

ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
TOWN OF  
HINSDALE  
MASSACHUSETTS



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For the Year Ending December 31, 1963

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## HANDY REFERENCE

### Telephone Numbers

To Report a FIRE	2260
To Call an AMBULANCE	2260
SELECTMEN	2245*
ASSESSORS	2245*
TOWN GARAGE	2245
FIRE DEPARTMENT	2533

\*unattended except during meetings

### Regular Meetings

Selectmen	Wednesday, 7:00 P. M.
Assessors	Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.
School Committee	Second and Fourth Thursdays Monthly, 8:00 P. M.
Fire Department	First and Third Tuesday, Monthly Practice 6:30 P. M., Business 8:00 P. M.

### Siren Code

- 1—Ambulance call
- 3 blasts, repeated after pause, for all fires
- 4—General Assembly, search for lost person
- 5—"No School" (sounded at 7:30 A. M.)
- 2 blasts repeated at one minute intervals, for 3 to 5 minutes—CIVIL  
DEFENSE ALERT
- Test Signal weekly at 6:30 P. M. on Tuesday

## CALENDAR FOR 1965

Articles for the Annual Town Meeting, where an appropriation of money is involved must be presented to the Selectmen in writing before December 15, 1964.

Articles which do not involve an appropriation of money may be presented to the Selectmen not later than January 4, 1965.

Statements of candidacy for town offices must be filed with the Town Clerk before 5 P. M. on December 9, 1964.

Citizen's Caucus—December 16, 1964

Annual Town Meeting—February 8, 1965

Annual Election—February 13, 1965

The reports of all officers and committees, for inclusion in the 1964 Annual Report must be delivered to the Selectmen no later than January 10, 1965.

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## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

### Selectmen

GARRETT F. COLLINS, Chairman	Term expires 1965
RALPH B. MARSHALL, Secretary	Term expires 1964
LOUIS J. CARMEL	Term expires 1963

### Town Clerk

ELIZABETH F. LOTT	Term expires 1963
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### Tax Collector

ALFRED G. KIRCHNER	Term expires 1963
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### Treasurer

M. NANCY CARROLL	Term expires 1963
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### Assessors

WILLYS M. BELLINGER, Chairman	Term expires 1965
RALPH B. MARSHALL	Term expires 1963
GARRETT F. COLLINS, Secretary	Term expires 1964

### School Committee

FREDERICK GAGE, Chairman	Term expires 1963
JOHN R. NAUGHTON	Term expires 1965
JAMES R. BAUMANN	Term expires 1964

### Representatives to Central Berkshire Regional School Committee

FREDERICK E. GAGE	Term expires 1963
ROWLAND ARMACOST	Term expires 1964

### Board of Finance

KENNETH G. KIRCHNER, Secretary	Term expires 1963
FREDERICK D. POMEROY	Term expires 1963
WILLIAM E. MORGAN, Chairman	Term expires 1963
CARLTON M. PEEPLES	Term expires 1964
JOHN WARREN	Term expires 1964
EDWARD RICHARDS	Term expires 1964
PAUL MEYERS	Term expires 1965
ALFRED GOERLACH	Term expires 1965
RUSSELL WARNER	Term expires 1965

### Moderator

J. EDWARD PELKEY

**Auditor**

**ALLYN W. SMITH**

**Term expires 1963**

**Board of Health  
(Selectmen)**

**Tree Warden**

**RICHARD GREB**

**Term expires 1963**

**Board of Registrars**

**ELIZABETH F. LOTT  
J. EDWARD PELKEY**

**HARRY DRESSER  
DONALD F. BLAKE**

**Superintendent of Schools  
EARL C. SUTOR**

**Superintendent of Roads  
DENNIS MCGILL**

**Forest Warden  
WILLIAM ROBINS**

**Fire Department Board of Engineers  
WILLIAM ROBINS, Chief**

**FREDERICK D. POMEROY, 1st Asst. Chief  
THOMAS PORTER, 2nd Asst. Chief  
EDWARD BELLINGER, Secretary  
FREDERICK GAGE  
EDWARD RICHARDS**

**DONALD CORNWELL  
RICHARD GREB, JR.  
HAROLD LEE  
ALLYN SMITH**

**Chief of Police  
RALPH B. MARSHALL**

**Constables**

**EDWARD RICHARDS  
RICHARD GALEUCIA  
FRANK E. BAUMANN  
HAROLD LEE**

**Term expires 1963  
Term expires 1964  
Term expires 1965  
Term expires 1965**

**Special Policemen  
PAUL VACHULAR**

**Dog Officer  
THOMAS A. BISHOP**

**Veterans' Agent**  
FRANCIS T. MATTHEWS

**Cattle and Milk Inspector  
and Inspector of Slaughtering**  
EDWIN DROSEHN

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**  
PAUL A. MEYERS

**Wiring Inspector**  
EDWARD BELLINGER

**Cemetery Committee**

HARRY DRESSER	Term expires 1963
WILLIAM E. MORGAN	Term expires 1964
CARL R. MOSEGARD	Term expires 1965
T. AUGUSTUS FRISSELL	Term expires 1966
STANLEY H. RICE	Term expires 1967
EDWARD W. LYMAN	Term expires 1968
HARLAND GEER	Term expires 1969

**Library Committee**

DORIS GAGE	Term expires 1963
DOROTHY M. LYMAN	Term expires 1964
EARL C. SUITOR	Term expires 1965

**Fence Viewer and Field Driver**  
THOMAS BISHOP

**Measurer of Wood and Bark**  
T. AUGUSTUS FRISSELL

**Surveyor of Lumber**  
SUMMER GEER

**Custodian of the War Memorial**  
MARION L. RANSFORD

**Moth Superintendent**  
RICHARD GREB, SR.

**Recreation Committee**

THOMAS J. PORTER, Chairman	DOROTHY ROBINS, Secretary
ELIAS VRANAS	ALLEN FRESHLER
RICHARD GREB, JR.	JOYCE ANTHONY
EDWARD RICHARDS	FRANK LASTON
EDWARD FILLIAULT	CHARLES DeANGELUS

**Conservation Commission**

ROWLAND B. ARMACOST	RICHARD B. GREB, SR.
DAVID HUBBARD	ROY C. BARNES, JR.
KENNETH KIRCHNER	JOHN PHELPS
WILLIAM LITCHFIELD	

**Special Building Study Committee**

WILLIAM E. MORGAN	WILLIAM ROBINS
CARL A. WALLIN, JR.	DENNIS McGILL
RUSSELL WARNER	



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Hinsdale:

The year 1963 has come to a close and with it has left a few more improvements in the Town. A new addition to the Highway Department was made in the purchase of the Michigan Payloader. Several types of front end loaders were brought to Town and actually put to work on some of our worst back roads and the Selectmen attended each demonstration in a genuine attempt to purchase a payloader that they felt would give the taxpayer his dollar's worth. The Michigan payloader was purchased and we feel it is doing a very good job for us.

Also installed were a new set of street lights extending from Old Dalton Road on Rt. 8 to the Berkshire Gravel bed on South Street. The increased power has doubled the lighting area and undoubtedly makes for safer pedestrian travel as well as a help to the motorist.

Another project that needed to be worked on and was done a bit sooner than was anticipated was the rebuilding of Main Street Bridge. Timbers beneath the bridge had split and heavy traffic deemed it advisable to shut the bridge off to traffic. All old and rotten timbers were removed and all steel girders put in place along with a new steel deck. The bridge had been a constant source of trouble for a good many years. We feel that the bridge should be in good shape for quite some time to come.

The old Brague building on Maple Street has been extensively added to with the installation of heat, concrete floor, overhead door and etc. and also a new steel building was added to the property to house all Highway Department equipment. By this project more room has been allowed the Fire Department who has been suffering growing pains as far as housing their equipment properly. (The Selectmen meet every Wednesday evening for the purpose of handling Town Affairs. Meetings are open to the public and suggestions of any kind for the best interest of all concerned are most certainly welcome.)

Commonwealth Avenue was widened by quite a few feet. That area has been a bottleneck for a good many years mostly because of one way traffic in the winter months. More work remains to be done on that Street.

Considerable work has been done on Michaels Road. That road has also been widened considerably and the year 1964 should see the road with a new top dressing. This road bears considerable traffic during the summer months and also is a school bus route.

We hope the coming year will bring even more improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

GARRETT COLLINS, *Chairman*  
RALPH B. MARSHALL, *Secretary*  
LOUIS J. CARMEL  
*Selectmen of Hinsdale*

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire, SS.

To one of the Constables of the Town of Hinsdale:

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Hinsdale qualified by law to vote in the election and town affairs, to meet in the auditorium of Kittredge School in Hinsdale on Saturday, February 15, 1964 at 10:00 A. M. to choose and elect by official ballot the following officers:

Moderator for one year, one Selectman for three years, Town Clerk for three years, one Assessor for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, Auditor for one year, Tree Warden for one year, three members of the Finance Board for three years, one Constable for three years, Tax Collector for three years.

The polls will be open at 10:00 o'clock A. M. and will remain open continuously until 6:00 P. M. of said day when they may be closed.

You are further required to notify and warn the aforesaid voters of said Town of Hinsdale to meet in the Kittredge School Auditorium. on Monday, February 11, 1964 at 7:00 P. M. then and there to act on the following articles:

- Art. 1—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all non-elective minor officers necessary or required to be chosen by the Town.
- Art. 2—To act upon the reports of the Selectmen, the School Committee, and other elected or appointed officers of the Town.
- Art. 3—To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of jurors presented by the Selectmen.
- Art. 4—To see if the Town will vote to give the Tax Collector the same powers Town Treasurers have by law when appointed Collector of Taxes.
- Art. 5—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 or reimbursement of the financial year beginning January 1, 1964 and to issue a note or notes therefor 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 Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

- Art. 6—To see if the Town will vote to constitute the Board of Selectmen the Board of Public Welfare for the year 1965 and to authorize an annual salary of \$50 for each member for attendance at meetings and \$50 additional for the District Representative for attendance at District meetings.
- Art. 7—To see if the Town will vote to have the cash in the Treasury transferred to help defray the expenses of the ensuing year.
- Art. 8—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Overlay Reserve surplus fund the sum of \$3500.00 for a Reserve Fund.
- Art. 9—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00; this sum and the amount of Dog Tax money refunded by the County to be given to the Hinsdale Free Public Library.
- Art. 10—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200.00 for work on the Plunkett Reservoir Road.
- Art. 11—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$12,950.00 for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance; \$2,775.00 to be raised by taxation, and the remainder by borrowing in anticipation of reimbursement or by transferring from unappropriated available funds in the treasury.
- Art. 12—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$14,000 for Chapter 90 Construction; \$3,500.00 to be raised by taxation and the remainder by borrowing in anticipation of reimbursement. The money to be used as follows: \$12,000.00 to continue work on current Chapter 90 projects, \$2,000.00 to be added to the fund for rebuilding the bridge on Old Dalton Road, over the Housatonic River at the junction with Route 8.
- Art. 13—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$6,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance; \$2,000.00 to be raised by taxation, and the remainder by borrowing in anticipation of reimbursement or by transferring from unappropriated available funds in the treasury.
- Art. 14—To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,000.00 from the Road Machinery Fund for Road Machinery Maintenance.
- Art. 15—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Highway Machinery Earnings Fund \$1,125.00 to pay the 1964 Installment and interest on the Highway Equipment loan.
- Art. 16—To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 41, Section III of the General Laws of Mass., providing for paid vacations for the Highway Department only.

- Art. 17—To see if the Town will vote to pave or tar Ashmere Drive and Henry Drive.
- Art. 18—To see if the Town will vote to transfer a street light on New Windsor Road, pole number 27 to the Old Windsor Road, pole number 48B at no expense to the Town.
- Art. 19—To see if the Town will vote to accept the old Stage Road for plowing.
- Art. 20—To see if the Town will vote to accept Pine Road at Ashmere Lake for plowing.
- Art. 21—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50.00 for upkeep and maintenance of the War Memorial on Library lawn.
- Art. 22—To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to contact the State Engineers and have them make recommendation to correct drainage along Maple Street Hill; and submit recommendation at a future Town Meeting to be held by September 1964.
- Art. 23—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for a new flag pole at the War Memorial at the Library, said pole to be of wood or metal and to be cemented in a concrete base. The amount not to exceed \$100.00.
- Art. 24—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for maintenance of Town Garage.
- Art. 25—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,525.00 for bills of past year.
- Art. 26—To see if the Town will vote to install a street light on Pole 29, George Schnopp Road, and to raise and appropriate \$24.00 for first year operation.

Art. 27—To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the Town Officers in accordance with Section 108, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows:

Selectmen—Chairman	\$ 400.00
Secretary	800.00
Member	300.00
Assessor—Each Member	300.00
School Committee—Each Member	100.00
Tax Collector	1,300.00
Treasurer	1,000.00
Town Clerk	500.00
Veterans' Agent	400.00
Fire Chief	300.00
1st Assistant Fire Chief	125.00
2nd Assistant Fire Chief	100.00
Auditor	10.00
Moderator	25.00
Inspector of Cattle and Slaughtering	100.00
Dog Officer	100.00
Inspector of Wiring	50.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.00
Supervisor of School Cafeteria	\$33.00 per week
Assistant Supervisor of School Cafeteria	\$33.00 per week

Art. 28—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150.00 for the Conservation Commission, and to give this Commission authority to maintain the dam at Plunkett Reservoir.

Art. 29—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the following purposes:

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1. Schools	\$107,133.61
2. School Lunch Program	2,300.00
3. Welfare	
Old Age Assistance (Est.)	\$17,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children (Est.)	6,000.00
Disability Assistance (Est.)	4,000.00
General Assistance (Est.)	8,000.00
Medical Aid to the Aged (Est.)	10,000.00
	45,000.00

4.	Veterans' Aid	\$9,000.00
5.	Welfare Administration	1,728.00
6.	Board of Health	150.00
7.	Winter Road Maintenance	12,000.00
8.	Purchase of Snow Fence	300.00
9.	Bridges	1,000.00
10.	Town Officers' Salaries	6,985.00
11.	Election Officers	500.00
12.	Board of Registrars	450.00
13.	Police	800.00
14.	Fire Department	2,900.00
15.	Forest Fires	150.00
16.	Tree Warden	800.00
17.	Insect Control	100.00
18.	Dutch Elm Disease	600.00
19.	Street Lighting	4,677.00
20.	Cemetery	650.00
21.	Public Dump	500.00
22.	Town use of Water	324.00
23.	Town Hall Maintenance	1,500.00
24.	Heating Fire Station and Garage	800.00
25.	Tax Collector's Expense	325.00
26.	Tax Titles	200.00
27.	Assessors' Expense	400.00
28.	Printing	1,000.00
29.	Miscellaneous	750.00
30.	Surety Bonds of Treasurer, Tax Collector and Clerk	445.00
31.	Berkshire Co. Retirement System Assessment	1,830.12
32.	Workmen's Compensation Insurance	1,300.00
33.	Fire Insurance Premiums	1,200.00
34.	Recreation	1,200.00
35.	Baseball Field	75.00
36.	Memorial Day Observance	40.00
37.	Interest	250.00
38.	Vacation	350.00

Art. 30—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,128.97 for capital costs of the Central Berkshire Regional School District.

Art. 31—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$67,522.09 for operating expenses of the Central Berkshire Regional School District.

Art. 32—To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,000.00 from available funds in the treasury to the stabilization fund.

Art. 33—To do and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up four attested copies thereof, as required by the By-Laws of said Town ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of February, 1964.

Respectfully submitted,

GARRETT COLLINS, *Chairman*  
RALPH MARSHALL, *Secretary*  
LOUIS CARMEL  
*Board of Selectmen*



## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The budget for 1964 as recommended by the Finance Committee amounts to \$350,488. This figure when reduced by the known available money (Mach. Fund—Overlay Reserve—Surplus and Highway reimbursements) gives a figure of \$308,288 which is comparable to the 1963 figure of \$284,528. The difference of \$23,760 is further reduced by an estimated \$3,932. This figure of \$3,932 represents anticipated extra returns to the Kittredge school budget through increased reimbursements in the "School Union Superintendent Salary and Expense Account," and additional Tuition pupils to Kittredge School. It must be noted here that a portion of the School Superintendent's salary is reimbursable to the Town only through the fact that we are in a School Union. This reimbursement will amount to \$2,673 in 1964, this could mean approximately \$1.00 on the tax rate. From the foregoing we arrive at a net increase of \$19,828 in our 1964 budget, this could mean an estimated \$8.00 increase on the tax rate.

