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An outline map of the town of Middlefield, Massachusetts, is drawn with a thick black line. The interior of the map is filled with diagonal hatching lines. The map is irregular in shape, with a jagged southern and eastern border.

**ANNUAL REPORTS
AND WARRANT**

of the Town of
Middlefield

Massachusetts

1989

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OFFICES HOURS AND MEETINGS

SELECTMEN:	7:30pm	First and third Monday of each month
TAX COLLECTOR:	7:30 - 9:30pm	Mondays
	9am - Noon	Saturdays
TREASURER:	7:30pm	First and third Monday of each month
	9am - Noon	Saturdays
ASSESSORS:	7:30 - 9:30pm	Mondays
	9am - Noon	Saturdays
TOWN CLERK:	7:30 - 9:30pm	Mondays
	9am - Noon	Saturdays

TOWN OFFICE PHONE 623-8966

MIDDLEFIELD ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

OFFICE		TERM EXPIRES	OFFICE		TERM EXPIRES
TOWN CLERK	Marjorie Batorski	90	TRUSTEES	Mary Jane Donnelly	91
MODERATOR	Peter Oligny	90	OF THE PUBLIC	Priscilla Suriner	92
TREASURER	Nancy C. Pease	92	LIBRARY	Elizabeth Oligny	90 93
SELECTMEN AND	Donald A. Savery	90	PLANNING BOARD	<i>Dube 94</i> Ann Jewett	91
COMMISSION OF	Joseph J. Kearns *1	91		Daniel Suriner *1	91
PUBLIC WELFARE	Ronald Radwich	92		Richard Progulske	92
	<i>Ann Jewett</i>	<i>93</i>		Michael Hale	90 93
ASSESSORS	John E. Rice *1	91		Carol Varsano *3	90
	Jean Atmori	90	ZONING BOARD	<i>J. Hobart 1 yr</i>	
	Martin A. Main	92	OF APPEALS	Peter G. Oligny	91
	<i>Olive Furon</i>	<i>93</i>		Maurice H. Pease *1	92
BOARD OF HEALTH	The Selectmen			Jordan Paddock	90
AND FENCE VIEWERS			FINANCE	<i>Thomas Rock app.</i>	<i>91</i>
SCHOOL	Edward Donnelly	91	COMMITTEE	Jean Hobart	
COMMITTEE	Diane McQuaid	90 <i>93</i>		Edward Cook	91
TAX COLLECTOR	Neil Nickerson	91		Ronald Radwich	91
CONSTABLES	Donald A. Savery	92	CEMETERY	Cameron McQuaid	92
	William L. Paschal	92	COMMISSION	Martha Lee *2	90
AUDITOR	Martin A. Main	90		Thomas Rock *1	90
TREE WARDEN	Clyde A. Savery	90		Nancy Burnham *1	91
	<i>Brian Miller</i>	<i>91</i>		Neil Nickerson	92
				Larry F. Pease	90 93

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

MIDDLEFIELD APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

OFFICE

ANIMAL INSPECTOR Donald A. Savery

ARTS COUNCIL *Marge 93*
Cam McQuaid 94
Anna Guy - Cynthia Oigny 93
Chris Brasnahan 93

BUILDING INSPECTOR *Walter Smith 93*

CIVIL DEFENSE WARDEN Howard Pease, Jr.
Zimmerman 92

CONSERVATION COMMISSION Diane McQuaid 94
Olive Furioni 93
~~Brian Miller 91~~

COUNCIL ON AGING *Joan Almori*
Priscilla Suriner
~~Helen P. Cook~~
~~Helen Alderman~~
Cynthia Oigny
James Hale
Isabella Jordan
Elizabeth Oigny
~~Nancy Pease~~
Wayne Suriner
Gordon Guild
~~Merjorie 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

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN DEPUTY CHIEF *Larry Pease*
~~William L. Paschal~~
~~Larry F. Pease~~ *Ron Rodenich*

OFFICE

HISTORICAL COMMISSION Timothy Pease
Ed Sanders
Lydia Sanders
Brian Miller

LUMBER SURVEYOR/ WOOD AND BARK MEASURER *See Mrs. Lorraine 93*
Brian Miller
Ira W. Pease

MILK INSPECTOR Donald A. Savery

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

PLUMBING INSPECTOR William J. Zeitler

RECREATION COMMITTEE The Selectmen and The Bicentennial Committee

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS Anita Myers
Mary Jane Donnelly
Edith Rice

STREET SUPERINTENDENT Robert P. Miller

TOWN CARTOGRAPHER Cameron McQuaid

TREASURER'S ASSISTANT Olive Furioni

VETERANS AGENT Brian Martin

WIRING INSPECTOR ASST. INSPECTOR John Savery
Joseph E. Defeo

Warrant for the Middlefield Annual Town Meeting

... May 5, 1990 ...

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 fifth 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, two Planning Board Members, two Finance Committee Members, one School Committee member, and a Trustee of the Public Library for the term of three years.

And to resolve on said ballot the following questions:

1. Do you oppose further cuts in, or withholding of, local aid to Middlefield?
2. Should the State return 40% of its revenue from growth taxes (income, state and corporate) with towns and cities on a continuing and consistent basis to help support basic local services such as, public safety, public health and education?
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise its levy limit by \$70,000. This money is to be used to cover the increase in education expenses.

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, Assessors, and School Committee and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$198,781 for Middlefield's share of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991, or take any other action thereto, or accept as a net assessment a sum which is less than \$198,781 as certified by the Gateway Regional School District.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,791 for Middlefield's Vocational Transportation and Tuition for the period of July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant for fiscal year 1991 in the amount of \$255,737 under provision of General Law Chapter 70a, Section 5 as inserted by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant shall be expended by the School Committee for direct service expenditures.

ARTICLE 6. 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

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Warrant for the Middlefield Annual Town Meeting (continued)

ARTICLE 7. 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, 1990 through June 30, 1991, or take any other action relating thereto:

<i>HIGHWAY AND RELATED EXPENSES</i>	
Snow Removal	\$30,000.00
Highway Maintenance	24,000.00
Machinery Expense	15,000.00
Holiday/Vacation Pay	3,500.00
Health Insurance, Employees	5,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00

<i>NATURAL RESOURCES</i>	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	\$150.00
Forest Fire Protection	10.00
Insect Pest Control	100.00
Tree Warden	100.00

<i>GOVERNMENT</i>	
COBRA	\$100.00
Elections and Registration	700.00
Hampshire County Retirement	5,100.00
Health and Sanitation	200.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	2,000.00
Printing	1,500.00
Town Counsel	150.00

<i>OFFICE EXPENSES</i>	
Selectmen's Secretary	\$2,000.00
Selectmen's Travel and Expenses	500.00
Office Supplies	2,600.00
Assessors' Assistant	5,000.00
Computer Maintenance	1,600.00
Registry Fees	100.00
Tax Map Update	600.00

<i>MISCELLANEOUS</i>	
Rubbish/Disposal Area	\$28,000.00
Public Building Maintenance	7,000.00
Civil Defense	10.00
Conservation Commission	150.00
Dog Officer and Expense	600.00
Fire Chief/Warden Salary	325.00
Fire Department Expenses	3,000.00
Inspections	2,000.00
Library	300.00
Pioneer Valley Planning Comm.	57.75
Planning Board	10.00
Police Chief Salary	300.00
Police Expenses	2,000.00
Lee Visiting Nurse	350.00
Recreation	100.00
Street Lights	600.00
Veterans Agent	10.00
War Memorials & Playgrounds	1,000.00
Town Cemetery Maintenance	1,500.00
Council on Aging (COA)	300.00

ARTICLE 8. To determine the disposition of the Dog Fund.

