chester side, thankfully an ambulance was not needed during that time.

The first installment of the \$3,000 Recovery Program money was spent on a new 6 channel base radio, antenna and siren relay box. Also a gated suction valve was purchased for the Pumper. We thank the voters for their support and ask that they continue the appropriation for the Recovery Program so we may continue to improve and update the needed fire and emergency equipment.

We feel that once again a review of **Emergency procedure** is in order. When you call the emergency number **445-4559** it is answered at the Berkshire County Fire Mutual Aide Center in Pittsfield.

1. **Give your name.**
2. **Your street address.**
3. **Your town.**
4. **The nature of the problem, whether fire or ambulance.**
5. **Stay on the line until the dispatcher has all the information he needs.**

Remember these dispatchers answer calls from all over Berkshire County so it is very important that you give accurate information.

When the call is received, the Middlefield Fire Department pagers are set off whether the call be Fire or Ambulance related. The firemen will be the first to arrive even if you have a medical call. The ambulance is also dispatched, either Hinsdale or Huntington if you live on River Road.

If you have further questions on Emergency Procedure or if you need Emergency Stickers for your phone, contact:

William Paschal, Chief 623-5376

Larry Pease, Dep. Chief 623-5072

Ron Radwich, Att. Chief 623-6456

ITEMIZED CALLS

Structure Fires	1
Oil Burner Fires	2
Brush Fires	4
Medical Calls	10
Mutual Aid (to other towns)	1
Wires Down	3
Fire Alarm	1
Propane Leak	1
Lost Person	1
Report Smoke	2
Chimney	1

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Paschal
FIRE CHIEF

1988 OFFICERS

Chief	William Paschal
Deputy Chief	Larry Pease
First Assistant	Ronald Radwich
Second Assistant	Danny Suriner
First Captain	Robert Connor
Second Captain	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, Tony Scapin Jr., Henry Rock III, David Faust, Kevin Robitaille, Paul Scapin Jr., Dustin Paschal, Michele Paschal, Joan Almori

HONORARY CHIEFS

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

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board was very active in 1988. Members of the Board have reviewed and signed dozens of surveys for new building lots created when ever a larger piece of land was broken up for resale. Most of this cutting-up of land is being carried out by speculators from out of town who are able to make quick profits by purchasing a piece of land, dividing it into the maximum number of lots permitted under the present Zoning By-Law, and then selling the lots using expensive marketing techniques which bring very high prices. This speculative activity has inflated the prices of land in Middlefield tremendously, and has often been destructive to the rural character of the town.

A review of the responses to the Open Spaces Questionnaire (134 out of 300 landowners and residents responded) indicated that a large majority of Middlefield's citizens strongly favor preserving the rural atmosphere of the town, including the tree-shaded roads.

One way to keep Middlefield from changing too greatly is to encourage local people who are selling larger parcels of land to convey it to the new owners with covenants which prohibit dividing the land in ways which will detract from the surrounding property and from the town in general. It is extremely inexpensive and entirely legal for a seller to write a deed which stipulates the number of houses which can be built on his land in the future; it is even possible to determine the exact location of future buildings on the land.

Another way to preserve Middlefield is to amend the Zoning By-Law. Possible zoning changes have

been discussed by the Board with citizens at large at many meetings, at a well- attended informal hearing, and at a Grange discussion group. Several zoning strategies have been discussed and eliminated; others have been discussed and modified. As a result, the Planning Board expects to bring some new By-Laws before the Annual Town Meeting. (The proposed amendments to the By-Laws are listed in the Warrant which appears in another section of this booklet.) One of these By-Laws would establish a Critical Resource District which would protect wetlands and steep slopes. Other amendments would regulate private driveways, establish the Scenic Roads Law (which has been adopted by several neighboring towns over the past fifteen years) and protect our open-country atmosphere by requiring that new houses be built somewhat further back from roads where topography permits.

The Planning Board will continue to welcome suggestions from all townspeople interested in helping us plan for the enormous changes which are already under way in our town.

Respectfully submitted,

**Carol Varsano
Ann Jewett
Ellen Russo
Michael Hale
Mark Lipton, Chairman
PLANNING BOARD**

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

I respectfully submit the permits given in the Town of Middlefield for the year of 1988.

Perc Test	41
House	14
Garage	4
Barn	2
Shed	4
Septic	19
Deck	6
Addition	6
Stove Permit	4
Chimney	1
Demolition	1

Thank you for the courteous cooperation of everyone.

**Walter D. Smith
BUILDING INSPECTOR**

WIRING INSPECTIONS

Temporary Service	5
Service Change	3
New Service	6
Rough Inspection	5
Final Inspection	4

Respectfully submitted,

**John E. Savery
WIRING INSPECTOR**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This was a year of expansion for your Police Department. We have an additional trained officer in Curt Robie. Curt was a part time officer with the Southwick Police Dept. and is Director of Housing at Westfield State College. Also joining the Department is Victor Fastiggi. Victor has 15 years experience, former Chief for Huntington Police Dept., certified firearms instructor and is qualified with radar, CPR, automatic and semi-automatic weapons instruction. Victor will be our training officer.

Also 1988 saw a reduction in the number of serious crimes reported. Although we did have a large increase in the number of automobile accidents and an increase in assist calls from the State Police. The Department would like to think that the reduction was partially brought about by the increased visibility and presence the cruiser has given us.