During the course of the year, transfers from the Reserve Account were as follows:—

September 18, 1963	
Library Account	\$200.00
Miscellaneous Account	400.00
December 11, 1963	
Recreation Account	100.00
Veteran's Aid Account	1,000.00
December 27, 1963	
Assessors' Expense Account	73.87
Surety Bond Account	.40
Fire Insurance Town Buildings Account	19.85
Town Hall Maintenance Account	37.80
Library Account	212.00
Tax Title Account	54.04
School Lunch Account	96.00
Road Machinery Maintenance Account	179.87
Heating Account	.76

### Comments on items in the budget

Although the Kittredge School budget appears to be about 7% higher this year, there are some higher reimbursements and additional tuition students, as noted above, which will reduce the actual cost to the Town to a figure which is estimated to be \$3,582 more than 1963.

The Regional High School budget for Hinsdale has increased a little over \$7,164 this year, which is attributed to some increased costs in operation, plus the fact that we have (7) seven more students enrolled this year. The increases raise our percentage from 15.65 in 1963 to 15.87 in 1964.

Our share of the Capital costs for the Regional High School this year have dropped a few dollars, this we expect to occur each year as the debt is paid off and the interest reduced.

The total of the charity accounts has increased \$1000 this year, this is felt to be reasonable and is attributed to additional responsibilities with some increased allowance.

The Veterans' Aid account continues to be very active each year. Budget increases this year are \$4,000.

The Town Officers' Salaries Account has been increased by \$25.00 this year, this is to cover the established salary for the newly appointed gas inspector.

The Election Officers' and Board of Registrars Accounts have been increased this year by a total amount of \$400 in anticipation of the additional elections.

While the Fire Department operating budget remained the same as last year they have agreed to be responsible for the maintenance of the building they now occupy.

The Street Lighting Account has increased \$677 over the basic budget of last year due to some new installations and the higher power lights along Route 8 through the Town.

The Town Hall Maintenance Account has been increased by \$1,000 this year, thus creating a budget of \$1,500. The money is to be used for the general operation of the building.

In the Chapter 90 Construction Account, the committee has again included \$2,000, above the normal \$12,000 used for new highway improvement, to be set aside for the future use in reconstruction of the lower valley bridge over the Housatonic River.

The Civil Defense Account is being operated as a revolving fund and the balance of \$259.10 as of December 31, 1963 will be available for use in 1964. The Committee does not recommend any further appropriation at this time.

The amount of \$1,025 in the Notes Account will be appropriated from the Road Machinery Account and will be used for the last payment on the Town Highway Department truck.

The Committee has approved an amount of \$250 for the Interest Account this year. This money must be made available for payment of interest on money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.

The account for Heating Town Buildings will be charged with heating costs of both the Fire Station and the new Highway Department building on Maple Street.

The Conservation Committee as established at the February meeting of 1962, had an original appropriation of \$150, from the February, 1963 meeting, of which they spent \$15.00 during 1963. The balance of \$135 will be added to a recommended new appropriation of \$150 for 1964 giving a total of \$285 available for use in 1964. As authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5, Clause 51, this is an accumulative fund which may be added to each year. Money may be expended from this fund for any purpose, including the purchase of land.

This account for the War Memorial was a special account set up for the specific purpose of rebuilding and repairing the memorial on the Library lawn. This is a carry over account of which a balance of \$14.00 will be added to a recommended new appropriation of \$50.00 giving a \$64.00 total for use this year 1964. It is expected that the work should be completed this year.

The Vacation Pay Account is for use in the Highway Department only. It was accepted in 1963 to allow those men with at least one full year of continuous service to the Town, in the Highway Department, to have a one-week paid vacation. The amount received in each case is based on their normal 40-hour work week. The Finance Committee is in agreement that this article be accepted.

To eliminate the year to year renewal of the Highway Department vacation account, it is recommended that the Voters accept Section III of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, providing for vacations for certain municipal employees. This is to apply to the Town Highway Department employees only. The gist of this section is that any employee who has actually worked for the Town for thirty weeks in the aggregate during the twelve months preceding the first day of June in such year shall be granted a paid vacation of not less than two weeks. The Finance Committee recommends its adoption.

The request for a new street light installation has been reviewed by the Committee and approved. This installation is on the George Schnopp Road at the entrance to the new housing development.

The Town Garage Maintenance Account has been established for the purpose of maintaining the buildings and grounds around the new Town Garage on Maple Street. The Finance Committee has approved this account.

The Finance Committee is in agreement that an all steel flagpole, properly hinged and mounted, to replace the present wood pole on the Library lawn adjacent to the War Memorial would be a good investment.

The article covering the Board of Health (Special Case), involves a T. B. situation and has been reviewed with the Finance Committee. The Committee is in agreement that this is a Town obligation and the amount should be appropriated.

The request for hard surfacing Ashmere Drive and Henry Drive was referred to a Special Committee within the Finance Committee and in the short time available for a study it was recognized that this request could involve a substantial amount of money and time did not permit a detail study. As submitted by the Special Committee, Ashmere Drive and Henry Drive had been accepted by the Town for Chapter 81 Maintenance only and any further action on these roads would have to be approved by the State Highway Department.

The Finance Committee recommends that no action be taken on this article.

The Finance Committee is in favor of a By-Law controlling the location and use of trailer parks and individual house trailers in the Town and feels that the By-Law submitted by the Special Committee on this subject is a good By-Law which should be adopted.

The Committee wishes to remind the people and particularly the Department Heads, that to get a request involving money into the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting action, such request should be in WRITING (the writing to include all details) and be in the hands of the Selectmen and Finance Committee not later than December 15 preceding the meeting.

Your Town was represented this past year at the two (2) meetings of the Western Mass. Division of Association of Town Finance Committees.

The Spring session was held at Northampton, Mass. and the Fall session was held in West Springfield, Mass.

The Finance Committee wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the Selectmen and other Department Heads for their cooperation in organizing the 1964 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. MORGAN, *Chairman*  
 KENNETH G. KIRCHNER, *Secretary*  
 RUSSELL M. WARNER  
 FREDERICK D. POMEROY  
 JOHN D. WARREN  
 PAUL A. MEYERS  
 CARLTON M. PEEPLES  
 EDWARD D. RICHARDS  
 ALFRED GOERLACH

*Finance Committee*

## BUDGET FOR YEAR 1964

Item	Account	Recommended by Finance Committee		
		Approp. 1963	Amt. Spent 1963	1964
1.	School (Kittredge)	\$99,719.00	\$99,719.00	\$107,133.61
2.	School Lunch Program	2,300.00	2,396.00	2,300.00
3.	Regional School Operation	60,357.57	60,357.57	67,522.09
4.	Regional School Capital Costs	19,788.97	19,788.97	19,128.97
5.	Old Age Assistance	17,000.00	17,501.35	17,000.00
6.	Medical Aid to Aged	8,000.00	11,154.89	10,000.00
7.	Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00	6,368.35	6,000.00
8.	Disability Assistance	6,000.00	3,129.90	4,000.00
9.	General Assistance	8,000.00	5,608.00	8,000.00
10.	Welfare Administration	2,491.50	2,491.50	1,728.00
11.	Veterans' Aid	9,000.00	8,996.00	9,000.00
12.	Board of Health	150.00	64.00	150.00
13.	Winter Roads	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
14.	Purchase Snow Fence	300.00	300.00	300.00
15.	Bridges	1,000.00	761.00	1,000.00
16.	Town Officers' Salaries	6,960.00	6,960.00	6,985.00
17.	Election Officers' Salaries	250.00	231.43	500.00
18.	Board of Registrars	300.00	274.50	450.00
19.	Police	800.00	746.07	800.00
20.	Fire Department	2,900.00	3,071.63	2,900.00
21.	Forest Fires	150.00	150.00	150.00
22.	Tree Warden	800.00	796.51	800.00
23.	Insect Pest Control	100.00	—	100.00
24.	Dutch Elm Disease	600.00	598.35	600.00
25.	Street Lighting	4,639.00	4,595.82	4,677.00
26.	Cemeteries	650.00	649.45	650.00
27.	Public Dump	500.00	499.92	500.00
28.	Town Use of Water	324.00	324.00	324.00
29.	Town Hall Maintenance	500.00	537.80	1,500.00
30.	Tax Collector's Expenses	325.00	322.88	325.00
31.	Tax Titles	200.00	254.04	200.00
32.	Assessors' Expenses	350.00	423.87	400.00
33.	Printing	1,000.00	971.05	1,000.00
34.	Miscellaneous	1,150.00	1,088.00	750.00
35.	Surety Bonds of Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk	360.40	360.40	445.00
36.	Berk. Co. Retirement System Assessment	1,163.84	1,163.84	1,830.12
37.	Workmen's Comp. Insurance	1,300.00	1,250.03	1,300.00

38. Fire Insurance Town Bldgs.	\$1,200.00	\$1,219.85	\$1,200.00
39. Recreation	1,200.00	1,297.29	1,200.00
40. Baseball Field (South St.)	75.00	12.75	75.00
41. Memorial Day Observance	40.00	28.00	40.00
42. Road Machinery Maintenance	4,000.00	4,179.89	3,000.00
43. Reserve Fund	2,500.00	2,374.59	3,500.00
44. Library	500.00	700.00	500.00
45. Plunkett Reservoir Road	200.00	195.20	200.00
46. Chapter 81 Maintenance	12,950.00	12,910.06	12,950.00
47. Chapter 90 Construction	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
48. Chapter 90 Maintenance	6,000.00	5,980.27	6,000.00
49. Civil Defense	259.10	(carry over)	---
50. Stabilization Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
51. Notes	1,050.00	1,047.65	1,025.00
52. Interest	500.00	130.23	250.00
53. Heating Fire Station and Town Garage	800.00	800.76	800.00
54. Conservation Commission	150.00	15.00	150.00
55. War Memorial	75.00	131.00	50.00
56. Vacation Pay	250.00	144.00	350.00
57. New Flag Pole	—		100.00
58. Street Light (Geo. Schnopp Rd.)			25.00
59. Town Garage Maintenance			100.00
60. Board of Health (Special Case)			2,525.00

Total Budget			\$350,488.79
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## AVAILABLE MONEY:

## Mach. Fund:

Item 42. Road Mach. Maintenance	\$3,000.00	
Item 51. Notes	1,025.00	
	-----	\$4,025.00

## OVERLAY RESERVE:

Item 43. Reserve Fund	\$3,500.00	
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## SURPLUS MONEY:

Item 50. Stabilization Fund	\$10,000.00	
	-----	10,000.00

## BORROW IN ANTICIPATION OF REIMBURSEMENTS:

Item 46. Chapter 81	\$10,175.00	
Item 47. Chapter 90 Construction	10,500.00	
Item 48. Chapter 90 Maintenance	4,000.00	
	-----	24,675.00

Total Available Money			\$42,200.00
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*The Finance Committee*

## PROPOSED LIST OF JURORS

To be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting, February 10, 1964

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Employer</i>	<i>Address</i>
Patrick Cooke	retired	Curtis St.		
Victor P. Dam	lab technician	Church St.	General Electric Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.
James Dowling	machinist	Plunkett Ave.	Marland Mold Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Kenneth G. Kirchner	carpenter	South St.	General Electric Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Sterling LeBeau	designer	Longview Ave.	General Electric Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Paul A. Meyers	service engineer	Maple St.	General Electric Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Mrs. Emily R. Pierce	housewife	Taylor St.		
Catherine S. Swail	housewife	Commonwealth Ave.		
Herman Jenks	farmer	Watson Rd.	self	
Maurice F. Bean	retired	Circular Ave.		
Winthrop C. Drosehn	power plant watch engineer	Middlefield Rd.	General Electric Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Norman A. Sanderson		Maple St.	General Electric Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Katherine Kirchner	clerk	South St.	Berk. Welfare Dist.	Hinsdale, Mass.



## 1963 ACCOUNTS

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation		\$6,960.00
Selectmen:		
Garrett E. Collins, Chairman	\$ 400.00	
Ralph B. Marshall, Secretary	800.00	
Louis J. Carmel	300.00	
Board of Public Welfare:		
Louis J. Carmel, Chairman	50.00	
Ralph B. Marshall, Rep. to East. Berk. Wel. Dist.	100.00	
Garrett E. Collins	50.00	
Town Clerk, Elizabeth F. Lott	500.00	
Treasurer, M. Nancy Carroll	1,000.00	
Tax Collector, Alfred G. Kirchner	1,300.00	
Assessors:		
Ralph B. Marshall	300.00	
Willys M. Bellinger	300.00	
Garrett F. Collins	300.00	
School Committee:		
Frederick E. Gage, Chairman	100.00	
John R. Naughton	100.00	
James R. Baumann	100.00	
Fire Chief, William Robins	300.00	
1st Asst. Fire Chief, Frederick D. Pomeroy	125.00	
2nd Asst. Fire Chief, Edward Richards	100.00	
Veterans' Agent, Francis T. Mathews	400.00	
Auditor, Allyn W. Smith	10.00	
Moderator, J. Edward Pelkey	25.00	
Inspector of Cattle and Slaughtering, Edwin C. Drosehn	100.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Paul A. Meyers	50.00	
Wiring Inspector, Edward Bellinger	50.00	
Dog Officer, Thomas A. Bishop	100.00	
Total Expended		\$6,960.00

**TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	37.80	
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Total		\$538.80
Paid to:		
Earl Moulton, light bulbs	\$ 8.16	
William Litchfield, labor, material	365.33	
Carmel Brothers, gas, parts	16.08	
Troop 21, mowing and upkeep	75.00	
Western Mass. Electric, lighting	73.23	
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Total Expended		\$537.80

**ELECTION OFFICERS**

Appropriation		\$250.00
Paid to:		
Ralph B. Marshall, Constable	\$ 6.75	
Dorothy Zeitler, ballot clerk	5.00	
Margaret Dunnagan, ballot clerk	22.75	
James Dowling, warden	17.63	
Sybil Lee, clerk	25.13	
Olive Galeucia, counter	16.38	
Helen Pomeroy, counter	16.38	
Elizabeth Dam, counter	16.38	
Harry Dresser, counter	16.38	
Raymond Ciskowski, warden	7.50	
Ruth Litchfield, counter	6.38	
Mary Lou Gallaher, counter	6.38	
Esther Boraski, counter	12.88	
Ruth Drosehn, counter	6.38	
Anna Dowling, ballot clerk	17.75	
Eugene Brunett, Constable	6.38	
Steve Galok, Constable	12.00	
Frank Baumann, Constable	6.50	
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Total Expended		\$231.43

**BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Appropriation		\$300.00
Paid to:		
Harry D. Dresser, taking census	\$133.50	
Elizabeth Lott, clerk	75.00	
Harry D. Dresser, registering	24.00	
Donald Blake, registering	21.00	
J. Edward Pelkey, registering	21.00	
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Total Expended		\$274.50

**ASSESSORS' EXPENSE**

Appropriation	\$350.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	73.87	
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Total		\$423.87
Paid to:		
Association of Mass. Assessors, dues	\$ 12.00	
Hobbs & Warren, supplies	26.95	
Harold Goggins, photostats	39.20	
Elizabeth Dam, clerk	170.00	
Garrett Collins, car expenses, meetings	50.00	
Willys Bellenger, Worc. meeting	5.00	
Victor Add. Mach. Co., repair add. machine	48.37	
Willys Bellenger, appellate court notice	2.00	
E. P. Gowdy, supplies	59.55	
C. E. Whitlock, town maps	6.15	
Mary Baumann, box rent	3.50	
Corner Hardware, pencils	.40	
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Total Expended		\$423.12

**TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSE**

Appropriation		\$325.00
Paid to:		
E. H. Pierce, Deputy Coll. Bond	\$ 10.00	
Mary E. Baumann, postage, envelopes	193.95	
Hobbs & Warren, tax forms, binding book	78.50	
Barre Publishing Co., printing tax bills	40.43	
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Total Expended		\$322.88

**TAX TITLES**

Appropriation	\$200.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	54.04	
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Total		\$254.04
Paid to:		
Harold Goggins, tax titles	\$234.50	
Alfred Kirchner, tax taking	19.54	
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Total Expended		\$254.04

**SPECIAL TAX TITLE ACCOUNT**

Brought forward from 1962		\$959.46
Paid to:		
Hobbs & Warren, foreclosure forms	\$ 10.60	
Berkshire Evening Eagle, tax taking adv.	84.78	
Alice Anthony, notary	6.00	
Charles Alberti, tax title takings	855.22	
Total Expended		\$956.60

**VETERANS' BENEFITS****VETERANS' AID**

Appropriation	\$5,000.00
Special Meeting	3,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Total	\$9,000.00
Total Expended	\$8,825.10