ARTICLE 9. 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, 1990 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 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 1991, as permitted by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53f.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,000 for the Reserve Fund from Free Cash or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 12. 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 13. To see if the Town will transfer the balance of funds in the Recreation Area Account to FY 1991.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 40 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989 regarding assessment date changes for new growth or take any action related thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 41 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989 regarding quarterly tax bills or take any action related thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$35,000 to cover all Town insurance, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges or take any other action relating thereto.

Warrant for the Middlefield Annual Town Meeting (continued)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$21,000 for the purchase of a 1990 Ford Bronco 4x4 Police Cruiser equipped for service according to state specifications from the state approved vendor. Said cruiser shall be paid for over a five year period according to the best finance plan available to the Town.

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 \$3,000 for the third year of the five year Fire Department *Recovery System*.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$125,000 for the purpose of a new fire engine. Appropriate \$10,000 from the Stabilization Fund. Transfer \$10,000 from the Certified Free Cash. Raise and appropriate \$10,000 and authorize the Treasurer to borrow the balance, or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 23. 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 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400 for the Franklin Regional Transportation Authority.

ARTICLE 25. 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 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 for a Regional Resource Planner.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,309 for Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative.

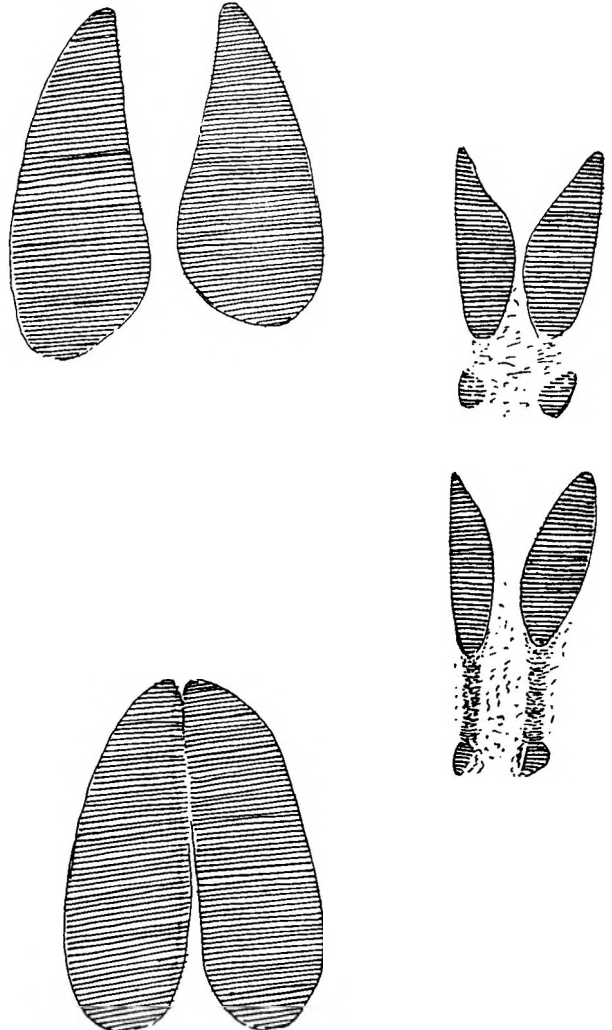
ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept a River Protection Zoning Bylaw for the West and Middle Branches of the Westfield River.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue Herbert Cross Road from the Chester Town line for its entirety in Middlefield.

ARTICLE 30. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Other articles may be added to this warrant.

Joseph J. Kearns, Chairman
Ronald Radwich
Donald A. Savery
SELECTMEN OF MIDDLEFIELD



REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

LICENSE SUMMARY

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

DOG LICENSES	EACH	AMOUNT
14 Males	\$3.00	\$42.00
5 Females	3.00	15.00
33 Spayed Females	3.00	99.00
15 Neutered Males	3.00	<u>45.00</u>
TOTAL		\$201.00
67 Clerk's Fees	0.75	\$50.25
SPORTING LICENSES	EACH	AMOUNT
9 Resident Fishing	\$12.50	\$112.50
5 Resident Hunting	12.50	62.50
12 Sporting	19.50	234.00
1 Resident Alien Hunting	19.50	19.50
1 Resident Alien Fish	14.50	14.50
13 Non Resident Hunting	48.50	630.50
1 Sporting (65-69)	9.75	9.75
1 Resident Fishing (minor)	6.50	6.50
9 Archery/Primitive	5.10	<u>45.90</u>
TOTAL		\$1135.65
43 Clerk's Fees	\$0.50	\$21.50
9 Clerk's Fees	0.10	<u>0.90</u>
TOTAL		\$22.40

June 19, 1989 - The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Peter Oligny, at 8 P.M.

Article 1. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer \$5,200.00 from Free Cash to the Insurance Account.

Article 2. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer \$2,000.00 from Free Cash to the Town Snow Account.

November 20, 1989 - The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Peter Oligny, at 8 P.M. There were seventeen registered voters present.

Article 1. It was voted unaminously that the Town Transfer \$1,500 from Free Cash to the Police Department Account.

Article 2. It was voted unaminously that the Town transfer \$2,000 from Free Cash to the Office Expense Account.

Article 3. It was voted unaminously that the Town accept \$300 plus interest as full and final payment for lots 3 and 23 of a four parcel piece of land in Middlefield taken by the D.E.M. on April 18, 1984. Joseph Kearns, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, explained that this land was located on Reservoir Road, part of the Avondo sub-division, that had been taken by Eminent Domain.

Article 4. Thomas Austin, Chief of Police, spoke of the needs of the Police Department. The Police have been busier than ever. The Town cruiser is in serious need of costly repairs with broken tie rods. The State Police won't be able to help much because of the financial crunch that the state is in; they haven't got snow tires for the cruisers, and they would have a hard time in the Hilltowns. Tom also spoke of his concern of transporting people without the cruiser. Joseph Kearns also spoke of the notice that the Selectmen had received from the Department of Public Works, on November 16, 1989. The bridge crossing Glendale Brook is to be closed immediately, due to the poor conditions of the beams under the bridge. This will pose a problem for the people living in the area, and also for Police and Fire Protection. People in the area will be notified by letter of the conditions and arrangements will be made for Police, Fire and Ambulance coverage.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1989

Jul 7 Joseph F. Bruno and Gloria E. Costa
 Jul 21 Eric E. Main and Joanne L. Strout
 Aug 19 Michael Putnam Hale and Lisa Jay Roberts

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1989

Feb 10 Erin Richmond Judge, daughter of Katherine Jean, and John Joseph Judge
 Mar 9 Christopher David Robie, son of Patricia Diane, and Curt Douglas Robie
 May 4 Jonathan Peter Tosi, son of Andrea Marcy Tosi and Stephen John Cummings