Training within the Dept. is becoming much more difficult to receive as well as more expensive as a result of the reorganization of the Police Academy at Agawam. At the present time officers will have to take training during the day and only at the Academy. Of course this means loss of time from regular jobs.

As the Town is increasing in size our concerns for safety increases. We have had numerous calls concerning speeders and illegal turns on roads. To stem this your Police Dept. will be putting our radar unit and officers on patrol more frequently. Finally, if you see anything out of the ordinary or suspicious please don't hesitate to call one of the Officers.

The current statistics on matters handled by your Police Department from January 1, 1988 to December 31, 1988 are as follows:

Answered Alarms	10
Assault	2
Assist Fire Department	1
Assist Game Warden	7
Assist State Police	15
Attempted Breaking and Entering	8
Break-ins	3
Court Hours	10
Disturbed Person	0
Disturbing the Peace	1
Domestic Disturbance	2
DWI	0
Hit and Run	1
Illegal Camping	12
Illegal Discharge Firearms	6
Larceny	4
Lost Person	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5
Motor Vehicle Citations	3
Recreational Vehicle Complaints	8
Recreational Vehicle Violations	0
Serving Papers	2
Suicide	0
Suspicious Vehicles	13
Stolen Vehicle	0
Towed Vehicle	2
Trespass	9
Vagrant	1
Vandalism	5

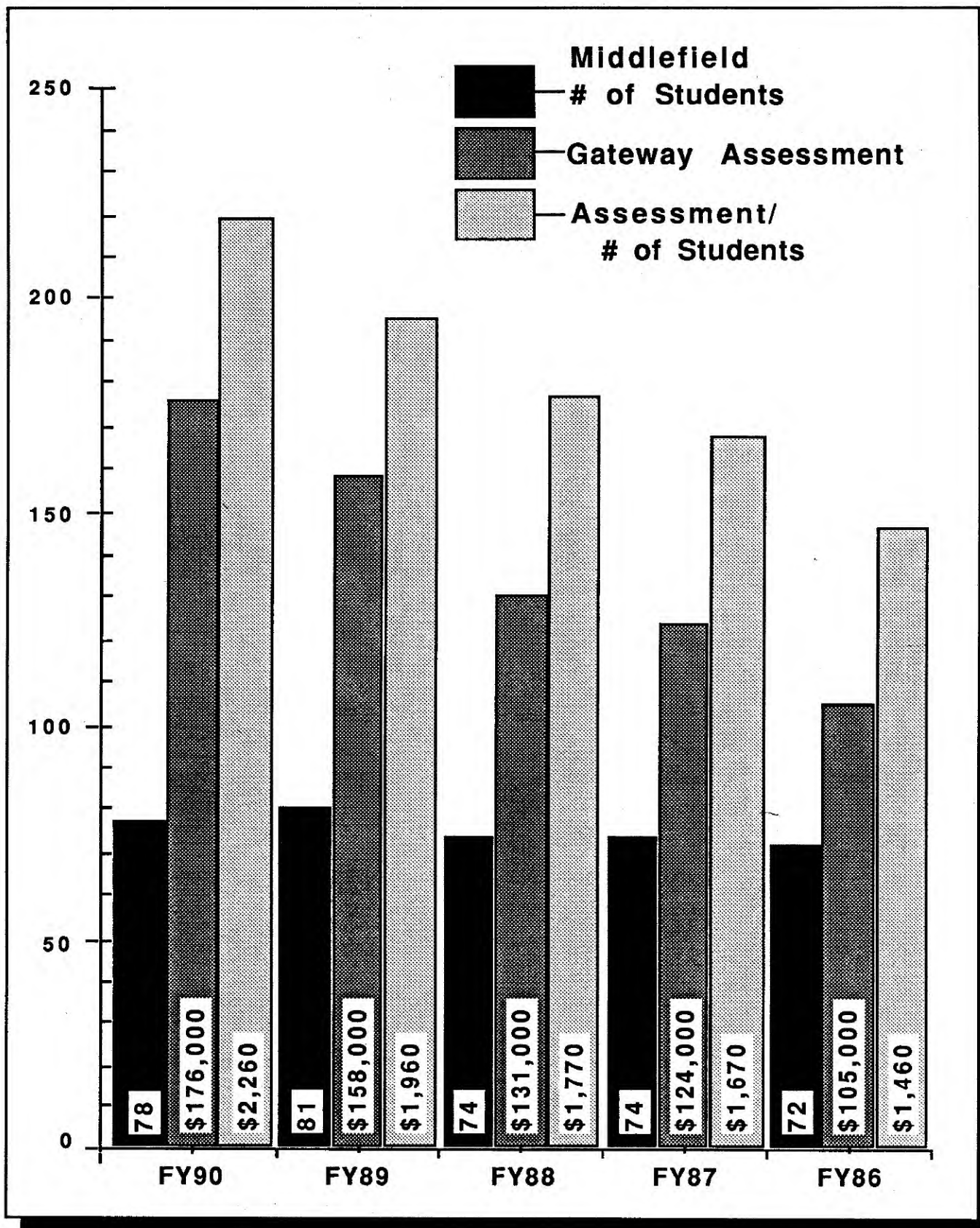
If you need assistance, please feel free to contact any of the officers listed as follows:

Tom Austin, Chief	623-8847
Mike Pensivy, Sgt.	623-5232
Curt Robie, Officer	623-5015
Auxiliary Officers:	
Jimmy Jasmin	623-5054
Dan Suriner	623-8796
Victor Fastiggi	Training Officer

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Austin, Chief
MIDDLEFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Regional School Trends Effecting Middlefield



SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

The reorganization of the Gateway Administration and Central Office personnel has proceeded smoothly. This has resulted in more time for staff and curriculum development with a more effective work flow. Some of the Staff development workshops are *Learning Styles, Organizing for Outcomes, How to Increase Learning for All, and Teaching of Thinking Skills.*

The new position of Personnel and Curriculum Director is filled by James Lutat. He is steering the development of an improved Language Arts curriculum for K-12 and a Health Program which includes an AIDS awareness program. The AIDS program is currently deployed at the high school level.

The Basic Skills Test in Reading, Mathematics and Writing were given to students in Grades 3, 6 and 9. The performance of our students at all levels compares favorably with that of students in the State as a whole. The percentage of students passing exceeded those for the State at each grade level with the exception of a slight difference in Reading at the third grade.

The Region children have been very busy in several regards. The Girls Basketball Team made it to the State Tournament. Laura Fuller was the first Gateway girl to score a 1,000 career points. The Show Choir sent several representatives to All-State. The High School Drama Department produced *West Side Story* with excellent reviews. The Middle School performed *Peter Pan* to a sell-out audience.

In December an Ad-Hoc Committee was formed to recommend future use of the Middlefield Elementary School. The recommendation to the School Committee for vote will be to use the school for Pre-school, Kindergarten and Alternative Education. The Ad-Hoc Committee will review demographics as needed to determine best use of the School.

The Regional School Committee was unable to bring the Middlefield School issue to a vote because of the impending State educational aid budget crisis. This crisis could reduce the State aid to Gateway by approximately \$300,000. It is doubtful that Middlefield School could be staffed, if budget reductions of this magnitude were imposed.

The budgeting process for Gateway has been in disarray as the State budget is still unresolved. As of this writing, Middlefield's increase is approximately 10%. The proposed overall Gateway budget for FY 1990 has increased 12.8% or \$867,947. Approximately \$670,000 of this increase is due to contractual salary obligations and other fixed costs. Still our per pupil expenditures are below 85% of the State average as compared with other regional school districts. We urge your support of the Gateway Regional School budget. Please join us in contacting our State Representatives to fulfill the State's obligations in supporting our educational programs and local aid to the towns.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ed Donnelly
Diane McQuaid
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

There is a general realization today that it is small business that usually comes up with the good products and provide the new jobs. So in like measure small communities can be thought of as incubator of good character. One has to learn to live with a wide array of personalities. The stage is not broad. Persistence and a sense of generosity pave the way to a building of community spirit.

In this vein, an ongoing discussion has been focused on new Town Offices and Library. This will cost the Town over \$200,000 plus interest on any loan. Can the Town afford this? With the School used fully for education, we need office space to continue as a strong community.

One of the issues that has been a source of difficulty for the Town is starting to sort itself out. Garbage disposal has been taking an increasingly large bite out of the Town's revenues. This cost should now stabilize and possibly decline slightly. There is a hidden cost as everyone will be asked to pre-sort their refuse, so it, as much as possible, can be recycled. Within the next six to nine months an arrangement will be in place to send our trash, less recyclables, to the City of Northampton landfill. Arrangements are being put in place to recycle our paper and plastic products along with glass. Presently the Town is a member of the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative. This has allowed us to gain access to the Northampton City Landfill. The Middlefield Grange has agreed to help with the transformation to recycling with an educational program.

In recent time, the year 1977 was a low point for delivery of electric service to Middlefield. March and May both saw four-day outages. Reliability has improved since then. We have an average of one interruption of service a month. In some areas of Town it is nearly twice a month. This prompted an invitation to the Western Mass. Electric Company. Five gentlemen came last summer and fielded questions about their delivery of services. They also don't like outages as they have lost the opportunity to sell their product. For their part, a big upgrade of service is being constructed on River Road and on up Clark Wright Road to Chipman Road. When finished, this will allow the feed to the town from another source.

Not to be outdone by the Electric Company, the New England Telephone Company is upgrading service. Two cabinets will be placed in Town. They will contain expensive switching gears that will reduce the noise on our telephone lines. Other service improvements are planned for the future such as touch-tone. This summer a representative of the telephone company will come to a Public Hearing to explain future plans. This meeting will be posted so anyone interested can attend.

The seesaw battle to improve our roads continues. A recent study by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission has shown that it would take over \$400,000 to put our hardtop roads in excellent condition. The cost for our dirt roads would be higher. This figure just talks only about road surface; not about right of way improvement and safety considerations. Man's roads were originally hacked out of the wilderness. As we see our resources diminish, the earth's attempt to provide its own mantle is winning. The grass in Skyline Trail's cracks bear witness to this. Unless more gasoline tax money is sent back to the Towns, we will continue to lose what we now have.

The major effort for the Highway Department this past year has been flood work. This mostly reimbursed work was to correct damage done by rains in April, 1987. The money was available for only 18 months. On the small level that the Town operates on, planning and coordination was critical. All work of this type was strictly prescribed in the initial survey. All work was to be done when and how described. With this now completed, attention can now be given to other pressing projects.