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY****POLICE**

Appropriation	\$800.00
Paid to:	
Ralph B. Marshall, Chief	\$260.25
Ralph B. Marshall, car	107.30
Richard Galeucia, constable	79.75
Richard Galeucia, car	18.75
Harold Lee, constable	52.50
Harold Lee, car	14.50
Edward Richards, constable	27.75
Edward Richards, car	7.15
Frank Baumann, constable	9.00
Frank Baumann, car	3.00
Commonwealth of Mass., police dues	10.00
Sam's Soldiers & Sailors, clothing	72.90
Dick Moon, supplies	6.25
Corner Hardware, shells	3.00
Paul Vachula, special officer	63.00
Paul Vachula, car	16.22
Total Expended	\$751.32

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Appropriation	\$2,900.00	
Special Meeting	200.00	
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Total		\$3,100.00
Paid to:		
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., 2533, 2260, and Alarm	\$507.05	
Western Mass. Electric, lights and siren	261.30	
Jack Mulcare, parts	7.25	
Corner Hardware, supplies	83.42	
Carmel Brothers, gas, oil, repairs	216.45	
Dan Post, radio repairs, parts	211.82	
Shapiro Motors, truck parts	3.75	
J. & J. Lock Company, lock and keys	3.90	
Lennox and Fletcher, part	5.50	
Hinsdale Garage, gas, oil, repairs	166.70	
Harry Grant, insurance	201.65	
Carr Hardware, rubber hose	6.38	
Arnold Lumber Company, material	157.80	
Mutual Aid Association, dues	10.00	
Fire Control Service, supplies	42.35	
Top Tile Company, flooring	40.20	
Mass. Fire Equipment Co., couplings	27.00	
E. H. Pierce, Insurance for truck	457.20	
Motorola Company, radio equipment	350.00	
Gilbertville Trucking, transportation	3.58	
Smith Auto Electric Co., repairs	46.00	
Emerson Electric, repairs	33.00	
Stevenson Insurance, equipment	135.00	
May Auto, fan belt	2.95	
L. P. Adams, lumber, supplies	45.64	
Clovraghty Company, repair hose, boots	20.42	
Eugene Brunette, sand	3.50	
Frissell's Market, supplies	22.61	
G. & R. Auto Parts, parts	2.40	
W. H. Shedd, material	13.28	
Kelly Lumber, supplies	4.00	
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Total Expended		\$3,092.10

**FOREST FIRES**

Appropriation		\$150.00
Paid to:		
Fire Control Service, hose, gaskets	\$92.50	
Charles Clitsch, equipment	57.40	
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Total		\$149.90

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Appropriation		\$150.00
Paid to:		
Dr. Hans Rasch, well child clinics	\$64.00	
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Total Expended		\$64.00

**DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL**

Appropriation		\$600.00
Labor:		
Richard F. Greb, Supt.	\$138.00	
Francis Marier	44.00	
David Greb	59.25	
Beauford Greb	50.00	
Edward Fassell	10.50	
Royal Kent	12.00	
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Total Labor		\$313.75
Equipment:		
Richard F. Greb, truck, saws	\$156.00	
Hinsdale Garage	75.75	
Archie Caesar	50.25	
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Total Equipment		\$282.00
Material:		
Richard F. Greb	\$2.60	
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Total Material		2.60
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Total Expenditure		\$598.35

**INSECT PEST CONTROL**

Appropriation		\$100.00
Total Expenditure		none

**TREE WARDEN**

Appropriation		\$800.00
Labor:		

Richard F. Greb, Supt.	\$211.00
David Greb	111.75
Royal Kent	6.00
Beauford Greb	10.50
Francis Marier	89.50
Charles Fassell	6.00

Total Labor	\$434.75
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## Equipment:

Richard F. Greb, truck, saw	\$228.75
Hinsdale Garage	105.00
Francis Marier, saw	24.00

Total Equipment	\$357.75
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## Material:

Corner Hardware	\$4.01
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Total Material	\$4.01
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Total Expenditure	\$796.51
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**PUBLIC DUMP**

Appropriation	\$500.00
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## Paid to:

Roy C. Whitaker, bulldozing	\$ 56.25
Harold Lee, constable	315.75
Corner Hardware, lock and keys	3.67
Arthur Moon, labor	42.00
William Eberhard, labor	33.25
John Wagner, building ramp	14.00
James Cormier, building ramp	14.00
Jack Fuller, building ramp	13.60
William Morgan, gravel	7.40

Total	\$499.92
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**STREET LIGHTING**

Appropriation	\$4,639.00
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## Paid to:

Western Mass. Electric Company	
For Traffic Signals	\$ 174.48
For Street Lighting	4,421.34

Total Expended	\$4,595.82
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## HIGHWAYS

## CHAPTER 81 MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 2,775.00
State		10,175.00
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Total		\$12,950.00
Labor:		
Dennis McGill, Supt.	\$1,324.50	
John Wagner, Acting Supt.	1,666.25	
Ralph Cormier	656.25	
James Cormier	1,510.00	
John Forward	160.50	
Jack Fuller	999.15	
Peter Sprague	336.00	
Ernest Sorel	6.00	
Richard Greb	31.00	
Richard Greb, Jr..	3.00	
David Greb	4.50	
Francis Marier	13.00	
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Total Labor		\$6,708.95
Equipment:		
James Cormier, car	\$ 50.00	
Ralph Cormier, car	18.00	
Dan Schnopp, truck	357.75	
Joseph Cormier, truck	465.35	
Arthur Moon, truck	571.50	
Harry Freshler, truck	322.50	
Paul Steele, truck	123.00	
William Munn, mowing	18.00	
Donald Alderman, mowing	140.00	
Joseph Cormier, mowing	24.00	
William Eberhard, mowing, truck	111.00	
Town of Dalton, spreader	8.00	
George Schnopp, spreader	8.00	
Ira Markham, hone truck	66.00	
David Freshler, truck	6.75	
Richard Greb, Sr., truck	27.00	
Richard Greb, Sr., power saw	10.50	
Roy Whitaker, bulldozer	192.00	
Town of Hinsdale, truck	617.00	
Town of Hinsdale, grader	153.00	
Town of Hinsdale, loader	1,291.00	
Town of Hinsdale, rake	52.00	
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Total Equipment		\$4,632.35

**Material:**

Roy Whitaker, gravel	\$118.00	
William Morgan, gravel	50.00	
Lane Const. Corp., hot mix	40.88	
Wahconah Welding, labor	9.00	
Leona Fassell, gravel	28.40	
Gen. Sand & Stone, stone	141.53	
Kappers, Inc., hot mix	530.96	
Wirthmore Stores, cal. chloride	282.10	
New England Metal Culvert Co., pipe couplings	344.24	
Carr Hardware, chain and hook	46.65	
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Total Material		\$1,591.76
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Total Expended		\$12,933.06

**CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION**

Appropriation	\$3,500.00
County	3,500.00
State	7,000.00
Bond Issue (Special Meeting)	4,786.46
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Total	\$18,768.46
Special Fund Set Aside (Lower Main St. Bridge)	—2,000.00
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Total	\$16,768.46

**Labor:****Paid to:**

Dennis McGill, Supt.	\$1,170.00	
John Wagner	813.75	
James Cormier	1,039.70	
Jack Fuller	873.25	
Peter Sprague	304.50	
William Eberhard	12.00	
Arthur Moon	40.00	
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Total Labor		\$4,253.20

**Equipment:****Paid to:**

Arthur Moon, truck	\$ 816.00	
Arthur Moon, power saw	74.00	
William Eberhard, truck	209.00	
Harry Freshler, truck	171.00	
Kenneth Steele, truck	109.25	
Daniel Schnopp, truck	216.00	
Roy Whitaker, bulldozer	1,260.00	
Joseph Cormier, truck	190.00	
Joseph Cormier, loader	20.00	
Town of Hinsdale, truck	567.00	
Town of Hinsdale, loader	895.50	
Town of Hinsdale, rake	4.00	
Town of Hinsdale, grader	11.00	
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Total Equipment		\$4,542.75

**Material:****Paid to:**

Frissells' Market	\$ 28.63	
New England Culvert Co.,		
Culv., couplings, metal bridge planks	2,751.74	
Charles C. Lewis Co., steel beams	1,044.64	
General Sand & Stone Co., sand	1.55	
Johns Building Supply, cement blocks	3.60	
R. J. Langdon, blacktop bridge	495.00	
Carmel Brothers, oil, air compressor	22.59	
L. P. Adams, cement	7.50	
Farrell & Gregory, steel work	2,919.40	
Corner Hardware, supplies	28.97	
Eugene Brunett, spray outfit	20.00	
Leona Fassell, gravel	126.00	
Carr Hardware, flasher and batteries	68.53	
William Morgan, gravel	404.00	
Samuel Virgilio, gravel	20.00	
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Total Material		\$7,942.15

Total Expended		\$16,738.10
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**SPECIAL BRIDGE ACCOUNT**

Transferred from Chapter 90	\$2,000.00
No expense from this account,	
Carried over to 1964 account	\$2,000.00

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
State	2,000.00	
County	2,000.00	
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Total		\$6,000.00
Labor:		
Dennis McGill, Supt.	\$510.00	
John Wagner	365.00	
James Cormier	366.30	
Jack Fuller	357.00	
Peter Sprague	156.00	
Arthur Moon	6.00	
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Total Labor		\$1,760.30
Equipment:		
Arthur Moon, truck and power saw	\$312.00	
Roy Whitaker, backhoe	150.00	
Joseph Cormier, truck	133.00	
Town of Dalton, spreader	24.00	
George Schnopp, spreader	28.00	
Ira Markham, hone truck	173.25	
Cummington Garage, power broom	105.00	
Town of Hinsdale, truck	385.00	
Town of Hinsdale, loader	265.50	
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Total Equipment		\$1,575.75
Material:		
General Sand & Stone, stone	\$704.99	
Lane Const., hot mix	335.37	
Koppers Co., Inc., m.c. 3 tar	347.74	
American Asphalt Co.	902.32	
New England Metal, culverts and coup.	221.80	
Roy Whitaker, 32 yards sand	32.00	
A. Leo Nash, pipe	100.00	
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Total Material		\$2,644.22
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Total Expended		\$5,980.27

## WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$12,000.00
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## Labor:

Dennis McGill, Supt.	\$ 677.50	
John Wagner, Acting Supt.	1,314.25	
James Cormier	1,471.65	
Jack Fuller	458.50	
William Eberhard	51.75	
Ralph Cormier	1,036.00	
Raymond Gore	7.50	
John Forward	37.50	
Herbert Hines	9.00	
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Total Labor		\$5,063.65

## Equipment:

Ralph Langdon, truck	\$ 296.00	
William Avery, truck	19.00	
Virgillio Const. Co., bulldozer	144.00	
William Eberhard, truck	208.50	
Arthur Moon, truck	806.25	
Joseph Cormier, truck	1,188.00	
Dan Schnopp, truck	1,128.50	
Paul Steele, truck	264.00	
Harry Freshler, truck	877.00	
Harry Freshler, Jr., truck	20.25	
David Freshler, truck	33.75	
Charles Winn, truck	42.25	
James Cormier, car	15.00	
Ralph Cormier, car	82.00	
Comm. of Mass., Co-op Plow	286.02	
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Total Equipment		\$5,437.52

## Material:

Roy Whittaker, sand	\$484.00	
General Sand & Stone, sand	800.00	
Total Material		\$1,284.00

Total Expended	<hr/>	\$11,785.17
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**PLUNKETT LAKE ROAD**

Appropriation		\$200.00
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**Labor:**

Dennis McGill, Supt.	\$50.00	
John Wagner	35.00	
James Cormier	22.20	
Jack Fuller	35.00	
Peter Sprague	18.00	
Total Labor		\$160.20

**Equipment:**

Town of Hinsdale, loader	\$27.00	
Town of Hinsdale, grader	6.00	
Town of Hinsdale, rake	2.00	
Total Equipment		\$35.00
Total Expended		\$195.20

**ROAD MACHINERY MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund 12-11	1,179.87	
Total		\$4,179.87

**Paid to:**

Eastern Equipment	\$ 173.60
Ken's Auto Upholster, rep. payloader curtains	6.25
Hinsdale Garage, welding, repair, parts	125.15
Frissells' Market, nuts, bolts, supplies	17.23
Stapleton, Inc., fitting, nut, hose assy.	14.61
Corner Hardware, tools, nuts, bolts, supplies	136.88
Pittsfield Iron Works, plow blades	54.65
Smith Auto Electric, Service rep. payloader	89.90
Carmel Bros. Garage, parts, service, gas, material	325.12
Levernoch Brothers, gas and oil	1,498.64
W. S. Darley & Company, light ring, truck dome	17.10
Southgate Motors, Inc., repairs, parts	684.31
William Eberhard, repair, material	38.50
Graves Equipment, bolts, nuts	14.61
Stevenson & Company, insurance	357.77
Tyler Equipment, filters and equipment	385.83
Harvey's Glass Shop, mirrors for truck	6.00
Berkshire Mill Supply, cap screws	2.00
Triad Welding Co.	6.50
L. P. Adams, cement	6.00
J. & J. Hardware, locks	3.95
Agawam Tool Co., plow blades, nuts and bolts	161.37
Pierce Machine Shop, repair rod	6.75
Miner's Garage, chains, and repairs	47.15
Total Expended	\$4,179.87

**BRIDGES**

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
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**Labor:**

Dennis McGill, Supt.	\$20.00
John Wagner, Acting Supt.	70.00
Ralph Cormier	56.00
James Cormier	70.80
Jack Fuller	75.50
Peter Sprague	12.00
John Forward	6.00

Total Labor	<hr/>	\$310.30
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**Equipment:**

Town of Hinsdale, truck	\$23.50
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Total Equipment	<hr/>	\$23.50
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**Material:**

Corner Hardware, nails, supplies	\$ 30.93
Kelly Hardwood Corp., planks	357.24
Kelly Lumber Co., lumber	39.10

Total Material	<hr/>	\$427.27
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Total Expended	<hr/>	\$761.07
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**PURCHASE SNOW FENCE**

Appropriation	\$300.00
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**Paid to:**

Eastern Equipment Sales Company	\$300.00
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## PARKS AND RECREATION

## RECREATION

Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	100.00	
Total		\$1,300.00

## Paid to:

Hinsdale Garage, plow rink	\$ 55.00	
Richard Greb, Jr., umpire, labor-rink	42.00	
Eleanor Pership, referee	8.00	
Dalton-Hinsdale Bus, transportation	75.00	
Francis Johnson, swim supervision	25.00	
Thomas Murray, swim supervision	50.00	
Hinsdale Fire Auxiliary, basketball supper	68.75	
Comet Jewelers, trophies	24.00	
John Wagner, Goodrich playground, labor	3.50	
James Cormier, Goodrich playground, labor	4.50	
Jack Fuller, Goodrich playground, labor	3.40	
Corner Hardware, balls	.98	
Stevenson Company, Insurance	261.50	
David Greb, mowing playground	3.50	
Richard Kaley, umpire fees	70.00	
Besse Clarke, uniforms, equipment	188.15	
Edward Fassell, transportation	15.00	
James Eastland, playground supervision	15.00	
James Porter, playground supervision	12.50	
Mrs. Bruce Clark, Plunkett lifeguard	200.00	
Hinsdale Country Club, trophies	16.50	
Ralph Williams, labor, material, Goodrich playground	63.88	
Naughton's Market, candy, Christmas party	17.45	
Hinsdale Pharmacy, Christmas toys	58.68	
Gerald McConkey, entertainment	15.00	
Total Expended		\$1,297.29

## MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Appropriation	\$40.00
Paid to Hinsdale Pharmacy, flags	\$28.00

## BASEBALL FIELD

Appropriation	\$75.00
Paid to:	
Donald Alderman, mowing	\$9.00
L. P. Adams, lime for field	3.75
Total Expended	\$12.75

## UNCLASSIFIED

## HEATING FIRE STATION

Appropriation	\$800.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	.76	
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Total		\$800.76
Paid to:		
Levernoch Brothers, February through December	\$800.76	
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Total Expenditure		\$800.76

## TOWN USE OF WATER

Appropriation	\$324.00
Paid to Hinsdale Fire District	\$324.00

## PRINTING

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Paid to:	
Eagle Printing & Binding, Town Reports	\$867.30
Eagle Printing & Binding, warrants	23.75
Studley Press, caucus and election ballots	80.00
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Total Expended	\$971.05