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1989

Jun 22 Eliza Clemence Tefts Age 81
 Dec 25 George Wesley Olds Age 88

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie P. Batorski
 TOWN CLERK

Treasurer's Report - Fiscal Year 1989

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 Balance		150.00					
State Aid		750.00	900.00		880.00	20.00	
Assessor's Expense	400.00	0.00	400.00	2.15	402.15		
CAMA Computer System		780.59	780.59		578.35		202.24
Cemetery Expense		662.75	662.75	886.73 * 1	1,549.48		
Chapter 90							
Chipman Road					135.30		
River Rd. Bridge Repair					11,653.66		
River Rd. Bridge New					9,150.00		
Civil Defense	10.00		10.00				10.00
Conservation Commissic	150.00		150.00		43.78		106.22
Council On Aging	300.00	1,444.41					
Donations		60.00 * 6					
Highland Valley		475.00					
State Aid		1,400.00	3,679.41		2,832.69	846.72	
Disposal Area	35,000.00		35,000.00		32,053.05		2,940.95
Dog Fees					190.00		
Dog Officer & Expense	400.00		400.00		300.00		100.00
Elected Town Officers	6,035.00		6,035.00		5,697.50		337.50
Elections & Registratior	700.00	90.00 * 2	790.00		664.22		125.78
Fire Chief/Warden	325.00		325.00		325.00		
Fire Dept. Expense	3,000.00		3,000.00		2,999.95		0.05
Fire Dept. Recovery Sy:	3,000.00		3,000.00		3,000.00		
Fire Dept. Water Supply		949.17	949.17				949.17
Firehouse Loan & Intere	2,800.00		2,800.00		2,800.00		
Flood Damage 1987					32,449.84		
Flood Damage 1988					8,409.53		
Forest Fire Protection	10.00		10.00				10.00
Gateway Reg School Dis	158,413.00						
Vocational	15,875.00		174,288.00		174,286.20		1.80
Hampshire Co Retirement	5,600.00		5,600.00	134.00	5,734.00		
Health Insurance	4,500.00		4,500.00		3,408.00		1,092.00
Health and Sanitation	200.00		200.00				200.00
Hilltown Resource Mgmt.					1,231.72		
Historical Commission Balance		213.48	231.48			231.48	
Holiday and Vacation Pa	3,500.00		3,500.00		2,142.40		1,357.60
Inspections,Licenses,Pn	1,400.00		1,400.00	335.00	1,735.00		
Insurance	25,000.00	1,857.98 * 3					
		5,200.00 * 4	32,157.98		30,485.78		1,672.20
Interest Short Term Nol	2,000.00		2,000.00		30.00		483.00
Library Expense Balance	500.00	324.87 * 6					
State Aid		1,436.00 * 7	2,260.87		997.94	1,262.93	
Machinery Expense	15,000.00		15,000.00		11,304.94		3,695.06
Maintenance Public Bldg	6,000.00		6,000.00	199.00	6,199.00		
New Town Hall	2,000.00		2,000.00				2,000.00
Office Expense	2,000.00		2,000.00		1,823.79		176.21
Pioneer Valley Ping	57.75		57.75		57.75		
Pioneer Valley Haz. Was	100.00		100.00		93.50		6.50
Planning Board	10.00		10.00				10.00
Police Chief's Salary	300.00		300.00		300.00		
Police Cruiser	1,000.00		1,000.00	169.26	1,169.26		

Treasurer's Report - Fiscal Year 1989

ACCOUNT	APPRO- PRIATIONS	AMOUNT TRANSFER	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	RESERVE FUND	EXPEN- DITURES	BALANCE FORWARD	BALANCE CLOSED
Police Department Experi	600.00		600.00	485.25 * 8	1,085.25		
Printing	1,200.00		1,200.00		1,166.19		33.81
Recreation	100.00		100.00				100.00
Recreation Area Planning		4,420.00	4,420.00				4,420.00
Reserve Fund		3,000.00 * 9					
Selectmen's Expense	500.00		500.00		483.73		16.27
Selectmen's Sec Salary	1,100.00		1,100.00		1,041.67		58.33
Snow Plow	4,000.00		4,000.00 * 10		3,381.00		619.00
S.T.R.A.P. Grant		70,423.11	70,423.11		63,571.26		6,851.85
Street Lights	600.00		600.00		381.62		218.38
Tax Maps Balance 198	600.00		600.00		600.00		
Town Assessor's Assis	5,000.00		5,000.00		2,733.48		2,266.52
Town Clerk					1,194.00		
Town Counsel	150.00		150.00		150.00		
Town Highways	25,000.00		25,000.00		23,930.95		69.05
Town Re-evaluation		3,000.00	3,000.00	24.68	3,024.68		
Town Snow	30,000.00	2,000.00	32,000.00		31,885.56		
Treasurer's Warrants					5,371.81		
Cemetery Perp. Care					1,492.00		
Hampshire Co. Tax					256.76		
M.V. Refund					19.66		
R.E. Refund					31.24		
Tax Collector					600.00		
Withholdings - BC/BS					179.40		
Fed. Income Tax					6,340.00		
State Income Tax					2,005.51		
Hamp. Co. Retirement					2,270.53		
Tree Accounts							
Tree Warden	100.00		100.00	3.20	103.20		
Dutch Elm Disease Cr	150.00		150.00	0.20	150.20		
Inspect. & Pest Cont	100.00		100.00		100.00		
Truck Loan & Interest	8,365.00		8,365.00		7,925.16		439.84
Unemployment Compens	100.00		100.00		37.32		62.68
Veterans Agent	10.00		10.00				10.00
Visiting Nurse Associati	350.00		350.00		350.00		
War Memorials/Playgnc	1,000.00		1,000.00		831.50		168.50
Western Mass. Coalatio	100.00		100.00				100.00
Total Warrant Expenditures					521,507.46		

FOOTNOTES

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| *1 From Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund | *7 '88 State Aid Recorded in '89 |
| *2 From State Aid | *8 From General Cash |
| *3 From Reserve Fund | *9 From Overlay Surplus |
| *4 From Free Cash | *10 From Grant Funds |
| *5 From Checking Withdrawal | *11 From CAMA Asst Acct |
| *6 Balance | *12 From Free Cash |

RECEIPTS

Cemetery Perpetual Fund	\$1,492.00	
Cemetery Lot Sales	585.00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	98,076.00	
Council on Aging State Aid	1,400.00	
Highland Valley	475.00	
Donations	<u>60.00</u>	1,935.00
District Court		145.00
Dog Fees		169.00
Election and Registration		90.00
Historical Commission		31.50
Inspections, Licenses, Permits		6,725.00
Interest - Checking Account		2,440.65
Library Fund State Aid	823.97	
Dog Fund	<u>63.77</u>	887.74
Miscellaneous Income		1,311.40
Taxes		263,399.26
Town Clerk		1,349.31
Withholding Taxes BC/BS	159.58	
Federal Income Tax	6,340.00	
Hamp Retirement	2,270.53	
State Income Tax	<u>2,005.51</u>	10,775.62
Total Cash		\$389,412.48

CASH RECONCILIATION

Cash Balance FY88	\$62,533.68	
Total Receipts FY89	<u>389,412.48</u>	
Total Cash		451,946.16
Plus Short Term Loans		100,000.00
Plus Internal Cash Transfers		<u>88,734.85</u>
Adjusted Total Cash		640,681.01
Less Note Payment		(60,875.00)
Less Service Charges & Others		(719.47)
Less Expenditures		<u>(521,507.46)</u>
Balance June 30, 1989		\$57,579.08

LIABILITIES

Fire House Loan Principal FY88	\$21,000.00	
Payment FY89	(1,750.00)	
Balance FY89		\$19,250.00
Interest Paid FY89	<u>\$1,050.00</u>	
Truck Loan Principal FY88	\$14,000.00	
Payment FY89	(7,000.00)	
Balance FY89		\$7,000.00
Interest Paid FY89	<u>\$925.16</u>	
Short Term Loan Note 280	\$40,000.00	
Note 282	<u>60,000.00</u>	
Note Balance		100,000.00
Payment FY89	(100,000.00)	
Balance FY89		\$0.00
Interest Paid FY89	<u>\$1,166.86</u>	

TRUSTS AND FUNDS

Arts Council		
Balance FY88		\$1,378.63
Withdrew FY89		(1,350.00)
Interest FY89		41.39
Balance FY89		\$70.02
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		
Balance FY88		\$10,495.96
Increase Principal FY89		1492
Interest FY89		709.09
Withdrew FY89		(886.73)
Balance FY88		\$11,810.32
Sally Dickson Charity Fund		
Balance FY88		\$7,427.04
Interest FY89		559.15
Balance FY89		\$7,986.19
Sally Dickson School Fund		
Balance FY88		\$4,240.89
Interest FY89		519.25
Balance FY89		\$4,760.14
Escrow Account		
Balance FY88		\$729.59
Interest FY89		37.37
Balance FY89		\$766.96
Historical Commission		
Balance FY88		\$749.65
Interest FY89		38.37
Balance FY89		\$788.02
Stabilization Fund		
Balance FY88		\$11,321.97
Appropriation FY89		5,000.00
Interest FY89		1,070.34
Balance FY89		\$17,392.31
STRAP Grant		
Balance FY88		\$150,950.63
Withdrew FY89		(70,423.11)
Interest FY89		8,744.17
Balance FY89		\$89,271.69

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy C. Pease
TREASURER

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

The revaluation of all real property in Middlefield for FY1990 increased total taxable valuation to \$30,334,164, an increase of \$14,728,031 above the previous values established in 1987. This almost doubling of assessed valuation is the result of the dramatic increase in prices received for properties over the past two years. The tax rate charged per \$1,000 of valuation correspondingly decreased from \$16.10 in FY1989 to \$9.35 in FY1990.