Last summer, almost as if by schedule the culvert at the foot of Reservoir Road washed out. This has occurred on an almost annual basis for many years. A request was made to the State Department of Public Works for help. The answer was that no help was available. To avoid the continuing cost, the three foot culvert was replaced with an eight foot diameter culvert. Unfortunately, the length of the culvert was reduced from sixty feet to forty feet. This has effectively reduced some of the road width. Another trade off dictated by limited resources. The plan for this year is to pave this area and the adjacent hill.

This past fall work commenced on the STRAP (Small Town Road Assistant Project) Grant project on Skyline Trail. The Town requested help from the State Department of Public Works on the amount to be budgeted for blasting of ledge along the side of the road way. The engineers suggested the work would cost around \$6,000. So far the Town has spent \$60,000 and the job is not done. Our best advice did not serve us well. With nearly half the Grant spent, it is hard for us to plan for this work in a clear manner. This summer, the blasting of ledge will be completed. This will allow for a straightening of the road, more room to push the snow and better drainage. In short, one section of road will be less dangerous. In the area of blasting, new gravel will be put in place and the hard surface renewed.

Our most difficult problem this past year was the damage to the River Road Bridge over the Glendale Brook. In June six trucks from County Concrete drove over this Bridge. They did this despite the posted 3 ton signs prominently displayed at both ends of the Bridge. The drivers of the trucks were told by dispatchers to drive over the Bridge despite their protests. Discussions have been had with the insurance carrier for County Concrete. Town Counsel has provided assistance since the beginning of the problem.

Through the assistance of our State Representative Jay Healy and our State Senator Peter Weber we were able to secure the help of the Massachusetts National Guard. Luckily the local unit, Company B (Mechanical), 101st Engineering Battalion, 26th Infantry Division, Massachusetts Army National Guard quartered in Florence had recently become an engineering company. With the new training they put in place a temporary bridge. The Guard members were housed in the Middlefield School and fed by the Town. Special thanks here goes to Barbara Ritter and Isabella Jordan for their grand culinary achievements. The raves from the Guard members were ample proof. This temporary bridge is on loan from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works. Some of the parts of the bridge were used in Chester at the foot of the hill. We're getting to drive over them twice. All this went on while...

After several years of discussion, the Mass. D.P.W. agreed to assist us in the replacement of this bridge over Glendale Brook on River Road. Just a preliminary engineering survey had to be done. The cost was covered by the Hampshire County Commissioners after petition by the Town. For the past year a full engineering study has been completed by H.R.P. Associates of New Britain, Connecticut. These plans are now before the Mass. D.P.W. for approval. On approval, bids will be requested for bridge construction. During construction the bridge will be closed to traffic for two or three months. To keep it open during this time of construction would cost the Town an additional \$50,000. This seems too large a sum to avoid this inconvenience.

The schools continue to take a large share of Town revenues. With a slight reduction in enrollment, the bill to the Town is up a good ten percent. At the same time, much discussion is going on about how schools are less effective. If our country is to remain competitive as well as diverse, even more money has to be spent on education.

The question is, where should it come from? A proposal has been made for a one-half percent increase in the State Income Tax. This would be fairer than an increase in property taxes. The Federal Government used to provide strong

educational assistance. It provides a very small part of its past contribution, as it is unable to balance its own budget. Answers will have to come from the State and local levels.

Along with talk of schools is the spectacular decline of the importance of children in our culture. The greatly reduced strength of families has been one of the greatest roadblocks to strong educational programs. For children to thrive in our culture, more compensation for education, or change of direction, is needed.

The use of the Middlefield School for Middlefield children is like a ping pong ball. Back and forth it goes. Will our children use it again - maybe, we hope so. There has been much discussion and presentation of numbers. Parents will have to continue to point out where and how they would like to see their children educated. Finding a good and fair plan will not be easy.

We thank the citizens of Middlefield for their continuing cooperation. The Selectmen continue to meet on Monday evenings at the Middlefield School at 7:30. These meetings are open to the public and comments are invited and appreciated.