## MISCELLANEOUS

Appropriation	\$750.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	400.00	
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Total		\$1,150.00
Paid to:		
Frances T. Mathews, Veterans' Agent, expenses	\$ 15.14	
Assoc. of Finance Committee, dues	10.00	
Mass. Collectors' and Treasurer's Assoc., dues	6.00	
Berkshire County Selectmen's Assoc., dues	6.00	
Berkshire County Selectmen's Assoc., special meeting	20.00	
Western Mass. Veterans' Ser. of Assoc., dues	5.00	
M. E. Baumann, envelopes, postage, box rent	153.96	

A. E. Collins, Town Clerks' Assoc., dues	\$ 9.50
Pittsfield Typewriter and Supply Co., repairs	12.50
New England Tel. and Tel., phone 655-2245	292.95
W. H. Shandoff, stationery	6.75
Elizabeth F. Lott, Clerk's expense, vital statistics	39.69
Stanislaw Galok, delivering Town Reports	25.00
Hobbs & Warren, forms, applications	78.80
Electrical Supply and Repair, rewiring Town Garage	30.00
Greenwood Co., Treasurer's supplies	9.60
Garrett Collins, attending meeting, car expense, keys	33.50
Henderson and Brennan, towing of car (advice)	20.00
Joseph Wechter, repair adding machine	6.50
Hinsdale Pharmacy, pens, and pads	2.47
Commonwealth of Mass., notes	4.00
William Zeitler, repair motor from garage	16.00
Nancy Carroll, 2 calls Boston	4.50
Berkshire Bank and Trust, lease of safe box	25.12
W. S. Darley, signs	7.55
Thomas Bishop, care of dogs	68.00
Lawyers' Publ. Co., legal advice	18.00
Smith Bus. Corp., Treasurer envelopes	18.70
Western Mass. Electric Co.	10.34
Berkshire Evening Eagle, legal advice	19.44
Springfield Republican, legal advice	17.34
George Snyder, Wild Cat Bounty	10.00
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Total Expended	\$1,002.35

## CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$650.00
Labor:	
William Morgan	\$162.00
John Goddard	59.95
John Musgrove	46.88
Stanley Rice	35.63
Richard Smith	13.43
Walter Hunt	4.38
William Droshen, Sr.	6.00
William Droshen, Jr.	22.00
Paul Rice	3.13
Donald Adams	9.68
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Total Labor	\$363.08

## Equipment and Material:

William Morgan, truck	\$ 63.00
John Goddard, truck	29.00
Richard Greb, truck	8.00
Dan Schnopp, truck, bulldozer	131.50
William Munn, tractor, mowing	28.00
Frissell's Market, grass seed	1.29
Corner Hardware	18.58
William Morgan, gravel	7.00

Total Equipment and Material	<u>\$286.37</u>
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Total Expended	<u>\$649.45</u>
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## RESERVE FUND

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
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## Transferred to:

Library Account	\$ 412.00
Miscellaneous Account	400.00
Recreation Account	100.00
Veterans' Aid Account	1,000.00
Assessors' Account	73.87
Surety Bond Account	.40
Fire Insurance Town Buildings	19.85
Town Hall Maintenance	37.80
Tax Title Account	54.04
School Lunch Account	96.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	179.87
Heating Account	176.00

Total Expended	<u>\$2,374.59</u>
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## TAX REFUNDS

1962	Excise	\$303.91
1963	Excise	440.48
1962	Real Estate	116.71
1963	Real Estate	700.35
1962	Personal	8.70
1963	Personal	39.15

**UNAPPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS****Commonwealth of Mass.**

State Recreation Areas	\$ 764.78
Berkshire County Mosquito Control	632.57
Audit of Municipal Accounts	2,238.01
State Assessment System	56.56

Total	<u>                    </u>	\$3,691.92
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**ROAD MACHINERY MAINTENANCE EARNINGS FUND**

Balance forward to 1963	\$7,711.15
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**Earnings in 1963:**

Truck	\$1,630.50
Payloader	2,519.50
Rake	58.00
Grader	170.00

Total Earnings	<u>                    </u>	\$4,378.00
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Total	<u>                    </u>	\$12,089.15
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Transferred to Road Machinery Maintenance	\$4,000.00
Transferred to Purchase Payloader	2,000.00
Transferred to Highway Equipment Loan & Interest	1,050.00

Total Transferred	<u>                    </u>	7,050.15
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Balance carried forward to 1964	<u>                    </u>	\$5,039.15
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**INSURANCE AND BONDS****SURETY BONDS**

Appropriation	\$360.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	.40

Total	<u>                    </u>	\$360.40
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**Paid to:**

Colt Insurance Agency, Collector's bond	\$229.20
Stevenson & Co., Inc., Town Clerk's bond	10.00
Bardwell Co., Inc., Treasurer's bond	121.20

Total	<u>                    </u>	\$360.40
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**BERKSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Appropriation (assessment)	\$1,163.84	
Deducted from payrolls	1,490.10	
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Paid to John Shields, Treasurer Berk. Co. Ret. System		\$2,653.94

**WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION**

Appropriation		\$1,300.00
Paid to:		
Stevenson & Co., advance premium on 1963 policy	\$1,175.75	
Stevenson & Co., additional premium, blanket coverage	74.28	
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Total		\$1,250.03

**FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUMS**

Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	19.85	
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Total		\$1,219.85
Paid to Stevenson & Co., Inc., 2nd install. (5 yr. policy)	\$1,175.30	
Paid to Pierce Insurance Co.	44.55	
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Total		\$1,219.85

**NOTES AND INTEREST**

Appropriation		\$1,050.00
Paid to Berkshire Bank & Trust Co.		
For 1963 Note for Road Machinery Loan	\$1,000.00	
For interest on Road Machinery Loan	47.65	
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Total Expended		\$1,047.65

## SPECIAL ARTICLES

## REPAIRS TO WAR MEMORIAL

Balance carried forward 1-1-63	\$70.00	
Appropriation	75.00	
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Total		\$145.00
Paid to:		
Peter Caseli, labor, material	\$70.00	
John Goddard, labor	11.00	
Thomas Memorial Co., cleaning plaques	50.00	
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Total Expended		\$131.00
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Balance carried forward to 1964		\$14.00

## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Committee continued the Recreation Program that we have had for the past two years.

### Sports—Winter

#### Swimming:

Swimming at the Dalton Community House for boys and girls on alternate weeks. This was an eight-week program.

#### Basketball:

High School Boys' League, Jerry Vranas directing. This was a three-month program which concluded with a banquet. Trophies and prizes were awarded.

#### Skating:

The school field was used for our skating program. Richard Greb, Jr. was in charge.

### Sports—Summer

#### Swimming:

Red Cross instruction in beginners and intermediate classes. The instructor Miss Parnell was furnished by the Red Cross.

Mrs. Nancy Clark was the life guard at Plunkett Lake for our eight-week summer season.

#### Baseball:

Two Pee wee League baseball teams coached by Don Cornwall and Frank Laston. Babe Ruth League baseball coached by Jim Porter for boys of high school age.

#### Golf:

New this year was a golf instructional program started by Allie Freshler. Through the cooperation of the Country Club of Hinsdale, use of the course was given one day a week. A tournament concluded the summer instruction and prizes were awarded.

#### Track and Field:

Wahconah Regional School District under the coaching of James O'Connor held a one-day a week session at Kittredge School. Jim Porter and Jim Eastland were assistants. Final program was held at Wahconah School with all towns participating. Transportation was furnished by the Dalton-Hinsdale bus line without charge through the courtesy of Carl Wallin.

#### Football:

Charles DeAngelus continued his football program. The Committee paid all insurance premiums and the cleaning of the uniforms.



Parties:

One dance was held during the summer.

Halloween Parade was held the last of October. Prizes were awarded for those judged best in various categories. Judges were Mrs. Bernard Collins, Mrs. Emily Pierce, Mrs. Kay Kirchner and Miss Kathy O'Leary.

A Christmas Party was held at the school. Mr. Gerald McConkey, Magician, gave a performance that was enjoyed by all. Candy and gifts were given to three hundred children. All gifts were purchased and wrapped by Dorothy Robins, Chairman for the party. Christmas tree was furnished by Chet Dodge.

The Committee wishes to thank those who have helped during the year. More interest and cooperation must be shown by the parents of the children in the various programs if we are to continue.

"The world is full of willing people, some willing to work, the rest willing to let them."

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS PORTER, *Chairman*  
 ELIAS VRANAS  
 EDWARD FILLIAULT  
 RICHARD GREB, JR.  
 CHARLES DeANGELUS  
 FRANK LASTON  
 ALLIE FRESHLER  
 JOYCE ANTHONY  
 DOROTHY ROBINS, *Secretary*

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR MOBILEHOME REGULATIONS

This Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen who acted in response to public opinion on trailers. The purpose of this Committee was to draw up a suitable By-law for the Town of Hinsdale for Mobilehome Regulations. It is our sincere wish that the people of the Town will find our proposal to their liking and vote it in at the Town Caucus.

### Proposed Mobilehome Regulations

1. These regulations concerning the parking of mobilehomes in the Town of Hinsdale are supplementary to the provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 140, Sections 32A to 32L inclusive, and all additions and amendments thereto.
2. Application shall be made to the Board of Selectmen and a permit from said board shall be required of any person wishing to maintain, establish, station, or park a mobilehome for dwelling purposes. The application for such a permit shall be obtained at the office of the Board of Selectmen on a form provided by said Board.
3. Proof of an adequate water supply, drainage, and sewerage system, duly certified by the Board of Health, shall be given before granting or issuance of a permit.
4. No individual mobilehome or trailer coach park shall be permitted within the boundaries of the Fire District of Hinsdale.
5. No such mobilehome shall be maintained, established, stationed, or parked within ten feet of any of the given boundaries of the lot on which it is situated, or not less than twenty feet from any other trailer or building located thereon.
6. These regulations shall not apply to any mobilehome established prior to the date of adoption of these regulations. Provided that it or a replacement thereof is continuously owned and occupied by the same person.

Sincerely,

STANISLAW F. GALOK, *Chairman*  
JOHN D. WARREN, *Secretary*  
PAUL A. MEYERS  
ARTHUR O. BLESSING  
RALPH B. MARSHALL

*The Committee on Mobilehome Regulations*

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Chief of the Fire Department in the Town of Hinsdale for the year ending December 31, 1963.

The Department answered 44 calls as follows. House fires 5, barn fires 2, oil burner fires 2, electric fires 2, grass and forest fires 26, trailer fires 2, car fires 1, miscellaneous calls 2, lost persons 1, and false alarms 1.

Of these we consider the Robert Bishop fire most challenging as this could have very easily turned into a conflagration. The success of stopping this fire can be attributed to the fast response to the call, training, and the fact that we were hooked to two of the largest volume hydrants in the town water system.

Contrary to this fire was the Huddleston fire. We had to lay every last inch of hose we had to get to this fire with water, which was nearly 4500 feet of hose. This called for a relay operation to push the water that far. This was quickly done with the second truck, the "Mack". This was an exceptionally hot fire and took a steady flow of water to control the flames at the barn and keep the heat from igniting the house.

Twenty (20) men graduated from the fire training course held in Pittsfield this year. This course is taken about every two years. All new members must take it along with any of the older personnel that want to learn the latest techniques. All officers take it every two years.

I would like at this time to thank all the townspeople who have helped the Fire Department this year, as well as the Red Cross for their quick response to our calls.

A total of 31 applications for installations and permits for all types of oil burning equipment, plus the storage of oil, were issued this year.

All oil burning equipment installed or serviced must be by a firm or person holding a certificate of competency (a license) according to State Law 148.

A total of 16 permits were issued for the storage of L P Gas.

As of this date our "Fire Fighting Equipment" is in good condition.

My report would not be complete without mentioning the fine work of the Junior Fire Department. These young men spend all year getting the same training as the regular Fire Department.

I would also like at this time to thank the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Department for the fine work that they have done this year.

All out-door fires, not in a closed container, require a permit. Fire permits may be obtained by calling any of these numbers:

WILLIAM ROBINS	OL. 5-2646
FRED POMEROY	OL. 5-2631
TOM PORTER, JR.	OL. 5-2281

No fire permits will be issued until after 12:00 noon on Sundays. The reason for this is, to keep all smoke out of town at church times and minimizing the chance that firemen will have to be called out of church.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ROBINS,  
*Fire Chief and Forest Warden*

### AMBULANCE REPORT FOR 1963

In the year 1963, eighty-one (81) calls were received and responded to. These calls were received from Hinsdale, Peru, Becket, Washington, Dalton, Middlefield, and West Worthington.

In the course of answering these calls the ambulance traveled a distance of 2250 miles.

In the early summer of this year this association decided to trade the 1948 ambulance for a newer model. It was decided to buy a 1956 Cadillac ambulance, and this has served the need very well.

This has been a busy year for this part of the Hinsdale Volunteer Firemen's Association. By the end of the year we had responded to 34% more calls than in 1962. This is the greatest number of calls received in any one year since the association decided to provide this service.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK R. LOTT,  
*Captain of Ambulance,*  
*Hinsdale Volunteer Firemen's Assn.*

## REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN OF WAR MEMORIAL

To the Board of Selectmen,

This past summer much work was done at the War Memorial to repair damage to bronze plaques and granite base. Thomas Memorials of Lee sandblasted the plaques to remove stains and dirt at a cost of \$50.00. Peter Casali of Pittsfield caulked the plaques and with the volunteer help of John Goddard secured the World War II plaque to the base where it had pulled away from the stone. Mr. Casali also painted top of cement under cannon to preserve it. His charge was \$70.00. To finish the plaques Edward Goddard, supervised by John Goddard went over raised letters and body of the four plaques with a fine wire brush. He then rubbed over the plaques with a vegetable oil. His bill was \$11.00. The work this year followed directions sent by the factory where the plaques were purchased.

With normal wear the monument should need little repair for several years. Refinishing plaques and a few small repairs will be carried out the summer of 1964. A great part of the cost this summer was for material, as much of the labor was volunteered. Money carried over from 1962 was used, as well as the 1963 appropriation. A small balance may be carried over to 1964. The work of custodian is entirely voluntary and unpaid.

Through the cooperation of Representative Silvio O. Conte the custodian was able to get a United States flag to fly at the War Memorial. The 50-star flag, gift of Representative Conte, was flown for a day over the Capitol in Washington, D. C. William Goddard, ex-Marine, and his brother, Edward, have volunteered to care for the flag and to fly it daily at the monument.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION L. RANSFORD,  
*Custodian of War Memorial*

# REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

December 1, 1962 to December 1, 1963

## Receipts

1962			
Dec.	1	Balance on hand, Agricultural National Bank	\$ 71.83
1963			
Jan.	23	Town of Hinsdale, Dog Tax	402.98
July	10	Town of Hinsdale, Appropriation	500.00
Oct.	11	Town of Hinsdale, Appropriation	200.00
Dec.	27	Transferred from Reserve Fund	212.00
Dec.	1	Curtice Fund Loan	20.00
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			\$1,406.81

## Disbursements

Paid:

Librarian, Dorothy Lyman	\$ 540.00
Janitor Salary, Mark Moon	96.00
Fuel, Franklin Fassell, wood	100.00
Electricity, Western Mass. Elec. Co.	43.51
Care of Library Grounds:	
Mark Moon	\$84.00
William Rudin	16.00
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	100.00
Fertilizer and Bulbs, Frissell Market	15.73
Post Office Box Rent, Elizabeth Baumann	4.40
Berk. service charge, Agricultural National Bank	7.44
New Ashley Heater, complete installation, William Zeitler	132.00
John C. Curtice Fund, paid 1962-63 loans	105.00
Dec. 1 balance on hand, Agricultural National Bank	50.73
Alfred Kirchner, repairs and labor	210.87
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	\$1,405.68

Respectfully submitted,

T. AUGUSTUS FRISSELL,  
*Treasurer*

I have examined this report and found it correct.

ALLYN W. SMITH,  
*Auditor*

## REPORT OF EASTERN BERKSHIRE WELFARE DISTRICT

### Report of Director to Town of Hinsdale:

The District Office continues to serve the five towns of Peru, Hinsdale, Becket, Washington and Chester. The office personnel now consists of five full time workers. Mrs. Lucille Lasch of Pittsfield joined the District as a Social Worker in March. Mrs. Alice Anthony has been on sick leave for several months but has now returned to work part-time and will be full time after the first of the year.

Regular monthly meetings have been held in the District Office to give the appointed Prudential Member from each town an opportunity to attend and hear the Director's report on administrative expenditures and also reports on individual cases in their own respective towns. Changes in legislation and policy and how they affect those receiving assistance; trends in public welfare and comments on their effect locally are discussed by the group. I wish to express my appreciation for the interest shown by these representatives for it is by their cooperation that I am able to administer assistance and apply the law, and policies of the state and town.