Construction of new homes during the past year has resulted in approximately \$1,200,000 in new taxable valuation which will generate about \$10,000 in new income. This will offset to some degree increased costs for the Town services such as education, roads, and waste disposal.

It is not generally recognized that changes in assessment administration brought by Proposition Two and One-Half have made the use of computers mandatory. Our new computer tax administration system has enabled the Town to sharply reduce the cost of assessing operations. Our original estimates of potential cost savings have proved to be very conservative due to major increases in prices charged for vendor services. By maintaining our own computer records and issuing tax bills in a timely manner, the efficiency of Town tax administration has been greatly enhanced.

The FY1990 tax rate is calculated as follows:

Total Town Meeting	
Appropriations:	\$407,856.75
Total State/County Charges:	5,151.00
Overlay Reserve:	8,049.68
Total Offsets:	<u>1,518.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT	
TO BE RAISED:	\$422,575.43

Receipts From State:	91,951.00
Estimated Local Receipts:	35,600.00
Free Cash:	8,400.00
Overlay Surplus:	<u>3,000.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$138,151.00

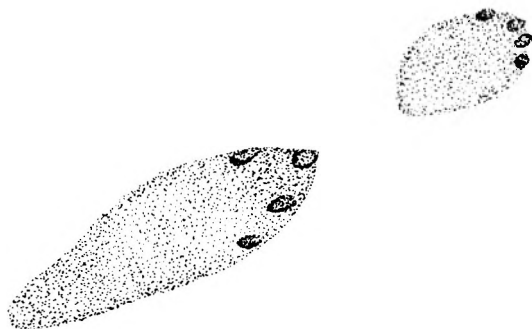
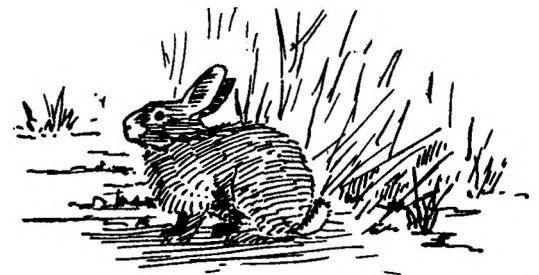
**NET AMOUNT
TO BE RAISED: \$283,624.43**

**TOTAL ASSESSED
VALUATION: \$30,334,164.00**

TAX RATE: $\frac{\$283,624.43}{30,334,164.00} \times 1000 = \9.35

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Rice, Chairman
Martin Main
Joan Almorì
ASSESSORS



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FY 1989
 JULY 1, 1988 THUR JUNE 30, 1989

FISCAL YEAR	TAX	BALANCE 7/01/88	WARRANTS	REFUNDS	TOTALS	TAXES COLLECTED	TAXES ABATED	TAX TITLES	ADJ. PLUS-MINUS	BALANCE DUE 6/30/89
1989	RE	0.00	238,430.53	575.71	239,006.24	187,544.23	7,199.83		260.89	44,523.07
	PP	0.00	12,531.70	2,850.13	15,381.83	15,095.34	50.08			236.41
	MVE	0.00	13,767.93	11.67	13,779.60	3,546.46	489.42		18.75	4,762.47
	RR	0.00	840.89		840.89	840.89	0.00			0.00
SUB TOTAL		0.00	265,571.05	3,437.51	269,008.56	212,026.92	7,739.33	0.00	279.64	49,521.95
1988	RE	34,023.31		603.00	34,626.31	26,864.07	31.24		190.54	7,540.46
	PP	253.07			253.07	141.94	0.00			111.13
	WP	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
	MVE	13,413.77		24.22	13,437.99	10,301.73	591.14			2,544.29
SUB TOTAL		47,690.15	0.00	627.22	48,317.37	37,307.74	622.38	0.00	190.54	10,195.88
1987	RE	7,348.65			7,348.65	5,307.05	0.00			2,041.60
	PP	173.54			173.54	86.46	0.00			87.08
	MVE	3,741.70		12.50	3,754.20	2,957.46	228.75		27.85	595.84
SUB TOTALS		11,263.89	0.00	12.50	11,276.39	8,350.97	228.75	0.00	27.85	2,724.52
1986	RE	1,800.16			1,800.16	1,049.68	0.00			750.46
	PP	56.07			56.07	0.00	0.00			56.07
	MVE	1,041.98			1,041.98	736.66	139.49			165.83
SUB TOTAL		2,898.21			2,898.21	1,786.34	139.49			972.38
1985	RE	1,057.16			1,057.16	432.85	0.00			624.31
	MVE	451.68			451.68	243.98	178.25			29.45
SUB TOTAL		1,508.84			1,508.84	676.83	178.25			653.76
1984	RE	697.11			697.11	678.40	0.00			18.71
	PP	50.40			50.40	0.00	0.00			50.40
	MVE	53.02			53.02	47.62	5.40			0.00
SUB TOTAL		800.53			800.53	726.02	5.40			69.11

FISCAL YEAR	TAX	BALANCE 7/1/88	WARRANT	REFUNDS	TOTALS	TAXES COLLECTED	TAXES ABATED	TAX TITLES	ADJ PLUS-MINUS	BALANCE DUE 6/30/89
1983	AGR	18.98			18.98	18.98	0.00			0.00
	PP	57.75			57.75	0.00	0.00			57.75
	MVE	51.89			51.89	51.89	0.00			0.00
SUB TOTAL		128.62			128.62	70.87	0.00			57.75
1982	RE	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
	PP	56.35			56.35	0.00	0.00			56.35
	MVE	0.53			0.53	0.53	0.00			0.00
SUB TOTAL		56.88			56.88	0.53	0.00			56.35
1981	RE	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
	PP	317.52			317.52	0.00	0.00			317.52
	MVE	7.50			7.50	7.50	0.00			0.00
SUB TOTAL		325.02			325.02	7.50	0.00			317.52
1980	PP	236.43			236.43	0.00	0.00			236.43
	MVE	5.78			5.78	5.78	0.00			0.00
SUB TOTAL		242.21			242.21	5.78	0.00			236.43
1979	PP	205.00			205.00	0.00	0.00			205.00
SUB TOTAL		205.00			205.00	0.00	0.00			205.00
GRAND TOTAL		65,119.35	265,571.05	4,077.23	334,767.63	260,959.50	8,913.60	0.00	498.03	65,010.65

TAXES	260,959.50
INTEREST	1,364.76
LIENS	1,075.00
FEEES	0.00
EXPENSES	0.00
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TOTAL	263,399.26

KEY: RE REAL ESTATE
PP PERSONAL PROPERTY
CF CLASSIFIED FOREST
RR ROLL-BACK
AG AGRICULTURAL
WF WOOD PRODUCTS
MVE MOTOR VEHICLE

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Fire Department responded to a total of 24 calls in 1989. We now have 8 members in our Junior Department along with 23 Senior members. I would like to thank all the members for volunteering their time on both calls and time spent working on the trucks and station.

We are continuing with fire education courses including a Hazardous Materials class, water shuttle course and C.P.R. Certification. Our Recovery Program is also progressing while helping to update some of our equipment.