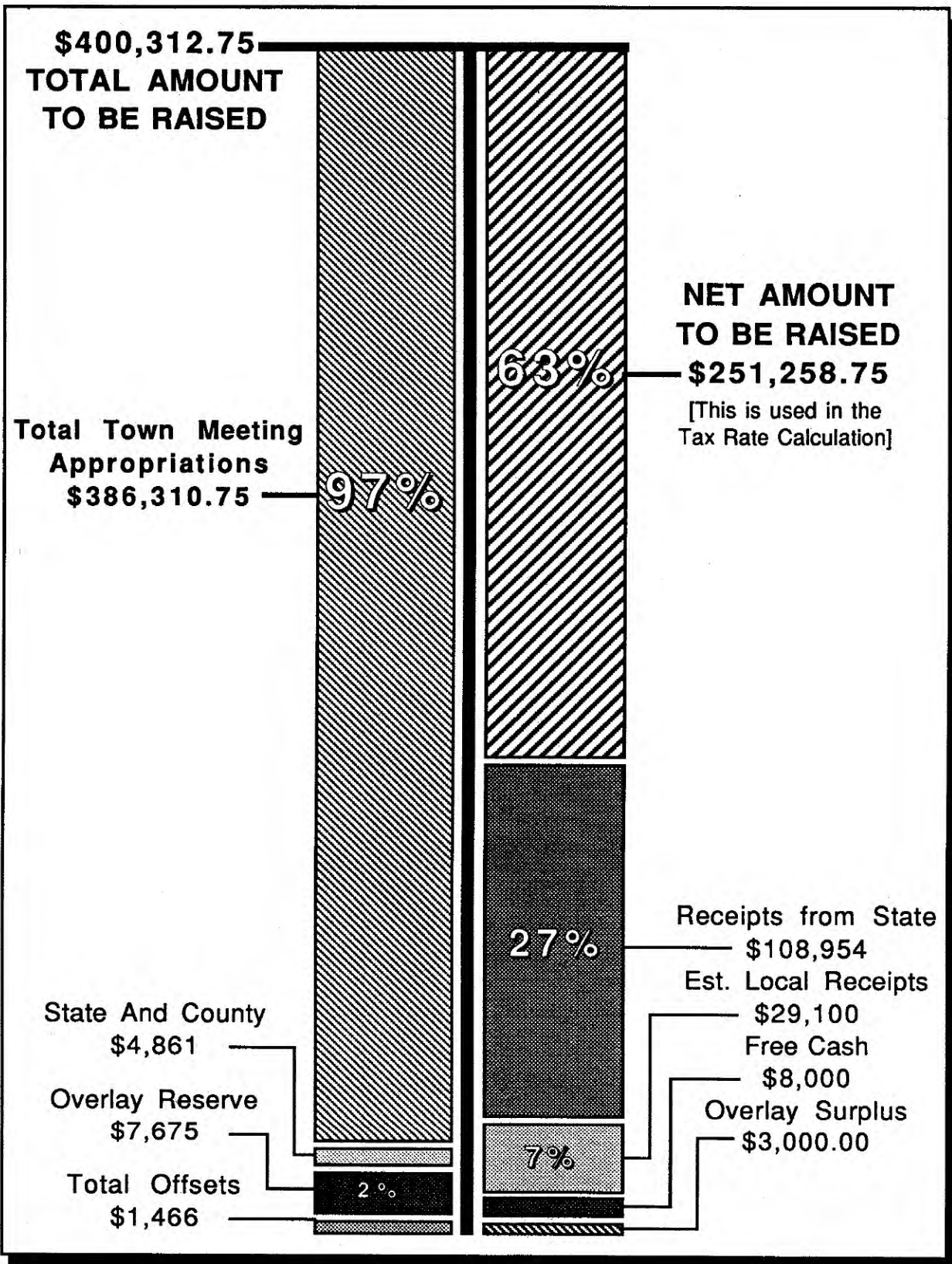
Respectfully submitted,

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



Isabella Jordan is hanging up the shotgun. She will be missed at her Transfer Station enforcement post and in other roles.
Good luck, Isabella!

COST AND INCOME RELATIONSHIP



ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The Board of Assessors has been conducting over the past twelve months the Fiscal Year 1990 revaluation of all real property in the Town of Middlefield as required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A complete program of property tax equalization is currently in progress. This work is proceeding on schedule, and we are confident that State certification of full and fair cash value will be accomplished by the beginning of FY 1990.

Whereas neighboring communities are expending from \$25,000 to \$33,000 for vendor services to obtain required certification of real property valuations, our new computer and State furnished software has enabled Middlefield to accomplish this task for an out-of-pocket cost of approximately \$2,100.

A combination of real estate developers with large sales potential and increasing numbers of buyers seeking homes in the country has caused market values to increase two to three times our current assessed valuations. At the conclusion of the revaluation process, each taxpayer will receive a written notice of his or her new valuation prior to final State certification. Everyone will have an opportunity to review the new valuations with the Board of Assessors.

A market trend worthy of note is that prices paid for land have increased by a higher ratio than prices paid for buildings. This tends to shift a percentage of tax burden from owners of houses on relatively small lots to owners of larger parcels of land.

Since the new generally higher valuations will bring about a corresponding drop in tax rate, the average owner will see little change in real estate taxes provided no increases in spending over the previous year are voted at the next Annual Town Meeting. Budget considerations for the next fiscal year should be given close scrutiny as a means of controlling tax increases.

The FY 1989 tax rate is calculated as follows:

Total Town Meeting	
Appropriations:	\$386,310.75
Total State/County Charges:	4,861.00
Overlay Reserve:	7,675.00
Total Offsets:	<u>1,466.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT	
TO BE RAISED:	\$400,312.75

Receipts From State:	108,954.00
Estimated Local Receipts:	29,100.00
Free Cash:	8,000.00
Overlay Surplus:	<u>3,000.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS: **\$149,054.00**