The appropriation of \$44,000.00 which was raised at the annual town meeting was adequate to meet welfare needs during the year. Refunds in the amount of \$190.75 were returned to the appropriation and at the end of the year \$404.92 was returned to the town general funds, unexpended.

On January 1, 1963 there were 57 cases in Hinsdale receiving some type of assistance. On December 31, 1963 there are still 57 cases that are being aided. A total of 67 cases, comprising 93 persons, actually received some type of service at some time during this past year.

There have been several changes during the year which have affected an increase in budgets. The increase was felt over a four-month period this past year but in the year to come will cost more money for a full twelve months.

- A. A 5.1% increase in budgets due to increase in cost of living index.
- B. An increase of \$1.00 per month in "Leisure Time Activities" for those receiving Old Age Assistance.

Another legislative change which will affect the town financially is the amendment to abolish settlement in General Assistance and Old Age Assistance. This legislation goes into effect January 1, 1964. Those cases aided under General Assistance who were determined to have a legal settlement in some other town will no longer be considered as having any settlement. The cost will be absorbed locally with a 20% reimbursement by the Commonwealth, only, on every case.

For cases receiving Old Age Assistance, there will be no reimbursement from other towns where clients formerly might have had a settlement. However, after Federal reimbursement, the Commonwealth will increase their share from  $\frac{1}{3}$  to 70% of the remainder of aid rendered an individual.

Hospital cost per diem rate will be greater, with new rates to be set after the first of the year.

Even with these increases in the welfare costs, I have requested an increase of only \$1,000.00 above the 1963 appropriation. There are adequate Federal balances to be carried forward to the new year which will help considerably in meeting monthly payrolls.

The Prudential Committee has approved an administrative budget of \$28,450.00. Hinsdale's share in this expenditure is 43.2% or \$1,728.00.

There have been several changes in estimates for expenditures in 1964. Annual increments for salary set by the Welfare Compensation Plan, plus a full time social worker and a part time clerk, have increased the salary estimate \$2,800.00. With the prospect of securing twice the amount of floor space which we now occupy and which is very sorely needed, the rent and maintenance estimate is increased approximately \$500.00 over the 1963 expenditure.

Due to larger payrolls involved, our assessment to the Berkshire County retirement system will be increased \$500.00 in 1964. This figure is set by the County Commissioners each year.

The above increases as well as smaller increases in other budget items has resulted in a total budget increase of \$4,250.00 over the 1963 budget.

Our estimated receipts for 1964 amount to \$24,450.00 leaving a net cost to the five member towns of \$4,000.00 which is \$1,500.00 less than our actual costs for 1963.

The assessment for each town is determined according to each town's percentage of the total case load.

It is my desire to serve the District to the best of my ability. The continued cooperation of Board members as well as town officers and interested citizens help to make the work more interesting and more effective.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPHINE H. EAMES,  
*Director*



# CHARITIES

## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

### Receipts:

Public Assistance Appropriation	\$44,000.00
Refunds	190.75

### Expenditures:

For Old Age Assistance	\$17,430.90
For Medical Aid to the Aged	11,154.89
For Aid to Families with Dependent Children	6,368.35
For Disability Assistance	3,129.90
For General Assistance	5,701.79
Total	<hr/> \$43,785.83

Returned to Town General Funds	\$404.92
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## FEDERAL GRANTS

### Old Age Assistance

Federal Grant balance 1/1/63	\$ 4,570.64
Federal Grants received	14,593.20
Federal Share in Recoveries	2,886.66
Total	<hr/> \$22,050.50
Paid from Federal Grants	\$15,655.38
Federal Grant balance 1/1/64	\$ 6,395.12

## RECEIPTS

From Commonwealth	\$8,956.00
From Recoveries (Local Share)	1,203.58
From Recoveries (State Share)	2,406.95
From Other Towns	673.46
From Old Age Assistance Meals Tax	1,673.90
Reimbursement on Administration	25.00
Net cost to Town	2,517.01

**MEDICAL AID TO THE AGED**

Federal Grant balance 1/1/63	\$ 3,864.30
Federal Grants received	13,014.93
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Total	\$16,879.23
Paid from Federal Grants	14,532.27
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Federal Grant balance 1/1/64	\$2,346.96
Received from Commonwealth	\$8,219.38
Received from Medical Aid to the Aged Administration	7.75
Net Cost to Town	\$588.55

**AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN**

Federal Grant balance 1/1/63	\$1,381.84
Federal Grants received	4,226.50
Refund	22.49
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Total	\$5,630.83
Paid from Federal Grants	\$4,394.04
Federal Grant balance 1/1/64	1,236.79
Received from Commonwealth	4,053.27
Received from State Administration	6.35
Returned from Probate Court	751.00
Net cost to Town	327.29

**DISABILITY ASSISTANCE**

Federal Grant balance 1/1/63	\$ 749.25
Federal Grants received	3,505.50
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Total	\$4,254.75
Paid from Federal Grants	\$2,566.20
Federal Grant balance 1/1/64	1,688.55
Received from Commonwealth	1,153.54
Received from State Administration	5.45
Net Cost to Town	\$287.81

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE RECEIPTS

Received from Other Towns	\$ 889.43
Received from Temporary Aid and Transportation	310.01
Received from Refunds	41.00
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Total	\$1,240.44

## WELFARE ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$2,491.50
Paid to Eastern Berkshire Welfare District	\$2,491.50

## OAA-MAA-AFDC-DA ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTS

Federal Grant balances: 1/1/63	
Old Age Assistance	\$46.90
Medical Aid to the Aged	14.40
Aid to Families with Dependent Children	17.50
Disability Assistance	12.40
Federal Grants received:	
Old Age Assistance	95.00
Medical Aid to the Aged	29.45
Aid to Families with Dependent Children	24.13
Disability Assistance	20.71
Balances on hand: 1/1/64	
Old Age Assistance	141.90
Medical Aid to the Aged	43.85
Aid to Families with Dependent Children	41.63
Disability Assistance	33.11

# **EASTERN BERKSHIRE WELFARE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE**

	District	Hinsdale	Becket	Peru	Washington	Chester
Balance Jan. 1, 1963	\$ 7,164.86	\$ 3,033.15	\$1,558.64	\$ 698.97	\$ 278.98	\$1,595.12
Reimbursements	21,806.04	9,600.75	4,888.54	1,741.96	870.77	4,704.02
Paid in by Towns	5,500.00	2,491.50	1,204.50	429.00	258.50	1,116.50
Total	\$34,470.90	\$15,125.40	\$7,651.68	\$2,869.93	\$1,408.25	\$7,415.64
Warrants	— 24,167.99	10,590.70	5,438.40	1,938.04	937.34	5,263.51
Balance	\$10,302.91	\$4,534.70	\$2,213.28	\$931.89	\$470.91	\$2,152.13

## **Net Operating Expenses**

1963	\$2,361.95	\$989.95	\$549.86	\$196.08	\$66.57	\$559.49
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## **Percent of Case Load:**

Jan. 1, 1963 to June 30, 1963	45.3%	21.9%	7.8%	4.7%	20.3%
July 1, 1963 to Dec. 31, 1963	42.6%	23.0%	8.2%	3.2%	23.0%
Jan. 1, 1964 to June 30, 1964	43.2%	22.0%	9.8%	3.8%	21.2%

# BUDGET FOR 1964

Salaries	\$21,800.00
Travel	1,000.00
Rent and Maintenance	1,500.00
Postage	600.00
Telephone	300.00
Electricity	100.00
Retirement Fund	1,597.56
Bond for Treasurer	25.00
Heat	300.00
Office Supplies	275.00
Office Equipment	200.00
Repair of Office Equipment	128.40
Miscellaneous	97.88
Fire Insurance and Liability	11.60
Health Insurance	514.56
Total	<u>\$28,450.00</u>

## Case Load:

	OAA	MAA	AFDC	DA	GR	Cases	%
Hinsdale	20	13	6	5	7	57	43.2
Becket	12	11	1	2	3	29	22.0
Peru	7	2	2	2	0	13	9.8
Peru	7	2	2	2	0	13	9.8
Washington	1	3	-	-	1	5	3.8
Chester	15	4	3	5	1	28	21.2
	<u>61</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>100.0</u>

# ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR 1964

1964 Budget	\$28,450.00
State Reimbursements	\$ 9,000.00
Federal Reimbursements	<u>15,450.00</u>
	<u>24,450.00</u>
	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
Net Cost To Towns:	
Hinsdale	\$1,728.00
Becket	880.00
Peru	392.00
Washington	152.00
Chester	<u>848.00</u>
Total	<u>\$4,000.00</u>

## Eastern Berkshire Welfare District Committee:

WILLIAM E. FRISBIE, <i>Chairman</i>	}	Becket
RALPH B. MARSHALL		Hinsdale
FRANK W. DIGWEED		Peru
RICHARD J. HURLEY		Washington
NICHOLAS D. SEBASTIANO		Chester

## REPORT OF VETERANS' AGENT

A record for financial and administrative aid was set during 1963 by the Veterans' Services Dept. Financial assistance, disbursed to eleven qualified Veterans and their seventeen eligible dependents, totaled \$8,825.10. This figure is a record high for financial aid. Administrative assistance was granted 21 veterans and this number also represents a record total.

The financial increase can be primarily attributed to the following reasons. The decision by The Commissioner of Veterans' Services for the Commonwealth of Mass. to increase by ten per cent the suggested budget for qualified applicants.

This budget guide was geared to the cost of living in 1960. As most of us are acutely aware, the cost of living has risen since 1960, hence, the reason for the Commissioner's decision.

Another reason for the financial increase, is one extremely expensive case we had for nine months. In this instance, the veteran was unable to work for health reasons and had a total of five dependents to provide for. The veteran's medical expenses, added to the normal everyday living expenses, made this case quite costly.

The reason for the increased requests for administrative aid, stems from the closing of The Veterans' Administration Office in Pittsfield last year.

At a meeting with the Finance Committee, late in December, an appropriation for 1964 was discussed. Based on the present case load and in anticipation of requests for assistance during the coming year, a figure of \$9,000.00 was agreed on to be presented to the voters for approval at the town meeting. Concerning this request for \$9,000.00, an increase of \$4,000.00 over the original request for 1963, I would like to take this opportunity to remind the voters of Hinsdale that more than a few of World War II Veterans are now in their 50th year of age or more. Age, as we all know, has its effect on health. Consequently we should not be surprised, if the increase in the appropriation asked for 1964, is not the beginning of spiraling costs for Veterans' Aid.

Over \$5,000.00 was spent in 1963 for aid to families of World War II Veterans while the veterans were hospitalized. This type of case could very easily become frequent in coming years. Naturally some veterans will have proper insurance or savings to provide for their dependents, while they are incapacitated, but some veterans will not.

An itemized list of expenditures for 1963 is shown below:

Ordinary Living Expenses	\$5,198.56
Medications	975.35
Hospitals	939.04
Fuel	641.45
Nursing Homes	530.15
Miscellaneous	281.55
Doctors	243.00
Dentists	16.00
Total	<hr/> \$8,825.10

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS T. MATHEWS,  
*Veterans' Agent*

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## 1963 REAL ESTATE

## DR.

Assessors' Warrants	\$183,596.19	
Interest collected	—57.45	
	<hr/>	\$183,653.64

## CR.

Paid to Treasurer	\$144,710.67	
Abatements	3,295.98	
Tax Titles	2,337.69	
Uncollected tax Jan. 1, 1964	33,309.30	
	<hr/>	\$183,653.64

## 1963 PERSONAL TAX

## DR.

Assessors' Warrants		\$24,781.08
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## CR.

Paid to Treasurer	\$22,807.92	
Abatements	141.81	
Uncollected tax Jan. 1, 1964	1,831.35	
	<hr/>	\$24,781.08

## 1963 FARM EXCISE

## DR.

Assessors' Warrant		\$76.30
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## CR.

Paid to Treasurer	\$53.00	
Uncollected tax Jan. 1, 1964	23.30	
	<hr/>	\$76.30

## 1963 POLL TAX

## DR.

Assessors' Warrants	\$904.00	
Interest collected	.60	
Demands	14.35	
	<hr/>	\$918.95

## CR.

Paid to Treasurer	\$710.95	
Abatements	194.00	
Uncollected tax Jan. 1, 1964	14.00	
	<hr/>	\$918.95

## 1963 EXCISE TAX

	DR.		
Assessors' Warrants			\$22,848.76
	CR.		
Paid to Treasurer		\$14,276.83	
Abatements		1,182.99	
Uncollected tax Jan. 1, 1964		7,388.94	
		<hr/>	\$22,848.76

## 1962 REAL ESTATE

	DR.		
Uncollected Real Estate Jan. 1, 1963		\$32,077.49	
Interest collected		605.66	
Redemption of tax titles		197.71	
		<hr/>	\$32,880.86
	CR.		
Paid to Treasurer		\$22,874.05	
Abatements		121.80	
Tax Titles		1,095.33	
Uncollected tax Jan. 1, 1964		8,789.68	
		<hr/>	\$32,880.86

## 1962 PERSONAL TAX

	DR.		
Uncollected Personal tax Jan. 1, 1963		\$1,478.13	
Interest collected		7.49	
		<hr/>	\$1,485.62
	CR.		
Paid to Treasurer		\$ 343.31	
Abatements		127.89	
Uncollected tax Jan. 1, 1964		1,014.42	
		<hr/>	\$1,485.62

## 1962 FARM EXCISE

	DR.		
Uncollected Farm Excise tax Jan. 1, 1963		\$26.88	
Interest collected		.17	
		<hr/>	\$27.05
	CR.		
Paid to Treasurer		\$ 8.92	
Uncollected tax Jan. 1, 1964		18.13	
		<hr/>	\$27.05



## 1962 POLL TAX

DR.		
Uncollected Poll Tax Jan. 1, 1963	\$56.00	
Interest collected	1.51	
Demands	4.20	
	<hr/>	\$61.71
CR.		
Paid to Treasurer	\$47.71	
Abatements	10.00	
Uncollected tax Jan. 1, 1964	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$61.71

## 1962 EXCISE TAX

DR.		
Uncollected Excise Tax Jan. 1, 1963	\$8,799.46	
Interest collected	68.29	
Assessors' Warrants	108.64	
	<hr/>	\$8,976.39
CR.		
Paid to Treasurer	\$7,518.17	
Abatements	610.73	
Uncollected tax Jan. 1, 1964	847.49	
	<hr/>	\$8,976.39

## 1961 REAL ESTATE

DR.		
Uncollected Real Estate Jan. 1, 1963	\$11,186.66	
Interest collected	588.39	
	<hr/>	\$11,775.05
CR.		
Paid to Treasurer	\$10,272.61	
Abatements	159.16	
Tax Titles	1,082.28	
Uncollected tax Jan. 1, 1964	261.00	
	<hr/>	\$11,775.05

## 1961 PERSONAL TAX

DR.		
Uncollected Personal Tax Jan. 1, 1963	\$1,162.24	
Interest collected	60.98	
	<hr/>	\$1,223.22
CR.		
Paid to Treasurer	\$814.14	
Abatements	197.41	
Uncollected Personal Tax Jan. 1, 1964	211.67	
	<hr/>	\$1,223.22

1961 POLL TAX  
DR.

Uncollected Poll Tax Jan. 1, 1963	\$14.00	
Interest collected	.40	
Demands	.70	
	<hr/>	\$15.10
	CR.	
Paid to Treasurer	\$7.10	
Abatements	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$15.10

1961 EXCISE TAX

Uncollected Excise Tax Jan. 1, 1963	\$1,416.42	
Interest collected	35.84	
	<hr/>	\$1,452.46
	CR.	
Paid to Treasurer	\$710.15	
Abatements	742.31	
	<hr/>	\$1,452.46

1960 REAL ESTATE  
DR.

Uncollected Real Estate Jan. 1, 1963	\$652.50	
Interest collected	20.64	
	<hr/>	\$673.14
	CR.	
Paid to Treasurer	\$668.82	
Tax Title	4.32	
	<hr/>	\$673.14

1960 FARM EXCISE  
DR.

Uncollected Farm Excise Jan. 1, 1963		\$22.88
	CR.	
Abatement		\$22.88

1960 EXCISE TAX  
DR.

Uncollected Excise Jan. 1, 1963	\$321.19	
Interest collected	2.60	
	<hr/>	\$323.79
	CR.	
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 12.64	
Abatements	311.15	
	<hr/>	\$323.79

## REFUNDS

## 1963 Real Estate

Sept. 24	Harry Freshler, Jr.	\$174.00	
	Olive Landry	174.00	
	Francis Noponen	174.00	
	John Warren	174.00	
Oct. 1	Edith Butler	174.00	
	Edward Reinhardt	4.35	
Nov. 19	Margaret Trainor	14.79	
		<hr/>	\$889.14