In 1953 the voters of Middlefield approved the purchase of the town's FIRST new fire engine - that old Power Wagon is still in active service today. It was the town's only purchase of a new fire truck. That engine along with three others - 1956 Ford Pumper, a 1962 Ford Tanker and a 1962 Red Tanker (both on loan from the State) provide the Town fire coverage.

In the last 10 years approximately 50 new homes have been built in Middlefield and, according to the records, there is thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000) in assessed buildings in town.

This is the year we ask the voters to approve the purchase of a new fire engine. Middlefield is growing and we must grow with it. We have met and discussed this with the Finance Committee and will meet with them again to work out suitable financing.

We ask your consideration and support and welcome your questions.

ITEMIZED CALLS

Structure Fires	2
Furnace Problem	1
Medical Calls	12
Mutual Aid (to other towns)	2
Auto Accident	2
Car Fire	1
Illegal Burning	1
Water Call	1
Report Smoke	2

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Paschal
FIRE CHIEF



CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

Middlefield Cemetery Commissioners met 17 times during 1989, continuing reorganization and updating of Cemetery data. Maintenance of town cemeteries were delegated to Warren Ritter who has taken over from Edward Horelek, Jr. The price of cemetery plots went up from \$300 to \$500 beginning fiscal year 1990. New cemetery signs (replacing those vandalized and stolen) will be installed in the spring. Special thanks to Larry Pease, Commission Clerk who arranged to have these made, without charge to the town, by Camp Becket (Y.M.C.A.) campers last summer.

During 1989, your Commissioners undertook the task of updating the Pine Grove Cemetery map (necessitated because of vandalism at the school which destroyed much of the cemetery records a few years past). We are glad to report that an updated and computerized map will be available by fiscal year 1991 or earlier, thanks to the help of Town Cartographer, Cameron McQuaid. This computerized map will not only facilitate ease in choice of remaining lots for sale, it will accurately locate occupied grave sites as well as sites to be occupied for future burial plots already purchased.

The Commissioners have also announced that no flowers in glass containers of any kind will be allowed in any of the Town Cemeteries, due to the new strict recycling regulations. Flowers may be planted, or, placed in clay pots or plastic containers, however.

Notices have been sent to all those who have balances due on cemetery plots. These must be paid in full by fiscal year, July 1, 1990, (earlier would be appreciated!). Those delinquent in payment may appeal to the Commission for alternate methods of payment. Otherwise, all delinquent accounts on unpaid or partially paid cemetery plots will revert to the town and will be put up for sale as of July 1, 1990.

In addition, your Commissioners have undertaken a long-range plan to inventory all of our town cemeteries (the last and only statewide inventory of cemeteries was done in the 1930's, under the aegis of the Daughters of the American Revolution). We strongly believe that such an inventory is a requisite in record keeping, an important adjunct to the history of Middlefield. More on this in the near future. We will need help from interested citizens, other town officials, and the Historical Commission!

Finally, thanks to all of you who have supported us in our efforts to keep our cemeteries in good order; your suggestions (and complaints) are duly noted and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Burnham, Chair
Larry Pease
Neil Nickerson
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS



POLICE DEPARTMENT

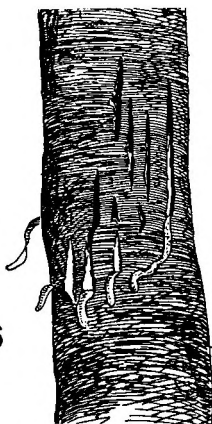
During the next decade, the Town of Middlefield will continue to change drastically as more and more people leave the crowded cities and move into the Hilltowns of the Berkshires. No matter how much one would try to stop this migration, the best that has been done so far is to slow it down through careful planning and controlled growth. In the past few years, the Middlefield Police Department has seen a drastic increase not only in the number of calls it has had to respond to but an escalation of the more serious types of violence and crime.

The Department is committed to providing the best possible services to the citizens of Middlefield at a reasonable cost without losing the ties to the traditions of a small New England town. State and Federal laws and regulations seem to mandate more and more education for police officers without providing the necessary fiscal support for that training. Because of the burden that excess expenses can place on a small town, the Middlefield Police Department has taken an active role in the leadership of the Hilltown Police Association which provides some mandated training at little or no cost to the town. The officers also will continue to dedicate their time without compensation to the town making Middlefield one of only a handful of town in the Commonwealth that has a voluntary police department.

This year, the Middlefield Police Department is asking for an appropriation to fund the cost and operation of a new police cruiser. Because of liability and safety issues involving both the officers and the town, the need for a new cruiser is of paramount importance. The Department has explored many options and will present its recommendations at the Annual Town Meeting. By approving this recommendation, the Police Department will be able to respond to any type of emergency in a safe effective manner for many years to come.

As the state continues to face a fiscal crisis, law enforcement will continue to be plagued with State Police cutbacks and a lack of proper lockups and jails. Over the past year the officers have continued to support and cooperate with the State Police to build a professional level of mutual respect which can only help the town considering the the town does not have a police station or lockup.

In summary, the Middlefield Police Department is dedicated to providing the most professional level of law enforcement it can to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Middlefield. As the town changes so will the needs of the Department to continue to provide appropriate services. The Department is committed to providing the best level of protection possible while being responsive to the fiscal realities of a small town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



POLICE DEPARTMENT (Continued)

The current statistics on matters handled by your Police Department from January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1989 are as follows:

Answered House Alarm	15
Arrests	1
Assist Fire Department	3
Assist Becket Police	2
Assist Chester Police	2
Assist Dept. of Mental Health	5
Assist Environmental Police	3
Assist Hinsdale Ambulance	5
Assist Peru Police	1
Assist State Police - OUI	1
Assist State Police - Warrant	1
Assist State Police - Medical	4
Assist Utility Company	1
Attempted Breaking and Entering	5
Break-ins	4
Car Accidents	4
Civil Complaints	3
Discharge of Firearms	5
Domestic Disturbance-Suicide Atmt	1
Domestic - Involving death threat	1
Equipment Violation	1
Hit and Run	1
Off Road Vehicle Complaint	8
Protective Custody	1
Speeding - Citations	6
Speeding - Warnings	8
Stolen Vehicle	1
Suspicious Person and Vehicle	4
Suspicious Person with Weapon	1
Threat - Personal Injury	1
Transport to Hospital	6
Trespass	5
Unlawful Dumping	3
Untimely Death	1
Vagrant	1
Vandalism	3
Vehicle in Public Way	5
Call-out Hours	160
Criminal Justice Training Hours	288
Private School Training Hours	62
PR - 24 Hours (five men)	12

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
Jimmy Jasmin,	
Aux Officer	623-5054
Dan Suriner,	
Aux Officer	623-8796
Victor Fastiggi, Training Officer	

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Austin, Chief
MIDDLEFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

The School Committee lost several experienced members this past year and gained some new faces. The way in which we work as subcommittees has changed also. In trying to be more proactive and less reactive, we now hold subcommittee meetings one week before the regular monthly meeting. Subcommittee meetings are rotated on different nights so that more people can attend. This allows us more time to discuss issues in a working format before taking them to the full, seventeen member committee.

Another enhancement is the addition of Educational Exchange meetings. The first held in October was titled *A Progress Report On District Wide Goals*. Progress on six goals was addressed by staff members and administrators. The next exchange was *The Middle School Concept - Reaching The Whole Child*. These exchanges have been well attended by staff, school committee members, parents and townspeople. We hope to have three or four of these exchanges each year.

Gateway is hosting six foreign exchange students this year. Four of the students are sponsored by Gateway Regional AFS Chapter, two of which are from West Germany, one from Chile, and one from Italy. Two students from Spain are sponsored by the Mediterranean Youth Studies Program. One student, Isabelle Renaunt, is residing with Peter and Cindy Oligny here in Middlefield.