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED: **\$251,258.75**

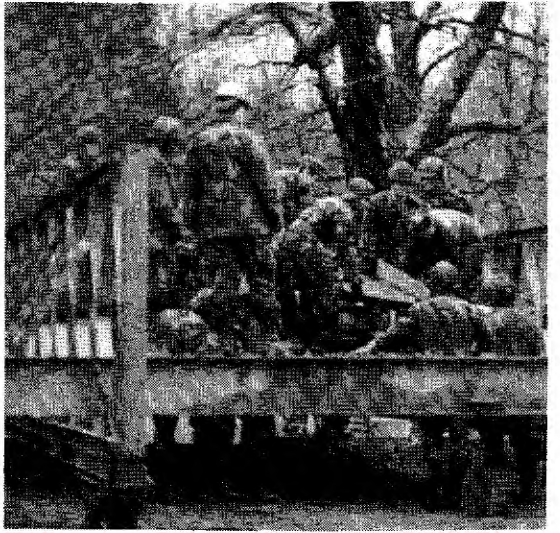
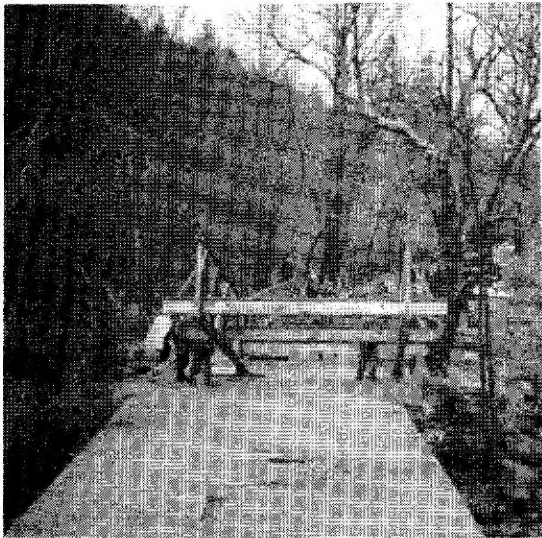
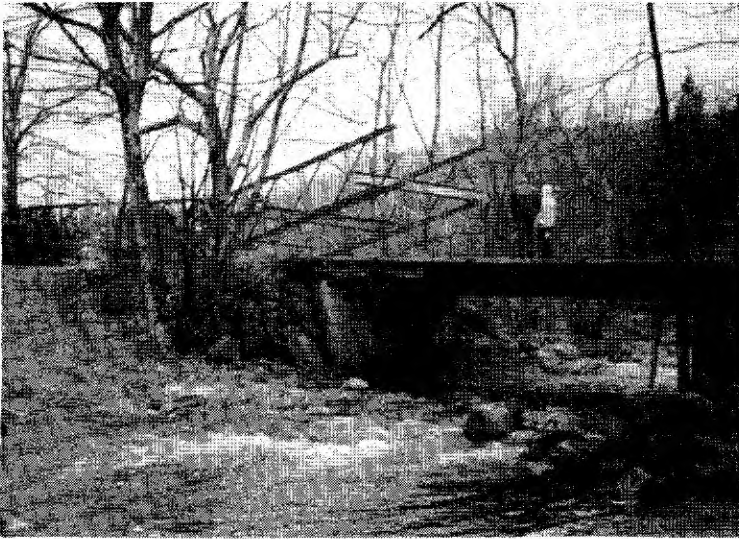
TOTAL ASSESSED
VALUATION: **\$15,606,133.00**

TAX RATE: $\frac{\$251,258.75}{15,606,133.00} \times 1000 = \16.10

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Rice, Chairman
Joan Almorì
ASSESSORS

RIVER ROAD BRIDGE REPAIR



CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Middlefield Conservation Commission was kept very busy during 1988 as members continued to educate landowners and contractors on the regulations established by the Legislature and monitored by the Massachusetts Department of Quality Engineering. Locally it is the responsibility of the Commission to enforce the state regulations and assist individuals in understanding the many complex aspects of the Wetlands Act.

For the first time, the Commission was asked to inspect proposed building sites by property owners for possible problems prior to obtaining bank financing. Due to the strict enforcement of the State regulations, some local banks have made an inspection by the DEQE or local Conservation Commission a requirement prior to approving bank financing.

The Commission would like to remind citizens that violations of the state law in this regard, can lead to legal action, costly expenses, and fines being levied on those responsible for the violations. The Commission is more than willing to assist residents and contractors if they need inspections or have questions about state regulations. If you are planning to build a house, log a tract of land, or make repairs to a pond or waterway feel free to contact any member of the Commission prior to beginning work. The Commission meets on a monthly basis at the Middlefield School. Meeting dates and times can be obtained by calling members of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Guyette, Jr. Chairman
Paul Shirmer
Curt Roble
Nancy Burnham
Martin "Archle" Main
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

LEE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

The following is a report of the services performed for the Town of Middlefield for the calendar year 1988:

HOME VISITS

Nursing	41
Case Assessment	2
Home Health Aide	26

CLINICS	SESSIONS	ATTENDANCE
Blood Pressure	2	29
Flu Immunization	1	19

Respectfully submitted,

B. Ann Beacco, BSN
DIRECTOR



Reservoir Road Washout

Selectmen's Expenditures Report
 Fiscal Year 1988 7/1/87 - 6/30/88

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

ARTS COUNCIL	
Anne Jewett	150.00
Berkshire Public Theater	250.00
Foothills Comm. Theater	200.00
Total Expenditures	<u>600.00</u>

ASSESSORS COMPUTER UPDATE	
MMC, Inc.	2,743.38
Total Expenditures	<u>2,743.38</u>

ASSESSORS EXPENSE	
Hobbs & Warren	96.00
Dues	50.00
Middlefield Postmaster	7.00
J. Rice - supplies	14.11
S. Kozera - transfers	96.75
Total Expenditures	<u>263.86</u>

C.A.M.A. Computer System	
Electrorep	5,141.46
J. Rice	77.95
Computer Food	569.20
Total Expenditures	<u>5,788.61</u>