## 1963 PERSONAL

Aug. 20	Tina Morrissey	\$13.05	
Oct. 15	Oscar Moffett	26.10	
		<hr/>	\$39.15

## 1963 EXCISE

Sept. 24	William Gleaser	\$ 4.40
	Patrick Ryan	8.80
Oct. 1	Jack Lott	8.25
Oct. 4	Annie Cornwell	12.37
	Ruth Cornwell	6.87
	Harry Freshler, Jr.	5.77
Oct. 15	Beatrice Collins	11.00
	David Butler	27.23
	John Pochinchuk	2.47
Oct. 29	Merle Wilkie	9.90
	Annie R. Cornwell	6.60
	Michael Tinger	6.60
	Elias Vranas	2.20
Nov. 5	Douglas Carver	7.70
Nov. 12	Donald Crosier	6.60
	Elizabeth Gemmell	12.10
	Clarence Hockridge	4.13
	James Mottor	8.80

Nov. 19	Charles Winchell	\$29.70	
	Otis Flint	6.60	
	Harry Schnopp	21.10	
Nov. 20	Harriet Sweeney	7.70	
Nov. 22	Alfred Bernardo	17.32	
Nov. 26	Alvin Kittler	1.10	
	Donald Petell	9.62	
	D. L. Peterson	26.95	
	Harold Plant	4.60	
	Harold Plant	5.77	
Dec. 3	Clifford Fraley	13.20	
	Ruthella Orpin	4.12	
	Ernest Powell	48.40	
Dec. 5	Clifford Fraley	8.25	
	William Gargan	2.47	
	Shirley Maxwell	7.70	
Dec. 11	Richard Greb	7.90	
	Richard Greb	5.77	
	Ruthella Orpin	7.70	
	Paul Sanford	1.65	
Dec. 17	Alexander Cullen	30.25	
Dec. 27	John Fitch	7.90	
	Franklin Hoxie	2.20	
		<hr/>	\$429.76

## 1962 REAL ESTATE

Jan. 14	Stanley Prew	\$59.16	
Feb. 5	George Brookings	3.48	
		<hr/>	\$62.64

## 1962 PERSONAL

Jan. 22	Harry Shaw	\$8.70	
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## 1962 EXCISE

Jan.	8	Paul Cullett	\$19.80
		Sylvia O'Keefe	4.12
Jan.	15	Eugene Ostaski	11.00
		Stanley Laston	57.75
		Edward Sturgeon	13.75
		Charles Winchell	18.70
Jan.	22	Edward Bellinger	12.37
		Harry Shaw	9.35
Feb.	5	Donald Alderman	3.30
		Donald Alderman	3.30
Feb.	12	Harold Plant	7.42
Feb.	19	R. Jerry Morgan	27.50
Feb.	26	Sterling LeBeau	6.60
		Thomas McCasland	32.65
Mar.	5	Alfred Bernardo	6.60
Mar.	17	Francis Gary	29.70
		Francis Gary	3.30
May	7	Edward LaDoucer	11.20
		Edward LaDoucer	3.30
May	14	Franklin Watkins	5.50
May	28	James Fox	5.50
July	1	Willard Hopkins	4.12
		Willard Hopkins	5.77
Aug.	6	Clair Bradley	11.20
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			\$313.80

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED G. KIRCHNER,  
*Tax Collector*

I have examined this account and find it correct.

ALLYN W. SMITH,  
*Auditor*

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT VITAL STATISTICS

		Births
1963	Name	
Jan. 18	Jeffrey Brian Slapikas	
Jan. 31	David Francis Terry	
Feb. 6	John Frank LaDouceur	
Feb. 17	Dennis Adam Petell	
Feb. 21	Dawn Marie Benedict	
Feb. 22	Roger Stephen Pickens, Jr.	
Mar. 4	Sandra Lee Ostaski	
Mar. 4	Thomas Joseph Payson	
Mar. 7	Cynthia Louise Brooking	
Mar. 23	Corey Alfred Arndt	
Mar. 27	Scott Christopher Greb	
April 7	Heidi Colleen Lewis	
May 13	Erick Michael Gardner	
June 6	Holly May Derby	
June 22	Candice Beth Galeucia	
June 24	Michelle Ann Galeucia	
June 26	Cheryl Lynn Gargan	
July 3	Richard Paul Fassell	
July 26	Teresa Anne Lombardi	
Aug. 13	Corrinne Louise Russell	
Sept. 4	Eric Edward Brickle	
Sept. 11	Debra Lee Huddleston	
Sept. 21	Nathan Glenn Lewis	
Sept. 29	David Michael Litchfield	
Oct. 6	Kathleen Anne Nicholas	
Oct. 9	Timothy James Casey	
Nov. 18	Amy Howarth Johnson	
Dec. 5	Christopher Flint Eldridge	
Dec. 12	David Leslie Turner, Jr.	
Dec. 18	Virginia Ann Ouellette	
Dec. 31	Nancy Alison Streeter	

## Marriages

<i>Date of Marriage</i>	<i>Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Jan. 12	Hinsdale	Michael Moskola, Jr. Ann Carol Records	Clifton, N. J. Hinsdale
Jan. 12	Lanesborough	John Adrian Daniels Christine K. Hess	Hinsdale Pittsfield
Feb. 9	Princeton	David Floyd Garceau Barbara Shenette	Hinsdale Princeton, Mass.
Feb. 16	Middlefield	Robert Joseph Garceau Patricia Anne Frances Ritchie	Hinsdale Middlefield
Feb. 23	Hinsdale	Robert Lesley Reese Grace Yvonne Derrick	Hinsdale South Lyon, Mich.
April 20	Dalton	Ronald Francis McElroy Jean Marie Parker	Dalton Hinsdale
April 27	Dalton	Thomas Joseph Mathews Darlene Ann Chilson	Hinsdale Dalton
May 4	Dalton	Robert Francis Malone Carol Ann Zink	Hinsdale Windsor
	30 Pittsfield	Robert Warren Nason Mary Ann Pivero	Hinsdale Pittsfield
June 29	Hinsdale	Thomas Michael Walsh Shirley Marion Mosegard	Pittsfield Hinsdale
July 27	Hinsdale	George Henry Daniels Edith Adams Ireland	Hinsdale Hinsdale
July 27	Pittsfield	Paul Francis Alvaro Donna May Peaslee	Hinsdale Pittsfield
Sept. 17	Hinsdale	Philip Edward Bailey Claire Theresa Howe Parr	Arlington, Vt. Portsmouth, Va.
Nov. 11	Adams	Ronald David Eastland Lillian Mary Schorge	Hinsdale Adams
Nov. 23	Hinsdale	Ernest Robert Scott Barbara Alice Starbird	Hinsdale Middlefield
Nov. 30	Dalton	Thomas Russell Smith Mary June Andrew	Hinsdale Dalton
Nov. 30	Pittsfield	George Sumner Litchfield Linda M. Stodulski	Hinsdale Pittsfield

## Deaths

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
April 7	Louis Paul Litchfield	—	4	12
April 8	Edward F. Chilson	84	—	—
June 2	Gladys P. Warner Carver	62	10	13
June 9	Miriam H. Woodcock	53	6	9
June 20	Allie F. Starks	72	2	12
July 23	Helen Gemmell	73	3	5
July 25	Mary Carroll	37	3	4
Nov. 1	Gertrude M. Bellinger	52	2	12
Nov. 23	Fred J. Fassell	67	9	17
Dec. 14	William C. Baker	24	7	7
Dec. 25	Alison Mary Thomas	2	—	—

Marriages 17

Deaths 11

Births 31



# LICENSES ISSUED BY SELECTMEN AND MILK INSPECTOR

Jan.	1	Louis Costi	
		Restaurant for Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages	\$275.00
		Weekday Amusement	2.00
		Sunday Amusement	2.00
		John and Annie R. Naughton	
		Package Store for Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages	150.00
		Alfred J. and Madeline M. Basiliere	
		Restaurant for Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages	275.00
		Weekday Amusement	2.00
		Dancing on Sunday—1962	2.00
		Sunday Amusement	2.00
		Dancing on Sunday—January	2.00
		Harry J. and Hilda Dame	
		Package Store for Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages	150.00
		Charles J. DeAngelus, Mgr.	
		Club for Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages	275.00
		Weekday Amusement	2.00
		Sunday Amusement	2.00
		Dancing on Sunday	2.00
		Sunday Pool Table License	2.00
Mar.	8	Dr. Hans Rasch	
		Certificate of Registration	1.00
		Shell Oil Company	
		Certificate of Registration	1.00
April	15	Berkshire Pioneers	
		Dancing on Sunday—April	2.00
		Entertainment on Sunday—April	2.00
April	16	Ashmere Snack Bar	
		Dancing on Sunday—June and July	4.00
		Entertainment on Sunday	2.00
		Selling Light Lunches and Refreshments	2.00
		Selling on Sunday	2.00
		Weekday Amusement	2.00
April	17	Charles J. DeAngelus	
		Common Victualler	2.00
		Dancing on Sunday—June	2.00
		Dancing on Sunday—May	2.00
April	17	Alfred J. and Madeline M. Basiliere	
		Common Victualler	2.00
April	24	Holland Geer	
		Buying and Selling Used Cars and Parts	2.00

April 24	Alton J. Nichols Selling on Sunday	\$2.00
April 25	Harry E. Freshler, Sr. Selling Gasoline	2.00
	Selling New and Used Cars	2.00
	Hackney	2.00
April 25	Alfred J. and Madeline M. Basiliere Dancing on Sunday—June, July and August	6.00
April 27	Berkshire Pioneers Dancing on Sunday—May	2.00
	Entertainment on Sunday—May	2.00
April 27	Allyn W. Smith Auctioneer	2.00
May 18	Dalton-Hinsdale Bus Line, Inc. Selling Gasoline	2.00
May 19	Helen's Lunch and Variety—Helen G. Brooks Selling Light Lunches	2.00
May 20	Carmel Brothers—Norman and Earl Carmel Selling Gasoline	2.00
May 21	Thomas A. Bishop, Sr. Buying and Selling Used Cars, Parts and Junk	2.00
May 23	George Simon Restaurant for Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages	125.00
	Common Victualler	2.00
	Weekday Amusement	2.00
	Sunday Licenses	6.00
May 24	Brown Oil Company—Francis B. Schnopp Selling Gasoline	2.00
June 4	Frank R. and Stella A. Camp Selling on Sunday	2.00
	Selling Light Lunches	2.00
June 4	George Simon Pin Ball Machine	2.00
June 19	Harold Miner Selling Gasoline	2.00
	Selling New and Used Cars	2.00
June 19	Louis Costi—Common Victualler	2.00
June 19	Hinsdale Lion's Club Hinsdale Volunteer Firemen's Association Selling Beer—One Day Only	3.00

June	28	Charles J. DeAngelus Dancing on Sunday—July and August	\$4. 00
June	28	Louis Costi Dancing on Sunday—July and August	4. 00
June	29	Alfred J. and Madeline M. Basiliere Band License	2. 00
July	2	George Simon Dancing on Sunday—July and August	4. 00
July	3	Edward Beier Selling on Sunday	2. 00
July	24	Hinsdale Lion's Club Selling Beer—One Day Only	3. 00
Aug.	21	Camp Wyoma Selling Beer—One Day Only	3. 00
Aug.	28	Charles J. DeAngelus Dancing on Sunday—September	2. 00
Sept.	8	Hinsdale Lion's Club Selling Beer—One Day Only	3. 00
Oct.	1	Charles J. DeAngelus Dancing on Sunday—December	2. 00

#### Camp Licenses

June	12	Camp Ashmere	\$. 50
	19	Camp Taconic	. 50
	29	Camp Wyoma	. 50
	29	Jewish Community Center	. 50
July	12	Camp Lenore	. 50
	30	Camp Romaca	. 50
	31	Camp Fernwood	. 50

#### Licenses Issued by Milk Inspector

April	11	Fairdale Farms Selling Milk	\$ . 50
		Selling Oleomargarine	. 50
April	16	Ashmere Snack Bar Selling Milk	. 50
April	26	Pittsfield Milk Exchange Selling Milk	. 50
		Selling Oleomargarine	. 50

April	27	Clement's Dairy	
		Selling Milk	\$ .50
		Selling Oleomargarine	.50
May	1	Hinsdale Pharmacy—Bernard F. Collins	
		Selling Milk	.50
May	2	Frissell's Market	
		Selling Milk	.50
		Selling Oleomargarine	.50
May	2	Helen's Lunch and Variety	
		Selling Milk	.50
June	4	Frank R. and Stella A. Camp	
		Selling Milk	.50
June	25	Berkshire Farms	
		Selling Milk	.50

#### Division of Fisheries and Game

Resident Citizen Fishing	114
Resident Citizen Hunting	110
Resident Citizen Sporting	88
Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	26
Resident Citizen Female Fishing	31
Resident Citizen Trapping	3
Special Non-Resident Fishing	7
Non-Resident Fishing	7
Duplicate Licenses	8
Archery Deer Stamps	7
Resident Citizen Sporting—Free	12
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$1,776.00

#### Dog Licenses

Male	131
Female	20
Spayed Female	67
Kennel Licenses	6
Paid to Town Treasurer	\$500.00

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH F. LOTT,  
*Town Clerk*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

M. Nancy Carroll—Treasurer

## Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

Balance forward January 1, 1963	\$100,582.43
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## Receipts for 1963

## Taxes:

1960 Real Estate	\$ 648.18
Excise	10.04
Interest	11.55
1961 Real Estate	9,684.22
Excise	674.37
Personal	753.16
Poll	6.00
Interest	685.61
Demand	.35
1962 Real Estate	21,609.80
Excise	6,049.10
Personal	1,876.69
Poll	42.00
Farm Excise	8.75
Interest	667.93
Demand	3.45
1963 Real Estate	144,653.22
Excise	14,803.33
Personal	22,807.92
Poll	688.00
Farm Excise	53.00
Interest	73.99
Demand	14.35
Tax Titles—Land of Low Value	983.08
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Chapter 90—Project Payment	6,000.00
Chapter 81—Highways	1,532.30
School Aid—Chapter 70—Income Tax Fund	20,160.43
Business Corp. Tax Fund	6,247.84

Meal Tax	\$1,673.90
School Aid—Chapter 69 and 71	3,602.99
Commissioner Veterans' Service	1,714.16
D.P.W.—1962 Highway Improvement	
Ln. Ch. 782 Sec. 4	4,768.46
Vocational Education	796.54
Tuition and Transportation—Welfare Dept.	102.70
Income Tax—Chapter 58	5,040.11
Income Tax Fund	3,765.00
School Superintendent	1,778.28
Temp. Aid and Transportation	140.45
Transportation of Pupils	8,491.16
Loss of Taxes	39.66
Disease Control—Agriculture Livestock	50.00
Old Age Assistance	10,873.62
Aid to Dependent Children	4,053.27
Disability Assistance	1,153.54
Medical Aid to the Aged	8,219.38
<b>Administration</b>	
Old Age Assistance	95.00
Aid to Dependent Children	24.13
Disability Assistance	20.71
Medical Aid to the Aged	29.45
<b>U. S. Grants</b>	
Old Age Assistance	16,893.00
Aid to Dependent Children	4,248.99
Disability Assistance	3,505.50
Medical Aid to the Aged	13,014.93
Support of Indigent Persons	169.56
County of Berkshire—Dog Account	402.98
County of Berkshire—Cont. 20781 Final	3,000.00
Town Licenses	1,394.00
Dog Licenses	500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures—Fees	15.60
School Lunch Receipts	9,117.24
State Tax Commission	54.04
Sale of Cemetery Lots	50.00
<b>Loans:</b>	
Anticipation Reimbursement Chapter 90,	
Highway Maintenance	4,011.86
Anticipation Reimbursement Chapter 81,	
Highway Maintenance	10,181.92
Federal Withholding Deductions	14,943.86
State Withholding Deductions	1,490.10
County Retirement Deductions	1,239.22

Road Machinery Earnings	\$ 4,299.50	
Public Law 874—Special School Aid	3,879.00	
Refunds:		
Dog Officer	68.00	
Old Age Assistance	1,691.77	
Aid to Dependent Children	839.95	
General Relief	947.83	
Overpayments	1,378.27	
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	\$414,518.29	
Balance forward January 1, 1963	\$100,582.43	
Receipts for 1963	414,518.29	
	-----	\$515,100.72

**Payments for 1963**

Warrants	\$449,072.92	
Balance December 31, 1963	66,027.80	
	-----	\$515,100.72

Respectfully submitted,

M. NANCY CARROLL,  
*Treasurer*

I have examined this report and find it correct.

