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# Town of Hinsdale, Massachusetts



# Annual Report 2000

# **Directory of Town Services**

| <b>Department</b> Administrative Assistant    | Phone<br>655-2245              | Address<br>39 South Street          | Hours/Meeting Times<br>MonFri. 8:30am-2:30pm<br>Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm                            |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Ambulance                                     | 911                            |                                     |  |
| Animal Control/Dog Officer                    | 684-0500                       | 39 South Street                     |  |
| Assessors                                     | 655-2300                       | 39 South Street                     | Mon., Tues., Thurs. 8am-2pm,<br>Wed. 1-8pm   |
| Board of Health                               | 655-2311                       | PO Box 1082<br>39 South Street      | Meets on 4th Tuesday of Month, 7pm<br>Open 2nd & 4th Wed.<br>7:00-8:00pm for consultation        |
| Board of Selectmen                            | 655-2245                       | 39 South Street                     | Meets on alternating Wednesdays,<br>7pm, Open for discussion at 7:30pm                           |
| <b>Building Inspector</b>                     | 655-2309                       | 39 South Street                     | Tuesday 4-6pm  |
| Capital Improvement<br>Planning Committee     | 655-2245                       | 39 South Street                     | 4th Monday of Month, 7:00pm  |
| Cemetery Commission                           | 655-2313                       | 39 South Street                     |  |
| Central Berkshire Regional<br>School District | 683-0320                       | PO Box 299<br>Dalton, 01227         |  |
| Conservation Commission                       | 655-2312                       | 39 South Street                     | 2nd Tuesday of Month, 7:00pm   |
| Council on Aging                              | 655-2310                       | PO Box 821<br>39 South Street       | Serves lunch Wednesday & Friday<br>Meets on 1st Tuesday of Month, 5:30pm                         |
| Emergency Management                          | Emergency 911<br>Bus. 655-8689 | 39 South Street<br>520 Creamery Rd. |  |
| Finance Committee                             |                                | 39 South Street                     | 1st Thursday of Month, 7:00pm  |
| Fire Department                               | Emergency 911<br>Bus. 655-2533 | PO Box 442<br>134 Maple Street      | 1st and 3rd Tuesday of Month, 8pm<br>@ Fire Station  |
| Highway Department                            | 655-2304                       | PO Box 472                          |  |
| Hinsdale Public Library                       | 655-2303                       | PO Box 397<br>58 Maple Street       | Mon. 9am-noon, Tues. 2-5pm,<br>Wed. 5-8 pm, Thurs. 5-8pm,<br>Fri. 2-5pm, Sat. 9am-noon           |
| Kittredge Elementary<br>School                | 655-2525                       | 80 Maple Street                     |  |
| Lake Management Committee                     | 655-2985                       | PO Box 657                          | 3rd Monday of Month, 7:00 pm<br>@ Kittredge School   |
| Planning Board                                |                                | 39 South Street                     | 2nd Tuesday of Month, 6:30pm   |
| Police Department                             | Emergency 911<br>Bus. 655-0201 | PO Box 463<br>39 South Street       | Wednesday, 6:00pm  |
| Sewer/Water<br>Administrator                  | 655-2307                       | PO Box 65<br>39 South Street        | MonWed., 8am-noon,<br>Wednesday, 6:30pm-8pm  |
| Town Clerk                                    | 655-2301                       | PO Box 803<br>39 South Street       | Wed. 6:30pm-8pm  |
| Transfer Station                              | 655-2305                       | 106 Plunkett<br>Reservoir Road      | Tues. 3-7pm, Thurs. 2-6pm,<br>Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 11am-3pm  |
| Treasurer/Tax Collector                       | 655-2306                       | 39 South Street                     | Mon, Tues, & Thurs. 9am-2pm,<br>Wed. noon-6pm  |
| Veterans' Agent                               | 655-8110                       | PO Box 490                          | -  |
| Youth Center                                  | 655-2302                       | 95 Maple Street                     | 1st Monday in October to 1st week in<br>April, Mon-Thurs 2:45-8pm,<br>Fri. 2:45-9pm, Sat 9am-4pm |
| Zoning Board of Appeals                       | 655-2626                       | PO Box 404                          | Meets as needed  |

# ANNUAL REPORTS

of the
Officers, Committees and
Public Library
of the

# TOWN OF HINSDALE

**MASSACHUSETTS** 



For the Year Ending DECEMBER 31, 2000

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### **Elected Town Officials**

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 year term)**

| Raymond R.Bolduc, Member | Term Expires 2003 |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| David E. Quail, Member   | Term Expires 2001 |  |  |  |
| Bruce A. Marshall, Chair | Term Expires 2002 |  |  |  |
| ACCECCOPE (2 moon form)  |                   |  |  |  |

#### ASSESSORS (3 year term)

| Laura E. Galliher, Chair               | Term Expires 2003 |
|--|-------------------|
| Shane Peaslee (appointed until 5/2001) | Term Expires 2001 |
| David L. Kowalczyk                     | Term Expires 2002 |

#### CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES (4 year term)

| Richard A. French | Term Expires 2004 |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Brian Kardasen    | Term Expires 2002 |

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 year term)

| Shaun Galliher                       | Term Expires 2003 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Chris Pike                           | Term Expires 2003 |
| Open                                 | Term Expires 2003 |
| Peter Samsel, Chair                  | Term Expires 2001 |
| Harold Hotchkiss                     | Term Expires 2001 |
| Dean Smith                           | Term Expires 2001 |
| Dave Morton (appointed until 5/2001) | Term Expires 2002 |
| Dianne Haber                         | Term Expires 2002 |
| Nelson Galeucia                      | Term Expires 2002 |

#### MODERATOR (3 year term)

| Richard J. Marran | rm Ex | pires | 2003 |
|-------------------|-------|-------|------|
|-------------------|-------|-------|------|

#### PLANNING BOARD (5 year term)

| Morgan Davis, Chair                                     | Term Expires 2005 |
|---|-------------------|
| Michael Viner   | Term Expires 2001 |
| Richard Roussin (delegate to Berk. Reg. Planning Comm.) | Term Expires 2002 |
| Rosemary Morton (appointed until 5/2001)                | Term Expires 2003 |
| Andrea Feldman (appointed until 5/2001)                 | Term Expires 2004 |

#### TOWN CLERK (3 year term)

Dawn Frissell Term Expires 2002

#### TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR (3 year term)

Pauline Wheeler Term Expires 2003

#### TREE WARDEN (3 year term)

Richard Quail, Sr. Term Expires 2001

### **Appointed Officials**

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Monica J. Montferret

#### ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

John Donnelly

## ASSISTANT TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Monica J. Montferret

#### ASSESSORS' ASSISTANT

**Dusty Haas** 

#### BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

Jeanne Carmel

## BERK. REG. PLANNING COMMISSION ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Richard Roussin

#### BOARD OF HEALTH

Ed Goddard, Chair & Secretary Ken Boudreau Open

#### **BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Dawn Frissell, Chair Holly Adams Mary Lou Galliher Katherine Kirchner

#### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Richard Haupt

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chris Montferret, Chair Shaun Galliher, Secretary Dianne Haber Richard Roussin

#### **CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Jan Flanagan, Secretary Harold Hotchkiss Judy Huntoon

#### COMMUNITY DAY COMMITTEE

Gloria Greb, Chair Barbara Genzabella John Genzabella

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Lynne Roberson, Chair Edward M. Frederick Don E. Madison Rosemary Morton

#### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Martha Freshler, Chair Dionisia Casey, Vice Chair Cathy Selva

#### HINSDALE/PERU CULTURAL COUNCIL

Colleen Lussier, Chair
Katie Boucher
Barbara Genzabella
Gloria Greb
Karen Grierson (until 1/2001)
Geraldine Higgins
Deb Hopmans (until 1/2001)
Colleen Marshall

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Raymond Bolduc, Director Brian Miner, Deputy Director Donald Coleman, Communication Officer Shaun Galliher, Public Affairs Officer Geraldine Drumm Laura Galliher Judy Miner

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEFS

Larry E. Turner, Chief Ralph Cormier, 1st Asst. Chief David Olds, 2nd Asst. Chief

#### FIRE DEPT. BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Frank Avalle
Dan Olds
Dave Olds
Doug Olds
Adrian Proctor
Deborah Pupo
Steve Forward

#### FOREST WARDEN

Larry Turner

#### **GARDEN CLUB**

Barb Genzabella Gloria Greb Dianne Haber Lynne Roberson Betty Rood Jeanne Stritch Marion Tinney Diane Wilson

#### GAS INSPECTOR

Steve Flood William Zeitler, Assistant

#### **HEALTH INSPECTOR**

(Appointed by Board of Health)
William Goddard

#### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mary Rice, Chair Katherine Kirchner Doris Olds Judy Quail

#### LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

John Eagar, Chair Steve Dudziak Paul D. Francese Peter Frissell Monica J. Montferret Carol W. Rodman Wayne Walton

#### LIBRARIAN

Laurie Vilord

#### LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Peter White James Martin Harold Hotchkiss

#### MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Richard Quail, Sr.

### NORTHERN BERK. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REP.

Open

#### PLUMBING INSPECTOR

(Appointed by Building Inspector)
Bill Zeitler

#### POLICE CHIEF

Mark A. Green

#### POLICE OFFICERS

Eric Autenreith Bryan Cloutier Thomas Dawley II Robert M. Levardi, Sr. Richard Murdock Heather Nicholas, Sgt. Michael Perkins Christopher Powell, Lt. Gabrielle Taglieri

#### POLICEMAN, SPECIAL

Richard Quail, Sr.

#### RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Charles DeAngelus

#### ROADS SUPERINTENDENT

Patrick E. Galliher

#### SEWER AND WATER ADMINISTRATOR

Fran Flanagan

#### TOWN CLERK'S ASSISTANT

Mary Lou Galliher

#### **VETERANS AGENT**

Philip Collins

#### WAR MEMORIAL CURATOR

Richard Eastland

#### WIRING INSPECTOR

Scott Smith

John Broderick, Assistant

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

John Goddard, Chair Nancy Paquin Colleen Marshall Meredith A. Read, Alternate

### **Board of Selectmen's Report**

The fiscal year 1999-2000 has been again another busy year not only for the Selectmen but all other town boards.

This fiscal year has brought about Phase III sewer completion for Ashmere Lake and Plunkett Reservoir. This is not only an asset to the lakes for non-point pollution but also for the increased property values to homeowners. This project was a long time overdue. Both Plunkett Reservoir and Ashmere Lake, with the help of the Lake Management Committee, received grants and town funds to provide herbicide treatment for weed control. It is important to keep our lakes alive and thriving with activity.

The downtown Community Block Grant is still moving along. The winter weather has slowed progress but it will continue again in the spring. During May, the access ramp to the Library will be completed. In the summer months, Main Street will undergo construction and resurfacing.

The bridge on the north end of Main St. will be replaced during this fiscal year. The new bridge will consist of one sidewalk on the east side, therefore permitting 2-way traffic on the bridge. All new roads were put into place at Beachwood Development as well as Old Dalton Rd. We will continue with our priority lists of roads to improve this year.

We also have two new people in our town hall. Raymond Bolduc was elected Selectmen last May and Monica Montferret joined us in January as the new Administrative Assistant. Both are working out very well for the town.

We would like to take this time to thank the committees, boards, volunteers and everyone involved in this community for their countless hours and dedication to the town we all love.

Respectfully submitted, BRUCE A. MARSHALL, Chair

### **Minutes Of Special Town Meeting**

**JANUARY 26, 2000** 

The Special Town meeting was called to order by Town Moderator, Dick Marran, in the Hinsdale Town Hall on Wednesday, January 26, 2000 at 7:00 PM.

Of 1,193 registered voters, 61 were present (5%).

ARTICLE 1: The elected Moderator was present.

ARTICLE 2: Article amended to read, "I move that the Town vote to authorize a special sewer assessment to recover 100% of the costs that were incurred by the Town of Hinsdale installing the Phase III Sewer".

**AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously** 

AMENDED ARTICLE: Passed by a Simple Majority

ARTICLE 3: Voted to approve and accept the uniform unit method of assessment as outlined in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 83 Section 15, which is to be made upon owners of land benefited by the Phase III Sewer project.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed by a Simple Majority

ARTICLE 4: Voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140 Section 147A empowering the Town to enact bylaws relative to regulation of dogs and entitling the town to retain all license fees and fines rather than turning over such license fees and fines to the County.

**ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously** 

ARTICLE 5: Voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 22F empowering any municipal board or officer to issue a license, permit, or certificate or to render a service and fix reasonable fees for all such licenses, permits or certificates issued pursuant to statutes or regulations wherein the entire proceeds of the fee remain with the town of Hinsdale as the issuing town.

#### ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 6: Voted to authorize the Hinsdale Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift and to accept the deed of a Fee Simple interest in the parcel described below, upon such terms and conditions as it shall determine appropriate, for the purpose of acquisition, said parcel of land or interests therein being described as follows:

Property owned by the Presbytery of Tropical Florida located on Calvin Road and identified as Map 112 Lot 224 according to the town of Hinsdale Assessor's maps.

**ARTICLE VOTE: Article Defeated** 

ARTICLE 7: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for Veterans' Aid, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$6,000.00 from Certified Free Cash to the Veterans Aid account, or take any other action thereon.

**ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously** 

ARTICLE 8: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$4,200.00 for an Emergency Transfer Switch for the Police and Fire Departments, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$4,200.00 from Certified Free Cash to the Emergency Transfer Switch Account.

**ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously** 

ARTICLE 9: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the Stabilization Fund, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$50,000.00 from Certified Free Cash into the Stabilization account.

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 10: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,963.90 to pay a Fiscal Year 1999 bill from Kopelman and Paige, P.C.., and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$1,963.90 from Certified Free Cash into the FY99 Legal Counsel account.

#### ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously.

Meeting adjourned by Town Moderator Dick Marran at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
DAWN L. FRISSELL

TOWN CLERK A TRUE COPY ATTEST

### **Minutes of Annual Town Meeting**

May 17, 2000

The annual town meeting was called to order in the Hinsdale Town Hall, 39 South Street, on Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at 7:00 PM by Town Moderator Dick Marran.

Of 1,147 registered voters, 74 (6.5%) were present.

ARTICLE 1: The elected Moderator was present.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2001 as adopted by a two thirds vote of the Regional School Committee, and raise and appropriate the amount of \$1,191,425 for said budget. [Note: Fiscal Year 2000 assessment was \$1,230,248]

**ARTICLE VOTE: Passed by Simple Majority** 

ARTICLE 3: Voted to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2001 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$247,484.00 for said budget. [Note: Fiscal Year 2000 capital assessment was \$251,145]

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed by Simple Majority

ARTICLE 4: Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws to set up the following revolving accounts:

- A. A Grave Openings revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from funeral homes for grave digging services and to expend payments to gravediggers as approved by the Cemetery Commission; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$10,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2001.
- B. A Plumbing Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from plumbing permit applicants, and to expend payments to the Plumbing Inspector to pay for inspection services as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2001.
- C. An Electrical Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from electrical permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Electrical Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2001.
- D. A Building Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from building permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Building Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$5,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2001.
- E. A Dog Officer's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees; and to expend payments to the Assistant to the Dog Officer for reimbursement for out of pocket expenses, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.00 during the Fiscal Year 2001.
- F. A Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from the MRIP (Massachusetts Recycling Initiative Program); and to expend payments for recycling projects and recycling

education in the Town of Hinsdale, with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$5,000 during Fiscal Year 2001.

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 5: Voted to <u>set</u> the salaries of all elected officials of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended.

|                            |           |           | Select-l     | Finance      |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
|                            | FY2000    | FY2001    | men          | Comm         |
|                            |           |           | Action       | Action       |
| Assessor Chairman Salary   | 1,600.00  | 1,600.00  | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Assessor Member Salary     | 1,200.00  | 1,200.00  | R            | R            |
| Assessor Member Salary     | 1,200.00  | 1,200.00  | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Moderator Salary           | 40.00     | 40.00     | R            | R            |
| Selectmen Chairman Salary  | 1,600.00  | 1,600.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Selectmen Secretary Salary | 1,400.00  | 1,400.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| Selectmen Member Salary    | 1,200.00  | 1,200.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| Town Clerk's Salary        | 5,000.00  | 5,000.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Treasurer/Collector Salary | 19,694.63 | 20,286.00 | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| Tree Warden Salary         | 2,000.00  | 2,200.00  | R            | NR           |

Amended to read: Selectmen Member Salary to be set at \$1,400.

**AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed by Simple Majority** 

**ARTICLE VOTE: Passed as amended** 

ARTICLE 6: AMENDED TO READ: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$139,747.00 for general government expenses and to set the salaries and compensation of all appointed offcers of the town. Of the total amount, \$134,747.00 to be raised by taxation and \$5,000 to be applied to the salary of the Administrative Assistant from the Community Development Block Grant for Administrative support.

|                              |           | Proposed  | Select-1     | Finance      |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
|                              | FY2000    | FY2001    | men          | Comm         |
|                              | Budget    | Budget    | Action       | Action       |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT           |           |           |              |              |
| Legal Counsel                | 4,500.00  | 5,000.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| Moderator                    | 40.00     | 40.00     | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Selectman Chairman Salary    | 1,600.00  | 1,600.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| Selectman Secretary Salary   | 1,400.00  | 1,400.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| Selectman Member Salary      | 1,200.00  | 1,200.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| Selectmen Expense            | 1,816.00  | 1,816.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| Administrative Asst. Salary  | 30,600.00 | 32,136.00 | R            | NR           |
| Administrative Asst. Expense | 1,350.00  | 1,500.00  | R            | R            |
| Finance Board Expense        | 500.00    | 500.00    | R            | R            |
| Assessor Chairman Salary     | 1,600.00  | 1,600.00  | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Assessor Member Salary       | 1,200.00  | 1,200.00  | R            | R            |
| Assessor Member Salary       | 1,200.00  | 1,200.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Assessors Expense            | 5,916.00  | 5,650.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Asst. Assessor Salary        | 31,200.00 | 32,136.00 | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Bills   | 1,000.00  | 1,000.00  | R            | R            |
| Revaluation                  | 5,000.00  | 2,000.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |

| Treasurer/Collector Salary     | 19,694.63  | 20,286,00  | R            | R            |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Treasurer/Collector Expense    | 5,084.00   | 5,200.00   | R            | R            |
| Bank Charges                   | 200.00     | 200.00     | ${f R}$      | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Tax Title Expense              | 3,000.00   | 5,000.00   | ${f R}$      | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Town Clerk's Salary            | 5,000.00   | 5,000.00   | ${f R}$      | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Town Clerk's Expense           | 826.00     | 826.00     | ${f R}$      | R            |
| Town Clerk's Records           | 2,000.00   | 2,000.00   | ${f R}$      | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Election Officers              | 1,200.00   | 3,398.00   | ${f R}$      | R            |
| Board of Registrars            | 1,126.00   | 1,704.00   | R            | R            |
| Licensing Board Expense        | 88.00      | 88.00      | ${f R}$      | R            |
| Conservation Commission Salary | 3,200.00   | 3,200.00   | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Conservation Comm Expense      | 1,374.00   | 2,435.00   | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| Planning Board Expense         | 350.00     | 250.00     | ${f R}$      | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Appeals Board Expense          | 600.00     | 600.00     | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT       | 133,864.63 | 140,165.00 |              |              |

Amended to read: Selectmen Member \$1,400.00

Amended to read: Administrative Assistant Salary \$31,518.00

AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed by a Simple Majority

Amended to read: Eliminate the Conservation Commission Salary Line AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously

Amended to read: Conservation Commission Expense \$5,635.00

**AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously** 

#### **ARTICLE AS AMENDED: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 7: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$204,242.00 as follows for the purpose of town highways.

|                             |            | Proposed   | Select-1     | Finance      |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             | FY2000     | FY2001     |              | Comm         |
|                             | Budget     | Budget     | Action       | Action       |
| HIGHWAYS                    |            |            |              |              |
| Summer Road Wages           | 39,206.25  | 40,187.00  | R            | R            |
| Highway Admin.              | 700.00     | 700.00     | R            | NR           |
| Vacations & Paid Holidays   | 9,800.00   | 11,685.00  | R            | R            |
| Bridges                     | 1,500.00   | 1,500.00   | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| Summer Road Maintenance     | 35,000.00  | 35,000.00  | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Town Garage Maintenance     | 4,000.00   | 4,000.00   | R            | NR           |
| Road Machinery Maintenance  | 25,000.00  | 25,000.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | NR           |
| Street Signs                | 250.00     | 250.00     | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Highway Department Uniforms | 1,200.00   | 1,200.00   | R            | R            |
| Winter Roads Maintenance    | 38,750.00  | 38,750.00  | R            | R            |
| Winter Roads Wages          | 33,312.50  | 34,200.00  | R            | R            |
| Street Lights               | 11,770.00  | 11,770.00  | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| TOTAL HIGHWAYS              | 200,488.75 | 204,242.00 |              |              |

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 8: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$111,280.00 as follows for the purpose of vocational education.

|                                 | FY2000<br>Budget | Proposed<br>FY2001<br>Budget | men | Comm |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----|------|
| VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS              |                  |                              |     |      |
| Vocational Education Tuition    | 71,746.00        | 76,000.00                    | R   | R    |
| Vocational Education Transport. | 32,490.00        | 35,280.00                    | R   | R    |
| TOTAL VOCATIONAL                | 104,236.00       | 111,280.00                   |     |      |

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 9: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,300.00 as follows for the purpose of Veterans.

| VETERANS                 |          |          |              |              |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Veterans Agent Salary    | 800.00   | 800.00   | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| Veterans Agent Expenses  | 500.00   | 500.00   | R            | R            |
| Veterans Aid             | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Memorial Day Observation | 700.00   | 700.00   | R            | R            |
| War Memorial             | 300.00   | 300.00   | R            | R            |
| TOTAL VETERANS           | 8,300.00 | 8,300.00 |              |              |

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 10: Amended to read: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$132,661.00 as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property.

| PROTECTION of PERSONS &PRO      | PERTY      |            |              |              |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Police Chiefs Salary            | 7,600.00   | 7,600.00   | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| Police Department               | 38,685.00  | 38,801.00  | R            | R            |
| Crossing Guards Wages           | 2,590.00   | 2,590.00   | R            | R            |
| COPS Salary                     | 22,550.00  | 23,114.00  | R            | R            |
| COPS Fringe Benefits            | 7,519.32   | 9,572.00   | R            | R            |
| Dalton Communication            | 10,000.00  | 11,000.00  | R            | R            |
| Berk Cnty Sheriff Communication | 500.00     | 500.00     | R            | R            |
| Fire Chiefs Salary              | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00   | R            | R            |
| 1st Assistant Chiefs Salary     | 800.00     | 800.00     | R            | R            |
| 2nd Assistant Chiefs Salary     | 600.00     | 600.00     | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Fire Department Expense         | 21,832.00  | 21,832.00  | R            | R            |
| Building Inspector Salary       | 1,200.00   | 1,200.00   | R            | R            |
| Building Inspector Expense      | 300.00     | 300.00     | R            | R            |
| Building Inspector Education    | 600.00     | 600.00     | R            | R            |
| Gas Inspector Salary            | 200.00     | 200.00     | R            | R            |
| Emergency Management            | 3,000.00   | 3,000.00   | R            | R            |
| Dog Officer Salary              | 1,500.00   | 1,500.00   | R            | R            |
| Dog Officer Expense             | 500.00     | 500.00     | R            | R            |
| Tree Warden Salary              | 2,000.00   | 2,200.00   | R            | NR           |
| Tree Warden Assistants          | 1,000.00   | 1,100.00   | R            | NR           |
| Tree Warden's Expense           | 2,352.00   | 4,352.00   | R            | NR           |
| TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS           | 126,328.32 | 132,361.00 |              |              |

Amended to read: Police Chief's Salary \$7,828

Fire Chief's Salary \$1,030 AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously

#### Amended to read: 1st Assistant Chief's Salary \$824 2nd Assistant Chief's Salary \$618

**AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously** 

#### AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: Article as Amended Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 11: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$76,285.00 as follows for the purpose of Health and Sanitation.

|                              |           | Proposed  | Select-1     | Finance |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|---------|
|                              | FY2000    | FY2001    | men          | Comm    |
|                              | Budget    | Budget    | Action       | Action  |
| HEALTH & SANITATION          |           | _         |              |         |
| Ashmere Lake Cleanup         | 6,000.00  | 11,000.00 | R            | R       |
| 24-Hour Ambulance            | 6,000.00  | 6,000.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | R       |
| Animal Inspector Salary      | 200.00    | 200.00    | R            | R       |
| Town Waste Disposal Wages    | 8,138.00  | 8,350.00  | R            | R       |
| Town Waste Disposal          | 70,000.00 | 45,000.00 | R            | R       |
| No. Berkshire Waste District | 2,350.80  | 2,450.00  | R            | R       |
| Health Inspector's Salary    | 500.00    | 500.00    | R            | R       |
| Visiting Nurse Assn.         | 2,085.00  | 2,160.00  | R            | R       |
| Health Board Expense         | 625.00    | 625.00    | R            | R       |
| TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION    | 95.898.80 | 76.285.00 |              |         |

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 12: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,841.00 as follows for the purpose of Debt and Interest.

| DEBT & INTEREST            |           |           |              |              |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Town Hall Loan, Principal  | 2,976.00  | 3,117.36  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Fire Truck Loan, Principal | 10,165.05 | 10,673.30 | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Interest Long Term Debt    | 24,468.95 | 23,550.34 | R            | R            |
| Interest Short Term Debt   | 5,500.00  | 5,500.00  | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST      | 43,110.00 | 42,841.00 |              |              |

#### **ARTICLE VOTE:. Passed Unanimously.**

ARTICLE 13: Amended to read: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$205,515.00 for the purpose of Unclassified Town Government Expenses as follows.

| UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES        |           |           |              |              |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Audit                        | 5,000.00  | 5,000.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Accounting Services          | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Heating-Garage-Fire House    | 5,000.00  | 5,000.00  | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Town Insurances              | 64,000.00 | 35,000.00 | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Health & Dental Insurance    | 0.00      | 35,000.00 | R            | R            |
| Computer Maintenance         | 1,000.00  | 1,000.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Town Hall Operating Expenses | 10,000.00 | 6,500.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Centrex Telephone            | 5,752.00  | 5,752.00  | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Town Hall Landscaping        | 1,400.00  | 1,000.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Town Hall Custodian          | 0.00      | 5,300.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Gasoline-Highway-Fire-Police | 13,000.00 | 10,000.00 | $\mathbf{R}$ | NR           |
| Office Machine Maintenance   | 1,400.00  | 1,600.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |

| Printing/Delivery Town Reports | 2,100.00   | 2,200.00   | ${f R}$      | R            |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Council on Aging               | 3,000.00   | 3,000.00   | ${f R}$      | R            |
| Recreation Association         | 5,100.00   | 5,000.00   | ${f R}$      | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Sports/Recreation Comm.        | 1,350.00   | 1,000.00   | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Youth Center Maintenance       | 350.00     | 1,000.00   | ${f R}$      | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Community Day                  | 500.00     | 3,850.00   | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Town Wide Mowing               | 14,850.00  | 15,100.00  | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Historical Commission          | 200.00     | 200.00     | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| County Retirement              | 30,500.00  | 32,103.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Social Security & Medicare     | 4,612.50   | 4,890.00   | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Berkshire County Reg. Planning | 990.08     | 1,020.00   | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Reserve Fund                   | 12,000.00  | 12,000.00  | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED             | 192,104.58 | 202,515.00 |              |              |

# Amended to read: Gasoline-Highway-Fire-Police \$13,000 AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 14: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of computer staff salary for Town Hall..

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously.**

ARTICLE 15: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the purpose of Grave Flag Holders for veterans' graves.

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 16: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of tree planting at Town Hall, this amount to be fully reimbursed by the Mass ReLeaf grant.

#### ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 17: Voted to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$200 for the purpose of starting to organize the town's Bicentennial celebration.

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 18: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$39,152.00 for the Hinsdale Public Library, \$12,103.00 for the Library Director's salary, \$13,104.00 for Library. Assistants' salary and \$13,945.00 for library expenses. Of the total amount, \$38,132.53 to be raised by taxation and \$1,019.47 to be applied from the county dog tax refund.

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 19: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the purpose of Fire Station Garage Doors.

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 20: Amended to read: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,698 for the purpose of a Police Cruiser.

#### **AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

#### AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 21: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of a Highway Department Dump Truck. (Submitted by Petition)

#### ARTICLE VOTE: Article Passed by a Simple Majority

ARTICLE 22: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$40,941.20 from available fund "1999 Transportation Bond Issue" for improvements on Hinsdale town roads in accordance with Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999.

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 23: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$40,941.20 from available fund "1999 Transportation Bond Issue" for improvements on Hinsdale town roads in accordance with Chapter 53A of the Acts of 1999.

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 24: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$58,693.00 as follows for the Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation"

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$ 1,000.00 Sewer Administrator Salary
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- 37,000.00 Sewer Department Operating Expenses
- 16,693.00 Fiscal Year 2001 Sewer debt obligations
- 2,000.00 Sewer Maintenance
- 2,000.00 Sewer Department Wages
- \$58,693.00 TOTAL

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 25: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,500.00 for Sewer Phase III Operating Expenses, this amount to be fully offset by Fiscal Year 2001 Sewer Phase III User Fees.

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$ 6,500.00 Sewer Administrator Salary
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- 27,000.00 Sewer Phase III Operating Expenses
- 6,000.00 Sewer Phase III Maintenance
- 6,000.00 Sewer Phase III Wages
- \$45,500.00 TOTAL

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 26: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$149,137.00 for Sewer Phase III loan payments as follows, this amount to be fully offset by Fiscal Year 2001, Sewer Phase III Betterment fees.

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$103,428.00 Ashmere Sewer Loan
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\$45,709.00 Plunkett Sewer Loan

\$149,137.00 TOTAL

#### ARTICLE VOTE: Passed by a Simple Majority

ARTICLE 27: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$180,277.47 as follows for the Hinsdale Water Department Operating Expenses from available funds, "Water Surplus."

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$7,500.00 Water Administrator Salary
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3,000.00 Water Department Administration Expense

30,900.00 Water Department Operating Expense

22,000.00 Water Department Wages

116,877.47 Water Bond Payments

180,277.47 TOTAL

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 28: Voted to petition the General Court to the end that legislation be adopted for a Sewer Betterment Reserve Fund precisely as follows. The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. The Selectmen are, hereby authorized to approve amendments, which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

An Act Authorizing the Town of Hinsdale to Establish a Sewer Betterment Reserve Fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 53 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Hinsdale is hereby authorized to establish a separate fund to be known as the sewer betterment reserve fund, which shall be kept separate and apart from all other monies of said town by the town treasurer and in which shall be deposited all sewer betterment payments received by said town. The Treasurer may invest such funds in the manner authorized by Sections 54 and 55 of said Chapter 44. The principal and interest thereon shall be reserved for appropriation for the payment of said town's sewer betterment debt. Any excess in said fund may be transferred to the general fund of said town.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Amended as follows: Strike out "any excess in said fund may be transferred to the general fund of said town"

**AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously** 

**AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously** 

ARTICLE 29: Voted to approve a bylaw to incorporate the Town of Hinsdale Sewer Rules and Regulations into the Town Bylaws or take any other action thereon.

#### SEWER RULES AND REGULATIONS

In order to protect and preserve the Town of Hinsdale's sewer facilities, and to better serve its sewer users and citizens, and under specific authorization of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 83, all sewer regulations shall be found in the Town of Hinsdale Sewer System Regulations - 1997, as adopted by the Hinsdale Board of Selectmen acting in their capacity as Sewer Commissioners on January 21, 1998

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Defeated**

ARTICLE 30: Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the town of Peru pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 83 Section 1 to provide sewer services to the Town of Peru.

Amended as follows: Add "Any fees collected from the town of Peru will be deposited into whatever account the Sewer Betterment fees are being deposited into."

**AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously** 

AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 31: Voted to adopt Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause Thirty- seventh A of the Massachusetts General Laws as follows:

Thirty-seventh A, The sum of five hundred dollars of the actual taxes due, of a blind person who is a legal resident of the commonwealth, whether such property is owned by him separately or jointly or as a tenant in common; provided, that such property is occupied by such person as his domicile. No real property shall be exempt which has been conveyed to such blind person to evade taxation. This clause shall take effect upon its acceptance by any city or town. In those cities and towns which accept the provisions of this clause, the provisions of clause thirty-seventh shall not be applicable; provided, however, the sum of eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents of this exemption shall be borne by the commonwealth, and the state treasurer shall annually reimburse the city or town for the amount thereof.

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 32: Voted to raise and appropriated the sum of \$500.00 for a Dog License Account.

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 33: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ARTICLE 34: To choose and elect the following Town Officers:

- (1) Moderator for a 3 year term
- (1) Selectman for a 3 year term
- (1) Assessor for a 3 year term
- (1) Assessor for a 1 year term
- (3) Finance Committee Members for a 3 year term
- (1) Planning Board Member for a 5 year term
- (1) Planning Board Member for a 3 year term
- (1) Planning Board Member for a 2 year term
- (1) Treasurer/Tax Collector for a 3 year term

Respectfully Submitted,

DAWN L. FRISSELL Town Clerk

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### **Minutes of Special Town Meeting**

**JULY 12, 2000** 

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Hinsdale Town Hall, 39 South Street, on Wednesday, July 12, 2000 by Town Moderator, Dick Marran.

ARTICLE 1: The elected Moderator was present.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the town will vote to petition the General Court to the end that legislation be adopted to authorize the town to make assessments under G.L. c.83 Sec. 14 precisely as follows. The General Court may make only clerical or editorial changes of form to the bill unless the Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. The Selectmen are hereby authorized to approve amendments, which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

An Act Authorizing the Town of Hinsdale to Establish an Alternate Method of Assessing Betterments

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in the General Court assembled, and by authority of same, as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.L. c. 83 Sec. 15 or any other existing laws to the contrary, the Town of Hinsdale is hereby authorized to make assessments under G.L. c. 83 Sec. 14 in the following manner: Each existing single parcel of residential or unimproved land as of January 1, 2000 shall be assessed a single equivalent dwelling unit assessment as determined by the Town of Hinsdale on March 1, 2000, and any multiple assessment previously assessed shall be abated, except, however, that any residential parcel with multiple dwelling units shall be assessed for each dwelling unit, and any payments previously made, including interest on any such multiple assessment shall be refunded, notwithstanding the parcel's existing dimensions; provided, however, that if any parcel is divided by the recording of a plan or other instrument of this Act, then additional equivalent dwelling unit assessments shall be immediately assessed as a betterment on the newly created parcel or parcels, and be assessed as of the original date of March 1, 2000.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

\*The discussion of this article included clarification by Town Counsel Ed Reilly that this Home Rule Petition would allow the town to forgive multiple assessments and give property owners abatements. It would not allow recorded betterments to be revoked. If abatements are to be given, there would be a shortfall in betterment payments. This would most likely have to be paid by taxpayers.

#### AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed by a Simple Majority

ARTICLE 3: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

\*Other business included clarification of the annual town meeting vote on raising and appropriating money to purchase a dump truck for the Highway Department. After the vote was challenged it was deemed to have passed. Town Counsel Ed Reilly stated that it is up to the Board of Selectmen whether or not to spend the money. This will be discussed at a regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM by Town Moderator Dick Marran.

Respectfully Submitted,
DAWN L. FRISSELL
Town Clerk

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### **Minutes of Special Town Meeting**

October 4, 2000

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Town Clerk, Dawn Frissell at 7:00 PM in the Hinsdale Town Hall, 39 South Street, on Wednesday, October 4, 2000.

ARTICLE 1: Since the elected moderator was not present a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to elect Dawn Frissell as the moderator for the meeting.

ARTICLE 2: The article to raise and appropriate the sum of \$444.00 for the purpose of paying part of a May 2000 (Fiscal Year 2000) Legal Counsel bill for \$336 and part of a June 2000 (Fiscal Year 2000) bill for \$108.00 was motioned and seconded. Discussion ensued concerning how Town Counsel handled the issue of the dump truck vote at the annual town meeting. Chris Pike read a prepared statement from Finance Committee Chairman, Peter Samsel. Bruce Marshall said that since Counsel was asked by the Selectmen for an opinion, he should be paid for rendering his opinion. Town Counsel Ed Reilly said that he still stood by his opinion, as did the members of his firm, Kopelman and Paige. He said that he would credit the town's account for the \$108 charged for the dump truck issue, and that if anyone from the town had talked to him about this he would have agreed to the credit at that time. Chris Regan made a motion to amend the article to state "to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$336 for the purpose of paying part of a May 2000 (Fiscal Year 2000) Legal Counsel bill".

**AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously** 

AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: 15 voted in favor and 7 voted against. The article was defeated due to not having the necessary 9/10 majority.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,425.00 to pay Fiscal Year 2000 Berkshire Enviro Lab bills for monthly water testing and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$2,425.00 from available fund Water Surplus to the Water Department Operating account.

**ARTICLE VOTE: Pass Unanimously** 

ARTICLE 4: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,913.25 to pay Fiscal Year 2000 Tighe and Bond bills for engineering services, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$1,913.25 from available fund Water Surplus to the Water Department Operating account.

ARTICLE VOTE: 18 in favor and 6 opposed. The article was defeated due to not having the required 9/10 majority.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be used as a 40% match for the DEP Section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant Program and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$20,000.00 from available fund Additional Lottery Receipts into the Sec. 319 Grant account.

Discussion: Amy Pfeuffer of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission gave a presentation about the grant program and about the project, which will involve Ashmere Road and Henry Drive. Sediment is accumulating in the coves because of eroding roads. DEP will provide 60% of the project cost, if the grant

is awarded to the town. Foresight Engineering did a conceptual plan of the project and the cost was found to be \$100,000 for the entire project. To fix a portion of it will cost \$40,000. This is an implementation project, which will reduce sedimentation, correct drainage problems, improve culverts and put in vegetated areas. The grant could also be used to provide education to town residents on the subject. Mike Frederick spoke in favor of the project stating that nonpoint sources are the greatest polluter of the lake. This encourages the growth of weeds. The town has to spend money on herbicide for the weeds. Mr. Marshall felt that the drainage issue had to be addressed and later the town could think about paving the road surfaces. Shaun Galliher asked how the grant will be administered and was told that the Selectmen are discussing this issue.

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 6: Voted to proceed with the upgrading of a rescue truck by a swap of the rescue truck chassis, which is owned by the volunteer firefighters association, and the tanker chassis, which is owned by the town, the resulting rescue truck to be owned by the Volunteer Firefighter's Association and the tanker to be owned by the town.

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 7: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,934.00 to be used as the first step in computerizing town Emergency 911, Zoning, Water/Sewer, Wetlands and other maps, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$3,934.00 from available fund Additional Lottery Receipts to the Town Mapping account. Discussion included questions on the GIS (Geographic Information System).

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 8: Voted to transfer the sum of \$235.50 from the county dog tax refund to the library expense account.

#### **ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 9: There was no other business that came before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN L. FRISSELL Town Clerk

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# **Treasurer's Report**

#### FINANCIAL REPORT July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000

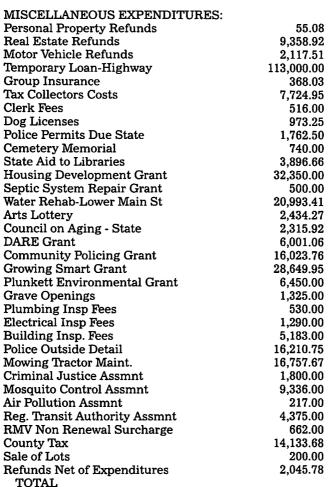
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|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Cash on hand July 1, 1999:         |              |               |
| General                            | 693,157.23   |               |
| Petty                              | 365.00       |               |
| Sewer                              | 190,762.97   |               |
| Water                              | 309,156.68   |               |
| Trust                              | 106,632.14   |               |
| 11450                              | 100,082.11   | 1,300,074.02  |
|                                    | RECEIPTS     | 1,000,014.02  |
| Taxes:                             | RECEIFTS     |               |
|                                    |              |               |
| Current year:<br>Personal Property | 191 049 05   |               |
| Real Estate                        | 121,842.85   |               |
| Real Estate                        | 1,557,276.15 | 1 000 110 00  |
| Durantana                          |              | 1,679,119. 00 |
| Previous years:                    | 005 11       |               |
| Personal Property                  | 237.11       |               |
| Real Estate                        | 33,030.43    |               |
| 36                                 |              | 33,267.54     |
| Motor Vehicle Excise:              |              |               |
| Current year                       | 100,470.64   |               |
| Previous years                     | 41,932.43    |               |
|                                    |              | 142,403.07    |
| Stumpage Tax                       |              | 800.00        |
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| Tax Titles                         |              | 68,371.56     |
| Cabaala                            |              |               |
| Schools:                           |              | 00 000 00     |
| School Aid Chapter 70              |              | 39,639.00     |
| Temporary Loans:                   |              |               |
| Highway                            |              | 113,000.00    |
| - •                                |              | 110,000.00    |
| Permanent Loans:                   |              |               |
| Ashmere Sewer                      |              | 2,250,272.49  |
| Aganaru                            |              |               |
| Agency:                            | 220 70       |               |
| Group Insurance                    | 339.72       |               |
| Tax Collector's Demands            | 7,086.95     |               |
| Town Clerk Fees                    | 752.75       |               |
| Dog Licenses                       | 973.25       |               |
| Police Permits Due State           | 1,712.50     |               |
| <b>5</b> 11 <b>6</b> 55 10         |              | 10,865.17     |
| Revolving Ch. 53E 1/2:             |              |               |
| Grave Openings                     | 525.00       |               |
| Plumbing Inspector                 | 530. 00      |               |
| Electrical Inspector               | 1,290.00     |               |
| Building Inspector                 | 5,183.00     |               |
|                                    |              | 7,528.00      |
|                                    |              |               |

| Grants & Gifts:                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Highway Ch 113                    | 38,116.00  |
| Highways Ch 11                    | 110,063.68 |
| Sewer Project-Plunkett            | 552,183.00 |
| Elections-State                   | 100.00     |
| Library Grant                     | 3,354.00   |
| Housing Development               | 32,350.00  |
| STRAP Grant Interest              | 640.51     |
| Arts Lottery Grant                | 7,054.29   |
| Council on Aging - State          | 2,600.00   |
| COPS Fast Grant                   | 18,358.99  |
| DARE Grant                        | 6,011.51   |
| Community Policing Grant          | 16,000.00  |
| Growing Smart Grant               | 28,649.95  |
| Miscellaneous:                    |            |
| Unclaimed Checks                  | 536.93     |
| Cemetery Memorial                 | 844.58     |
| Police Outside Detail             | 19,367.75  |
| Mowing Tractor Maintenance        | 17,957.00  |
| Conservation Commission Revolving | 925.75     |
| Sale of Cemetery Lots             | 1,200.00   |
| Dog Refund                        | 1,254.97   |
| Interest on Property Taxes        | 6,300.12   |
| Interest on Excise Taxes          | 2,977.68   |
| Interest on Tax Titles            | 3,172.40   |
| In Lieu of Taxes                  | 21,590.80  |
| Garbage/Trash Charges             | 18,030.60  |
| Sewer Betterments Phase III       | 71,164.79  |
| Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees       | 1,080.00   |
| Liquor Licenses                   | 1,200.00   |
| Board of Appeals Permits & Fees   | 240.00     |
| Board of Health Permits           | 1,602.80   |
| Conservation Permits & Fees       | 600.00     |
| Fire Dept. Permits                | 1,127.00   |
| Gas Inspectors Permits            | 460.00     |
| Mobile Home Permits               | 3,240.00   |
| Planning Board Permits            | 400.00     |
| Dog Licenses                      | 343.75     |
| Police Dept. Permits & Fees       | 1,973.50   |
| Zoning Board Permits              | 161.00     |
| Town Licenses                     | 1,039.50   |
| Copier Receipts                   | 48.00      |
| Community Day Fees                | 245.00     |
| Elderly Abatements                | 9,538.00   |
| Veterans Benefits                 | 2,055.30   |
| Lottery                           | 182,805.00 |
| Additional Lottery                | 22,368.00  |
| Highway Fund                      | 34,042.00  |
| Court Fines                       | 19,350.00  |
| Other Revenue from State          | 1,399.00   |
|                                   | 2,000.00   |

815,481.93

| Interest on Savings Interest on Sewer Project Misc Revenues N. O. C. Sale of Town Property Refunds Net of Revenue Refunds Net of Expenditures | 7,741.84<br>25.69<br>246.00<br>20.00<br>71.73<br>250.74 | 458,997.22   |
|---|---|--------------|
| Sewer:  |   | 100,001.22   |
| Sewer Use Fees  | 45,051.92   |              |
| Sewer Use Added to Taxes  | 4,180.00  |              |
| Sewer Betterments<br>Betterments Added to Taxes   | 1,768.60<br>93.71                                       |              |
| Sewer Betterments Phase III   | 49,933.64   |              |
| Interest on Savings   | 8,398.66  |              |
| Interest on Sewer Bett. III   | 133.43  |              |
|   |   | 109,559.96   |
| Water:  | 107.010.10  |              |
| Water Rents   | 135,919.46  |              |
| Water Liens<br>Water Surplus  | 11,740.00<br>250.00                                     |              |
| Interest of Savings   | 11,834.17   |              |
| Refunds Net of Expenditures   | 1,795.04  |              |
| 110141140 1101 01 <u></u>   | _,  | 161,538.67   |
|   |   |              |
| Transfer from other Funds   |   | 50,210.48    |
| Trust:  |   |              |
| Interest on Stabilization   |   | 5,592.92     |
| Warmanta Davidhla   |   | 22 205 00    |
| Warrants Payable  |   | 22,395.90    |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND   |   | 7,269,116.93 |
| Summary:  |   |              |
| Cash on hand 7/1/99   | 1,300,074.02  |              |
| General Fund Revenue  | 5,619,744.98  |              |
| Sewer Dept. Revenue   | 109,559.96  |              |
| Water Dept. Revenue   | 161,538.67  |              |
| Trust Fund Revenue  | 5,592.92  |              |
| Transfers Other Funds   | 50,210.48   |              |
| Warrants Payable  | 22,395.90   | 7,269,116.93 |
| Summary:  |   | 1,209,110.93 |
| Expenditures:   |   |              |
| General Fund  | 5,678,834.13  |              |
| Sewer   | 79,894.41   |              |
| Water   | 175,867.27  |              |
|   |   | 5,934,595.81 |
| Transfers to other Funds:   | E0 000 00   |              |
| Trust   | 50,000.00   |              |
| Water   | 55.94<br>154.54   |              |
| Sewer   | 154.54  | 50,210.48    |
|   |   | 00,210.40    |

| Warrants payable prior year: |            |              |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| General                      | 242,341.82 |              |
| Water                        | 266.18     |              |
| Sewer                        | 957.85     |              |
|                              |            | 243,565.85   |
| Cash on Hand 6/30/00:        |            | ,            |
| General                      | 362,818.19 |              |
| Petty                        | 365.00     |              |
| Sewer                        | 220,016.27 |              |
| Water                        | 295,320.27 |              |
| Trust                        | 162,225.06 |              |
| 22 400                       | 102,220.00 | 1,040,744.79 |
|                              |            | 7,269,116.93 |
|                              |            | 1,203,110.33 |
| MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES:  |            |              |
| Personal Property Refunds    | 55.08      |              |
| Real Estate Refunds          | 9,358.92   |              |
| Motor Vehicle Refunds        | 2,117.51   |              |
| Temporary Loan-Highway       | 113,000.00 |              |
| Group Insurance              | 368.03     |              |



330,297.15



# Reserve Fund Transfers 7/1/99-6/30/00

| Appropriation              | 12,000.00 |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Emergency Management       | 99.35     |           |
| Library                    | 894.20    |           |
| Elections                  | 552.00    |           |
| Town Hall Operating        | 3,600.00  |           |
| Legal Counsel              | 2,256.35  |           |
| Conservation Commission    | 900.00    |           |
| Social Security & Medicare | 158.75    |           |
| Appeals Board              | 355.00    |           |
| Assessors Expenses         | 903.00    |           |
| Water Dept.                | 55.94     |           |
| Sewer Dept.                | 154.54    |           |
| Town Reports               | 222.00    |           |
|                            |           | 10,151.13 |
| Unexpended Balance         |           | 1,848.87  |
|                            |           | 12,000.00 |



#### Balance Sheet 06/30/00 GENERAL ACCOUNTS

| GENERAL ACC                   | DUNTS             |            |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| ASSETS                        |                   |            |
| CASH:                         |                   |            |
| General Cash                  | 362,818.19        |            |
| Petty Cash - Tax Coll.        | 50.00             |            |
| Petty Cash - Dog Officer      | 100.00            |            |
| Petty Cash - Assessors        | 15.00             |            |
| Petty Cash-Highway Dept.      | 100.00            |            |
| Petty Cash-Police Dept        | 100.00            |            |
| Sewer Cash                    | 220,016.27        |            |
| Water Cash                    | <u>295,320.27</u> |            |
| TOTAL CASH:                   |                   | 878,519.73 |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES       |                   |            |
| Personal Prop Taxes F2000     | 6,308.01          |            |
| Personal Prop Taxes F1995     | 146.24            |            |
| Personal Prop Taxes F1996     | 45.14             |            |
| Personal Prop Taxes F1997     | 91.98             |            |
| Personal Prop Taxes F1998     | 298.03            |            |
| Personal Prop Taxes F1999     | 272.97            |            |
| TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES |                   | 7,162.37   |
|                               |                   | .,         |
| REAL ESTATE TAXES             | 190 000 46        |            |
| Real Estate Taxes F2000       | 129,989.46        |            |
| Real Estate Taxes F1989       | 94.50             |            |
| Real Estate Taxes F1990       | 248.10            |            |
| Real Estate Taxes F1992       | 173.70            |            |
| Real Estate Taxes F1993       | 615.83            |            |
| Real Estate Taxes F1994       | 372.40            |            |
| Real Estate Taxes F1995       | 126.00            |            |
| Real Estate Taxes F1996       | 1,561.11          |            |
| Real Estate Taxes F1997       | 3,531.11          |            |
| Real Estate Taxes F1998       | 5,151.53          |            |
| Real Estate Taxes F1999       | <u>5,182.31</u>   | 145 040 05 |
| TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES       |                   | 147,046.05 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES:       |                   |            |
| Motor Vehicle Ex 2000         | 22,609.97         |            |
| Motor Vehicle Ex 1981         | 1,522.18          |            |
| Motor Vehicle Ex 1982         | 987.02            |            |
| Motor Vehicle Ex 1983         | 964.22            |            |
| Motor Vehicle Ex 1984         | 1,006.95          |            |
| Motor Vehicle Ex 1985         | 982.45            |            |
| Motor Vehicle Ex 1986         | 2,325.60          |            |
| Motor Vehicle Ex 1987         | 1,143.08          |            |
| Motor Vehicle Ex 1988         | 2,927.28          |            |
| Motor Vehicle Ex 1989         | 3,242.30          |            |
| Motor Vehicle Ex 1990         | 4,450.69          |            |
| Motor Vehicle Ex 1991         | 3,757.42          |            |
| Motor Vehicle Ex 1992         | 2,560.63          |            |
| Motor Vehicle Ex 1993         | 1,903.80          |            |
| Motor Vehicle Ex 1994         | 2,049.06          |            |
|                               | •                 |            |