Again this year the budgeting process for Gateway is in disarray as the State budget is still unresolved. As of this writing, Middlefield's increase is 14% or \$24,521 with an additional enrollment of one student. The big drain, an astounding rise of \$55,810

from last year, is in the vocational assessment. Three major factors combined to form this increase. First, three new students have enrolled. Second, the transportation costs have increased to \$20,215. Last, Middlefield ran a deficit of \$15,627 for students who attended last year.

The State's failure to pay for its fair share of education costs, has really come home to Middlefield.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Donnelly
Diane McQuaid
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LEE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

The following is a report of the services performed for the Town of Middlefield for the calendar year 1989:

<i>HOME VISITS</i>		
Nursing		12
Physical Therapy		6
<i>CLINICS</i>	<i>SESSIONS</i>	<i>ATTENDANCE</i>
Podiatry	1	
Blood Pressure	1	8
Flu Immunization	1	13

Respectfully submitted,

B. Ann Beacco, BSN
DIRECTOR

PLANNING BOARD

In the past year with drastic member turnover, the Planning Board did not excel in any particular subject.

The board worked on, for the most part, environmental issues ie: class "A" watersheds, house setbacks, and vistas. We also looked into driveway permits, common driveways, and especially sub-division development policies.

The board had intended to meet with surrounding area Town Planning Boards to see how certain Bylaws effected their town in different aspects, and as well as a whole - the people's reactions to these, whether they approved or appalled.

Becket seemed to be our main concern with all the new development of mostly second homes and sub-divisions. We have yet to meet with them on these interests.

Our current objective is working with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission dealing with the Greenway Watershed which would keep the natural beauty of our branches of the Westfield River untouched. It also insures us from state takeovers for dams, etc. with the historical value of the Keystone Bridges and purity of the water being most important. This Bylaw, however, does not change our existing Bylaws dramatically in these sections of town, and not at all for the rest of the town. River sections have slightly stricter building and septic system revisions.

Our future tasks, at least in the near future, would include finishing with the Greenway Watershed and then moving back to our previous endeavors.

The Planning Board really needs insight from town residents, and there is expected at least one opening on the Board. All who are interested please contact someone.

Respectfully submitted,

**Daniel Suriner
Michael Hale
Ann Jewett
Richard Progulske
PLANNING BOARD**

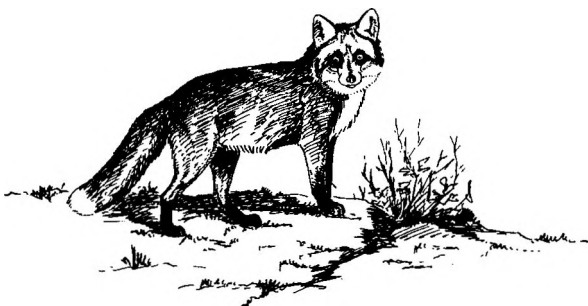
BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

I respectfully submit the permits given in the Town of Middlefield for the year of 1989.

Perc Test	16
House	9
Garage	3
Barn	1
Shed	3
Addition	9
Stove Permit	3
Gazebo	1
Swimming Pool	2

Thank you for the courteous cooperation of everyone.

**Walter D. Smith
BUILDING INSPECTOR**



COUNCIL ON AGING

Fifty-two seniors took part in activities at the Senior Center at the Old Town Hall during the year. We held eleven Pot Luck luncheons. Eighteen seniors were at the Christmas party held at the Church. We enjoyed a turkey dinner put on by the committee with additional dishes brought by those in attending. This activity is part of our annual budget from Highland Valley funds. Seventeen seniors went to the Sheraton Inn in Westfield for our "Out of Town" trip kindness of our good friend who pays for most of this expense while those attending contribute the balance.

Dr. Charles Ross was the attending physician for the Podiatry Clinic held in August. The seniors used this service. Twenty-three received the Flu Shot given by the Lee Visiting Nurses. Blood pressure readings were not taken at every luncheon, but several times during the year.

A Forum "Promoting Quality Long Living", an educational meeting of service to seniors, was held in June co-sponsored by the Grange. Selectmen Joseph Kearns introduced State Senator Peter Webber who spoke about the concerns of seniors by our governing agencies. Congressman Silvio Conte was represented by Jacqueline Gravel from his Holyoke office. Other speakers were from Highland Valley, Franklin Regional Transit Authority, Lee Visiting Nurses Association, Worthington Health Center and the Chester Commons. We enjoyed each of their messages. Fourteen of our members attended plus several out of town guests. Future forums may be planned.

We enjoy the publication of a Newsletter, which we send to all towns people over sixty and a few past residents who might like to keep in touch with friends here in town. We are always looking for bits of information to pass along in this manner. Anyone may submit news and it would be greatly appreciated.

Mileage reimbursements for drivers for Seniors needing transportation to medical appointments and shopping trips are provided. An increase of initial donations/fees is considered. We hope we do not have to limit this service in the future. This service is the major use of our allotted funds.

We have installed an electric toilet in the Town Hall but have not fully utilized it as yet. Electric service to the building is excessively expensive or seems to be. How this will affect the future budgeting of our funds is to be explored.

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 1989-90, Middlefield implemented mandatory recycling of glass, cans, and paper with startling results - It really works! While oftentimes state-inspired programs are beset with as many new problems created as old problems solved and broadly miss the mark of targeted purpose, this program offers an unusual opportunity to concurrently reduce tax costs through taxpayer cooperation and address a serious local and national problem.

Well before the state-sponsored Materials Recycling Facility opened its doors in January, 1990 to handle recyclable items, Middlefield joined the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative in a joint effort to reduce the cost of removing non-recyclables through collective trucking and disposal arrangement. Effectively, this group action afforded direct and maintainable control over the previous "hostage" cost areas of disposal, site selection, and trucking.

Even more important, however, residents have demonstrated a strong willingness to participate in a system which both saves money and makes sense. Preliminary results indicate that the removal frequency of the non-recyclables ("regular") bin may be cut in half or more as time goes on. Since we pay only for trucking with the recycling bin, this shift represents a significant savings to the town. Needless to say, the total realizable savings depends wholly upon the degree to which we deposit recyclables in the proper bin.

To insure maximum benefits to the Town ongoing review is underway to develop additional measures which will reduce non-recyclable volume. Under consideration are Goodwill Industries collection box as well as a "swap shed" for reusable items. As the key to savings is in insuring that all recyclable items wind up in the correct bin, the Board of Health will be focusing attention on maintaining voluntary compliance with recycling rules to keep costs in control.

Your continuing cooperation is appreciated. All suggestions for improving the Transfer Station are always welcome.

Respectively Submitted,

M. Archie Main
DISPOSAL ATTENDANT



BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Confusion reigns. Answers are hard to come by. With all of this is a price. For the observer it is easier to watch the major changes settle in. For the participant the passage to the new equilibrium brings scars. Much of what we wish to do in Middlefield is determined in Boston, Washington D.C., Moscow, Tokyo and Berlin. The revenues for our Town come from Boston - where we sent them in the first place. This revenue return covers nearly one half of our total expenses. Predictions for next year are a 10% to 15% reduction in "Local Aid". This could cost us \$20,000 locally and \$20,000 from our school expenses. Possibly \$40,000 more to be raised from property taxes. This worst case scenario would mean a 50% increase in real estate taxes. Somewhere in here there should be some good news, we are on the outlook. All of this begs for a clear, defined agenda to proceed into the future, especially on a State level.

Too often the citizens have no idea of what is going on in government. Goals, costs, and activities of government have to be freely available and understandable. When a separation is created, confusion, anger and inefficiency are brought forward. Nothing less than a blossoming of honesty can bring forth the discussion needed. Everyone must feel and be part of the process renewal.