ALLYN W. SMITH, *Auditor*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

### Recapitulation Sheet

Total appropriations to be raised by taxation	\$285,493.32
Total appropriations to be taken from available funds	48,250.00
State Parks and Reservations	647.39
State Examination of Retirement System	2,238.01
Berkshire County Project	932.75
State Assessment System	56.56
County Tax	6,341.88
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	113.79
Overlay of current year	6,008.24
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Gross Amount to be Raised	\$350,081.94

### Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income Tax	\$30,959.24
Corporation Taxes	5,976.90
Reimbursement on publicly owned land	39.66
Old Age Tax (Meals)	1,769.59
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	12,500.00
Charities (other than Federal Grants)	7,300.00
Veterans' Services	16,100.00
School (Funds from Income Tax not included)	14,900.00
Interest	1,200.00
Farm Animal Excise	90.00
Dalton Fire District, Lieu of Taxes	1,500.00
City of Pittsfield, Lieu of Taxes	1,350.00
Veterans' Service	1,500.00
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Total Estimated Receipts	\$ 95,185.39

#### Overestimates of previous year:

County Tax	\$ 226.03
State Recreation Areas	63.69
Berkshire County Project	74.54

#### Amounts voted from available funds:

February 11, 1963 Highway Machinery	1,050.00
February 11, 1963 Free Cash	35,000.00
February 11, 1963 Road Machinery	5,000.00
February 11, 1963 Overlay Reserve	2,500.00
March 5, 1963 Chapter 782	4,700.00
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Total Available Funds \$48,250.00

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds \$143,799.65

Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Polls and Property \$206,282.29

Number of Polls, 452	\$ 904.00
Personal Property Tax	24,685.38
Real Estate Tax	180,692.91
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Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property \$206,282.29



**Table of Aggregates  
of Polls, Property, and Taxes, as Assessed January 1, 1963**

**Number of Persons Assessed**

On Personal Estate Only	6
On Real Estate Only	874
On both Personal and Real Estate	202
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Total Number of Persons Assessed	1082

**Number of Polls Assessed**

452

**Value of Assessed Personal Estate**

Stock in Trade	\$ 11,180.00	
Machinery	22,940.00	
Live Stock	4,250.00	
All Other Tangible Personal Property	245,370.00	
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Total Value of Assessed Personal Property		\$283,740.00

**Value of Assessed Real Estate**

Land exclusive of Buildings	\$ 586,100.00	
Buildings exclusive of Land	1,490,830.00	
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Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		\$2,076,930.00
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Total Valuation of Assessed Estate		\$2,360,670.00

Tax Rate per \$1,000	\$87.00
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**Taxes for State, County, and City or Town Purposes,  
Including Overlay**

On Personal Estate	\$ 24,685.38	
On Real Estate	180,692.91	
On Polls	904.00	
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Total Taxes Assessed		\$206,282.29

**Number of Live Stock Assessed**

	<i>General</i>	<i>Farm Excise</i>
Horses	8	1
Neat Cattle (1 year old, or over)		
Cows	11	62
Bulls-steers	4	1
Swine (6 months old, or over)	5	
Sheep (6 months old, or over)	10	
Fowl	125	650
Goats	17	2
Donkey	1	
Pony	3	
Mink		250

Number of Acres of Land Assessed 13,650

Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed 397

Respectfully submitted,

WILLYS M. BELLINGER

GARRETT F. COLLINS

RALPH B. MARSHALL

*Board of Assessors*

January 14, 1964

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

I have inspected, tested, and sealed all measuring devices known to be used for the sale of commodities in the Town of Hinsdale, as required by law.

PAUL A. MEYERS,  
*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF CATTLE & SLAUGHTERING

To the Town of Hinsdale:

I have inspected and found the following Cattle:

Milk Cows, Heifers, 2 years old or older	70
Heifers, 1 or 2 years of age	31
Heifers, under 1 year	47
Purebred Cattle	4
Bulls	6
Beef cattle, oxen	40
Horses	10
Goats	8
Sheep	11
Swine	12
Donkey	1

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN C. DROSEHN,  
*Inspector*

## REPORT OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During the early part of this year our commission contacted the Selectmen in order to enlist their aid and advice in securing a plot within the Town limits for the purpose of starting a tree nursery. Such an area, to the rear of the Town maintenance buildings, was found, and its use granted to the Conservation Commission. During the early spring a number of trees, including maples, ash, and oak, were planted in this location by members of the Commission. These trees, when well rooted and when growth has been established, will be available to the residents of Hinsdale for "tree line planting," to replace trees which have been removed owing to disease, age, or other reasons.

As of the end of December, 1963, no action had yet been taken to turn over the authority of Plunkett Reservoir to this commission, as was voted on at the Annual Town Meeting of February, 1963.

The states of Massachusetts and Connecticut have stressed the necessity for anti-pollution measures in the streams of these states. Other agencies have also been organized to work on the problems involved in this project. Because of national, sectional, and local interest in this area, and because of this problem existing within our Town, the Conservation Commission has begun a study of our particular involvements relative to the entire picture. This study, and recommendations will be presented the Board of Selectmen at the conclusion of our project.

Our committee is looking for a site which would lend itself to a rest area for motorists and tourists. Several locations are presently being considered. The findings and recommendations of the commission will be made public when the survey is complete.

Respectfully submitted,

ROWLAND B. ARMACOST, *Chairman*  
DAVID HUBBARD, *Secretary*  
ROY BARNES, JR.  
RICHARD B. GREB, SR.  
KENNETH KIRCHNER  
WILLIAM LITCHFIELD  
JOHN PHELPS

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

AND

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE TOWN OF

## HINSDALE

MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1963

**REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE****For the Year Ending December 31, 1963****SCHOOL COMMITTEE**Frederick E. Gage, *Chairman*

John R. Naughton

James R. Baumann

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Earl C. Suitor

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Total Budget for 1963	\$105,259.00
Public Law No. 874 available	5,540.00
Appropriation	99,719.00

**EXPENDITURES****General Control:**

Superintendent's Salary and Expenses	\$4,534.32	
Secretary	2,323.75	
School Committee	88.00	
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Total for General Control		\$6,946.07

**Expenses for Instruction:**

Teachers' Salaries	\$65,970.82	
Textbooks	808.86	
Instructional Supplies	1,607.18	
Library	230.45	
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Total for Instruction		68,617.31

**Expenses of Operation:**

Janitor—F. Baumann	\$4,510.77	
Janitor—S. Parker	1,073.75	
Janitor—J. Munn	80.50	
Fuel	3,020.82	
Lights, Power and Telephone	1,541.42	
Supplies	456.63	
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Total for Operation of Building		10,683.89

**Auxiliary Agencies:**

Health—Nurse	\$1,510.25
Doctor	300.00
Supplies	31.19

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Total	\$1,841.44
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Transportation	10,922.68
Tuition: Vocational	1,422.00
Attendance Officer	100.00

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Total for Auxiliary Agencies	\$14,236.12
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**Repairs:**

Heating	\$338.89
Others	132.51

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Total for Repairs	\$471.40
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**New Equipment:**

Physical Education Equipment Besse-Clarke Co.	\$293.41
Musical Instruments-Chalero Music Company	70.00
Tractor Mowing equipment, McGovern Company	729.50

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Total for New Equipment	1,092.91
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**All Others:**

Rubbish Removal	\$200.00
Advertisement—Milk bids	5.91

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Total for All Others	205.91
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Total Expenditures	\$102,303.61
Public Law No. 874	2,584.61

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School Appropriation	\$99,719.00
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**NET COST TO THE TOWN OF HINSDALE**  
**For the Support of Schools for the Year 1963**

Expenditures		\$102,303.61
Reimbursement to the General Fund from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.		
Receipts:		
Public Law No. 874	\$ 2,584.61	
State Aid—Chapter 70	25,420.39	
Union Supt. Salary and Expenses	1,473.46	
All School transportation	8,491.16	
Tuition and Transportation—Vocational	796.54	
State Wards	102.70	
Special Class	3,602.99	
Tuition—Peru	2,541.33	
Total Receipts		\$45,013.18
Net Cost to the Town of Hinsdale for the year 1963		\$57,290.43
Regional Operating Costs		60,357.51
Net Cost for the Operation of Schools for the Year 1963		\$117,647.94
Regional Capital Costs		19,788.97
Total		\$137,436.91



**BUDGET FOR 1964**

Teachers	\$72,665.00
Supplies	1,500.00
Textbooks	1,000.00
Janitors	6,214.00
Fuel	3,800.00
Lights, etc.	1,600.00
Repairs	1,000.00
Library	400.00
Health	1,850.00
Transportation	11,643.00
Tuition—Vocational	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Operating Expenses	600.00
School Committee	50.00
Superintendent's Salary and Expenses	4,900.00
New Equipment	1,000.00
All Others	2,745.00
Shop and Homemaking	2,000.00
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Total Budget for 1964	\$113,967.00
Public Law No. 874	6,834.39
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Appropriation	\$107,132.61

## Estimated Net Cost for 1964

Budget		\$113,967.00
Estimated reimbursements:		
Chapter 70—State Aid	\$25,400.00	
Superintendent's Salary and Expenses	2,673.00	
Transportation	8,500.00	
Vocational Tuition and Transportation	700.00	
Special Class	3,950.00	
State Wards	100.00	
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Estimated reimbursements from		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		\$41,323.00
Peru Tuition	\$4,938.00	
Public Law No. 874	6,834.00	
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Total		\$11,772.00
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Net Cost for the year 1964		\$60,872.00
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Regional Operating Costs for 1964	\$67,522.09	
Regional Capital Costs for 1964	19,128.97	
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		\$86,651.06
Estimated net cost for schools for the Town of		
Hinsdale for 1964		\$147,523.06

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK GAGE, *Chairman*  
 JOHN R. NAUGHTON  
 JAMES R. BAUMANN  
 EARL C. SUTOR, *Superintendent*

**Enrollment—October 1, 1963**

Kittredge School—Grade 1	44
Grade 2	34
Grade 3	25
Grade 4	29
Grade 5	25
Grade 6	28
Grade 7	34 (including 6 from Peru)
Grade 8	31 (including 6 from Peru)
Special Class	12
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Kittredge School Total	262
St. Joseph High School	15
St. Agnes Elementary	9
Wahconah Regional	109
Pittsfield Vocational	2
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Total Enrollment	397

**Kittredge School—Class of 1963**

Michael Chilson	Pamela Barnes
Harvey Drosehn	Patricia Basiliere
Gregory Duprea	Nancy Bishop
Terrence Fox	Carol Brooks
Paul Fuller	Maryhelen Butler
Michael Galeucia	Lynn Fillio
Edward Goddard	Susan Fletcher
Steven Landry	Sally Gokey
Kenneth Peters	Joyce Hopkins
Christopher Powell	Linda Mitchell
James Rock	Marion Orpin
David Swail	Dawn Sanderson
John Warren	Emily Stucklen
	Kathleen Tench

**Wahconah Regional High**

Eva Adams	Carol Marshal
Patricia Allen	Richard Martin
Susan Armacost	Elsie Murray
Douglas Carver	John Musgrove
Linda Fancher	Mary Threse Pelkey
Sandra Fuller	George Reese
Roberta Galok	Thomas Schnopp
Judith Kemp	David Wallin
Hilda Landa	

**St. Joseph's High School**

Constance Croteau

David Martin

Alton Nichols

**Pittsfield Vocational**

Donald Alderman

**St. Agnes Elementary School**

Betteanne Baumann

Philip Peeples

**Calendar—1963-1964**

		<i>Days</i>
September	School begins September 4	19
October	No school October 25—Teachers' Convention	22
November	No school November 11—Veterans' Day No school November 28-29—Thanksgiving	18
December	No school December 23-31, Christmas	15
January	No school January 1—New Year's	22
February	No school February 24-28—Winter Vacation	15
March	No school March 27—Good Friday	21
April	No school April 20-24, Spring Vacation	17
May		21
June	School closes June 19	14
Total		<hr/> 184

Plan to have 180 days—closing on June 12 if no lost days.

**School Entrance Age:**

Pupils must be six years of age December 31st.

**Working Certificates:**

Any employment, either part time or full time, of minors 14 to 16 years of age, requires authorization by permit.

An educational certificate is required in connection with either the full time or part time employment of minors between 16 and 18 years of age in a factory, workshop, manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment, barber shop, workshop or in construction or repair of buildings, a bootblack stand or establishment, or by an express or transportation company. There are some prohibited employment for minors under 18.

These permits may be obtained at the School Office.

**No School:**

"No school" will be announced over Station WBRK from 7 a. m. to 7:30 a. m. The siren will blow five times at 7:30 a. m.

**KITTREDGE SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

Mr. Earl C. Sutor, *Superintendent*  
Mrs. Josephine Collins, *Secretary*

Mrs. Nancy Goerlach, *School Nurse*  
Dr. Hans Rasch, *School Physician*

Mr. Frank Baumann, *Janitor*  
Mr. Sam Parker, *Assistant Janitor*

Mrs. Harriet Fraley, *Cafeteria*  
Mrs. Margaret Smith, *Cafeteria*

**Teachers**

Mr. Cornelius Sharron, *Principal*  
Mrs. Stella Wilkie

Mr. Thomas Murray  
Mrs. Marguerite Curtin  
Mrs. Violet Mieg

Mrs. Frances Prew  
Mrs. Mary Poopor  
Miss Agnes Naughton  
Mrs. Anna Kirchner  
Mrs. Isabelle Butler  
Mrs. Mabel Leemhuis

Mrs. Grace Craig, *Psychologist*  
Mrs. Avery Spencer, *Art*  
Mr. John Roberts, *Instrumental Music*  
Mrs. Helen Wheeler, *Music*  
Mrs. Margaret Donnelly, *Handwriting*  
Mrs. Arthur Phinney, *Nature*

## School Lunch Report

Total number of lunches served		26,768
Total number of milks		59,374
Balance January 1, 1963	\$1,826.60	
Reimbursements received	3,505.83	
Cash—children's lunches and milk	5,916.23	
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Total Receipts		\$11,248.66
Expenditures		
Food	\$4,026.28	
Milk	3,562.44	
Transportation	52.82	
Commodities	26.50	
Lunchroom supplies	190.64	
Tables	230.76	
Labor	120.00	
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Total Expenditures		8,209.44
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Balance—December 31, 1963		\$3,039.22

## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The school budget for operating and maintaining Kittredge School for the year 1964 shows an approximate 8% increase over last year's school budget. The largest portion of this increase results from teacher salary increases, up \$5,131 over last year. The remaining portion is made up of operational cost increases; expansion of the physical education program to include baseball, up \$300 over last year; the addition of \$750 for a new class in speech therapy; and the addition of \$2,000 for the formulation of new programs in the fundamentals of shop and home economics.

Expenditures for teacher salaries have rapidly increased over the past few years. Within the past five years the average yearly salary increase for our full-time Kittredge teachers has been approximately \$440 per year. It seems that the rapid rate of rise in teacher salaries that we have been experiencing in recent years has, for the most part, been an adjustment made for the lean years that the teaching profession experienced during and directly following World War II. Hinsdale's prior salary schedule, which was in effect in 1963, has recently been superseded by the following new salary schedule, effective September, 1964.