| Motor Vehicle Ex 1995 Motor Vehicle Ex 1996 Motor Vehicle Ex 1997 Motor Vehicle Ex 1998 Motor Vehicle Ex 1999 TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES | 3,200.04<br>3,528.53<br>3,688.05<br>5,310.43<br>14,369.40 | 99 590 10    |
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| WATER RENTS & LIENS Water Liens  | 41,933.19   | 82,529.10    |
| Water Rents<br>TOTAL WATER RENTS & LIENS   | <u>39,945.54</u>  | 81,878.73    |
| SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS  |   | 01,0.00      |
| Sewer Use Fees   | 7,941.66  |              |
| Sewer Use Added to Taxes   | 6,274.00  |              |
| Sewer Betterments  | 2,272.38  |              |
| Bettermnts Added to Taxes  | 623.73  |              |
| Sewer Betterment Phs III   | <u>26,736,60</u>  |              |
| TOTAL SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS  |   | 43,848.37    |
| TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS   |   |              |
| Tax Titles   | 134,499.86  |              |
| Tax Possessions  | 2,728.96  |              |
| TOTAL TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS   |   | 137,228.82   |
| ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE  |   | ,            |
| St Aid to Hwy Ch 11  | 13,691.32   |              |
| State Aid-Hwy Chapter 85B  | 28,104.51   |              |
| St Aid to Hwy Chapter 113  | 32,689.53   |              |
| State Assments Mos/Air Po  | 1,849.00  |              |
| Sewer Project - Plunkett   | 26,224.00   |              |
| TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE  | 20,224.00   | 102,558.36   |
|  |   | 102,000.00   |
| LOANS AUTHORIZED   | 0.40 700 40   |              |
| Loans Authorized-Ashmere   | 343,708.42  |              |
| Loans Authorized-Plunkett  | 1,079,000.00  |              |
| Loans Authr-Water Pol Prj<br>TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED  | <u>_200,000.00</u>  | 4 000 700 40 |
|  |   | 1,622,708.42 |
| AGENCY   |   |              |
| Group Insurance  | 28.31   |              |
| TOTAL AGENCY:  |   | 28.31        |
| OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES:  |   |              |
| Mosquito Control   | 919.00  |              |
| RMV Non Renewal Surcharge  | 480.00  |              |
| TOTAL OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES:  |   | 1,399.00     |
| APPROPRIATION BALANCES   |   | _,           |
| Legal Counsel  | 107.66  |              |
| Plunkett Lake Sewer Projt  | 99.53   |              |
| Ashmere Sewer Loan   | 5,867.05  |              |
| Plunkett Sewer Loan  | 3,556.00  |              |
| Int. Short-term Debt   | 912.26  |              |
| TOTAL OVERDRAWN APPROPRIATIONS   |   | 10,542.50    |
| TOTAL ASSETS   |   | 3,115,449.76 |
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| LIABILITIES<br>REVENUE<br>Revenue F2001<br>TOTAL REVENUE   | _239,989.94  | 239,989.94   |
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| AGENCY: Tax Collector Costs Town Clerk Fees TOTAL AGENCY   | 78.00<br><u>274.25</u>   | 352.25       |
| TAILINGS Unclaimed Checks TOTAL TAILINGS   | 536.93   | 536.93       |
| GIFTS & BEQUESTS Cemetery Memorial Historical Gift TOTAL GIFTS & BEQUESTS  | 164.58<br>76.50  | 241.08       |
| GRANTS Elections - State St. Aid to Libraries Septic System Repair Grnt Water Rehab-Lower Main St STRAP Grant Arts Lottery Grant Council on Aging — State DARE Grant Community Policing Grant Capital Project-Sewer TOTAL GRANTS | 100.00<br>0.91<br>15,196.00<br>10,523.37<br>13,898.49<br>14,386.22<br>585.94<br>17.18<br>1.89<br>30,059.84 | 84,769.84    |
| REVOLVING FUNDS Police Outside Detail Mowing Tractor Maint. Conservation Comm Revolv TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS   | 2,482.00<br>1,199.33<br>1,767.21   | 5,448.54     |
| LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISS<br>Loans Authorized Unissued<br>TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISS  | 1,622,708.42   | 1,622,708.42 |
| RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROP Sale of Cemetery Lots Dog Refund Sewer Receipts Reserved Sewer Betterment Reserved Water Surplus TOTAL RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROP   | 8,447.00<br>235.50<br>80,805.31<br>50,067.07<br>114,340.37   | 253,895.25   |
| OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE<br>Overlay F2000<br>Overlay F1990<br>Overlay F1991  | 6,669.59<br>748.10<br>500.00   |              |

| Overlay F1992 Overlay F1993 Overlay F1994 Overlay F1995 Overlay F1996 Overlay F1997 Overlay F1998 Overlay F1999 TOTAL OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE   | 673.70 1,115.83 872.40 772.24 2,006.77 5,193.29 8,523.31 8,899.24  | 35,974.47  |
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| REVENUE RESERVED: Petty Cash Revenue Tax Title & Poss. Revenue Motor Vehicle Excise Rev Sewer Usage Revenue Sewer Betterments Revenue Sewer Betterment III Rev. Water Rents & Leins Rev Fed Aid Sewer Proj Plnkt TOTAL REVENUE RESERVED  | 365.00<br>137,228.82<br>82,529.10<br>14,215.66<br>2,896.10<br>26,736.60<br>81,878.73<br>_26,224.00   | 372,074.01 |
| WARRANTS PAYABLE:<br>Warrants Payable<br>Warrants Payable-Water<br>Warrants Payable-Sewer<br>TOTAL WARRANTS PAYABLE  | 21,302.41<br>702.43<br>391.06  | 22,395.90  |
| SURPLUS REVENUE Surplus Revenue TOTAL SURPLUS REVENUE  | 309,700.89   | 309,700.89 |
| APPROPRIATION BALANCES Assessors Expenses Motor Vehicle Ex Billing Revaluation Tax Title Expenses Treas/Coll CAMA System Town Clerk's Records Conservation Comm Exp Clemson Leveler Highway Chapter 85 Highway Chapter 113B Highway Chapter 11 Bridges Summer Road Maintenance New Plow Plunkett Lake Dam Library Expenses Cemetery Expansion Project COPS-Salary Ashmere Lake Sewer Project | 65.45<br>278.35<br>86.50<br>61.80<br>900.00<br>170.00<br>92.65<br>700.00<br>28,104.51<br>3,689.53<br>13,690.82<br>8,610.00<br>4,388.82<br>1,200.00<br>16,776.39<br>542.90<br>7,550.00<br>41,123.74<br>241.99 |            |

| Lake & Pond Project Visiting Nurse Assn. New Town Hall Recreation Association Sports/Recreation Comm TOTAL APPROPRIATION BALANC TOTAL LIABILITIES | 4,491.13<br>173.75<br>4,256.79<br>580.43<br>586.69 | <u>167,362,24</u><br>3,115,449.76  |
|---|--|--|
|   | ND ACCOUNTS<br>80/2000                             | , ,  |
|   | Assets   | Liabilities  |
| ' TRUST FUNDS<br>Trust Cash<br>Stabilization  | <u> 162,225.06</u>                                 | <u> 162,225.06</u>   |
| $\bigcirc$  | 162,225.06   | 162,225.06   |
|   | NCE ACCOUNTS<br>80/2000                            |  |
| DEBT BALANCE ACCOUNTS<br>Inside Debt Limit<br>Fire House Loan<br>TOTAL INSIDE DEBT LOANS  | 169,833.95<br>169,833.95                           | 169,833.95<br>169,833.95   |
| OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT Town Hall Loan Sewer Sewer Sewer-Plunkett Lake Sewer-Ashmere Lake Water Rehab TOTAL OUTSIDE DEBT LMT LN                        | 5,937,197.92<br>5,937,197.92                       | 317,024.00<br>21,773.51<br>18,721.88<br>833,136.00<br>3,024,935.67<br>1,721,606.86<br>5,937,197.92 |

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TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT



|                                      | FY2000 Yea | r End Expens | e Budget Repo | ort        |            | <u> </u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|------------|----------|
|                                      | Previous   | Original     | Budget        | Total      | Actual     |          |
| Expense Category/Account             | Balance    | Budget       | Revisions     | Budget     | Expended   | Balance  |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT                   |            | _            |               |            |            |          |
| Legal Counsel (10111.00)             |            | 4,500.00     | 4,220.25      | 8,720.25   | 8,827.91   | (107.66) |
| Moderator (10114.00)                 |            | 40.00        |               | 40.00      | 40.00      |          |
| Selectmens Salaries (10122.00)       |            | 4,200.00     |               | 4,200.00   | 4,200.00   |          |
| Selectmens Expenses (10122.01)       |            | 1,816.00     |               | 1,816.00   | 1,745.54   | 70.46    |
| FY99 Selectmens Expenses (10122.02   | 2)         |              | 112.02        | 112.02     | 112.02     |          |
| Administrative Assistant (10129.00)  |            | 30,600.00    |               | 30,600.00  | 30,553.76  | 46.24    |
| Administrative Asst. Exp. (10129.01) |            | 1,350.00     |               | 1,350.00   | 1,307.46   | 42.54    |
| Finance Board Exp. (10131.00)        |            | 500.00       |               | 500.00     | 108.16     | 391.84   |
| Assessors Salaries (10141.00)        |            | 4,000.00     |               | 4,000.00   | 2,800.00   | 1,200.00 |
| Assessors Expenses (10141.01)        |            | 5,916.00     | 903.00        | 6,819.00   | 6,753.55   | 64.45    |
| Asst. Assessors Salar (10141.02)     |            | 31,200.00    |               | 31,200.00  | 31,200.00  |          |
| Motor Vehicle Ex Billing (10141.04)  |            | 1,000.00     |               | 1,000.00   | 721.65     | 278.35   |
| Revaluation (10142.00)               |            | 5,000.00     |               | 5,000.00   | 4,913.50   | 86.50    |
| Treas./Collector Salary (10145.00)   |            | 19,694.63    |               | 19,694.63  | 19,694.63  |          |
| Treas./Collectors Exp. (10145.01)    |            | 5,084.00     |               | 5,084.00   | 5,074.86   | 9.14     |
| Bank Charges (10145.03)              |            | 200.00       |               | 200.00     |            | 200.00   |
| Tax Title Expenses (10145.06)        | 2,272.35   | 3,000.00     |               | 5,272.35   | 5,210.55   | 61.80    |
| Treas/Coll CAMA Syste (10145.08)     |            | 2,900.00     |               | 2,900.00   | 2,000.00   | 900.00   |
| Town Clerks Salary (10161.00)        |            | 5,000.00     |               | 5,000.00   | 5,000.00   |          |
| Town Clerks Expenses (10161.01)      |            | 826.00       |               | 826.00     | 817.79     | 8.21     |
| Town Clerk's Records (10161.04)      |            | 2,000.00     |               | 2,000.00   | 1,830.00   | 170.00   |
| Election Officers & Ba. (10162.00)   |            | 1,200.00     | 552.00        | 1,752.00   | 1,741.74   | 10.26    |
| Board of Registrars (10163.00)       |            | 1,126.00     |               | 1,126.00   | 1,119.50   | 6.50     |
| Licensing Board Expenses (10165.00)  | )          | 88.00        |               | 88.00      | 8.00       | 80.00    |
| Conservation Clerical (10171.00)     | 32.63      | 1,200.00     | 2,000.00      | 3,232.63   | 2,454.93   | 777.70   |
| Conservation Comm Exp. (10171.01)    |            | 1,374.00     | 900.00        | 2,274.00   | 2,050.13   | 223.87   |
| Clemson Leveler (10171.04)           |            | 700.00       |               | 700.00     |            | 700.00   |
| Planning Board Expense (10175.00)    |            | 350.00       |               | 350.00     | 2.97       | 347.03   |
| FY99 Planning Bd Exp (10175.01)      |            |              | 633.45        | 633.45     | 633.45     |          |
| Appeals Board Expense (10176.00)     |            | 600.00       | 355.00        | 955.00     | 916.76     | 38.24    |
| TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT             | 2,304.98   | 135,464.63   | 9,675.72      | 147,445.33 | 141,838.86 | 5,606.47 |

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| Expense Category/Account VETERANS   | Previous<br>Balance | Original<br>Budget | Budget<br>Revisions                   | Total<br>Budget | Actual<br>Expended | Balance   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Veterans Agent Salary (40543.00)    |                     | 800.00             |                                       | 800.00          | 800.00             |           |
| Veterans Agent Expens (40543.01)    |                     | 500.00             |                                       | 500.00          | 483.31             | 16.69     |
| Veterans Aid (40543.02)             |                     |                    | 6,000.00                              | 6,000.00        | 2,135.00           | 3,865.00  |
| Memorial Day Observan (40543.04)    |                     | 700.00             |                                       | 700.00          | 645.93             | 54.07     |
| War Memorial (40543.05)             |                     | 300.00             |                                       | 300.00          | 50.84              | 249.16    |
| TOTAL VETERANS                      | 0.00                | 2,300.00           | 6,000.00                              | 8,300.00        | 4,115.08           | 4,184.92  |
| CEMETERIES                          |                     |                    | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |                 |                    |           |
| Cemetery (50491.00)                 |                     | 1,000.00           |                                       | 1,000.00        | 988.97             | 11.03     |
| Cemetery Expansion Pr (50491.02)    | 17,430.00           |                    |                                       | 17,430.00       | 9,880.00           | 7,550.00  |
| TOTAL CEMETERIES                    | 17,430.00           | 1,000.00           | 0.00                                  | 18,430.00       | 10,868.97          | 7,561.03  |
| PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY         |                     |                    |                                       |                 |                    |           |
| Police Chiefs Salary (60210.00)     |                     | 7,600.00           |                                       | 7,600.00        | 7,598.64           | 1.36      |
| Police Department (60210.02)        |                     | 38,685.00          |                                       | 38,685.00       | 38,684.04          | 0.96      |
| Crossing Guards (60210.04)          |                     | 2,590.00           |                                       | 2,590.00        | 2,520.00           | 70.00     |
| COPS-Salary (60210.16)              | 14,029.77           | 22,550.00          | 27,466.93                             | 64,046.70       | 23,367.46          | 40,679.24 |
| COPS-Fringe Benefits (60210.22)     | •                   | 7,519.32           | ,                                     | 7,519.32        |                    | 7,519.32  |
| Dalton Communication (60212.00)     | 4,699.46            | 8,610.00           | 1,390.00                              | 14,699.46       | 14,552.18          | 147.28    |
| Cnty Sheriff Communic (60212.02)    |                     | 500.00             |                                       | 500.00          | ŕ                  | 500.00    |
| Fire Chiefs Salary (60220.00)       |                     | 1,000.00           |                                       | 1,000.00        | 1,000.00           |           |
| 1st Asst. Chiefs Salary (60220.01)  |                     | 800.00             |                                       | 800.00          | 800.00             |           |
| 2nd Asst. Chiefs Salary (60220.02)  |                     | 600.00             |                                       | 600.00          | 600.00             |           |
| Fire Department Expenses (60220.04) | )                   | 21,832.00          |                                       | 21,832.00       | 21,796.03          | 35.97     |
| Building Inspectors S (60241.00)    |                     | 1,200.00           |                                       | 1,200.00        | 1,200.00           |           |
| Building Inspectors E (60241.01)    |                     | 300.00             |                                       | 300.00          | 237.43             | 62.57     |
| Building Insp Educati (60241.02)    |                     | 600.00             |                                       | 600.00          |                    | 600.00    |
| Gas Inspectors Sal. (60242.00)      |                     | 200.00             |                                       | 200.00          | 200.00             |           |
| Emergency Management (60291.00)     |                     | 3,000.00           | 99.35                                 | 3,099.35        | 3,099.35           |           |

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|    | Emergency Transfer Sw (60291.01)<br>Dog Officers Salary (60292.00)<br>Dog Officers Expenses (60292.01)<br>Tree Wardens Salary (60294.00)<br>Tree Warden Assistant (60294.01)<br>Tree Wardens Expense (60294.02)   |                        | 1,500.00<br>500.00<br>2,000.00<br>1,000.00<br>2,352.00  | 4,200.00  | 4,200.00<br>1,500.00<br>500.00<br>2,000.00<br>1,000.00<br>2,352.00  | 4,200.00<br>1,500.00<br>204.38<br>2,000.00<br>998.00<br>2,352.00  | 295.62  |
|----|---|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
|    | TOTAL PROTECT. PERSONS & PROP:  | 18,729.23              | 124,938.32  | 33,156.28                                       | 176,823.83  | 126,909.51  | 49,914.32   |
| 35 | HEALTH & SANITATION Ashmere Lake Cleanup (70100.00) Ashmere Lake Sewer Pr (70102.00) Plunkett Lake Sewer P (70104.00) Lake & Pond Project (70106.00) 24-Hour Ambulance Ser (70231.00) Animal Inspector (70249.00) Town Waste Disp. Wage (70431.00) Town Waste Disposal (70431.01) No. Berkshire Waste D (70431.04) Health Inspectors Sal (70510.00) Visiting Nurse Assn. (70522.00) Health Board Exp (70522.01) | 2,887.49<br>(3,653.95) | 6,000.00<br>6,450.00<br>6,000.00<br>200.00<br>8,138.00<br>70,000.00<br>2,350.80<br>500.00<br>2,085.00<br>625.00 | 2,250,272.49<br>552,183.00                      | 6,000.00<br>2,253,159.98<br>548,529.05<br>6,450.00<br>6,000.00<br>200.00<br>8,138.00<br>70,000.00<br>2,350.80<br>500.00<br>2,085.00<br>625.00 | 6,000.00<br>2,243,917.99<br>554,684.58<br>1,958.87<br>6,000.00<br>200.00<br>8,096.76<br>39,828.91<br>2,350.80<br>500.00<br>1,911.25<br>614.01 | 9,241.99<br>(6,155.53)<br>4,491.13<br>41.24<br>30,171.09<br>173.75<br>10.99 |
|    | TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION   | (766.46)               | 102,348.80  | 2,802,455.49                                    | 2,904,037.83  | 2,866,063.17  | 37,974.66   |
|    | DEBT & INTEREST Town Hall Loan (80710.00) Fire House Loan (80710.02) Fire Truck Loan (80710.04) Ashmere Sewer Loan (80710.06) Plunkett Sewer (80710.08) Int. Long-Term Debt (80751.00) Int. Short-Term Debt (80752.00)  |                        | 5,380.00<br>10,165.05<br>9,268.95<br>5,500.00   | 2,976.00<br>25,455.79<br>45,709.00<br>15,200.00 | 2,976.00<br>5,380.00<br>10,165.05<br>25,455.79<br>45,709.00<br>24,468.95<br>5,500.00  | 2,976.00<br>5,380.00<br>10,165.05<br>33,301.70<br>45,709.00<br>28,981.35<br>6,412.26  | (7,845.91)<br>(4,512.40)<br>(912.26)  |
|    | TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST   | 0.00                   | 30,314.00   | 89,340.79                                       | 119,654.79  | 132,925.36  | (13,270.57)   |