This year's bright spot is at the Transfer Station. A better job is being done and it's costing less money to do it. How can this happen? The Commonwealth has picked up some of the expense by funding the "MURF", the Material Recovery Facility, in Springfield. This allows us to recycle and have a place to take it guaranteed.

Northampton now accepts our trash at \$65 per ton rather than the \$100 plus per ton with our previous arrangement. A Solid Waste grant opened the doors to Northampton for us.

This business of recycling forces a change in the way we behave. Now everyone who uses the Transfer Station is forced to recycle paper, glass, and cans. The more this is done, down go our costs. We get better at what we do and we see costs go down. So wash out those cans and bottles so we don't have any loads of recyclables rejected. Some of the Hilltowns are now recycling 40% of their household wastes. Middlefield is not there yet, but we have made an excellent start.

By the time you read this a Salvation Army bin should be at the Transfer Station. Old clothes, usable toys and household items can go in this bin. The recycling of car tires is now in operation on a fee basis. This is also true for clean metal. Plastic in the near future will be accepted for recycling. Drain oil will in the future find a place in the recycling program.

A charge will be established for each 30 gallons worth of garbage volume. This unit will require one sticker. The cost of the sticker will be fifty cents to a dollar. Each family that has purchased a 1990 Transfer Station sticker will receive several of these garbage bag stickers. This will encourage recycling as there will be no cost to dump separated recyclables.

And then we have a big problem with our roads and bridges. It is getting harder and harder to get there from here. The news is bad and so probably is the near future. Money from the state for road work is cut off. The two temporary bridges in Town will not

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT (Continued)

soon be replaced - no available funds. The cost of one mile of blacktop is up to \$100,000. This is with no shoulders or base preparations and no culvert replacement. If an increase in the State gas tax is forthcoming, some improvement should come.

This past November, the Town received a notice that forced us to close the bridge above Glendale Falls. This cut off River Road residents from the center of Town. We quickly organized our State Representative and Senator. A "non-existent" Acrow bridge was found. Before Christmas traffic was going over the "temporary" bridge. We even had two of the Engineers from the State DPW in Lenox help us. The bright successful effort shows the results of a group pulling together.

The Highway Department needs a new truck. The green Mack dump truck is 25 years old, and it needs a new cab. Our choice for replacement would be a one ton 4 wheel drive dump truck with plow and sander. During light winter storms this vehicle could be run at a much lower cost than our current vehicles. In the long run money would be saved. If the fiscal picture improves, this purchase request will appear on next year's warrant.

Small towns exist on volunteers. Our Firemen have responded to many fires and emergency health situations. For these efforts we thank these fine individuals. Our Police Officers are all called to respond to every manner of situation. Their commitment and tact have been invaluable to many Town residents.

The cuts from Boston have fallen heavily on education. Fifty percent of the reduction in revenues have been

absorbed by education. Broad base taxes have to be used to decrease the disparity in funding between the wealthier districts and those less able. Vocational programs need to be made more available for our students. Training has to take place with up-to-date technology.

The big question is: How can we afford all this? Ordinary home owners cannot fund the whole deal. We have to demand that more of our state and federal tax dollars come back to fund services at the local level. Road repairs and schools need these funds.

Everyone is more informed today than in the past. Information is easier to obtain. A certain loss of innocence has been the result. One individual with commitment, enthusiasm and an open mind can make quite a difference. This Town is also looking for these people to step forward and make a difference, that all of us can bask in. There are tasks to be done and offices to be filled.

The Selectmen continue to meet on the first and third Monday evenings. Most often we are there all the other Mondays except Holidays. We are open to suggestions and use this opportunity to meet with citizens of Middlefield. Our thanks go to the support that we have received.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Kearns, Chairman
Donald A. Savery
Ronald Radwich
SELECTMEN OF MIDDLEFIELD

Selectmen's Expenditures Report
Fiscal Year 1989 7/1/88 - 6/30/89

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

ARTS COUNCIL	
Sevenars Concerts, Inc.	\$200.00
Chester Elementary School	130.00
Gateway Middle School	550.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$880.00</u>

ASSESSORS	
Hobbs & Warren	\$92.15
Country Home Data	35.00
Dues	50.00
Middlefield Postmaster	10.00
Registry Of Deeds	75.00
Joan Almorì	120.00
Hill & Donnelly	20.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$402.15</u>

CAMA ASSESSMENT SYSTEM	
M.M.C.	\$260.00
Moore Business Forms	206.42
AT&T	111.93
Total Expenditures	<u>\$578.35</u>

CEMETERY EXPENSE	
Warren Ritter	\$504.00
Peter Oligny	49.98
E. Horalek	995.50
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,549.48</u>

CHAPTER 90 CHIPMAN ROAD	
R. Miller	\$66.50
D. Savery	68.80
Total Expenditures	<u>\$135.30</u>

CHAPTER 90 RIVER ROAD BRIDGE	
Old's General Store	\$708.77
I. Jordan	55.00
B. Ritter	600.00
L.P. Adams	25.01
Huntington Hardware	103.54
Donovan Bros.	284.90
R. Miller	1,170.91
D. Savery	991.15
D. Suriner	781.88
Daniel Schnopp	1,372.00
Bannish Lumber	4,280.50
Policemen on Duty	1,120.00
A. Yankee Septic	160.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$11,653.66</u>

CHAPTER 90 NEW RIVER ROAD BRIDGE	
H.R.P. Associates	\$9,150.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$9,150.00</u>

CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
J. Guyette	\$13.78
MACC	30.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$43.78</u>

COUNCIL ON AGING	
P. Suriner	\$153.84
M. Guild	2.50
B. Wehman	594.00
F. Warren	145.20
Country Journal	300.00
Research Product Blankenshi	1,055.20
Gateway Auto Parts	31.95
Dr. Charles Ross	150.00
Franklin Co. Tran. Authority	400.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$2,832.69</u>

DISPOSAL AREA	
M. Main	\$790.00
Berkshire Clean-Way	30,223.00
D. Savery	626.10
R. Miller	76.00
Brewster Pease	330.00
Old's General Store	7.95
Total Expenditures	<u>\$32,053.05</u>

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY	
P. Oligny	\$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	450.00
M. Main	112.50
N. Nickerson	1,200.00
W. Paschal	90.00
D. Savery	90.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$5,697.50</u>

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ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS

C. Oligny	\$16.86
M.J. Donnelly	17.75
Lois Leonardo-Bell	55.29
J. Vreeland	67.29
M. Batorski	12.43
M. Sternagle	47.93
W. Suriner	48.39
E. Denault	35.50
I. Jordan	97.89
P. Suriner	72.61
J. Gardner	18.64
S. Savery	66.14
Westwall Press	107.50
Total Expenditures	<u>\$664.22</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE

Hinsdale Sevice Center	\$141.10
Charle's Garage	46.40
V. Fastiggi	9.70
Motorola	704.17
Gateway Auto Parts	359.18
Fire Control Service	42.75
INISA	185.00
Lee Audio	77.50
J. Savery	127.49
Gleason Equipment	1,265.50
H&S Auto Parts & Service	41.16
Total Expenditures	<u>\$2,999.95</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECOVERY SYSTEM

Gleason Fire Equipment	\$688.00
Charlies Garage	49.40
Motorola	2,262.60
Total Expenditures	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN

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

FIREHOUSE LOAN

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

FLOOD DAMAGE 1987

D.R. Billings	\$113.75
Donovan Bros.	16,337.04
R. Miller	1,610.25
D. Paschel	72.00
B. Pease	4,560.00
D. Savery	1,428.80
D. Schnopp	7,728.00
D. Suriner	600.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$32,449.84</u>

FLOOD DAMAGE 1988

Donovan Bros.	\$2,476.00
R. Miller	667.38
B. Pease	3,300.00
D. J. Savery	602.65
D. Schnopp	1,091.50
W. Striebal	272.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$8,409.53</u>

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL

Gateway	\$174,286.20
Total Expenditures	<u>\$174,286.20</u>

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT

Hampshire Co. Treasurer	\$5,734.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$5,734.00</u>

HEALTH INSURANCE

Hampshire Co. Group	\$3,408.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$3,408.00</u>

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MGT.