CEMETERY EXPENSE	
E. Horalek	1,337.25
Total Expenditures	<u>1,337.25</u>

CHAPTER 90 FUNDING	
D.R. Billings	1,740.00
John J. Hudson, Inc	3,687.90
Salaries	5,477.42
Stuart McCready	77.35
Donovan Bros.	3,990.21
B. Pease	3,640.00
Total Expenditures	<u>18,612.88</u>

CONSTITUTION CELEBRATION	
Brigham	46.05
B. Oigny	35.70
M. Batorski	53.82
Total Expenditures	<u>135.57</u>

COUNCIL ON AGING	
W. Suriner	263.39
P. Suriner	334.03
Dr. Alfred LaPlante	120.00
M. Guild	73.58
G. Guild	23.80
B. Wehman	957.00
W. Cook	16.50
E. Denault	6.60
F. Warren	233.20
Country Journal	75.00
S. Besaw	6.60
R. Connor	1,455.00
M. Donnelly	6.60
T. Rock	521.26
Worthington Health Center	80.00
Dr. Charles Ross	105.00
B. Oigny	31.00
Total Expenditures	<u>4,308.56</u>

DISPOSAL AREA	
M. Main - attendant	960.00
Berkshire Clean-Way	29,656.00
D. Savery	141.90
L. Pease	188.10
R. Miller	71.25
Brewster Pease	450.00
Isabella Jordan	9.84
L.P. Adams	3.49
Hamp. Co. Reg. Planning Bd.	200.00
Total Expenditures	<u>31,680.58</u>

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY	
P. Oigny	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
J. Almorì	112.50
W. Main	450.00
M. Pensivy	337.50
N. Nickerson	1,200.00
W. Paschal	90.00
D. Savery	90.00
Total Expenditures	<u>6,035.00</u>

Selectmen's Expenditures Report Continued

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ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS

C. Oligny	12.43
M.J. Donnelly	17.75
N. Pease	35.50
J. Vreeland	37.28
M. Batorski	83.44
P. Paschal	17.75
M. Lee	12.43
E. Denault	106.16
I. Jordan	14.20
P. Suriner	68.17
S. Savery	82.37
Westwall Press	98.00
Total Expenditures	<u>585.48</u>

FIRE DEPT. EXPENSE

Hinsdale Sevice Center	193.25
Charle's Garage	64.95
Ryder Truck Rental	16.00
Motorola	79.17
C & S Spec.	1,000.00
Gateway Auto Parts	40.18
Raynor's	131.21
Fire Control Service	24.70
Lock Shop	304.54
Lee Audio	297.70
M. Pease	72.65
Dalton Hearing	11.00
Federal Liscencing	85.00
Smith Auto Electric	40.00
H.&S. Auto Parts & Service	134.86
Total Expenditures	<u>2,495.21</u>

FIRE DEPT. (WATER)

L. P. Adams	50.83
Total Expenditures	<u>50.83</u>

FIRE DEPT. (PORTABLE PUMP)

Gleason Fire Dept.	1,883.32
S. & A. Supply	37.01
Total Expenditures	<u>1,920.33</u>

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN

W. Paschal	325.00
Total Expenditures	<u>325.00</u>

FIRE PHONES

WMECO	102.11
New England Telephone	173.96
AT&T	166.08
Total Expenditures	<u>442.15</u>

FIREHOUSE LOAN

FHA	1,750.00
Total Expenditures	<u>1,750.00</u>

FLOOD DAMAGE 1987

Salaries	8,822.46
B. Pease	2,600.00
Daniel Schnopp	3,741.50
Penn Culvert	5,971.78
D.R. Billings	4,679.25
Total Expenditures	<u>25,814.99</u>

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL

Gateway	128,738.82
Total Expenditures	<u>128,738.82</u>

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT

Hampshire Co. Treasurer	3,794.00
Total Expenditures	<u>3,794.00</u>

HEALTH INSURANCE

Hampshire Co. Group	4,106.30
Total Expenditures	<u>4,106.30</u>

HEALTH & SANITATION

Tighe & Bond	34.00
Total Expenditures	<u>34.00</u>

HOLIDAY & VACATION PAY

R. Miller	1,380.00
L. Pease	844.80
D. Savery	950.40
Total Expenditures	<u>3,175.20</u>

INSPECTIONS

L. Pease	110.00
W. Smith	1,000.00
J. Savery	130.00
C. Cook	30.00
W. Zeiter	155.00
H. Pease	50.00
Total Expenditures	<u>1,475.00</u>

INSURANCE

Stevenson Agency	4,773.33
MIIA	17,538.00
Hastings-Tapley	1,601.00
Total Expenditures	<u>23,912.33</u>

INTEREST-FIREHOUSE LOAN

FHA	1,137.50
Total Expenditures	<u>1,137.50</u>

Selectmen's Expenditures Report Continued
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INTEREST-SHORT TERM LOAN

Barenny Facts	10.00
1st. Agricultural Bank	865.30
Bureau of Accounts	10.00
Total Expenditures	<u>885.30</u>

LIBRARY EXPENSE

Hotline Previews	462.83
C. Oligny	415.92
Middlefield Postmaster	13.00
Anita Myers	240.00
Barnes & Noble	293.38
Total Expenditures	<u>1,425.13</u>

MACHINERY EXPENSE

Kieras Oil [diesel oil]	3,370.62
Pittsfield Welding	572.81
Charlie's Garage	514.64
McLaughlin Supply	528.65
Freedman Steel	927.75
Rodney Savery	1,157.50
Tyler Equipment	278.66
Gateway Auto Supply	1,633.11
Ro-Brand Products	200.98
Raynor's	8.48
Howe Bros.	2,744.79
Springfield Mack	518.78
Conneticut Drive Shaft	40.40
City Tire	1,231.78
West Side Wheel & Frame	505.00
Art Medeiros	185.00
Ralph's	260.76
R. Miller	15.00
Total Expenditures	<u>14,694.71</u>

MAINTENANCE PUBLIC BLDGS.