|          | Town Insurances (90192.01)         |           | 64,000.00 |          | 64,000.00 | 57,319.29 | 6,680.71 |
|----------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|          | Computer Maintenance (90192.02)    |           | 1,000.00  |          | 1,000.00  | 632.50    | 367.50   |
|          | Town Hall Landscaping (90192.03)   |           | •         | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00  | 1,358.34  | 41.66    |
|          | Town Hall Operating (90192.04)     |           | 10,000.00 | 3,600.00 | 13,600.00 | 13,109.60 | 490.40   |
|          | Centrex Telephone (90192.05)       |           | 5,752.80  | ·        | 5,752.80  | 5,534.12  | 218.68   |
|          | Twn Hall Emergency Wi (90192.06)   |           | 1,200.00  |          | 1,200.00  | 852.94    | 347.06   |
|          | Town Hall Steering Co (90192.08)   | 48.26     | ·         |          | 48.26     |           | 48.26    |
|          | Property Appraisals (90192.09)     |           |           | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00  | 70.56     | 4,929.44 |
|          | Gasoline-Hwy, Fire, Pol (90192.10) |           | 13,000.00 | ·        | 13,000.00 | 12,218.55 | 781.45   |
|          | Office Machine Maint (90192.12)    |           | 1,400.00  |          | 1,400.00  | 1,400.00  |          |
| 36<br>36 | New Town Hall (90192.16)           | 26,236.00 | •         |          | 26,236.00 | 21,979.21 | 4,256.79 |
| •        | Printing/Del. Town Rep (90195.00)  | ·         | 2,100.00  | 222.00   | 2,322.00  | 2,322.00  |          |
|          | Council on Aging (90541.00)        | 14.00     | 3,000.00  |          | 3,014.00  | 3,013.11  | 0.89     |
|          | Business Development (90549.00)    |           | 1,550.00  |          | 1,550.00  | 1,420.12  | 129.88   |
|          | Recreation Association (90630.00)  |           | 5,100.00  |          | 5,100.00  | 4,519.57  | 580.43   |
|          | FY99 Recreation Assn (90630.01)    | 1,044.64  | •         |          | 1,044.64  | 1,000.07  | 44.57    |
|          | Sports/Recreation Com (90630.02)   | 288.42    | 1,350.00  |          | 1,638.42  | 1,051.73  | 586.69   |
|          | Youth Center Mainten (90630.04)    |           | 350.00    |          | 350.00    | 350.00    |          |
|          | Youth Center Furnace C (90630.06)  |           | 300.00    |          | 300.00    | 300.00    |          |
|          | Community Day (90630.12)           | 725.92    | 500.00    |          | 1,225.92  | 498.00    | 727.92   |
|          | Town Wide Mowing (90630.14)        |           | 14,850.00 |          | 14,850.00 | 14,850.00 |          |
|          | Historical Commission (90691.00)   |           | 200.00    |          | 200.00    |           | 200.00   |

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**Budget** 

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**Previous** 

Balance

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**Balance** 

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Expense Category/Account
UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES

Accounting Services (90122.00)

Heating-Garage & Frho (90192.00)

County Retirement Ass (90911.00)

Social Security & Med (90916.00)

Berkshire Planning Co (95690.00)

Sewer Administrator (300060.00)

Reserve Fund (95781.00)

Audit (90100.00)

| Sewer Comm Operating (300060.01)  | 15,963.04  | 37,000.00    | 154.54       | 53,117.58    | 53,117.58    |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Sewer Loan (300060.02)            |            | 16,693.00    |              | 16,693.00    | 16,693.00    |            |
| Sewer Maintenance (300060.03)     |            | 2,000.00     |              | 2,000.00     | 1,766.30     | 233.70     |
| Sewer Department Wage (300060.06  | )          | 2,000.00     |              | 2,000.00     | 1,176.13     | 823.87     |
| Sewer Committee Phase (300075.00  | 247.07     | 6,000.00     |              | 6,247.07     | 6,237,24     | 9.83       |
| Water Dept. Adm. Sala (400060.01) |            | 1,000.00     |              | 1,000.00     | 1,000.00     |            |
| Water Dept. Adm. Exp. (400060.02) |            | 1,360.00     | 55.94        | 1,415.94     | 1,415.94     |            |
| Water Dept. Operating (400060.05) | 1,795.04   | 30,900.00    | 3,961.03     | 36,656.07    | 35,798.55    | 857.52     |
| Water Dept Wage (400060.06)       |            | 22,000.00    | ,            | 22,000.00    | 19,084.35    | 2,915.65   |
| Water Rehab Project L (400060.12) | 40,000.00  | 117,028.94   |              | 157,028.94   | 117,028.93   | 40,000.00  |
| TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES       | 86,362.39  | 430,737.32   | 4,401.13     | 521,500.84   | 453,863.93   | 67,636.91  |
| -                                 |            |              |              |              |              |            |
| TOTAL EXPENSES                    | 345,339.78 | 1,418,942.03 | 4,176,171.61 | 5,940,453.42 | 5,606,271.44 | 334,181.98 |
| _                                 |            |              |              |              |              |            |

# **Capital Improvement Planning Committee**

The first full year of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee was marked by the submittal of our first five-year capital plan to the Selectmen and the development of our second five-year plan. The learning process that we began last year continued this year as we further refined the process by which we operate as a team and with the other town boards. The committee also saw some turnover, with two members leaving at the end of their first term and one new member joining the committee this year.

The 2001 Capital Plan included recommendations to purchase a new cruiser for the police department, new doors for the fire department garage, and a new dump truck for the highway department. All of these major purchases were approved by the voters at last year's annual town meeting, and all have been completed and are benefiting the Hinsdale taxpayers.

This year's capital plan is significantly smaller than last year's. For 2002, the committee is recommending the purchase of a new copier for the town hall and detail mapping software for the assessor's office. In addition to these recommendations, the committee has requested the establishment of a Capital Stabilization Account, and will ask the town to approve an initial \$25,000 deposit into that account at this year's annual town meeting. Our long-range plan strives to consistently put funds into that account in order to offset some of the future capital purchases that are in the plan. At this writing, next year's plan has been reviewed with the Selectmen and will be reviewed formally at a joint meeting with the Finance Committee and the Selectmen in the coming weeks. After the plan is passed through those committees, the town will have the opportunity to voice their opinion at the annual meeting. The preliminary five year capital plan is included in this report for reference.

For the second year, we have included the town's capital inventory as part of our annual report. We hope that you can take some time to review the inventory and appreciate the investment that the town has made in order to provide the services to which we have all become accustomed. Also, please let us know if there are any items that should be listed in the inventory that have been omitted.

Next year, the committee hopes to spend more time studying issues of strategic importance to the community. We intend to follow-up on some of the recommendations of the Growing Smart project, and look for ways to continue the development of the town's strategic planning documentation as envisioned by that project. The committee is currently short-handed and we are looking for a few volunteers. If you are interested in financial and strategic planning, please contact one of the current members.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHRISTOPHER MONTFERRET, Chair SHAUN GALLIHER, Secretary RICHARD ROUSSIN DIANNE HABER

#### Town of Hinsdale Five Year Capital Plan Dated 3/26/01

| Department | Project           | Estimated<br>Cost \$ | FY<br>02 | FY<br>03  | FY<br>04  | FY<br>05  | FY<br>06 |
|------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Police     | Cruiser           | 30,000               | 0        | 0         | 0         | 30,000    | ٥        |
| Cemetery   | Expansion         | 3,000                | 0        | Ö         | 10.000    | 10,000    | 10,000   |
| Town Hall  | Copier            | 5,000                | 5,000    | 0         | 0         | 0         | 10,000   |
| Highway    | Loader            | 105,000              | 0        | 105.000   | Ö         | Ŏ         | ŏ        |
| Highway    | Dump Truck        | 105,000              | 0        | , 0       | 105,000   | Ŏ         | ŏ        |
| Highway    | Garage Addition   | 52,500               | 0        | 0         | 0         | 52,500    | ň        |
| Fire       | Fire Station Roof | 10,000               | 0        | 10,000    | 0         | 0         | ŏ        |
| Multi      | Detail Maps       | 7,100                | 7,100    | 0         | Ŏ         | Ŏ         | Õ        |
| Selectmen  | Capital Account   | 25,000               | 25,000   | 25,000    | 25,000    | 25,000    | 25,000   |
|            | Total             | \$347,100            | \$37,100 | \$140,000 | \$140,000 | \$117,500 | \$35,000 |

#### **Current Loans Outstanding:**

| Loan Name       | Annual Payment | Retire Date |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1996 Fire Truck | \$19,165       | 09/11       |
| 1999 Town Hall  | 18,176         | 06/38       |
|                 | \$37.341       |             |

#### Changes from FY01 - 05 Plan

- Cemetery Expansion increase from \$22,000 to \$30,000 allocated in FY04 06
- Deleted Computer Network in FY05
- Reduced allocation for digitized maps from \$11,000 to \$7,100 in FY02
- Reduced Copier from \$10,000 to \$5,000
- Moved police cruiser from FY03 to FY05
- Shifted all outstanding Highway requests out by one year and escalated by 5%
- Established Capital Account.

### Town of Hinsdale Capital Facilities & Equipment Inventory - Date: 03/01/01

|                         |      | Condi- |        | Aquisi-<br>tion | Est. Re-<br>placement 1 | Est. Re- |  |
|-------------------------|------|--------|--------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------|--|
| Item                    | Year | tion   | Use    | Cost            | • •                     | Schedule | Notes                                  |
| Town Hall               | 1998 | Good   | Heavy  | \$463,000       | \$500,000               | N/A      |  |
| Fire Station            | 1980 | Good   | Heavy  | 220,000         | 500,000                 | N/A      |  |
| Mack Pumper             | 1986 | Good   | Medium | 125,000         | 250,000                 | 2006     |  |
| Mack Pumper             | 1996 | Good   | Medium | 196,000         | 250,000                 | 2016     | Includes CAF system                    |
| Ambulance               | 1996 | Good   | Heavy  | 102,000         | 125,000                 | 2004     | Assoc. owned                           |
| Rescue truck            | 1986 | Good   | Medium | 75,000          | 180,000                 | 2005     | Assoc. owned. Converted from Ambulance |
| Ford Tanker             | 1976 | Good   | Medium | 35,000          | 80,000                  | 2010     | Converted from pumper                  |
| Chevrolet Brush Truck   | 1984 | Good   | Medium | 0               | 35,000                  | 2005     | Acquired from surplus                  |
| Air/Light Truck         | 1984 | Good   | Medium | 0               | 30,000                  | 2010     | Assoc. owned. Acquired from WMECO      |
| Boat and Trailer        | 1975 | Good   | Medium | 1,000           | 5,000                   | 2015     |  |
| Dodge Truck             | 1977 | Good   | Medium | 0               | 30,000                  | 2003     |  |
| Generator 10kw          | 1966 | Good   | Medium | 0               | 10,000                  | 2015     | Located at Town Hall                   |
| Generator 30kw (diesel) | 1965 | Good   | Medium | 0               | 50,000                  | 2005     | Located at Grange Hall                 |
| Generator 25kw          | 1965 | Good   | Medium | 0               | 12,000                  | 2005     | Located at fire station                |
| Generator 10kw          | 1975 | Good   | Medium | 0               | 10,000                  | 2015     | Trailer mounted                        |
| Generator 5kw (diesel)  | 1970 | Good   | Medium | 0               | 12,000                  | 2010     | Trailer mounted                        |
| Generator 5kw           | 1965 | Good   | Medium | 0               | 8,000                   | 2005     | Trailer mounted                        |
| Heater                  | 1975 | Good   | Medium | 0               | 7,000                   | 2015     | Trailer mounted                        |
| Heater                  | 1975 | Good   | Medium | 0               | 7,000                   | 2015     | Portable                               |
| Water Trailer           | 1965 | Good   | Medium | 0               | 10,000                  | 2005     |  |
| Incident Cmnd. Trailer  | 1995 | Good   | Medium | 1,000           | 5,000                   | 2025     |  |
| Garage 1                | 1950 | Good   | Heavy  | N/A             | 50,000                  | N/A      |  |
| Garage 2                | 1960 | Good   | Heavy  | N/A             | 50,000                  | 2004     | 50 x 50 Addition                       |
| Salt Shed               | 1996 | Good   | Heavy  | 132,000         | 132,000                 | N/A      | Purchased with state funding           |
| Ford Dump Truck         | 2001 | Good   | Heavy  | 50,000          | 50,000                  | 2015     |  |
| Mack Dump Truck         | 1987 | Fair   | Heavy  | 66,000          | 100,000                 | 2003     |  |
| Int'1 Dump Truck        | 1995 | Good   | Heavy  | 80,000          | 100,000                 | 2015     |  |

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#### Town of Hinsdale Capital Facilities & Equipment Inventory - Date: 03/01/01

|                       |         |        |        | Aquisi-  | Est. Re-  | Est. Re-  |                                    |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|
|                       |         | Condi- |        | tion     | placement | placement |                                    |
| Item                  | Year    | tion   | Use    | Cost     | Cost      | Schedule  | Notes                              |
| Michigan Loader       | 1987    | Fair   | Heavy  | \$50,000 | \$100,000 | 2002      |                                    |
| Cat Grader            | 1987    | Good   | Medium | 90,000   | 150,000   | 2012      |                                    |
| Ford Backhoe          | 1983    | Good   | Medium | 30,000   | 70,000    | 2009      |                                    |
| Int'l Snow Fighter    | 1988    | Fair   | Heavy  | 1,500    | 150,000   | 2004      |                                    |
| Army Dump Truck       | 1975    | Good   | Light  | 0        | 150,000   | 2005      | Acquired from surplus              |
| Ford Utility Tractor  | 1963    | Good   | Light  | 3,000    | 30,000    | 2010      | Purchased used                     |
| Rail Mower Tractor    | 1999    | Good   | Light  | 0        | 60,000    | 2024      | Purchased by WMECO                 |
| Dodge Utility Truck   | 1984    | Good   | Heavy  | 600      | 25,000    | 2006      | Purchased from surplus             |
| Chipper               | 1973    | Good   | Light  | 0        | 20,000    | 2003      | Donated                            |
| Compressor            | 1995    | Fair   | Light  | 1,000    | 10,000    | 2005      |                                    |
| Roller                | 1987    | Good   | Light  | 4,000    | 5,000     | 2007      |                                    |
| Trailer               | 1987    | Good   | Light  | 3,000    | 5,000     | 2007      |                                    |
| Road Rake             | 1980    | Good   | Light  | 5,000    | 10,000    | 2010      |                                    |
| Sewer Cleaner         | 1980    | Good   | Light  | 2,500    | 25,000    | 2005      | Purchased used from town of Dalton |
| Welder                | 1985    | Good   | Medium | 3,000    | 10,000    | 2005      |                                    |
| Snowplows (10) Se     | e Notes | Good   | Heavy  | 5,000    | 5,000     | 2003      | Acquired in various years.         |
| V-Body Sanders (1) Se | e Notes | Good   | Heavy  | 5,000    | 5,000     | 2008      |                                    |
| 4x4 Cruiser           | 1995    | Good   | Medium | 25,000   | 30,000    | 2005      |                                    |
| Cruiser               | 2000    | Good   | Medium | 30,000   | 35,000    | 2010      |                                    |
| Cruiser               | 1986    | Fair   | Medium | 0        | 30,000    | 2003      | Assoc. owned Acquired from surplus |
| DARE Van              | 1984    | Good   | Light  | 0        | 30,000    | 2004      | Assoc. owned Acquired from surplus |
| Youth Center          | 1960    | Good   | Heavy  | N/A      | 500,000   | N/A       | Operated by the Lions Club         |

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# **Department of Pubic Works**

The Highway Department continues to do the best we can to provide smooth, safe travel on all of the town's roadways. During the summer months, dirt roads were graded and gravel was added where needed. Potholes were patched on an as needed basis. Foresthill Dr. and Ridgeview Rd. were resurfaced last summer with Chapter 90 monies totaling \$70,000 plus. Roadsides were moved when time allowed.

Much time was spent on the new sewer system mainly when houses were first hooked up and alarms were going off. Minor adjustments were needed for proper operation. This was quite time consuming.

Water plant problems, ongoing glitches, and ever changing D.E.P. regulations are putting a heavy burden on time needed to be doing highway related work. Between highway, water, sewer, and equipment maintenance, it is becoming a real challenge for a 3-man crew to accomplish all that needs to be done. Subsequently, some work doesn't get done. It is time to add another person to the department or subcontract some of the work. If another employee were to be hired to do water and sewer work, it would not require full time work. That person could be utilized on other projects, such as covering for others while on vacation, helping with roadwork and snow removal.

Winter road maintenance this winter has been a challenge. The budget has overrun and equipment repairs have been often and many. "Good old Berkshire winter!" Although some think enough is not being done, we do the best we can to keep roads safe and passable. We try not to expend any more than needed, so as not to increase taxes but after all, safety is the main issue.

In closing, I would like to thank the employee's and my extra help for doing an excellent job in sometimes adverse conditions. Also, thank you to the taxpayers for being patient and supportive.

Respectfully submitted, RICK GALLIHER Highway Supt.

# **Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project**

Crews made 37 trips to Hinsdale checking and spraying for adults and larval mosquitoes. They spent 212 person hours checking and treating 5,966.2 acres of land for adults and larvae. The crew also responded to seven calls for assistance. A total of 138.3 miles of town roads, camps and residential properties were adulticided during the month of June, July and August. 187 catch basins were treated with altosid briquets to control mosquito breeding. The following pesticides and biological controls were used for larval and adult mosquitoes: vectobac, scourge, and altosid briquets.