County Treasurer	\$1,231.72
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,231.72</u>

HOLIDAY AND VACATION PAY

R. Miller	\$1,428.00
D. Suriner	180.00
D. Savery	534.40
Total Expenditures	<u>\$2,142.40</u>

INSPECTIONS

L. Pease	\$110.00
W. Smith	1,000.00
J. Savery	185.00
R. Radwich	20.00
W. Zeiter	390.00
H. Pease	30.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,735.00</u>

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INSURANCE	
Stevenson Agency	\$12,413.19
MIIA	15,946.59
Hastings-Tapley	2,126.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$30,485.78</u>

INTEREST-FIREHOUSE LOAN	
FHA	\$1,050.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,050.00</u>

INTEREST-SHORT TERM LOAN	
Bureau of Accounts	\$30.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$30.00</u>

LIBRARY EXPENSE	
American Library Associatio	\$56.00
CBS Video Club	44.14
Middlefield Postmaster	17.00
Anita Myers	484.00
Standard Education Corp.	374.50
Quality Book Club	22.30
Total Expenditures	<u>\$997.94</u>

MACHINERY EXPENSE	
Kieras Oil	\$2,712.53
Pittsfield Welding	426.72
Charlie's Garage	801.05
McLaughlin Supply	65.50
Freedman Steel	633.16
Rodney Savery	907.00
Bud's Chain Saw	38.00
Gateway Auto Parts	1,745.34
Bart Truck Equipment	272.29
Old's General Store	7.38
Genolco, Inc.	222.56
City Tire	2,156.60
Atlantic	826.40
Smith's Sled Shop	300.70
Ralph's	107.20
Southgate Motors	82.51
Total Expenditures	<u>\$11,304.94</u>

MAINTENANCE PUBLIC BUILDINGS	
WEMCO	\$1,265.56
New England Telephone	1,178.97
Gateway Auto Parts	238.93
Kieras Oil	483.41
AT&T	201.08
Wheeler Oil	82.00
Whiting Oil	2,296.55
Charlie's Garage	58.50
Tighe & Bond	394.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$6,199.00</u>

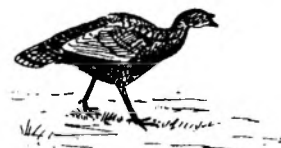
OFFICE EXPENSE	
Westwall Press	\$138.00
Assoc. of Finance Committees	60.00
Hobbs & Warren	32.00
Gowdy Shandoff	19.11
E. Rice	28.44
Middlefield Postmaster	26.50
Mass. Collectors & Treasurer	70.00
Impress Printing	62.50
Planning Board Assoc.	40.00
U.S. Stamped Envelopes	959.50
M. Pease	42.64
Hampshire Business Machine	47.00
Neil Nickerson	134.00
B. Ritter	20.00
I. Jordan	19.99
John T. Maher	44.11
Typewriter Shop	80.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,823.79</u>

PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION	
PVPC -Hazardous Waste	\$93.50
PVPC	57.75
Total Expenditures	<u>\$151.25</u>

POLICE CHIEF SALARY	
T. Austin	\$300.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$300.00</u>

POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE	
Sentry Uniforms	\$512.90
Hilltown Police Assoc.	45.00
Postmaster	6.50
Jordan Gun Shop	116.00
Western MA Comm. Inc.	198.05
Hinsdale Service	71.80
Tom Austin	135.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,085.25</u>

POLICE CRUISER	
Tom Austin	\$101.66
Central Equipment	729.25
Sunoco	13.00
World Radio Sales	180.00
Federal Licensing Inc.	85.00
Hinsdale Service Center	60.35
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,169.26</u>



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PRINTING	
Country Journal	\$499.85
Miller Newspaper	488.50
Berkshire Eagle	162.84
Westfield News	15.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,166.19</u>

SELECTMENS EXPENSE	
Middlefield Postmaster	\$17.00
Mass. Municipal Assoc.	300.00
I. Jordan	31.58
Hamp. Co. Selectmen's Assoc.	105.00
Country Journal	25.15
B. Ritter	5.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$483.73</u>

SELECTMENS SECRETARY	
B. Ritter	\$641.67
M. Horalek	400.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,041.67</u>

SNOW PLOW	
Tri County	\$3,335.00
Berkshire Eagle	46.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$3,381.00</u>

STRAP	
R. Miller	\$3,669.01
D. Savery	2,463.90
B. Pease	17,280.00
D. Pascal	158.00
M. A. Main	1,078.00
Westfield Papers	26.81
Berkshire Eagle	40.25
Country Journal	59.45
D. Suriner	998.00
B. Miller Trucking	1,444.00
Ryan & Sons Blasting	35,883.00
R. Jasso	220.00
Donovan Bros.	250.84
Total Expenditures	<u>\$63,571.26</u>

STREET LIGHTS	
WMECO	\$381.62
Total Expenditures	<u>\$381.62</u>

TAX MAPS	
Cartographic Assoc.	\$600.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$600.00</u>

TOWN AND ASSESSORS' ASSISTANT	
AT&T	\$567.23
Cartographic Associates	151.25
S. Donnelly	2,015.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$2,733.48</u>

TOWN CLERK	
Div. of Fisheries & Wildlife	\$1,120.00
Clerk's Fees	74.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,194.00</u>

TOWN COUNSEL	
Francis Collins	\$150.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$150.00</u>

TRUCK NOTE AND INTEREST	
1st. Agricultural Bank	\$7,925.16
Total Expenditures	<u>\$7,925.16</u>

TOWN HIGHWAYS	
E. Horalek	\$80.00
R. Jasso	80.00
D. A. Savery	1,816.00
R. Miller	6,271.42
Lane Construction	2,545.91
D.J. Savery	9,265.92
D. Paschel	272.00
I. Pease	54.00
D. Suriner	682.50
B. Pease	1,131.00
Daniel Schnopp	1,001.00
Huntington House Correction	194.50
Brian Miller	171.00
Donovan Bros.	251.95
D.R. Billings	113.75
Total Expenditures	<u>\$23,930.95</u>

TOWN REVALATION	
J. Almori	\$610.00
M. Batorski	880.00
D. McQuaid	490.00
E. Denault	40.00
AT&T	622.77
J. Rice	247.16
Moore Business Forms	134.75
Total Expenditures	<u>\$3,024.68</u>



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TOWNSNOW

D. J. Savery	\$4,536.12
D. Suriner	1,844.37
R. Miller	5,468.15
International Salt	4,960.41
Donovan Bros.	14,508.21
Charlie's Garage	50.80
R. Jasso	337.50
B. Pease	180.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$31,885.56</u>

TREASURER'S WARRANTS

Dog Fees	\$190.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,492.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Refund	19.66
Real Estate Tax Refund	31.24
Hampshire County Tax	256.76
Tax Collector	600.00
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	179.40
Federal Income Tax	6,340.00
State Income Tax	2,005.51
Hampshire Co. Retirement	2,270.53
Other Treasurer's Warrants	5,371.81
Total Expenditures	<u>\$18,756.91</u>

TREE ACCOUNTS

C. Savery	\$100.00
R. Miller	236.20
D. Savery	17.20
Total Expenditures	<u>\$353.40</u>

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Commonwealth of Mass.	<u>\$37.32</u>
Total Expenditures	\$37.32

VISITING NURSE ASSOC.

Lee Visiting Nurse Assoc.	<u>\$350.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$350.00

WAR MEMORIALS & PLAYGROUNDS

E. Horalek	\$591.50
W. Ritter	240.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$831.50</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$521,507.46**