WEMCO	1,167.99
New England Telephone	899.61
L.P. Adams	867.95
Kieras Oil	713.54
AT&T	60.16
D. McQuaid (locks & keys)	77.06
Whiting Oil	2,057.46
Dalton Heating	46.86
A & T Locksmithing	70.00
Total Expenditures	<u>5,960.63</u>

OFFICE EXPENSE

Hampshire Bus. Machines	104.50
Hobbs & Warren	162.14
Gowdy Shandoff	50.38
E. Rice	37.31
Mass. Town Clerks Assoc.	25.00
Northeast Document Conserva	10.00
Middlefield Post Office	27.00
Mass. Collectors & Treasurers	70.00
D. McQuaid	20.00
Planning Board Assoc.	30.00
Berkshire Eagle	34.13
U.S. Stamped Envelopes	484.80
Town of Whately	10.00
N. Pease	12.30
Commonwealth of Mass. (book	4.30
Mass. Assoc. Conservation Corr	30.00
Neil Nickerson	68.77
Wally Smith	1.80
I. Jordan	3.72
John T. Maher	6.93
A-Copy	251.65
Total Expenditures	<u>1,444.73</u>

PIONEER VALLEY PLAN. COMM.

Pioneer Valley Plan. Comm.	57.75
Total Expenditures	<u>57.75</u>

POLICE CHIEF SALARY

T. Austin	300.00
Total Expenditures	<u>300.00</u>

POLICE DEPT. EXPENSE

Sentry Uniforms	100.95
Hilltown Police Assoc.	20.00
Regency Communication	115.00
Jordan Gun Shop	105.00
Total Expenditures	<u>340.95</u>

POLICE CRUISER

Town of Huntington	1,000.00
Wayne Jackery	199.84
Sentry Uniforms	203.40
MIIA	428.00
Hinsdale Service Center	539.76
Total Expenditures	<u>2,371.00</u>

Selectmen's Expenditures Report Continued
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PRINTING

Country Journal	101.40
Impress	108.50
Hobbs & Warren	165.05
Berkshire Eagle	143.78
Eagle Printing Binding & Mail	379.00
D. McQuaid-paper & copies	21.00
Hampshire Co. Gazette	74.81
Westwall Press	280.00
Total Expenditures	<u>1,273.54</u>

RECREATION AREA PLANNING

Peter Westover	50.00
Total Expenditures	<u>50.00</u>

SELECTMENS EXPENSE

Middlefield Postmaster	80.50
Mass. Municipal Assoc.	100.00
I. Jordan	16.20
Hamp. Co. Selectmens Assoc.	66.00
Country Journal	68.35
Hampshire County	23.00
Berkshire Eagle	34.13
Northeast Document	10.00
Total Expenditures	<u>398.18</u>

SELECTMENS SECRETARY

D. McQuaid	1,100.00
Total Expenditures	<u>1,100.00</u>

STREET LIGHTS

WMECO	8.63
Total Expenditures	<u>8.63</u>

TAX MAPS

Cartographic Assoc.	600.00
Total Expenditures	<u>600.00</u>

TOWN COUNSEL

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

TRUCK

1st. Agricultural Bank	8,383.96
Total Expenditures	<u>8,383.96</u>

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Comm. of Mass.	46.13
Total Expenditures	<u>46.13</u>

TOWN HIGHWAYS

Salaries	11,438.63
M. Hale	55.00
Lane Construction	2,321.74
L.P. Adams	142.41
C. Vreeland	27.50
I. Pease	54.00
D.J. Savery	1,395.00
B. Pease	2,650.00
Daniel Schnopp	280.00
Donovan Bros.	1,017.57
D.R. Billings	4,419.25
Total Expenditures	<u>23,801.10</u>

TOWN SNOW

Salaries	16,560.39
Donovan Bros.	6,885.25
International Salt	3,487.72
C. Savery	180.00
M. Main	290.80
Total Expenditures	<u>27,404.16</u>

TREASURER'S WARRANTS

Federal Income Tax	5,522.00
State Income Tax	1,871.90
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	216.16
Hamp. Co. Retirement	2,987.85
County Tax Assessment	11,006.56
State Assessment - MVE	266.00
Note	60,000.00
Dog Fees	128.50
Other Treasurer's Warrants	5,233.64
Total Expenditures	<u>87,232.61</u>

TREE ACCOUNTS

C. Savery	100.00
R. Miller	120.00
L. Pease	0.00
D. Savery	125.40
Total Expenditures	<u>345.40</u>

VISITING NURSE ASSOC.

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

WAR MEMORIALS & PLAYGROUNDS

E. Horalek	757.50
Total Expenditures	<u>757.50</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

452,609.24