Respectfully submitted by, JAMES T. JURGENSON Superintendent

### Hinsdale Volunteer Fireman's Association

In the year 2000, the Hinsdale Fire Department received and responded to 49 emergency calls representing 678 man-hours. The types and totals of calls are as follows:

| Fires in Structure | s       | 2  |
|--------------------|---------|----|
| Chimney Fires      |         | 3  |
| Vehicle Fires      |         | 1  |
| Grass / Brush      |         | 2  |
| Motor Veh. Accide  | ents    | 12 |
| Service Calls      |         | 10 |
| False Alarms       |         | 9  |
| Mutual Aid         |         | 10 |
|                    | Total ' | 49 |
| Mutual Aid Break   | down:   |    |
| Becket             |         | 2  |
| Windsor            |         | 1  |
| Middlefield        |         | 1  |
| Peru               |         | 1  |
| Gt. Barrington     |         | 2  |
| Worthington        |         | 3  |
|                    |         |    |

All of our members are still working hard on the firehouse renovation project and are now finishing the office areas. All equipment is in good shape and working well.

We have taken advantage of 2 state grants offered to us. One was from D.E.M which was used to purchase a portable pump for the forest fire truck. The other state grant was for Firefighter safety equipment. The funds from this grant purchased a thermal imaging camera, and other Firefighter safety equipment that totaled \$14,844 worth of equipment. In the coming year we hope to take advantage of a federal grant that will help us upgrade our S.C.B.A. and our rescue truck.

All of the members of the Hinsdale Fire Department would like to thank the residents of Hinsdale for their continued support which makes our very dangerous job much more gratifying.

Respectfully submitted,

LARRY E. TURNER Fire Chief

### Report of the Hinsdale Public Library

We welcomed in the millennium with a commitment to write a long range plan and seek funds to renovate our historic building. In the interim, we have rearranged our collections in the children's room and adult reading room. Over 500 books have been repaired and dozens of timeless classics replaced. As this report goes to press, we anxiously await construction of a handicapped ramp, rebuilt door and overhang. The Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation awarded \$1000 toward additional books and magazines for teenagers; matched by a computer and desk donated by General Dynamics and a local patron. We have upgraded our reference materials to cover most questions associated with the new Massachusetts Frameworks and MCAS test. We welcomed two new staff members, Dorene Skilton and Kathy Palmer, and bid farewell to long term Library Assistant, Betsy Meunier. As we move toward the challenges of 2002, our goals include library automation, updating the card catalog, adding a second egress and modifying our bathroom for handicapped patrons. As the new Library Director, may I say how welcome I have been made in Hinsdale and how much I've enjoyed my first year.

LAURIE VILORD
Director

# Report of the Town Clerk

| Vital Statistics         |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Births                   | 8        |          |
| Deaths                   | 9        |          |
| Marriages                | 5        |          |
| Dog Licenses             |          |          |
| Neutered Males, 44 @ \$4 | \$176.00 |          |
| Spayed Females, 47 @ \$4 | 188.00   |          |
| Males, 17 @ \$10         | 170.00   |          |
| Females, 4 @ \$10        | 40.00    |          |
| Kennel, 1 @ \$40         | 40.00    |          |
| Kennel, 1 @ \$20         | 20.00    |          |
| 114 Total                |          | \$634.00 |

Respectfully Submitted, DAWN FRISSELL

# **Hinsdale Police Department**

The Hinsdale Police Department has had another very busy year. We have investigated over 20 motor vehicle accidents made, 15 arrests issued, over 400 citations and made over 40 court appearances.

Our department continues to provide what we think is outstanding service to our community. This year is when the people of Hinsdale will be asked to support our fulltime officer's appointment. I can say, without hesitation, that the need for this position has been proven time and time again. Along with the rest of our department, the need for our services continues to grow. Over the last three years, we have answered or responded to close to 4,500 calls. Of that number, our full-time officer has responded to almost half that amount.

Once again, I want to thank all the officers for their dedication and commitment to the town and ask that the people of Hinsdale support the appointment of our full-time officer.

Respectfully,

MARK A. GREEN, SR., Chief of Police

#### **OFFICERS**

Eric Autenrieth Bryan Cloutier Thomas Dawley Robert LeVardi, Sr. Richard Murdock Sgt. Heather Nicholas Michael Perkins Lt. Chris Powell Gabriel Taglieri

# **Emergency Management Department**

2000 again proved to be a very busy year and productive year for this department. We completed installation of an emergency power transfer switch at the Fire Station. Since it's installation it has allowed Fire, Police and Ambulance communication to function during the unusually frequent power outages experienced this past year. We were able to obtain an emergency power generator that we have installed at the Town Hall. This unit was acquired at no cost via the surplus equipment program and was installed using the volunteer labor of this department. We were again pleased to participate in Hinsdale Community Day, providing electrical power to various functions and activities. The members of this department continue to volunteer many hundreds of hours to maintain and upgrade our equipment and to provide the citizens of Hinsdale with an exceptional ability to meet any potential emergency situation that may develop. We look forward to continuing to serve your needs.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND R. BOLDUC, Director Hinsdale Emergency Management

### **Treasurer/Collector's Report**

The fiscal year 2000 in the Treasurer/Collector's office was confusing at best and as near a nightmare as one could get.

Because we were changing into a new millennium and our computers had to be 2000 compatible, we had to purchase a new Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle program. The most economical one was the state Cama program. Another department had already updated to this program the previous year, and since our departments are so closely entwined, I purchased the same one. The state had worked out most of the problems for the other department, but not so on the Collector's side. They hadn't updated the Collector's since it was written and it is a very old program.

I sent out preliminary bills in December and posted the payments into the computer. We finally ran the real bills in April and at least one third of them were wrong. I corrected them all by hand and mailed them out. To end this long story it took until the end of September 2000 to correct all of the account errors. The state has most of my program fixed now, but we were never able to balance the 2000 Real Estate or Personal Property for June 30, 2000. I had to document this to the Department of Revenue and they have granted us a year extension for balancing the 2000 accounts.

We received a healthy free cash figure certified on October 13, 2000, in the amount of \$173,749.00 and I am recommending to the finance committee and selectmen, a warrant article for town meeting, that we transfer \$125,000.00 into the Stabilization Fund increasing that account to \$291,279.89.

I went out to bid to finance a road project this year, from state aid money, and I have just signed the paperwork for our reimbursement.

I am continuing to collect some of the old taxes that are due and the outstanding amounts are continuing to drop. I am counting on most of the outstanding taxes to be free and clear by the time I retire.

I wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year and a sincere thank you for your continued support and understanding of the workings in the Treasurer/Collector' Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
PAULINE B. WHEELER
Treasurer/Collector

### **Hinsdale Board of Health**

To the Citizens of Hinsdale.

The year 2000 was an extremely active one for the Board of Health on many fronts.

Last year the state mandated that all Board of Health food inspectors be certified as food service inspectors, and by October of 2001 all food establishments must have at lease one certified food handler employed at any establishment. As such the board chairman has attended several seminars and is scheduled to complete the food certification program in March, subsequently additional information will be passed along to all food service establishments for proper training by October.

With the completion of town sewer to the two lakes, applications for private well permits have been steadily increasing since last spring. As such the board is presented with a task of locating all wells in a manner that will not cause adverse effects to adjacent supplies. The proper sighting of all wells in these heavy populated areas is critical to the long-term private water supply for all lake area residents.

The state also allowed in 2000, local health boards to allow breeching of dams in cases where beavers have caused water damage due to flooding. In 2000 the board allowed a dam to be breached to avoid property damage and expects further incidents in the oncoming spring.

Upward activity in home and property transfer's sales has also increased the need for Title 5 inspections, upgrades and sighting of new systems. This influx of new development has increased the board's role in the proper inspection and design of all soil absorption systems.

The board also began in 2000, the monthly testing of the Plunkett lake beach area; this action by the board will ensure safe swimming water during the summer months.

This increase of multiple activities has increased the duties of your appointed health officials, significantly and it is only by the dedication, hard work and perseverance of all the members is this board able to stay ahead of the "curve" of the implementation of many new health regulations imposed by the state.

The Board of Health is very fortunate in having the expertise and professional engineering input from Kenneth Boudreau and the practical experience and knowledge of long time Health Agent William Goddard. Without the assistance of these two officials the health needs of the community would be far worse.

Respectfully yours.

#### EDWARD A. GODDARD, Chairman and Secretary

#### Year 2000 Statistics

Title 5 Approvals: Upgrades - 10 New Systems - 5 Private Well Permits -15

Apartments or Buildings Condemned - 1

Approvals to remove and abandoned private septic systems:

Plunkett Lake: 55 Ashmere Lake: 85

Breeching Dams (beavers) - 1

Health Permits (food establishments) - 4

### **Building Inspector**

This has been a remarkable year for home construction here in Hinsdale. In addition to the expansion of the facilities at the children's camps and a modest amount of commercial construction there were twelve houses started this year. This represents a huge increase over past years.

Currently there is a narrative available at Town Hall. This explains the process for obtaining a building permit for new construction, additions and remodeling. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

Most, if not all, construction regulations administered by the Building Department are mandated by state law. We are currently using CMR 780- Version Six of the Building Code and CMR 521, which specifically addresses accessibility issues for commercial and public buildings. Again, if you have questions about the code and its interpretation, please feel free to ask.

One of the most common questions asked me is "do I need a permit for..." The answer is usually yes due to the current state interpretations of the code. In order for a homeowner to be covered under the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund, there must be a permit for the work involved and the contractor must be registered with the state. Even a single replacement window requires a permit to ensure compliance with the state energy code.

Zoning questions have become epidemic with the completion of the sewer systems around the lakes. If you have questions about specific lots please come to the office and we will try to sort out the laws and regulations that apply.

Hours for the Building Department office are from four to six on Tuesdays and by appointment.

Office Phone # 413-655-2309

RICHARD G. HAUPT Building Inspector

### Water and Sewer Administrator

At the close of calendar year 2000 we are pleased to state that the two new Lake Sewer Systems are operating as planned. However there is an odor problem that the town is pursuing with the help of Mr. Zeitler. Camp Danbee in Peru has joined our Lake Ashmere Sewer System. Many thanks to the years of work by the Sewer Committee for accomplishing the lake sewer installations.

The occasional brown water problem is still with us, and is being followed by the Water Commissioners and Mr. Rick Galliher. The holding tank at the Water Treatment Plant is to be cleaned inside as part of this plan.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS FLANAGAN
Water/Sewer Administrator

# Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District

During Fiscal Year 2000 the residents of Hinsdale recycled a total of 123 tons of paper and containers. Hinsdale received from the Municipal Recycling Incentive Program \$780 for this effort. Also, as part of this program, the town tested traffic cones and planters made from recycled plastic. Both of these products performed well. SelecTech of Taunton manufactured the planters using plastics collected from municipal programs. Locally, the planters are now being sold at Walmart.

The District's Surplus Paint Program operates each year from April to October. The paint collection sheds are located at the Cheshire Transfer Station and at the Williamstown Transfer Station. A total of 14 collection dates were held in FY 2000. This program is for the collection of paint only. In recent years the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection has been held in September. Residents should call the District Office at 413-743-8208 with any questions regarding the disposal of paint or other hazardous items and collection dates.

In April 2000, the state's waste ban on cathode ray tubes went into effect. Cathode Ray Tubes are found in computer monitors, televisions and certain scientific instruments. The waste ban means that these items can no longer be thrown out as trash. The reason for the ban is that these tubes contain approximately five pounds of lead. Goodwill Industries in both Pittsfield and Adams have been designated by the state as collection points. There is a charge of \$7 that covers the handling, transportation and disassembly by a state contractor. The charge for large screen televisions is \$25.

The District Office has a lot of information on composting, vermicomposting and building various types of compost bins. Residents can call the District office to have materials mailed to them or to find out about composting workshops. Through a Department of Environmental Protection grant, compost bins are available at a cost of \$20, half the regular retail price.

**District Commissioner** 

### Veteran's Agent

During the past year, twelve requests for assistance were processed, along with three claims for burial benefits. Four 1999, and two 1998 files are still being worked with. One veteran was on Chapter 115 aid for a short time.

There is a new state cemetery in Agawam. The dedication of this Veterans Cemetery will be in Spring, 2002. If any veteran wishes to reserve a plot, he/she should do so right away. Applications are available from the Veterans Agent, Box 490, Hinsdale. Another state veterans cemetery will be opening in a few years, in Winchendon.

This Spring, four members of the Wahconah High School Student Government will survey the veterans graves in the Maple Street Cemetery. This will enable us to list and locate the graves of veterans there.

The Republic of Korea War Service Medal is now available to veterans of the Korean War. You must have served in Korea, or over Korea, or in waters adjacent to the peninsula; between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953. The medal is available until November, 2003. You must submit a form DD214.

The Veterans Administration Medical Center in Northampton has an Outpatient Clinic at 73 Eagle Street, Pittsfield. Any veteran that needs medical care can apply for aid there, even without any insurance. There are seven levels of eligibility.

The Massachusetts Veterans Service Agents Association is attempting to change the definition of the word "veteran", as used in legal matters in the state. Currently, only those men and women who served in the Armed Forces during war time are considered veterans. Thus, if you served from 1976 to 1981, you would not be eligible for state benefits. If you served during Lebanon, Grenada, or Panama; you are considered a veteran only if you received a campaign medal. This definition is unfair, and we are submitting legislation to change it. All veterans are still eligible for federal benefits.

If you are a veteran, you should have a copy of your DD 214 form. This is required for any assistance, etc. Your next-of-kin should know the location of this form. To apply for one, call 655 8110; or write Box 490; and I will send you an application.

PHILIP COLLINS Veterans Agent

### **Conservation Commission**

The Conservation Commission is appointed by the Selectmen of Hinsdale to uphold the Massachusetts Wetlands Act (GL. Ch 131 sec. 40, the Act). This law prohibits any filling, excavation, or other alteration of the land surface, water levels, or vegetation in wetland., floodplains, riverfront areas or other wetland resource areas, regardless of ownership, without a permit from the local Conservation Commission. This law originated in 1972 when two earlier statutes were combined. Regulations for the Act are issued by the Department of Environmental Protection. (DEP) The purpose of the Hinsdale Conservation Commission is to protect our abundant natural and water resources.

The Conservation Commission meets at 6:00 pm on the second Tuesday of every month in Town Hall and we encourage any resident of Hinsdale to attend. We strongly encourage anyone near any water resource to contact us for further information, before disturbing any soil or starting any building project, to see how the law applies to the particular project you have in mind.

The Conservation Commission is happy to answer any questions you might have concerning wetlands. We have an informative brochure, The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, which is available in the rack in Town Hall. You may also contact us at our office by calling 655-2312 and we will return your call as soon as possible.

During the past year we issued 18 Orders of Condition out of 20 Notice of Intents that were filed. During 2001 we will continue to monitor several exciting projects including the downtown improvements, the Library handicap accessibility ramp, the Ashmere Landing Condominium project, and the Middlefield Road reconstruction. We are pleased that we can serve the Town of Hinsdale in helping to ensure the protection of our wonderful natural resources. We ask all residents to help keep Hinsdale the great town it is, and to protect its future.

In addition, we would like to thank former Commissioners Bernie Cote, Todd Paro, and Brian Breitmaier for their dedicated service to the Town of Hinsdale Conservation Commission. There are still vacancies on this board, and we invite prospective members to contact us and attend one of our meetings.

LYNNE ROBERSON, Chairman DON MADISON MIKE FREDERICK CALEB MITCHELL, Consultant

### **Hinsdale Recreation Association**

The Youth Center has had another banner year with Ed Plouffe doing his usual great job. The Hinsdale Lions Club has paid off the \$50,000 mortgage that they obtained from the FHA thanks to Rep. Silvio Conte. It was for 20 years and they paid it off in 16 years thanks to the many projects and the people that supported our Bingo. Now they expect to do some repairing and sprucing up of their building. The Lions participated in the Hinsdale Community Day and had a great time. The Beach Cottage had a new caretaker last summer, Linda Yarmey, who did a great job. We still store hospital equipment in the Cottage and the swimmers are using the toilets.

This is the 46th year that the Lions have been in Hinsdale and if the town wants to keep the club there then we better get some young members to carry on the good work of the Lions. Like most organizations the members are getting old and limited in what they can do.

CHARLES J. DEANGELUS
President Hinsdale Rec. Assn.

### **Report of the Garden Club**

Our landscaping funds were used on town hall landscaping as follows: Shrubs, trees, landscaping timbers, hoses and holders, mulch, top-soil, flowers and bulbs. Our labor and time was spent on planting, care of, and maintenance, which were, donated by the Hinsdale Garden Club and many town volunteers.

The Garden Club, in conjunction with Richard Roussin, applied for and received a Mass. Releaf Grant, which paid for the purchase of 21 trees to beautify the town hall property. Many volunteers participated in a long hard day of planting.

The Garden Club was responsible for the planting of bridge boxes, memorial plantings, and the adopt a planter program. The Garden Club elicited funds to "Save Rowland's Elm Tree". Over the winter months the Garden Club has met and made plans to continue the town hall landscaping plan with emphasis on a children's garden around the elm tree.

Respectfully submitted.

Hinsdale Garden Club

# **Community Day Report**

The second annual "Hinsdale Community Day" was held on Saturday, September 30, 2000. The main goals of this day are to have a yearly event where (1) the townspeople can get together as a "family" to develop and to foster community spirit and camaraderie and (2) to support the local volunteer organizations, clubs, and churches by offering a day where they can gain some added revenues to support their continuing prosperity for our small community. With the cooperation of the fine weather, it was estimated that more than 2000 people joined in on the festivities. This made the day a resounding success as all of the participating organizations and businesses reported financial receipts that far surpassed their expectations and, in some cases, were reported as record intakes. With this success, the voice of our people has asked that we continue to hold this yearly event. The wheels are already in motion for the third annual Community Day event, which has now been designated as the fourth Saturday in September. Be on the look out for more information for the September 23, 2001 event.