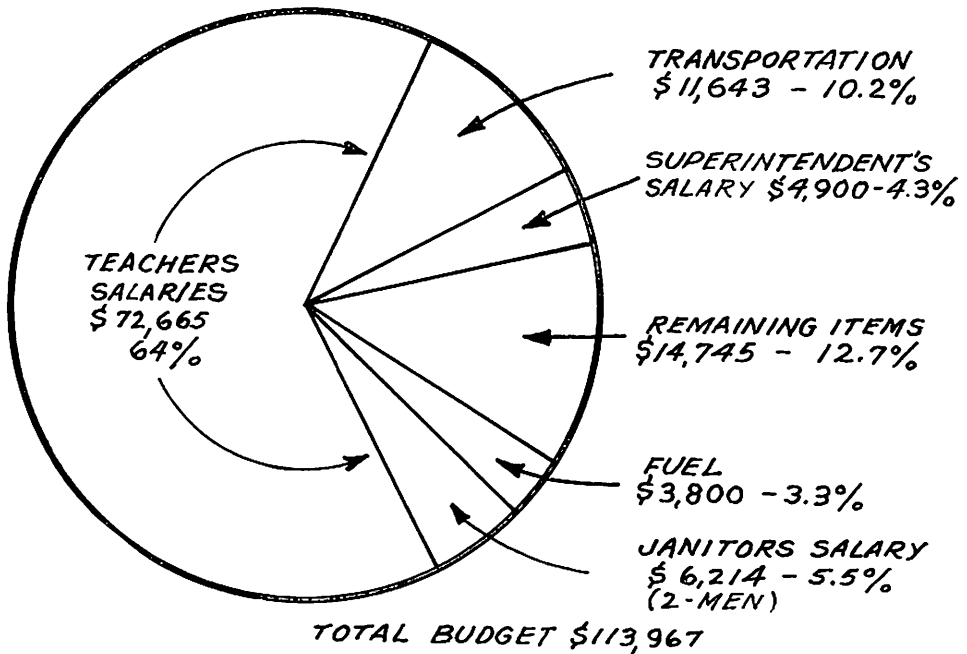
<i>Step Level</i>	<i>B.S. Degree or Equivalent</i>	<i>Master Degree or Equivalent</i>
0	\$4800	\$5300
1	5000	5500
2	5200	5700
3	5400	5900
4	5600	6100
5	5800	6300
6	6000	6500
7	6200	6700
8	6400	6900
9	6600	7100
10	6800	7300

Under the 1963 schedule, most teachers received a \$200 salary increase January 1st of each year and an additional \$200 increment in September of each year. The new schedule allows for only the \$200 September increment. It is the committee's opinion that the new schedule is superior to the old in that it will not commit future Hinsdale school committees to future salary increases beyond the scope of the \$200 annual increments. The \$200 annual increment is automatically given to those teachers who take four semester hours of study in any three-year period.

Expanding school budgets are a problem in most communities and this problem is magnified in Hinsdale, without the taxation assistance that industry provides. Our taxpayers are falling further and further into an economic squeeze in

their efforts to keep property taxation within reason and, at the same time, trying to keep our educational standards up. This squeeze is aggravated by the fact that school budgets have been increasing at a rate of approximately 10% per year while the taxpayer's income is only increasing at approximately 3% per year. School budgets in excess to the 3% figure, without additional state aid, places a heavy burden on the property owner, especially if this condition continues for a long period of time. It is hopeful that future school budgets can be kept to a 5% increase per year.

The following chart shows how this year's school budget is to be spent.



The following chart shows the predicted pupil enrollment for the next five years. The significance of this chart indicates that in 1967 we will probably need an additional classroom. One solution which would postpone the need for additional class space in Kittredge School would be if the region were to be expanded to include the 7th and 8th grades. All indications in the region show that the region's pupil population increase will cause regional expansion in 1967 also, and if it were decided to expand the region in 1967 into a regional junior high



school made up of grades 7-8-9; it would, therefore, leave two classrooms available in Kittredge and would alleviate the need for local school expansion at that time.

	Year					
	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Grade 1, Number of Pupils	35	36	39	39	48	42
Grade 2, Number of Pupils	38	43	36	39	39	48
Grade 3, Number of Pupils	35	25	43	36	39	39
Grade 4, Number of Pupils	27	30	25	43	36	39
Grade 5, Number of Pupils	31	26	30	25	43	36
Grade 6, Number of Pupils	31	30	26	30	25	43
Grade 7, Number of Pupils	27	34	30	26	30	25
Grade 8, Number of Pupils	36	34	34	30	26	30
Totals	260	258	263	269	286	302

My preliminary thoughts regarding the expansion of the region to include grades seven and eight is that I feel it would be a wise move both educationally and financially. While serving for two years on the regional committee, I have been extremely impressed with the administration and the very efficient manner in which the school committee's business is presented and handled by the regional superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK E. GAGE,  
*Chairman, Hinsdale School Committee*

## REPORT OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Earl C. Suitor  
Superintendent of Schools  
Hinsdale, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Suitor:

May I take the first paragraph of this report to publicly thank you, the members of the school committee, and the staff of Kittredge School for your help and cooperation during my first four months as principal.

The ungraded primary unit, a change initiated last year, appears to be working well within all levels although little statistical evidence has yet been accumulated to bear this out. The primary teachers are diligent in their labors, and all agree that this system has proven its worth beyond their previous expectations.

A program of modern mathematics has been introduced into the seventh and eighth grades on a class basis and will be introduced in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades soon on an individual basis.

The modern approach to mathematics is taking hold in many of the school systems of the country not only for its newness but because of its logical approach to problems solving and development of mathematical concepts.

So as not to be left behind, all of our teachers are currently studying an in service program developed by Science Research Associates so that they will be equipped to handle a modern approach if it is decided upon by the administration.

Since the first orbit of the satellite, Sputnik I, a great deal has been accomplished in the field of science in the colleges throughout the country. This in turn has filtered down to the high schools and to the elementary schools with the net result being a greater emphasis on scientific study at all levels. Much of the material formerly taught in the high school is now being taught in the grades. When we replace our science books with the new editions, we will perhaps be forced to overhaul, replace, or add to our science laboratory materials. This need not be done at once, but perhaps over a period of a few years. If the Central Berkshire Regional School District hires a consultant as is currently planned, her advice should be secured in this matter.

I continue to foresee improvements in the curriculum, and hope for a banner year in 1964.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELUIS F. SHARRON,  
*Principal*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Hinsdale:

This is the nineteenth annual report which I have submitted as Superintendent of this School Union.

In reviewing previous reports, I am impressed by the continuing aspect of the school work; continuing fine work by the faculty as evidenced by the above average of achievement shown by the standard test results; continuing in service study by the teachers; continuing and overlapping of the newer programs as they have proven successful; continuing fine programs such as the Music Festival, Christmas program, March of Dimes Variety Show, etc.; continuing the good, whether old or new, with a continuing search for better ways and means to achieve excellence in the variety of facets of educational needs.

The ungraded primary unit, which was inaugurated this year, has been only a slight deviation from past practice. The main improvement has been the emphasis on continued progress with no repeating of a grade. New report cards were developed to go with this policy. This plan can be modified as the need becomes evident. I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation of the parents in this program. This plan as well as any other plan benefits by working together.

All of the teachers are taking part in an in-service program which will bring out the philosophy and vocabulary of the "New Math." With this background we will be better able to decide how far we should go with the "New Math." Mr. Sharron studied the new math program last summer and will lead this workshop type of study.

Six of our teachers took a course last summer in Guidance and Counseling. Two other teachers attended a workshop on the Science Research Reading Laboratories. The superintendent attended the New England Administrators Institute at Radcliffe College and the summer conference on Educational Administration at the Harvard Business School. The meetings of the American Association of School Administrators and the New England and Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents are really in service training sessions. It is in this manner that we keep in touch with what is going on.

There has been a continuing effort to correlate the elementary program with the regional high school. The textbooks in Math, English and Science have been selected to lead to the work done at the high school. As new texts are needed, the elementary schools are selecting common texts. The guidance people from the high school work closely with our teachers in helping the pupils select courses. The summer recreational program is presented by the regional athletic director for the younger pupils. If all goes as planned, there will be a science supervisor employed by the region who will supervise all science from grades 1-12.

The School Committee accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. Hoel Parker. Mr. Parker left to study full time for his doctorate. Mr. Thomas Murray did a creditable job while he was acting-principal for the rest of the school year. We were fortunate in having Mr. Ronald Dunham, who came to teach math and science during this time. Mr. Cornelius Sharron came to us in September as Principal and teacher of math and science. We welcome him and his family to Hinsdale. I am sure that he is going to be a success in this position. He has made a fine start and has the confidence and respect of all of us.

The School Committee chose to have the school nurse at the school for the morning session. As Mrs. Morgan was employed at the Regional School in the morning, a new nurse had to be engaged. Mrs. A. Goerlach was employed and is doing a conscientious job.

The Regional Committee wished to have the full time services of Mr. John Roberts, our music supervisor, but made it possible for us to have him direct our instrumental program one-half day a week. Mrs. Helen Wheeler is our new supervisor of vocal music and we are happy with her work.

### Financial

The total expenditure for 1963 was a little more than \$2500.00 less than budgeted. This was possible chiefly by the change in teachers, especially the lower rate for the acting principal. Other savings were realized even though we did spend more for textbooks and instructional supplies than had been planned.

The total budget for 1964 is \$113,967.00. This is an increase of \$8,708 (about 8%) over the budget for 1963. However, this is offset by an increase in anticipated reimbursements so that the estimated net cost for 1964 would be \$3,582.00 more than the net cost for 1963.

A new teachers' salary schedule has been adopted. The previous minimum was \$4,500.00 as set by the state. The minimum in September will be \$4,800.00. Many schools in this area have a minimum of \$4,900.00. Our schedule has ten annual steps of \$200.00 each. There is differential of \$500.00 at each step for the Master's Degree or equivalent. Provisions have been made for a part-time speech teacher if we can obtain one. This will be of great value to youngsters with a speech problem. Textbooks and instructional supplies are essential for good teaching. The amounts included for these items is realistic. This is the year, which comes once in four or five years, when an additional load of fuel will be required and this accounts for the rise in this item. A modest sum is included for library even though it is double that of last year. We hope to do more with the school library. The high school tuition item is for vocational school tuition. The increase for the superintendent's salary was required because of a raise in the required minimum as established by state legislature. This was favorably offset by increasing the reimbursement. The raise in reimbursement is three times as much as the raise in salary. It was pointed out last year that Hinsdale's share is 40% of the

salary and expenses of the Union superintendent. If number of pupils, or number of teachers were used as the apportionment basis, Hinsdale's share would be 65%. It is lower because of the fact that the office is in Hinsdale and other expenses counterbalance. The three votes per town on the Union Committee is established by state law.

The school lunch program is growing. Additional tables and benches have been ordered. An adult to wash the dishes, has been engaged and is paid from this program.

We wish to thank the Berkshire Square Dance Club for the basketball uniforms and the additional reading and spelling laboratories which they gave to the school this year. This group takes good care of the school facilities which they use.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all who have contributed to the successful operation of the Hinsdale School. We are looking forward to another year—continually trying to improve on past efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL C. SUITOR,  
*Superintendent of Schools*

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Earl Sutor  
Superintendent of Schools  
Hinsdale, Massachusetts  
Dear Mr. Sutor:

### Health Report of Kittredge School

A criteria for a good health program would seem as follows;

To promote a foundation of good health habits in our children, thus providing a stable and inquisitive mind and physically healthy body ready to accept the challenges offered in today's education.

Physical examinations have been completed on all children new to the school; all children in 1st, 4th, and 7th, grades; and all children participating in school sports. The parents were given their choice of having their own family physician or our own school physician Dr. Hans Rasch give the examination.

As of this January date, our children have been free from the common childhood diseases of measles, mumps, and chicken pox. There have been frequent colds and digestive upsets among all the grades. Reports are made on all prolonged absences and home visits have been made to investigate frequent absenteeism. These efforts have proved worthwhile.

Parents have cooperated in calling for their children who have been injured or taken ill during school and have readily taken suggestions offered by both myself and Dr. Rasch.

The Massachusetts visual screening tests are presently being completed and the audio testing will begin shortly. Reports of last year's testing have been sent to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Arrangements again will be made with Mrs. Elizabeth M. Watt to conduct a dental survey. This will probably be done in the spring.

There have been several conferences with our school psychologist, Mrs. Craig about the children in special class and several home visits have been made concerning the general health of these children.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health gave a series of four lectures in Pittsfield dealing with the care of the chronically ill. These were very informative and up to date. The Red Cross offered a standard First Aid course and just recently I renewed my classes in this course.

In completion of this report, I wish to thank the School Committee, Mr. Sutor, all the teachers and the parents for their cooperation and helpful suggestions. A personal thank you goes to Iris Morgan, R.N. for her willingness to share her knowledge of some problems unforeseen by me in this my first year as school nurse. A very special THANK YOU to all of the school children, for without them there would be no need of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY R. GOERLACH, R.N.

*School Nurse*

## BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF HINSDALE

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Article 1. All town meetings shall be notified by the officer or other person to whom the warrant thereof shall be directed, by posting attested copies of the warrant in three public places within the Town, one of which may be the Post Office, and the others may be stores in the village.

Article 2. The Selectmen at every annual town meeting for the choice of town officers, shall make a full report of their proceedings relative to the municipal affairs of the town, and present a statement of the financial concerns of the town, with an estimate of the sums of money necessary to be raised for the ensuing year.

Article 3. The Selectmen shall cause their own report of the town together with the reports of the Treasurer, School Committee, Road Commissioner, Collector of Taxes, and Auditing Committee, the By-Laws of the town (except the truant By-Laws), and the Articles contained in the Warrant for the annual town meeting for the choice of town officers, to be printed and bound together in a convenient form and a sufficient number for the use of voters of the town, and shall provide for the free distribution of the same at least five days before the annual town meeting for the choice of town officers; and the officers above named shall prepare their reports and present them to the Selectmen in season for publication as required above.

Article 4. The Assessors shall complete the assessment of taxes and commit the same, with their warrant, to the Collector, on or before the first day of July in each year; provided the Collector shall have given a bond as required by law.

Article 5. If the Collector shall be unable to collect taxes, assessed after full exercise of the powers conferred upon him as Collector, he shall report the same to the Assessors, with his request for an abatement before the first annual town meeting for the choice of town officers following his election.

Article 6. The Assessors shall annually recommend to the town at the annual town meeting for the choice of town officers such taxes as they may determine ought to be abated which the Collector has reported to them as uncollectible. In no case shall the Assessors abate a tax unless it shall be found by them to have been wrongfully or erroneously assessed.

Article 7. The Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer each week after he shall have received his tax list and warrant, all moneys by him collected; he shall collect and pay to the Town Treasurer, including payment on County and State Taxes, one-half the amount committed to him, within four months from the time of such commitment, or by the first of November, and the residue by the first day of March following, excepting such sums as from his inability to collect the

Assessor shall propose to report to the town for abatement, and excepting such discounts as may have been allowed in accordance with a vote of the town. He shall give a bond, with good and sufficient sureties for the faithful discharge of his duties; which bond shall embrace the conditions mentioned above, and shall be for such amounts as the Selectmen may require, and shall be approved in writing by the Selectmen.

Article 8. The Treasurer shall pay no money whatever, except upon the order of a majority of the Selectmen (except such payments as he may be by law required to make to the State and County treasurers). He shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and payments, and exhibit the same, with vouchers, to the Auditing Committee, or the Selectmen, when requested to do so, and shall annually, at the annual town meeting for the choice of town officers, make a full and detailed report. He shall give a bond, with good and sufficient sureties, for the faithful discharge of his duties, for such amount as the Selectmen may require. and said bond shall be approved in writing by the Selectmen.

Article 9. The town may choose, at its annual meeting for the choice of town officers, an Auditing Committee of three, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and Collector, and in case such committee is not chosen by the town, the Selectmen shall act as Auditing Committee. Said Auditing Committee shall report to the town at its annual meeting for the choice of town officers following its election.

Article 10. No person who is a Selectman or Assessor, shall at the same time hold the office of Treasurer, or Collector of Taxes.

Article 11. All National, State, County and District officers required to be elected at the annual election in November shall be voted for on one ballot.

Article 12. In all meetings for the choice of town officers, all such officers as are required by law to be elected by ballot (except the Moderator of the meeting, and Collector of Taxes) shall be voted for on one ballot.

Article 13. No person shall be allowed to pasture cattle or other animals upon any streets or highways in town, either with or without a keeper, provided that this By-Law shall not affect the right of a person to use the land within the limits of such way, adjoining his own land.

Article 14. No person shall course, coast, or slide, in, across, or along, any of the streets or highways in town, upon any sled, board or otherwise, or snowball in any place prohibited by the Selectmen.



Article 15. Three, or more persons shall not stand together, or near each other in any street or highway in town in such manner as to obstruct free passage therein; nor be, or remain upon, any sidewalk, street, corner, doorstep, or portico, nor in any church, meeting house, or public hall, or entrance, to the annoyance of the public.

Article 16. It shall be the duty of any sheriff, constable, policeman or watchman, having jurisdiction in the town, to order any persons offending against the provisions of the preceding section, to "move on," and if said order is not forthwith obeyed, to arrest the person or persons offending.

Article 17. Any person violating the provisions of Article 13, 14, 15 or 16, of these By-Laws, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten dollars (\$10.00), to be recovered to the use of the town, as by law provided.

Article 18. The number of constables to be annually chosen shall be four.

Article 19. The By-Laws of the town shall be altered at an annual town meeting for the choice of town officers and notice of any proposed alteration shall be given in the Warrant calling said meeting.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire, SS.

Superior Court (In vacation after June Term A.D. 1881).

The foregoing By-Laws are approved.

JULIUS ROCKWELL, Justice to the Superior Court.

Lenox, August 28, A.D. 1881.