The budget for this year's event was \$3850. The expenditures were \$3778.72. There were town receipts from the Israel Bissell Road race, T-shirts, coffee mugs, cook books (some are still available at library), etc that totalled \$803, leaving a net expense for the day of \$2975.72.

The core committee members were Gloria Greb, Abby Kramer Mayou, John and Barb Genzabella. Many other sub committee members from the various organizations attended designated meetings. The Co-Chairman would like to thank ALL of the people and organizations and town officials that made this day a success. Without their efforts this could not have happened.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN & BARB GENZABELLA
Co-Chairman

### **Cultural Council**

The Cultural Committee was reactivated by Abby Kramer Mayou as interim Chair. The group met and dispersed \$9,720.84 in grants out of a total of \$16,923.00 requests. We are awaiting State approval of the grants awarded.

#### Active members are:

| Katie Boucher      | 09/1996 - 09/2002 | Geraldine Higgins | 09/1996 - 09/2002 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Barbara Genzabella | 11/1995 - 11/2001 | Colleen Lussier   | 10/2000 - 10/2006 |
| Gloria J. Greb     | 10/2000 - 10/2006 | Colleen Marshall  | 09/2000 - 09/2006 |
| Karen Gierson      | 01/1995 - 01/2001 | Deb Hopmans       | 01/1995 - 01/2001 |

## **Lake Management Committee**

The Hinsdale Board of Selectmen initially formed the Lake Management Committee, comprised of five members, representing both Ashmere Lake and Plunkett Reservoir. At the request of the Committee, the Board subsequently increased the Committee to seven members, including a Chairperson and three members from each of the two lakes.

As the result of support received from the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the townspeople at the Annual Meeting, Ashmere Lake received its second herbicide treatment to control the Milfoil and Potamogeton species of aquatic vegetation at a total cost of \$17,000. This was funded utilizing \$6,000 from the Town's FY 2000 Budget and \$11,000 from the FY 2001 Budget. The chemical application was performed by Lycott Environmental, Inc. and the program was determined to be quite successful.

The May 2000 Town Meeting appropriated \$6,000 for a herbicide application at Plunkett Reservoir. Severe water level draw down during the winter of 1999-2000 appears to have essentially eliminated the aquatic vegetation problem, and the contractor, Lycott Environmental, advised against performing the chemical treatment, so the project was canceled and the funds never expended.

Although the Committee has only been in existence for a relatively short period of time, it has undertaken a number of initiatives:

- 1. Due to some confusion on the part of the Town and lake residents regarding the appropriate summer pool level at Plunkett Reservoir, the Committee requested and received permission from the Board of Selectmen to fund a study of the existing dam and spillway to determine an appropriate and safe elevation for maintaining the summer pool level. This study determined that the lake could be safely maintained at an elevation of 1502.7 to 1503.0 without causing damage to the dam or becoming a liability to the Town. This will allow the Committee to work with the residents to seek an appropriate level that will protect the pool level throughout the summer months and reduce the amount of erosion impacting the properties surrounding the lake.
- 2. The Committee has been actively seeking grants to fund some of the activities that the committee feels are necessary to protect the two Town water resources. Grant applications were submitted to Berkshire Taconic for \$10,000 to partially fund lake management studies at Ashmere and Plunkett. We were not successful in this endeavor, but submitted additional applications to the Berkshire Environmental Fund for \$11,000 and to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lake and Pond Grant Program for \$10,000 to help fund the lake management plans at both lakes and this year's herbicide treatment at Ashmere. At the date of this report, we are still awaiting a response to our requests.
- The committee is concerned regarding the necessity to clean the settling pond at Plunkett Reservoir. During the mid 1990's there was an initiative with State Legislative support to address the problem, but the project was never implemented. Under current environmental law, the cost to

obtain permits to undertake this project could exceed \$20,000. The work to be performed to clean the settling pond would be over and above that amount. After consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection - Western Region in Springfield, it was learned that if the Town could substantiate that the settling pond was part of the original lake design, the pond could be cleaned with little or no permitting. The Committee is currently exploring this issue in the hope that we can eliminate further migration of silt into the main body of Plunkett Reservoir at minimal cost to the Town.

4. The Department of Environmental Management has advised the Lake Management Committee that the construction of the public access on Ashmere Lake will be completed in two phases. The first phase will be completed in Fiscal Year 2001 and the second phase in Fiscal Year 2002. The initial stage will perform the work associated with the construction of the boat ramp, and the second phase will perform the upgrade to the road and the construction of the parking places. This means that boat access should be available during the summer of 2001 and the remaining improvements during the summer of 2002.

The committee would like to thank the Town residents for their moral and financial support regarding lake related projects. This feeling is shared by the many residents of the two lakes in town, and the summer residents are most appreciative of the Town's efforts on their behalf.

Respectively submitted,

JOHN A. EAGAR, Chairman

Lake Management Committee: STEPHEN DUDZIAK JOHN EAGAR PAUL FRANCESE PETER FRISSELL MONICA MONTFERRET CAROL RODMAN WAYNE WALTON

# **Cemetery Commission**

This year a cemetery commission board was established consisting of three members. An office was opened in the town hall. Cemetery records were updated as much as possible and a new overall map of the cemetery was made by Hill Engineering. We hope to get maps of each section in the following years.

Respectfully.

JAN FLANAGAN HAROLD HOTCHKISS JUDY HUNTOON

## **Berkshire Visiting Nurses Association**

**OVERVIEW:** Berkshire Visiting Nurses Association through the Hinsdale Board of Health provides disease prevention and health promotion services throughout the year to the residents of Hinsdale. These services include regularly scheduled prevention clinics where residents receive personal attention in monitoring blood pressure, testing blood sugar, counseling on health related issues and referrals as necessary to other medical care providers and wellness programs. Immunization clinics are held on a regular basis to provide routine immunization to children and adults. These clinics include the annual flu and pneumonia clinics in the fall, and other adult immunizations such as tetanus throughout the year. Routine childhood immunizations and lead testing are made available and an annual Hepatitis B program is provided to 6th graders in the school setting. Communicable disease reporting and tracking is an ongoing part of the board of health program.

#### WELLNESS PROMOTION;

- 151 Individuals were served at health promotion clinics in the year 2000
- · 10 clinics were held at the town hall
- 122 flu shots; and 14 pneumonia vaccines were given

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASE TRACKING:** Massachusetts Department of Public Health requires reporting of all communicable diseases, the following incidents were reported, investigated and received follow-up:

no communicable diseases reported in the year 2000

**COLLABORATION:** Susan Kaufman, RNC, our public health coordinator, works with the Hinsdale Council on Aging to provide coordination of services for residents. Primary providers, skilled nursing and assisted living facilities receive State Department of Health vaccines and immunization information. As a member of the community health care continuum of Berkshire Health Systems, collaboration with and referrals to the other health care professionals are readily made. The Community Health Information Center provides access to the latest online health information. During time of illness or disability BVNA professional home care clinicians provide treatment and health guidance for the entire family. Registered Nurses, Physical and Occupational Therapists, trained home health aides and homemakers are a part of the team to provide care and assistance in times of illness and family crisis.

Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association wishes to thank the Select Board for the opportunity to serve your residents. Please feel free to call BVNA for information at 1-800-788-2862. We look forward to our continued relationship in maintaining and promoting good health in Hinsdale.

EILEEN MYERS
Vice President of Home Care
Berkshire Medical Center

## **Report of the Finance Committee**

During FY01, the Finance Committee worked diligently to oversee town finances, and develop a budget for FY02. We've worked to balance the needs of town departments with town residents' need for keeping the tax rate as low as possible. Our projected expenses are within half a percent of last year's expenses. Though beyond our control, the total taxable property value in Hinsdale decreased slightly, which will tend to slightly increase the tax rate. The largest unknown contributor to the tax rate is Anticipated Receipts, for which several items will not be known for several months and are beyond our control (e.g., money from the state).

A couple years ago, the Stabilization Fund was significantly depleted to help finance the Town Hall. We should now be in the process of restoring that fund to a more appropriate level. We are therefore recommending a transfer from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

The Central Berkshire Regional School District budget process has made substantial improvements by their participation with the Seven Town Advisory Committee. We've had representatives at their Finance meetings, and have a much better understanding than in the past of the reasons for the school budget decisions. The Finance Committee is recommending acceptance of the school budget this year. Even though we're concerned about continuing increases, the School District is making responsible decisions. The assessment to the Town of Hinsdale is increasing 3.3 percent this year, returning the assessment to approximately the level we saw two years ago (last year's assessment dropped approximately 3 percent).

Last year, the Finance Committee began an effort to perform an evaluation of salaries paid in town. During this budget year, a Personnel Committee established by the Selectmen completed this evaluation for full-time non-union salaries by performing comparisons with other equivalent positions. We're grateful for the efforts of this committee, as several salaries are due for adjustment so they are appropriate both to the employees and to the town.

In General Government Expenses, most expenses have remained relatively constant. Our election related expenses have dropped substantially because the coming year is not a national election year. Appeals Board Expenses have increased in proportion to the observed number of appeals.

The Finance Committee has observed that the Highway Department has recently been under-funded and needs some upwards corrections. Consequently, we have recommended increases in appropriate accounts.

In the Protection of Persons and Property accounts, we are recommending a few changes. As the COPS grant comes to a close, the Finance Committee recommends maintaining a full time police officer position. We believe there is widespread satisfaction with the police coverage provided by this position. We also recognize that the Fire Chief salary has been substantially under what it should be. Chief Larry Turner has been providing an outstanding service to the town, so we are recommending a major correction to his salary. In addition, the excellent service provided to the town by our volunteer firefighters deserves our recognition and appreciation. To that end, we

are recommending a \$500 stipend for each volunteer who maintains his standing in the department, according to the criteria identified by Chief Turner.

During our discussions about the appropriateness of paying volunteers, we recognized how many volunteers we have in Hinsdale who are making the town as successful as it is. Our town residents cannot afford for us to pay all our volunteers as much as their contribution is really worth. We should all be extremely grateful for the volunteer work being done. With the level of training and commitment to potentially dangerous situations which our firefighters take on, we want to provide this stipend to them.

The Lake Management Committee is attempting to deal effectively with the challenges of making the two lakes in town be of the most value to the residents. The steps taken by the committee are appropriate, and represent a good step forward in management of our resources. As they have procured two supporting grants for a large portion of their expenses, we recommend providing additional support for Ashmere Lake Cleanup and for completing a Lake Management Plan.

Several accounts have increased because of the increased costs of energy, including gasoline, electricity, fuel oil, etc. Much of the Reserve Fund has been used this year to cover increased energy costs.

The Finance Committee recommends an increase in the Library accounts, to provide support as our Library Director improves services to the town. We appreciate the value in having a good library. The Finance Committee is recommending a more modest increase (11 percent) than the requested 33 percent budget increase.

As we have conducted our finance and budget reviews, we have been really impressed by how conscientious everyone is in town about keeping their budgets as low as possible. Most departments have been deferring expenses if possible, to the point where some needs must now be dealt with. To that end, we have recommended increases in appropriate budgets.

I would like to thank the Finance Committee members for the many hours volunteered and their total commitment to the best interests of the Town of Hinsdale

Respectfully submitted,

PETER W. SAMSEL Finance Committee Chair

# **Annual Town Meeting Order of Business**

Note: Due to the fact that this report goes to press in March, the Warrant that is printed here may not be identical to the Warrant that you receive at Town Meeting. This is for informational purposes and is not a legal document. The Warrant is available one week before the Town Meeting from the Selectmen's Office. The Warrant is also posted one week prior to Town Meeting at the Post Office, Partridgefield Store, South Street Variety and Hinsdale Hardware.

#### BERKSHIRE, SS:

To One of the Members of the Police Department 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, to meet in the Hinsdale Town Hall, 39 South Street, on Wednesday, May 16, 2001 at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose a Moderator to preside over the meeting if the elected Moderator is not present.

#### The following article is for fiscal year 1999:

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the town will vote to transfer from "Certified Free Cash" a sum of \$360.07 for office supplies and a bulletin board purchased at Staples in fiscal year 1999, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Finance Committee Recommended by the Selectmen

#### The following seven articles are for fiscal year 2001:

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the town will vote to transfer from "Certified Free Cash" a sum of money to the FY 2001 Reserve Fund account, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Finance Committee Recommended by the Selectmen

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the town will vote to transfer from "Certified Free Cash" a sum of money to the FY 2001 Winter Roads Maintenance account, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Finance Committee Recommended by the Selectmen

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the town will vote to transfer from "Certified Free Cash" a sum of money to the FY 2001 Winter Roads Wages account, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Finance Committee Recommended by the Selectmen **ARTICLE 6:** To see if the town will vote to reduce "Loans Authorized-Plunkett" by \$1,079,000.00, or take any other action thereon. [A grant for \$1,079,000 was received for the Plunkett Reservoir Sewer project; therefore this amount did not need to be borrowed]

Recommended by the Finance Committee Recommended by the Selectmen

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the town will vote to reduce "Loans Authorized-Ashmere" by \$200,000.00, or take any other action thereon. [A grant for \$200,000 was received for the Ashmere Lake Sewer project; therefore this amount did not need to be borrowed.]

Recommended by the Finance Committee Recommended by the Selectmen

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$3,556.00 for payment of a bill received from Ropes and Gray for legal services regarding Plunkett Reservoir Sewer Project, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$3,556.00 from available funds in, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Finance Committee Recommended by the Selectmen

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$9,000.00 for payment of a bill received from Ropes and Gray for legal services regarding Ashmere Lake Sewer Project, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$9,000.00 from available funds in "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Finance Committee Recommended by the Selectmen

#### The following articles are for fiscal year 2002:

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the town will vote to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2002 as adopted by a two thirds vote of the Regional School Committee, and raise and appropriate the amount of \$1,230,978.00 for said budget, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Finance Committee Recommended by the Selectmen

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the town will vote to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2002 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$236,554.00 for said budget, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by Finance Committee Recommended by Selectmen

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws to set up the following revolving accounts, and to take any other action thereon:

A. A Grave Openings revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from funeral homes for grave digging services and to expend payments

- to gravediggers as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$10,000.00 during fiscal year 2002.
- B. A Plumbing Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from plumbing permit applicants, and to expend payments to the Plumbing Inspector to pay for inspection services as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000.00 during fiscal year 2002.
- C. An Electrical Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from electrical permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Electrical Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000.00 during fiscal year 2002.
- D. A Building Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from building permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Building Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer, with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$7,500.00 during fiscal year 2002.
- E. A Dog Officer's Fees revolving account, this account to be credited with fees/fines collected from dog owners; and to expend payments to the Dog Officer for reimbursement for out of pocket expenses, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.00 during the fiscal year 2002.

#### Recommended by the Finance Committee Recommended by the Selectmen

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the town will vote to set the salaries of all elected officials of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, or take any other action thereon.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARY

|                            | FY2001    | Proposed<br>FY2002 | Selectmen<br>Action | Finance<br>Comm<br>Action |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Assessor Chairman Salary   | 1,600.00  | 1,600.00           | $\mathbf{R}$        | R                         |
| Assessor Member Salary     | 1,200.00  | 1,200.00           | $\mathbf{R}$        | ${f R}$                   |
| Assessor Member Salary     | 1,200.00  | 1,200.00           | $\mathbf R$         | R                         |
| Moderator Salary           | 40.00     | 40.00              | $\mathbf R$         | R                         |
| Selectmen Chairman Salary  | 1,600.00  | 1,600.00           | R                   | R                         |
| Selectmen Secretary Salary | 1,400.00  | 1,400.00           | $\mathbf{R}$        | $\mathbf{R}$              |
| Selectmen Member Salary    | 1,400.00  | 1,400.00           | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$              |
| Town Clerk's Salary        | 5,000.00  | 5,000.00           | R                   | ${f R}$                   |
| Treasurer/Collector Salary | 20,286.00 | 22,500.00          | R                   | ${f R}$                   |
| Tree Warden Salary         | 2,200.00  | 2,200.00           | R                   | ${f R}$                   |

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$141,703.00 for General Government Expenses and to set the salaries and compensation of all appointed officers of the town or take any other action thereon.

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT FY2001

| Children Covernment 1       | 2001       |                    |                     |                           |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
|                             | FY2001     | Proposed<br>FY2002 | Selectmen<br>Action | Finance<br>Comm<br>Action |
| Legal Counsel               | 5,000.00   | 5,000.00           | R                   | R                         |
| Moderator                   | 40.00      | 40.00              | R                   | R                         |
| Selectman Chairman Salary   | 1,600.00   | 1,600.00           | R                   | R                         |
| Selectman Secretary Salary  | 1,400.00   | 1,400.00           | R                   | R                         |
| Selectman Member Salary     | 1,400.00   | 1,400.00           | R                   | R                         |
| Selectmen Expense           | 3,316.00   | 3,400.00           | R                   | R                         |
| Administrative Asst. Salary | 31,518.00  | 31,000.00          | $\mathbf{R}$        | $\mathbf{R}$              |
| Finance Board Expense       | 500.00     | 500.00             | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$              |
| Assessor Chairman Salary    | 1,600.00   | 1,600.00           | R                   | R                         |
| Assessor Member Salary      | 1,200.00   | 1,200.00           | R                   | ${f R}$                   |
| Assessor Member Salary      | 1,200.00   | 1,200.00           | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$              |
| Assessors Expense           | 5,650.00   | 5,650.00           | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$              |
| Asst. Assessor Salary       | 32,136.00  | 33,100.00          | R                   | R                         |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Bills  | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00           | R                   | R                         |
| Revaluation                 | 2,000.00   | 2,000.00           | R                   | R                         |
| Treasurer/Collector Salary  | 20,286.00  | 22,500.00          | R                   | R                         |
| Treasurer/Collector Expense | 5,200.00   | 5,450.00           | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$              |
| Treasurer/Collector Cama    | 0          | 500.00             | R                   | R                         |
| Tax Title Expense           | 5,000.00   | 5,000.00           | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$              |
| Town Clerk's Salary         | 5,000.00   | 5,000.00           | R                   | ${f R}$                   |
| Town Clerk's Expense        | 826.00     | 947.00             | R                   | $\mathbf R$               |
| Town Clerk's Records        | 2,000.00   | 2,000.00           | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$              |
| Election Officers           | 3,398.00   | 1,364.00           | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$              |
| Board of Registrars         | 1,704.00   | 1,472.00           | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$              |
| Licensing Board Expense     | 88.00      | 130.00             | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$              |
| Conservation Comm Expense   | 5,635.00   | 5,500.00           | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$              |
| Planning Board Expense      | 250.00     | 250.00             | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$              |
| Appeals Board Expense       | 600.00     | 1,500.00           | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$              |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT            | 139,547.00 | 141,703.00         |                     |                           |

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$245,307.00 as follows for the purpose of Town Highways, or take any other action thereon.

#### HIGHWAYS FY2001

|                             | FY2001    | Proposed<br>FY2002 | Selectmen    |              |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             |           |                    | Action       | Action       |
| Summer Road Wages           | 40,187.00 | 53,000.00          | ${f R}$      | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Highway Admin.              | 700.00    | 1,000.00           | $\mathbf{R}$ | ${f R}$      |
| Vacations & Paid Holidays   | 11,685.00 | 11,685.00          | R            | ${f R}$      |
| Bridges                     | 1,500.00  | 1,500.00           | R            | ${f R}$      |
| Summer Road Maintenance     | 35,000.00 | 38,000.00          | $\mathbf{R}$ | ${f R}$      |
| Town Garage Maintenance     | 5,000.00  | 6,000.00           | R            | ${f R}$      |
| Road Machinery Maintenance  | 25,000.00 | 30,000.00          | R            | ${f R}$      |
| Street Signs                | 250.00    | 250.00             | R            | ${f R}$      |
| Highway Department Uniforms | 1,200.00  | 2,150.00           | R            | R            |
| Winter Roads Maintenance    | 38,750.00 | 45,000.00          | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |

| Winter Roads Wages | 34,200.00  | 43,772.00  | ${f R}$ | R |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------|---|
| Street Lights      | 11,770.00  | 12,950.00  | R       | R |
| TOTAL HIGHWAYS     | 205 242 00 | 245 307 00 |         |   |

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 as follows for the purpose of Veterans, or take any other action thereon.

VETERANS

|                         |          | Proposed |              | Finance      |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
|                         | FY2001   | FY2002   | Selectmen    | Comm         |
|                         |          |          | Action       | Action       |
| Veterans Agent Salary   | 800.00   | 1,000.00 | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Veterans Agent Expenses | 500.00   | 900.00   | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Veterans Aid            | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | ${f R}$      | R            |
| Grave Flag Holders      | 300.00   | 300.00   | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| War Memorial            | 300.00   | 300.00   | ${f R}$      | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| TOTAL VETERANS          | 7,900.00 | 8,500.00 |              |              |

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$127,800.00 as follows for the purpose of Vocational Education, or take any other action thereon.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

|                               |            | Proposed   | Finance      |        |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------|
|                               | FY2001     | FY2002     | Selectmen    | Comm   |
|                               |            |            | Action       | Action |
| Vocational Education Tuition  | 76,000.00  | 90,000.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | R      |
| Vocational Ed. Transportation | 35,280.00  | 37,800.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | R      |
| TOTAL VOCATIONAL              | 111,280.00 | 127,800.00 |              |        |

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,867.00 as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property, or take any other action thereon.

PROTECTION of PERSONS & PROPERTY

|                              |           | Proposed  |                     | Finance        |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|----------------|
|                              | FY2001    | FY2002    | Selectmen<br>Action | Comm<br>Action |
| Dalton Communication         | 11,000.00 | 15,000.00 | R                   | R              |
| <del> </del>                 | ,         | 515.00    | R                   | R              |
| Berk Cnty Sheriff Communicat |           |           | =-                  |                |
| Building Inspector Salary    | 1,200.00  | 1,200.00  | $\mathbf R$         | $\mathbf{R}$   |
| Building Inspector Expense   | 300.00    | 300.00    | ${f R}$             | ${f R}$        |
| Gas Inspector Salary         | 200.00    | 200.00    | $\mathbf{R}$        | ${f R}$        |
| Emergency Management         | 3,000.00  | 3,000.00  | $\mathbf{R}$        | $\mathbf{R}$   |
| Dog Officer Salary           | 1,500.00  | 1,500.00  | $\mathbf{R}$        | $\mathbf{R}$   |
| Dog Officer Expense          | 500.00    | 500.00    | $\mathbf{R}$        | $\mathbf{R}$   |
| Tree Warden Salary           | 2,200.00  | 2,200.00  | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$   |
| Tree Warden Assistants       | 1,100.00  | 1,100.00  | $\mathbf{R}$        | $\mathbf{R}$   |
| Tree Warden's Expense        | 4,352.00  | 4,352.00  | $\mathbf{R}$        | R              |
| TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS        | 26,452.00 | 29,867.00 |                     |                |

**ARTICLE19:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,200.00 as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property (Fire Department), or take any other action thereon.

PROTECTION of PERSONS & PROPERTY (Fire Department)

|                              |           | Proposed  |              | Finance      |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
|                              | FY2001    | FY2002    | Selectmen    |              |
|                              |           |           | Action       | Action       |
| Fire Chief's Salary          | 1,000.00  | 4,000.00  | R            | R            |
| 1st Assistant Chief's Salary | 800.00    | 1,500.00  | R            | R            |
| 2nd Assistant Chief's Salary | 600.00    | 1,200.00  | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Fire Department Expense      | 21,832.00 | 22,000.00 | R            | R            |
| Fire Department Stipends     | 0.00      | 17,500.00 | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS        | 24,232.00 | 46,200.00 |              |              |

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,443.88 as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property (Police Department), or take any other action thereon.

PROTECTION of PERSONS & PROPERTY (Police Dept.)

|                            |           | Proposed  |              | Finance      |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
|                            | FY2001    | FY2002    | Selectmen    | Comm         |
|                            |           |           | Action       | Action       |
| Police Chief's Salary      | 7,828.00  | 8,000.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Police Full-time Officer   | 23,114.00 | 24,500.88 | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Police Department Expenses | 38,801.00 | 11,080.00 | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Police Department Wages    | 0.00      | 29,273.00 | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| Crossing Guards Wages      | 2,590.00  | 2,590.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS      | 72,333.00 | 75,443.88 |              |              |

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,515.00 as follows for the purpose of Health and Sanitation, or take any other action thereon.

**HEALTH & SANITATION** 

|                              |           | Proposed  |              | Finance      |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
|                              | FY2001    | FY2002    | Selectmen    | Comm         |
|                              |           |           | Action       | Action       |
| Ashmere Lake Cleanup         | 11,000.00 | 6,000.00  | ${f R}$      | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| 24-Hour Ambulance            | 6,000.00  | 6,000.00  | ${f R}$      | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Animal Inspector Salary      | 200.00    | 200.00    | ${f R}$      | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Town Waste Disposal Wages    | 8,350.00  | 8,520.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Town Waste Disposal          | 45,000.00 | 47,500.00 | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| No. Berkshire Waste District | 2,450.00  | 2,550.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Health Inspector's Salary    | 500.00    | 700.00    | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Visiting Nurse Assn.         | 2,160.00  | 2,245.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Health Board Expense         | 625.00    | 800.00    | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION    | 76,285.00 | 74,515.00 |              |              |

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,841.00 as follows for the purpose of Debt and Interest, or take any other action thereon.

|                            | FY2001    | Proposed<br>FY2002 | Selectmen | Finance<br>Comm |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| DEBT & INTEREST            |           |                    | Action    | Action          |
| Town Hall Loan, Principal  | 3,117.36  | 3,265.43           | ${f R}$   | $\mathbf{R}$    |
| Fire Truck Loan, Principal | 10,673.30 | 11,206.97          | R         | R               |
| Interest Long Term Debt    | 23,550.34 | 22,868.60          | R         | $\mathbf{R}$    |
| Interest Short Term Debt   | 5,500.00  | 5,500.00           | R         | R               |
| TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST      | 42,841.00 | 42,841.00          |           |                 |

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$174,791.00 for the purpose of Unclassified Town Government Expenses as follows, or take any other action thereon.

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES (part 1)

|                                |            | Proposed   |              | Finance      |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                | FY2001     | FY2002     | Selectmen    | Comm         |
|                                |            |            | Action       | Action       |
| Audit                          | 5,000.00   | 5,000.00   | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Accounting Services            | 10,000.00  | 12,000.00  | ${f R}$      | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Town Insurances                | 35,000.00  | 38,500.00  | R            | ${f R}$      |
| Health & Dental Insurance      | 35,000.00  | 35,350.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| County Retirement              | 32,103.00  | 32,586.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Social Security & Medicare     | 4,890.00   | 5,000.00   | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Reserve Fund                   | 12,000.00  | 12,000.00  | R            | R            |
| Town Hall Operating Expenses   | 6,500.00   | 11,050.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Centrex Telephone              | 5,752.00   | 7,255.00   | $\mathbf{R}$ | ${f R}$      |
| Printing/Delivery Town Reports | 2,200.00   | 2,500.00   | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Town Hall Custodian            | 5,300.00   | 7,950.00   | R            | ${f R}$      |
| Office Machine Maintenance     | 1,600.00   | 1,600.00   | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Computer Maintenance           | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00   | R            | R            |
| Computer Staff Salary          | 3000.00    | 3000.00    | R            | R            |
| TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED             | 159,345.00 | 174,791.00 |              |              |

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,090.00 for the purpose of Unclassified Town Government Expenses as follows, or take any other action thereon.

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES (part 2)

| •                              |            | Proposed  |                     | Finance        |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------|
|                                | FY2001     | FY2002    | Selectmen<br>Action | Comm<br>Action |
| Heating-Garage-Fire House      | 5,000.00   | 8,000.00  | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$   |
| Gasoline-Highway-Fire-Police   | 13,000.00  | 13,000.00 | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$   |
| Council on Aging               | 3,000.00   | 3,000.00  | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$   |
| Recreation Association         | 5,000.00   | 6,000.00  | R                   | R              |
| Sports/Recreation Comm.        | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00  | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$   |
| Youth Center Maintenance       | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00  | $\mathbf{R}$        | $\mathbf{R}$   |
| Town Wide Mowing               | 15,100.00  | 17,625.00 | R                   | $\mathbf{R}$   |
| Community Day                  | 3,850.00   | 2,220.00  | $\mathbf{R}$        | $\mathbf{R}$   |
| Historical Commission          | 200.00     | 200.00    | R                   | R              |
| Lake Management Committee      | 0.00       | 1000.00   | R                   | R              |
| Berkshire County Reg. Planning | g 1,020.00 | 1,045.00  | R                   | R              |
| TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED             | 48,170.00  | 54,090.00 |                     |                |

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,050.00 as follows for the Hinsdale Public Library Operating Expenses, or take any other action thereon.

PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPENSES

|                           |           | Proposed  |              | Finance                     |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|
|                           | FY2001    | FY2002    | Selectmen    | Comm                        |
|                           |           |           | Action       | Action                      |
| Library Director's Salary | 12,103    | 13,832    | R            | $\mathbf{Not} \ \mathbf{R}$ |
| Library Assistant Salary  | 13,104    | 19,968    | R            | $\mathbf{Not} \ \mathbf{R}$ |
| Library Expenses          | 13,945    | 19,250    | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{Not} \ \mathbf{R}$ |
| TOTAL Public Library      | 39,152.00 | 53,050.00 |              |                             |

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$61,112.35 as follows for the Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", or take any other action thereon.

HINSDALE SEWER COMMISSION OPERATING EXPENSES

|                              |              | Proposed  | Finance      |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
|                              | FY2001       | FY2002    | Selectmen    | •            |
|                              |              |           | Action       | Action       |
| Sewer Administrator Salary   | 1,000.00     | 4,750.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Sewer Dept Operating Expense | es 37,000.00 | 37,000.00 | ${f R}$      | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| FY02 Sewer Debt Obligations  | 16,693.00    | 15,362.35 | ${f R}$      | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Sewer Maintenance            | 2,000.00     | 2,000.00  | R            | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Sewer Department Wages       | 2,000.00     | 2,000.00  | $\mathbf{R}$ | R            |
| TOTAL                        | 58,693.00    | 61.112.35 |              |              |

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$38,500.00 for Sewer Phase III Operating Expenses, from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", or take any other action thereon. HINSDALE SEWER COMMISSION OPERATING EXPENSES

|                                |           | Proposed  | Finance   |        |  |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--|
|                                | FY2001    | FY2002    | Selectmen | n Comm |  |
|                                |           |           | Action    | Action |  |
| Sewer Administrator Salary     | 6,500.00  | 5,500.00  | ${f R}$   | R      |  |
| Sewer Phase III Oper. Expenses | 27,000.00 | 27,000.00 | ${f R}$   | R      |  |
| Sewer Phase III Maintenance    | 6,000.00  | 6,000.00  | R         | R      |  |
| TOTAL                          | 39.500.00 | 38.500.00 |           |        |  |

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 for Phase III Sewer System Management, from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Finance Committee

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$149,098.57 for Sewer Phase III Loan payments as follows, this amount to be fully offset by Fiscal Year 2002 Sewer Phase III Betterment fees, or take any other action thereon.

| Ashmere Sewer Loan  | 103,389.57 |
|---------------------|------------|
| Plunkett Sewer Loan | 45,709.00  |
| TOTAL               | 149,098.57 |

Recommended by Selectmen Recommended by Finance Committee

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$157,476.01 as follows for the Hinsdale Water Department Operating Expenses from available funds, "Water Surplus", or take any other action thereon.

HINSDALE WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSES

|                               |            | Proposed   |           | Finance      |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
|                               | FY2001     | FY2002     | Selectmen | Comm         |
|                               |            |            | Action    | Action       |
| Water Administrator Salary    | 7,500.00   | 4,750.00   | R         | $\mathbf{R}$ |
| Water Dept. Admin. Expense    | 3,000.00   | 3,000.00   | ${f R}$   | ${f R}$      |
| Water Dept. Operating Expense | 30,900.00  | 33,000.00  | R         | R            |
| Water Bond Payments           | 116,877.47 | 116,726.01 | R         | R            |
| TOTAL                         | 180,277.47 | 157,476.01 |           |              |

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the Water System Management, from available funds "Water Surplus", or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by Selectmen Recommended by Finance Committee

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,882.84 from available fund "2000 Transportation Bond Issue", for improvements on Hinsdale town roads in accordance with Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2000, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by Selectmen Recommended by Finance Committee

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,882.84 from available fund "1999 Transportation Bond Issue", for improvements on Hinsdale town roads in accordance with Chapter 53A of the Acts of 1999, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by Selectmen Recommended by Finance Committee

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the town will vote to transfer from "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$5,000.00 for a Town Hall Copier Machine, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Finance Committee
Recommended by Capital Improvement
Planning Committee

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the town will vote to transfer from "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$7,100.00 for digitizing Town Maps (GIS), or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Finance Committee
Recommended by Capital Improvement
Planning Committee

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the town will vote to transfer from "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Plunkett Reservoir Lake Management Plan, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by Selectmen Recommended by Finance Committee

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4A of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with other cities, towns and political subdivisions for the group purchasing of supplies, commodities and services that the town is authorized by law to purchase and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 as the town's share of the expenses for the administration of the program for fiscal year 2002.

Recommended by Selectmen Recommended by Finance Committee

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from "Certified Free Cash" to the Stabilization Account, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by Selectmen Recommended by Finance Committee **ARTICLE 39:** To see if the town will vote to transfer a \$25,000.00 from "Certified Free Cash" to the "Capital" Stabilization Account, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Finance Committee
Recommended by Capital Improvement
Planning Committee

**ARTICLE 40:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

**ARTICLE 41:** To choose and elect the following Town Officers:

| (1) Selectman                 | for a 3 year term |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Assessor                  | for a 3 year term |
| (3) Finance Committee Members | for a 3 year term |
| (1) Finance Committee Member  | for a 2 year term |
| (1) Finance Committee Member  | for a 1 year term |
| (1) Planning Board Member     | for a 5 year term |
| (1) Planning Board Member     | for a 4 year term |
| (1) Planning Board Member     | for a 3 year term |
| (1) Planning Board Member     | for a 2 year term |
| (1) Tree Warden               | for a 3 year term |

And you are further required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Hinsdale, qualified by law to vote in the Elections, to meet in the Hinsdale Town Hall, 39 South Street on Saturday, May 19, 2001 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to bring in their votes for Town Officers per Article 41 and the determination of such other matters as are by law required to be determined by ballot.

AND YOU ARE HEREBY directed to serve the Warrant by posting up three (3) attested copies thereof, as required by the By-Laws of said Town of Hinsdale, seven (7) days at least before holding said meetings. 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 meetings.

Given under our hands

Respectfully Submitted, HINSDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN BRUCE MARSHALL RAYMOND BOLDUC DAVID QUAIL

#### RETURN OF SERVICE TOWN OF HINSDALE BERKSHIRE COUNTY, SS:

On the date above written, I have served this warrant posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and such other places as the Selectmen deem appropriate, but not less than three (3) in the Town.

|      | , Hinsdale | Police Officer |
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